
CITY OF ONEIDA

May
Newsletter

Oneida City Hall
109 N. Main St., Oneida, NY 13421



MAY MEETINGS

109 N. MAIN ST.-ONEIDA

Tuesday
May 5

COMMON COUNCIL
Council Chambers-6:30PM

Tuesday
May 12

WATER BOARD
Water Department-3:30PM

Tuesday
May 12

PLANNING COMMISSION
Council Chambers-6:00PM

Thursday
May 14

RECREATION COMMISSION
217 Cedar Street-6:30PM

Tuesday
May 19

COMMON COUNCIL
Council Chambers-6:30PM

City meetings are open to the public. We welcome and encourage community members to attend and be involved in local government.

www.oneidacityny.gov/meetings

Happy SPRING

Leadership is service
to others, not
position or title.

Together, we will
lead this city
forward and leave a
lasting impact for
generations to
come.



KYLE LOVELL
CITY MANAGER

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CITY MANAGER'S MESSAGE – MAY 2026

CITY OF ONEIDA

As we welcome the month of May, we begin to see our community come to life again. Warmer weather brings renewed energy across our neighborhoods, parks, and downtown, and with it, continued progress on many of the initiatives that will shape Oneida's future.

This spring, we are seeing strong momentum across several key projects. Work continues to advance through our Downtown Revitalization Initiative, with multiple projects now moving from planning into implementation phases. These investments are designed to enhance quality of life, support local businesses, and strengthen our downtown as a destination for residents and visitors alike. While large-scale projects can sometimes bring questions and challenges, I remain committed to transparency, communication, and ensuring that these efforts reflect the long-term vision of our community.

At the same time, our departments remain focused on delivering the core services that residents rely on every day. From infrastructure maintenance and water system operations to public safety and code enforcement, the work of our City team continues behind the scenes to keep Oneida safe, clean, and running efficiently. I want to personally thank our employees for their dedication and professionalism as we transition into the busy summer season.

You may also notice increased activity throughout the City in the coming weeks as we begin seasonal work, including road improvements, park maintenance, and community programming. These efforts are essential to maintaining the high standard of service our residents expect and deserve.

Looking ahead, May also gives us an opportunity to reflect on service and sacrifice as we approach Memorial Day. This is a meaningful time for our community to come together in remembrance of those who gave their lives in service to our country. As a veteran, this observance holds deep personal significance, and I encourage all residents to take a moment to honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

Finally, I want to thank you, our residents, for your continued engagement and support. Whether through attending meetings, sharing feedback, or simply taking pride in your neighborhood, your involvement is what makes Oneida a strong and vibrant community.

As always, my office remains available to assist you. Please do not hesitate to reach out.

Respectfully,
Kyle P. Lovell, City Manager



HAPPY
Retirement
Tracy Anderson

1993



2026

After more than 30 years of dedicated service, Tracy Anderson is retiring from her position with the City of Oneida, leaving behind a career defined by professionalism, consistency, and a strong commitment to public service.

Tracy began her career with the City of Oneida on November 18, 1993, starting part-time as an Account Clerk/Typist. Her strong work ethic and attention to detail quickly became evident, and on August 31, 1998, she transitioned to a full-time role as an Account Clerk/Chamberlain's Assistant. Most recently, on January 1, 2022, Tracy was promoted to Senior Account Clerk, a position she has held with distinction.

Throughout her career, Tracy has played a critical role in the City's financial operations. She has overseen all purchasing for the City, ensuring that every transaction adheres to established policies and procedures. Known for her thoroughness and integrity, Tracy has been a steady and reliable presence, making certain that purchasing practices remain transparent, compliant, and efficient.

In her role as Chamberlain's Assistant, Tracy provided essential support to the City Chamberlain's Office, particularly in its important function of tax collection. Her knowledge and experience were invaluable in helping the office run smoothly and effectively, and her contributions have had a lasting impact on the City's operations.

Colleagues know Tracy as someone who takes pride in her work and holds herself and others to a high standard. Her dedication to following proper procedures and her willingness to support her team have earned her the respect and appreciation of coworkers across departments.

As Tracy enters retirement, she leaves behind a legacy of dependable service and commitment to excellence. Her contributions over the past three decades have helped strengthen the City of Oneida's financial processes and ensure accountability in its operations.

Please join us in thanking Tracy for her many years of service to the City and in wishing her all the best in a well-earned and fulfilling retirement.

WATER DEPARTMENT

Welcome to the Team!



SAMANTHA FREDERICK

Samantha Frederick recently joined the City of Oneida Water Department team in March 2026 as the Account Clerk. Samantha is a graduate of Cazenovia College, earning a bachelor's degree in Human Services: Child and Youth. She is excited to learn and gain more understanding of the Water Department Operations and be able to assist the City of Oneida's Residents.



sfrederick@oneidacityny.gov



315-363-1490, Ext. 173



CITY OF ONEIDA WATER DEPARTMENT



HOW TO CONTACT US:

Dial: 315-363-1490

Water Emergency or Distribution Issue, **PRESS 1**

Water Bill Payment Information, **PRESS 2**

Account, Billing, or General Inquiries, **PRESS 3**

Billing Clerk, **PRESS 4**

Account Clerk, **PRESS 5**

Water Superintendent, **PRESS 6**

VISIT OUR WEBSITE:

www.oneidacityny.gov/water

Andrew Campany, Water Superintendent



2026 SPRING CLEAN-UP NOTICE

SPRING CLEAN-UP BEGINS APRIL 20

The City of Oneida Department of Public Works will begin annual Spring Clean-Up yard waste removal on April 20, continuing through approximately May 8 for residents in the inside tax district. Crews will start in the north and work south, with collection timing dependent on weather and volume.

ACCEPTED ITEMS

Grass clippings, leaves, plant debris, and neatly stacked branches ½ inch to 6 inches in diameter will be collected. Loose piles are allowed.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Place materials behind the curb line, not in the street, sidewalk, around utility poles, or around street trees. Plastic bags will not be picked up. No appointments are needed.

CONTAINER RULES

Brown paper yard bags or reusable marked containers may be used, provided containers are no larger than 32 gallons and no heavier than 30 pounds.

NOT ACCEPTED

No rocks, sod, dirt, animal refuse, treated wood, construction debris, non-organic materials, or commercial tree trimming debris.

SELF DROP-OFF AVAILABLE

Residents may drop off green waste off Route 5 next to the Oneida Creek bridge, Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Commercial green waste is not permitted.



MORE INFO

315-363-7222

CITY OF ONEIDA POLICE DEPARTMENT

CONGRATULATIONS EVIDENCE TECHNICIAN DOBBY!



After months of dedicated service, intense background checks on all visitors, and a rigorous sniff-based vetting process, Dobby is officially certified in identifying and processing evidence, and has been promoted to our newest Evidence Technician!

Since assuming his new role, ET Dobby has already flagged multiple items as "possibly edible", all of which are currently under thorough investigation. We assure the public that all evidence is being handled with the highest level of professionalism.



ONEIDACITYNY.GOV

PHONE: 315-363-2323

Homelessness can affect anyone.

Kindness costs nothing, but can
mean everything to someone in
need.



CITY OF ONEIDA

Serving Better Together-Addressing Homelessness with Compassion & Action

The Oneida City Police Department is taking a balanced, community-first approach—working directly with individuals while partnering with local organizations to connect people with the help they need.

WHY THIS MATTERS

Homelessness is increasing across New York State, and Oneida is feeling the impact. Many individuals are working but facing difficult choices between housing, transportation, and everyday expenses.

WHAT YOU MAY SEE

Encampments can affect neighborhoods through:

- Debris and litter
- Sanitation concerns
- Changes in quality of life

The City is actively addressing these concerns while focusing on long-term solutions.

HOW WE ARE HELPING

Dedicated Outreach Support

A CARE Specialist works directly with individuals to connect them to:

- Mental health services
- Substance use treatment
- Food and essential resources

Available: Monday–Friday | 9 AM – 5 PM

NEED HELP OR KNOW SOMEONE WHO DOES?

Care Specialist Julie Mosley: (315) 813-5534

Police (Non-Emergency): (315) 363-9111

Emergency: 911

Easter Egg Hunt 2026





CITY OF ONEIDA PARKS AND RECREATION

The City of Oneida extends its sincere appreciation to our Parks and Recreation Department, along with the support of our Fire and Police Departments, for their outstanding efforts in making the 2026 Annual Easter Egg Hunt a tremendous success. Their teamwork and dedication created a fun, safe, and memorable experience for families throughout our community. A special thank you goes to the Fire Department for their generous donation of six bicycles, which brought added excitement to the event, as well as to all of the donors whose support helped make the day truly special. We are grateful for the continued commitment and generosity that help strengthen and bring our community together.



NO CHILD DESERVES TO LIVE IN FEAR

Bikers Against Child Abuse, Inc. (B.A.C.A.) is dedicated to creating a safer environment for abused children by providing emotional support, empowerment, and a sense of security. Working alongside local and state authorities, the organization unites members to stand with and protect children, ensuring they feel supported and no longer alone or afraid. While committed to non-violence, B.A.C.A. maintains a visible and steadfast presence to help prevent further abuse and to serve as a protective barrier when needed.



www.bacaworld.org



(315) 751-1825



We were pleased to honor City Planning Director Steve Vonderweidt and the members of the Syracuse Chapter of B.A.C.A. of NY for their dedication, compassion, and ongoing work to protect children with a proclamation on April 7, 2026.



ROUTE 5 DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

B & K DEVELOPMENT, LLC

Representatives of a proposed development project shared an early look at their plans, outlining their vision and the potential for a positive impact on the community. As the project is still in its initial stages, concepts remain flexible, and feedback and community input will help guide the project as it moves forward.

The City is enthusiastic about the proposed project and is serving in a supportive capacity by assisting the development team with navigating zoning regulations, code requirements, and Department of Transportation coordination.

The proposal includes a mixed-use development consisting of approximately 20 single-family homes, 40 duplex lots (totaling 80 units), and two apartment buildings with 36 units each. In addition, three commercial parcels of approximately one acre each are proposed along the Genesee Street frontage. The plan also incorporates the extension of public roads and utilities into the site, which would be constructed by the developer and subsequently turned over to the City upon completion and acceptance.

Although a timeline for the project phases has not yet been established, City Manager Kyle Lovell welcomed the development team to present their vision and answer questions about the proposal. Updates will be shared as the project continues to move through the development process.

Click [HERE](#) to view the proposal

MORE INFO:



klovell@oneidacityny.gov



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

All Assessment Exemptions are due by
May 1, 2026

This includes:

Non-Profit Organizations
Agricultural Exemptions
Senior Citizens Exemptions

Please contact the Assessor's office with any questions: 315-363-7579, Ext. 114 or stop in during specified office hours.



Monday 8:00-12:00
Wednesday 8:00-12:00
Thursday 9:00-12:00



PUBLIC NOTICE

**IN THE CITY OF ONEIDA, ALL DEEDS
MUST BE STAMPED BY THE ONEIDA CITY
CLERK'S OFFICE FOR SUBMISSION TO
THE ONEIDA CITY ASSESSOR'S OFFICE
PRIOR TO RECORDING WITH THE MADISON
COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE.**

On March 17, 2026, the Common Council passed Resolution No. 26-49, increasing the deed recording fee, otherwise known as a deed stamping fee, from \$30 to \$100.

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315-363-7579, Ext. 114

Email: lstedman@oneidacityny.gov

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CODES COMPLAINT PROCESS

Complaints are reviewed in the order they are received. Based on current volume, investigations typically begin within two to three weeks.

Health and safety concerns are given priority and are addressed as quickly as possible.

Resolution timelines vary depending on the nature of the violation and the level of cooperation from the responsible party. In most cases, compliance may take approximately 90 to 120 days. While in-person contact is welcome, submitting complaints through the online form is recommended to ensure proper tracking.

CODES COMPLAINT FORM

All fields must be completed. Providing detailed and accurate information helps ensure your complaint can be properly reviewed and addressed.

Anonymous submissions are not accepted.

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BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW

GRIEVANCE DAY

All residents who wish to file a property assessment complaint with the Board of Assessment Review must submit the RP-524 prior to Grievance Day.



JUNE 7, 2026

4:00 PM – 8:00 PM

109 N. Main St., Oneida

► **For more information:**

315-363-7579, Ext. 114
lstedman@oneidacityny.gov
www.oneidacityny.gov

Lonnie Stedman-Assessor

GRIEVANCE PROCESS

- Tentative Assessment Roll: Available for inspection starting May 1, which is also the Taxable Status Date.
- Filing Deadline: Complaints must be filed on or before Grievance Day, typically the second Tuesday in June.
- Complaint Form: Form RP-524 ("Complaint on Real Property Assessment") must be filed with the Assessor or the Board of Assessment Review.
- Procedure: The Board of Assessment Review meets to consider the written complaints. You do not need to hire a lawyer to file a grievance.
- Final Assessment: The final assessment roll is certified on August 1.

Important Reminders:

- Assessments reflect the condition and use of property as of May 1.
- If you are dissatisfied with the Board's decision, you may seek a small claims assessment review (SCAR) or file an Article 7 special proceeding within 30 days of the final assessment roll filing.



RAIL TRAIL

It's that time of year to think about getting out and enjoying a walk or ride on the City of Oneida Rail Trail!

The Oneida Rail Trail (ORT) preserves and utilizes existing rail beds (no tracks remain) to create a cultural corridor along three former rail lines: the New York Central, West Shore Division, and New York Ontario & Western.





Arbor Day Celebration

Join us as we celebrate Arbor Day in the City of Oneida!





Come together with neighbors, families, and friends to honor the importance of trees in our community.

 Friday, April 24th, 2026

 10:00 AM

 Allen Park, Oneida

Event Highlights:

-  Tree Planting Ceremony
-  Community Gathering
-  Educational on the Importance of Trees
-  Family-Friendly Fun



— Why Arbor Day Matters: —

Trees improve air quality, provide shade, support wildlife, and beautify our city.

All are welcome—Bring your family and friends!

Medication Take Back Day Event

Safely dispose of your expired or unused medications with BRiDGES and the Oneida City Police Department!

Where: Oneida Walmart
2024 Genesee St, Oneida, NY

When: Saturday, April 25th, 2026
from 10AM-2PM



Free Narcan Training Available during the event!

*Medications can be returned in their original container or a sealable bag. It's advised to scratch out personal information on the container.

Keeping unused or expired medications in your home can pose serious risks to children, pets, and the environment. Residents are encouraged to take advantage of safe disposal options, such as local medication drop boxes and community take-back programs, to ensure these items are handled responsibly.



175^{YEAR} ANNIVERSARY



HEALTHY KIDS DAY[®]

Free To The Public!



APRIL 25th
9am - 12pm

NATIONAL SPONSORS



YMCA of the Greater Tri-Valley

Rome and Oneida Family YMCAs ▶ ymcatrivalley.org

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RECYCLING
IN
STYLE



Sip+Style

SATURDAY, APRIL 25th

POP-UP SHOP 🌸 10AM-2PM

RECYCLING IN STYLE
8182 SENECA TPKE, CLINTON, NY 13323

Shopping, Vendors, Raffles,
Hair Demos, & Lemonade Bar

A Pre-Prom Event for all ages!

**Enter
to Win**

WIN A PAIR OF TICKETS
TO THE **SOLD-OUT**
CNY MOM PROM



Oneida Health
Foundation

Sip + Style Vendors

BIBLIOBAUBLES

Earrings, necklaces, & Jewelry



Unique & Customized Etched Glass Gifts



Embroidered Earrings & Patterns



Permanent Jewelry



Yorkville, NY

Sweets, Desserts, & Goodies



Juices & Drinks



Hair & Lash Tutorials



Beauty Products & Items



Hair Jewelry



Live Art Drawing



Candles

MOM PROM



Saturday, May 16, 2026

SPONSORSHIPS STILL AVAILABLE
Get your brand in front of 200 local women!

**A BENEFIT FOR THE ONEIDA HEALTH
FOUNDATION CANCER CARE FUND**



Oneida Health
Foundation


5PM
TO
8PM



VERNON
DOWNS
HOTEL

Visit Website for Sponsorship Details!

 CNYMOMPROM.ORG

 315.361.2169

SPRING FESTIVAL

SHAKO:WI CULTURAL CENTER

SATURDAY, MAY 9, 2026 10 A.M. TO 6 P.M.

This free-to-attend event will feature several American Indian crafters and food vendors, plus Haudenosaunee social dance demonstrations and a Haudenosaunee Smoke Dance Competition.



1022 Territory Rd, Oneida

MAY 9, 2026

VETERANS AWARENESS HIKE



WALK | RUN | BIKE

REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 8:30AM

RESOURCE FAIR 11AM-1PM & RECEPTION LUNCH AT NOON

MADISON COUNTY COMPLEX ATRIUM | 138 N. COURT ST., WAMPSVILLE

**MADISON COUNTY
VETERANS SERVICES AGENCY**

1065 Northside Plaza, Oneida | 315-366-2395



5TH ANNUAL

Classic Car Show

May
30

8:00AM - 3:00PM

ONEIDA COMMUNITY MANSION HOUSE

170 Kenwood Ave.-Oneida

www.oneidacommunity.org

ONEIDA CITY WIDE **YARD SALE**

JUNE 5, 6 & 7

Check out sales throughout
the City of Oneida!

Furniture • Clothes • Toys • Home Goods & More!

**Want to sell your stuff?
Sign up now!**

BIG DEALS ♦ LOW PRICES



Back by popular demand – the Oneida City Wide Yard Sales are returning! This year's event will take place on Friday, June 5, Saturday, June 6, and Sunday, June 7. Sign up now and be part of this popular community event!

Please note that this year's event will be coordinated by Crystal Brown instead of the usual host, Sally Sunshine.

To sign up your sale, please email crystala.brown14@gmail.com with:

- the address of your sale
- the day(s) you will be participating
- your sale hours for each day
- a brief description of the items you will be selling

CAR SHOW

Free
Registration
Show Off Your Ride



Free
Registration
Show Off Your Ride



- ★ Kiddie Rides
- ★ Live Music
- ★ Fireworks

- ★ Crafts
- ★ Food
- ★ Drinks

9AM-2PM
RAIN
OR
SHINE

SATURDAY, JULY 4TH, 2026

★ American Legion Post 169 - Veterans Memorial Field ★

398 N. Main Street • Oneida, NY

Sponsored by Oneida American Legion Post 169 & City of Oneida

CASH PRIZES FOR 1ST & 2ND PLACE TROPHIES IN ALL 12 CLASSES ★ SPECIAL AWARD TROPHIES

Day of Show Registration: 8:30 am -11:00 am Only ★ Judging Starts @ Noon ★ Awards @ 2:00 pm

For show information call Jim @ 315-363-0999 ★ Leave message

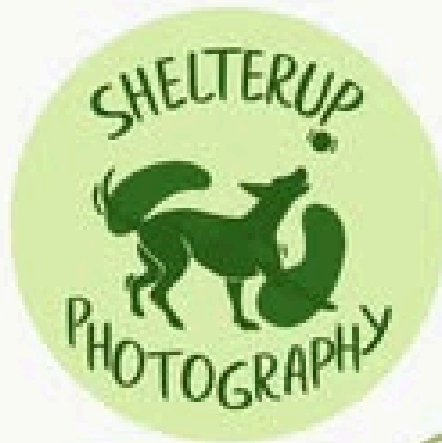


FACES OF RESCUES BY LOCAL ARTIST TARI PAGE

Visit the Oneida Community Cats Committee booth at the Eclectic Chic and support the TNR Program! This beautiful artwork was donated by local artist Tari Page. Many thanks to the team of volunteers of this great committee and all the donors who make this program successful!



[Follow on Facebook!](#)



Pet Photography



Mini Session

\$35

20 minutes

5 edited photos

Local Location



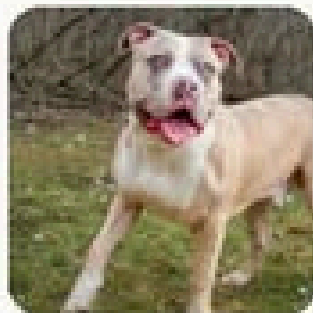
Standard Session

\$60

45 minutes

12 edited photos

Local Location



Deluxe Session

\$100

1 hour

20 edited photos

Local Location

Now Booking!

ShelterUpPhotography@gmail.com

 @ShelterUp Photography

 @fromtheshelterup

\$25 Shelter Pet Special
Discounted Mini Session for
adopted shelter pets.

Exciting news from ShelterUp Photography!

After over a year of working with Wanderer's Rest and capturing the sweet faces of adoptable animals, ShelterUp Photography is officially open for bookings!

“What started as a passion project for shelter pets has grown into something truly special, and I'm so thankful for every animal and person who has trusted me to tell their story.

To give back to the shelter community that means so much to me, I'm offering a \$25 discount on mini sessions for pets adopted from Wanderers' Rest Humane Association.

Shelter pets will always have my heart, and I'm so excited to keep celebrating them through photography.”

Follow on [Facebook](#) and Instagram for more pet portraits, updates, and plenty of adorable content!



shelterupphotography@gmail.com



ONEIDA FLAGS OF HONOR

EST. 2018

**COMING
SOON**

Robin Redden, organizer of the Oneida City Flags of Honor, has shared that she and fellow volunteers are working to update and strengthen the Banners Program to continue honoring local heroes in a meaningful way.

Follow their [Facebook Page](#) for updates and information!



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ONEIDA AMERICAN LEGION POST 169

On April 4th, the Oneida American Legion proudly recognized the Sons of the American Legion, the American Legion Auxiliary, and the American Legion Riders for their unwavering service, sacrifice, and dedication to our veterans, our community, and our country.




Presented to
**The American Legion
Auxiliary**
*In appreciation to the
dedicated members of the
Oneida American Legion...
for your continued service,
sacrifice, and commitment to
Veterans, Community and Country.*

Presented to
**AMERICAN
LEGION
RIDERS**
*In appreciation to the
dedicated members of the
Oneida American Legion...
for your continued service,
sacrifice, and commitment to
Veterans, Community and Country.*


Presented to
**The Sons of the
American Legion**
*In appreciation to the
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Oneida American Legion...
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Veterans, Community and Country.*



CITY OF ONEIDA



**FALL
FESTIVAL**



OCTOBER 3, 2026

11:00AM-4:00PM

Mott Street, Oneida

Get ready for a day of family fun with live music, delicious food trucks, pumpkin races, a petting zoo, craft vendors, and so much more!



FREE ENTRY