

City of Oneida NEWSLETTER



SEPTEMBER

2026

EDITION

Back to School!

The first day of school for students for the 2026–2027 school year is Tuesday, September 8, 2026.

As students head back to school, please slow down, stay alert, and watch for children walking, biking, and crossing the street. Always stop for school buses with flashing red lights. A little extra caution can make a big difference in keeping our children safe. We hope you had a great summer!



Save the Date

Each year, we gather to remember the lives lost, honor the courage of those who responded, and reflect on the strength and resilience our nation showed in the aftermath of September 11, 2001. Together, we ensure that the sacrifices made that day are never forgotten. 9/11/26–9:00am



SEPTEMBER MEETINGS

WWW.ONEIDACITYNY.GOV/MEETINGS

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COMMON COUNCIL

6:30 PM | Common Council Chambers
109 N. Main Street, Oneida

8

WATER BOARD

3:30 PM Water Department Conference Room
109 N. Main Street, Oneida

8

PLANNING BOARD

5:30 PM | Common Council Chambers
109 N. Main Street, Oneida

10

RECREATION

6:30 PM | Recreation Center
217 Cedar Street, Oneida

15

COMMON COUNCIL

6:30 PM | Common Council Chambers
109 N. Main Street, Oneida

Closed on Monday, September 7, 2026

Message

FROM THE CITY MANAGER

As summer begins to wind down and we head into fall, September is a good opportunity to reflect on the progress being made throughout Oneida and to look ahead at the work still in front of us. This has been an incredibly active year for the City. Across nearly every department, our employees continue to balance the day-to-day responsibilities of municipal government with major projects that will help shape Oneida for years to come.

One of the most visible examples is the continued progress surrounding Veterans Memorial Park. The City is moving forward with a significant revitalization of this important community space. The project includes improvements to the Veterans Memorial itself, the transformation of the existing tennis courts into high-quality pickleball courts, renovations to the basketball courts, a complete renovation of the pool bathhouse, and the addition of a splash pad. Together, these improvements will create a park that honors our veterans while also providing new recreational opportunities for families, children, and residents of all ages.

We are also continuing to advance economic development and housing opportunities throughout the City. Work continues on the Hotel Oneida project downtown, and we remain focused on opportunities for new housing, including the proposed development along the Route 5 corridor. Adding quality housing is essential to growing our population, strengthening our tax base, supporting our businesses, and creating a stronger Oneida for the next generation.

At the same time, we continue to tackle some of the less visible, but equally important, infrastructure challenges facing our community. From wastewater and drainage improvements to sidewalks, roads, aging properties, code enforcement, cybersecurity, and long-term capital planning, there is a tremendous amount of work happening behind the scenes every day.

As City Manager, I also believe strongly that responsible government means constantly looking for ways to improve how we operate. That includes modernizing our systems, improving accountability, identifying efficiencies, strengthening communication between departments, and being disciplined with taxpayer dollars. This year's financial challenges have reinforced the importance of careful budgeting and long-term planning. We will continue working to protect essential City services while making responsible decisions about where and how our resources are used.

None of this work happens without our City employees. I continue to be extremely appreciative of the men and women working throughout Oneida. Whether they are responding to emergencies, maintaining parks, repairing infrastructure, processing permits, managing finances, keeping our water and sewer systems operating, or assisting residents at City Hall, their work directly impacts the quality of life in our community.

Finally, as students return to school and fall activities begin, I encourage everyone to take a little extra time on our roads, particularly around schools, crosswalks, parks, and neighborhoods.

There is still a lot of work ahead of us in 2026, but there is also a great deal of progress happening throughout Oneida. I remain excited about where we are headed and grateful for the opportunity to continue working alongside our residents, employees, Mayor, and Common Council to move our City forward.

Have a safe and enjoyable September.

Kyle P. Lovell
City Manager
City of Oneida

Understanding *the Tax Cap Override*

New York State General Municipal Law § 3-c establishes an annual limit on the amount by which a municipality may increase its property tax levy. The 2027 property tax levy growth will be capped at 2% for local governments that operate on a calendar-based fiscal year, according to data released on July 15, 2026 by the New York State Comptroller.

A municipality may adopt a local law allowing it to exceed its calculated tax levy limit if necessary. Adopting an override does not mean that property taxes will automatically increase above the tax cap. Instead, it provides the Common Council with flexibility as it develops and considers the annual budget.

An override may be considered when the cost of maintaining municipal services, contractual obligations, insurance, fuel, infrastructure, public safety, or other necessary expenses increases faster than the amount of revenue permitted under the tax cap.

The override gives the City greater flexibility to meet rising costs and continue providing the essential services our residents depend upon while developing a responsible and balanced budget.

The final amount of the property tax levy is determined through the annual budget process. The Common Council may ultimately adopt a budget that is below the tax cap, at the tax cap, or, if an override has been properly adopted, above the tax cap.

In simple terms: the override keeps the City's options open while the budget is being developed. It does not, by itself, raise property taxes.

For 2027, New York State's inflation factor for calendar-year for local governments is 3.13%, while the allowable tax levy growth factor is limited to 2%. This means municipalities are facing inflationary cost increases that exceed the growth permitted under the tax cap.

CITY OF ONEIDA

We 11TH SEPTEMBER
REMEMBER
HONORING LIVES LOST & HEROES
AMONG US.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2026

9:00AM FIRE DEPARTMENT MEMORIAL





WELCOME TO ONEIDA

On July 23, 2026, the City of Oneida proudly welcomed four new Police Officer recruits to the Oneida City Police Department.

Please join us in welcoming Jacob Drummond, Nicholas Miller, Kristopher Martinelli, and Colin Stace.

We are honored to have each of you join our team and look forward to the dedication, professionalism, and service you will bring to our community. We wish you all the best as you begin your careers serving the residents of the City of Oneida.



Visit Our City Website
www.oneidacityny.gov/police

ONEIDA CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT



POLICE OFFICER EXAM



EXAM # 60069750

EXAM DATE - OCTOBER 17, 2026

APPLICATION DEADLINE - SEPTEMBER 15, 2026

APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY CLOSE OF BUSINESS

\$24.50/HOUR DURING TRAINING

\$35.29/HOUR AFTER SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF TRAINING

2027 OFFICER BASE SALARY STEP 5

\$100,856



APPLY NOW



APPLICATIONS FOUND AT CIVIL SERVICE OFFICE
LOCATED IN CITY HALL, 109 N. MAIN STREET,
OR DOWNLOADED AT WWW.ONEIDACITYNY.GOV

ANNUAL SHIFT BID | TIME OFF | LONGEVITY BONUSES | AND MORE

QUESTIONS? CONTACT LT. KEITH HUDSON AT
KHudson@ONEIDACITYNY.GOV



HOOKS, LINES, & SIRENS FISHING DERBY

Thank you to the Oneida City Police Department, Oneida City Fire Department, Oneida City Police Benevolent Association - PBA, Oneida Firefighters Benevolent Association, and Morgan's Bait for helping make this event possible. We truly appreciate your continued support of our community and the kids who participate each year.



Celebrating 36 Years of the Americans with Disabilities Act

Madison County joined local advocates, service organizations, elected officials, and community members at the Madison County Veterans Memorial to celebrate the 36th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

The event featured state and local proclamations, inspiring guest speakers, and a celebration march recognizing the ADA's lasting impact and reaffirming the importance of equal access, inclusion, and opportunity for people with disabilities.

Remarks were shared by Madison County Board Chairman Jim Cunningham, Assemblyman Brian Miller, City of Oneida Mayor Rick Rossi, self-advocates, and community advocates, each highlighting the progress that has been made while recognizing the continued work needed to build a more accessible and inclusive community.

Thank you to everyone who organized, participated in, and attended this meaningful celebration. Your dedication and commitment help ensure that Madison County continues to be a place where every individual has the opportunity to live, work, and thrive.



SUPPORT



Summer may be winding down, but there's still time to support our young entrepreneurs! ☀️ 🍋

If you see a kid(s) running a lemonade stand or selling homemade treats, stop by and make a purchase. Your support helps build confidence, encourages hard work, and creates memories they'll never forget. What an awesome way to invest in our community's future! 💛

OUR YOUTH



Local Farmers Markets

Nelson Market

📍 3402 Old State Rd, Erieville, NY

📅 Thursdays, 4–6 p.m.

Cazenovia Farmers Markets

📍 Memorial Park, Albany St., Cazenovia

📅 May 2–October 24

📅 Saturdays, 9 a.m.–2 p.m.

Cottage Lawn Farmers Market – Oneida

📍 435 Main St., Oneida

📅 June 9–August 25

📅 Tuesdays, 2–6 p.m.

ONEIDA SOCCER COMMUNITY DAY

CELEBRATING OUR COMMUNITY. SUPPORTING OUR FUTURE.

SUPPORTING THE ONEIDA BOYS & GIRLS SOCCER PROGRAMS



**SATURDAY
AUGUST 22**



**11:00 AM –
2:00 PM**



**ONEIDA HIGH SCHOOL
NEAR THE
TENNIS COURTS**

JOIN US FOR AN AFTERNOON OF FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!



**FOOD
TRUCK**



**FRESH
LEMONADE**



**BOTTLE & CAN
DRIVE**

BRING YOUR REDEEMABLE
BOTTLES AND CANS TO
SUPPORT OUR PROGRAMS!



**SMALL-SIDED
GAMES
FOR KIDS**



**MEET & GREET
THE ONEIDA
BOYS & GIRLS
SOCCER TEAMS**



**AND
MORE!**



Whether you're a current player, alumni,
youth player, parent, or community member,
we'd love to see you there!



Meet our teams, enjoy great food,
connect with fellow soccer families,
and help support the future of
Oneida Soccer!

**ONE
COMMUNITY.
ONE
PROGRAM.
ONE
GOAL.**



COMMUNITY BUSINESSES & LOCAL TEAMS!

Interested in being a part of Oneida Soccer Community Day?
CONTACT US TO PARTICIPATE, VOLUNTEER, OR SET UP A BOOTH!



**TOGETHER,
WE BUILD**
CHAMPIONS ON & OFF THE FIELD.

FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK!



Oneida Express
Soccer Program

THANK YOU
FOR SUPPORTING
ONEIDA SOCCER!

**FREE EVENT FOR
CUSTOMERS**



Navigating Medicare & Estate Planning

You're invited to a free informational session for adults over 60, or for those with parents or loved ones age 60 and older. Specialists will share insights to help you navigate Medicare and estate planning. Beverages will be provided.

WHEN August 26, 10am - Noon

WHERE Oneida Kallet Civic Center
159 Main St, Oneida, NY 13421

SPEAKERS Shane Kelly
Medicare Specialist, OneGroup



Connor Stanton
Medicare Specialist, OneGroup

Sam Getman, Attorney
Vindigni, Betro, & Getman PLLC

HOSTED BY

 **Community Bank**



5K EVENT

In Support of Wanderers
Rest Humane Assoc.



Sunday
August 30th 2026



8:30 AM



**Chittenango Landing
Canal Boat Museum**



Address

717 Lakeport Road
Chittenango, NY 13037



5K Run/Walk

Bring your dog and
run with us!



Registration

\$30 Per Person!

Run. Walk. Wag. Support!

TOGETHER, WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.
THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE SHELTER!

<https://runsignup.com/Race/NY/Chittenango/PawsAlongTheErie>



SCAN
ME!





★ ONEIDA ★ AMERICAN LEGION

★ POST 169 ★

CHICKEN BBQ!

\$15
EACH
★★★

INCLUDES:

- ★ 1/2 CHICKEN
- ★ MAC SALAD
- ★ BAKED BEANS
- ★ SALT POTATOES
- ★ AND ROLL

EAT IN OR TAKE OUT!



SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 6TH



11:00
AM



398 N. MAIN STREET • ONEIDA, NY

★ GREAT FOOD ★ GREAT PEOPLE ★ SUPPORTING OUR LEGION! ★



BOOK SALE

Friends of the Oneida Library

FRIENDS MEMBERS ONLY PREVIEW:
FRIDAY, SEPT. 11TH 10:00-4:00 & 5:00-7:00

PUBLIC HOURS:
SAT, SEPT. 12TH 9:00-4:00
& SUN, SEPT. 13TH 10:00-2:00



AMERICAN RED CROSS

BLOOD DRIVES

**SEPT,
2026**

FRI, 4

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

551 Sayles Street, Oneida
12:00PM to 5:00PM

FRI, 11

ONEIDA HEALTH

321 Genesee Street, Oneida
10:30AM to 4:30PM

FRI, 18

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

551 Sayles Street, Oneida
12:00PM to 5:00PM



WWW.REDCROSS.ORG

BIKE NIGHT

9/11 TRIBUTE!



SEPTEMBER 11TH 5PM!

—★— *Live Music by* ★—
BROKEN RULE!



FREE DINNER
FOR ALL 1ST RESPONDERS!

CHICKEN N BISCUITS ★ MASHED POTATOES
VEGGIES ★ DESSERT

FIREWORKS
★ **AT DUSK!** ★



WE RIDE TO REMEMBER. WE RIDE TO HONOR.



CRAFT DAYS!

MADISON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY



Sept 12-13



**10:00-5:00-SAT
10:00-4:00-SUN**



435 Main St.



www.mchs1900.org



history@mchs1900.org



315-363-4136

YOU

ARE

AWESOME

Certified 5K Run/Walk
takes place in Oneida, NY

Jessica's Heroes
Foundation, Inc.

**5K RUN
WALK**

Register now to
make a difference in
the lives of local
cancer patients!

Or visit

www.JessicasHeroesFoundation.com



For more information and to stay up to date on
events, follow Jessica's Heroes on Facebook!

***“The greater our reach, the more
people we can help.”***

GRAB YOUR FRIENDS AND GET READY FOR THE BIG WALK



This certified 5K starts and ends in the heart of Oneida at Allen Park! This is our biggest fundraiser of the year and each dollar goes toward helping cancer patients here in the city of Oneida, as well as the surrounding communities throughout Madison and Oneida counties.

Together we can make a difference in so many lives - to date we have helped more than 1600 patients and their families with the costs associated with their treatments. We could not have done this without our incredible JH community and our deeply generous sponsors!

ECLECTIC CHIC PRESENTS



THE ECLECTIC CAR SHOW

It's our Annual Eclectic Car Show! All proceeds to benefit our local Veteran's directly!!!

\$20 per car to register. Trophies and Cash prizes awarded to Best of Show, 1st, 2nd & 3rd place winners! Rain date Saturday September 26th. Pre-registration accepted.

Flag Parade driving in from Syracuse with The People's Convoy at noon followed by a Live Performance of The National Anthem!

DATE & LOCATION

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2026 • 10:00 AM TO 3:00 PM
2044 GLENWOOD PLAZA, NEW YORK 13421



MADISON COUNTY PHOTO CONTEST



CELEBRATE MADISON COUNTY'S AND AMERICA'S HISTORY!

This year Madison County is asking residents to submit photos to be featured in the **2027 Calendar** that highlight history in your Town or Village or City. We are looking for pictures that capture the people, places and things that show Madison County's impact on history. Help us show the world the pride we have in our community.



QUALIFICATIONS

Each submission *must* be from a Madison County resident and include:

- Photo(s) (landscape orientation preferred)
- Must depict local history or be patriotic
- Location taken (City or Town)
- Approximate date taken (must be within the last two years)
- Name of Photographer
- Photographer's contact information

By submitting photo(s), entrants agree to grant Madison County and Visit Madison County the right and permission to use, re-use, publish, and re-publish the photographs related to the contest; in printed and electronic publications, and in all media including illustration, promotion, art, advertising, news, information and educational purposes.

SUBMISSIONS:

Deadline for entries: **Monday, September 28, 2026.**

Submit entries online at www.madisoncounty.ny.gov

If you have any questions email pio@madisoncounty.ny.gov



Grand Prize: \$100 gift card for Ye Olde Landmark Tavern in Bouckville, NY

There will be one winning photograph showcasing each Town, and four from the City of Oneida. Of the 19 photos highlighting the County, one Grand Prize Winner will be selected. All of the winning photos will displayed in the hallway leading to the Board of Supervisors Chambers in the County Office Building in Wampsville. As well as featured in a 2027 Madison County Calendar that goes on sale in November 2026.

You can submit any number of photos taken on any device, so long as the photos meet the qualifications guidelines. Each photographer however, will only be selected to win once. Winners should be prepared to submit a high-resolution photo if selected.

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS!



ONEIDA
COMMUNITY
CATS COMMITTEE



Want to get involved with our group but not sure how?

There are lots of ways!

We are currently recruiting active volunteers for our committee

Come talk with us at our next meeting – or contact us!

Call/Text: (315) 440-2064, (315) 525-8689, (315) 527-2774



AREAS WHERE HANDS-ON SUPPORT ARE NEEDED:



Work in a
group or on
solo projects



Assist with
transportation to
and from the vet



Group problem
solving within
the committee



Help with
Fundraising
activities



Foster – either after
surgery or to help socialize
an adoptable cat



Educate the community
Help create posters
and program materials



Help set traps,
check traps

Every little bit
MAKES A BIG
difference!



Donate time
and energy
to the cause!

TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE LIFE BETTER FOR CATS IN OUR COMMUNITY!



THE *Find Your* AIM PLACE

ONEIDA FAMILY YMCA 2026-2027 ARCHERY ACADEMY

- Ages 8+
- Tuesdays- 5pm Explore Archery for Individual or Family
- Wednesdays- 6pm Advanced, 7pm Adults
- Saturdays- 10am Explore for Family, 11am Beginner
- Cost Per Session-
 - Members: \$60 Individual \$95 Families
 - Non-Members: \$100 Individual, \$125 Families



2026 – 2027 TRY FOR FREE DAYS
*Archery is open to try for the public for FREE on these dates:

OCTOBER 10TH 10AM - TRY ARCHERY DAY

DECEMBER 21ST 12PM- HOLIDAY SHOOT

FEBRUARY 20TH 12PM - COUPLES SHOOT

APRIL 10TH 12PM - FUN SHOOT

APRIL 17TH 10AM - HEALTHY KIDS DAY

2026 – 2027 SESSION SCHEDULE

Session I – September 14th – October 24th

Session II – November 2nd – December 12th

Session III – January 4th – February 13th

Session IV – February 22nd – April 3rd

Session V – April 12th – May 22nd

Session VI – May 31st – June 26th

*Registration required for each individual session.





YMCA OF THE GREATER TRI-VALLEY

ONEIDA FAMILY YMCA

WE'RE HIRING



YCARE PROGRAM:

- STOCKBRIDGE VALLEY:
 - COORDINATOR
 - GROUP LEADER
 - SITE ASSISTANTS
- ONEIDA:
 - SITE DIRECTOR
 - GROUP LEADERS
 - SITE ASSISTANTS
- VVS:
 - SITE DIRECTOR
 - GROUP LEADERS
 - SITE ASSISTANTS
 - PRE-K LEAD

ONEIDA YMCA:

- LIFEGUARDS
- SWIM INSTRUCTORS
- WELLNESS COACHES
- PERSONAL TRAINERS
- CHILD WATCH STAFF
- GROUP EXERCISE INSTRUCTORS
- ARTS & MUSIC INSTRUCTORS

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KANON VALLEY

— COUNTRY CLUB —



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MONDAY—FRIDAY

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18 HOLES

— WITH A CART —

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GREAT GOLF
BEAUTIFUL COURSE



GREAT VALUE
START YOUR DAY RIGHT!



BEST WAY
TO BEAT THE HEAT!



Oneida Health
Radiation Oncology

RELIEF

From Osteoarthritis Pain

WITHOUT SURGERY



New Service Line in Radiation Oncology:
Low Dose Radiation treatment to painful
joints due to Osteoarthritis



CITY OF ONEIDA

FALL
FESTIVAL

FOOD

MUSIC

FUN

OCTOBER 3, 2026

11:00AM-4:00PM

Mott Street Oneida

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