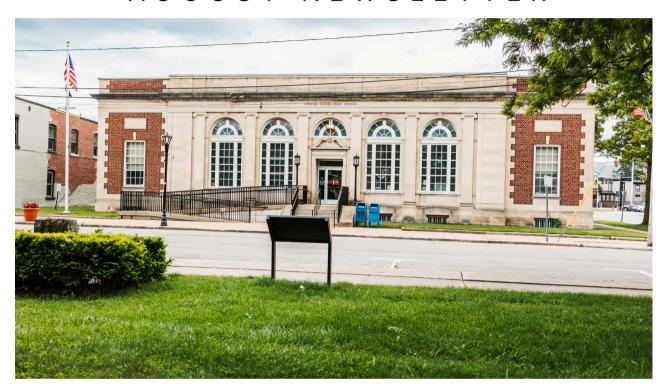
CITY OF ONEIDA

AUGUST NEWSLETTER



ONEIDA POST OFFICE

Oneida is home to remarkable buildings, and the Post Office is no exception. Its timeless design and central location make it both a functional asset and a local landmark.

ONEIDA LIBRARY

Oneida's architectural gems include buildings that enrich our community in meaningful ways. Chief among them is the new Oneida Library—a dynamic space that functions as a learning hub, activity center, and gathering place for residents of all ages. The Oneida Library partners with the city on many events, especially for our youth, and we truly appreciate the value they add to our community!







ONEIDA HEALTHCARE

The Oneida Healthcare Center stands as a vital pillar of our community—offering state-of-the-art medical services, compassionate care, and a commitment to health and wellness for all residents. They deliver exceptional care through advanced technology, skilled professionals, and a patient-first approach.



YMCA

At the heart of Oneida, the YMCA is more than a gym—it's a place where people come together to grow, connect, and thrive. Rooted in the core values of caring, honesty, respect, and responsibility, the YMCA works to build stronger individuals and a stronger community. Through inclusive programs, supportive services, and community events, the Oneida YMCA empowers people of all ages and backgrounds to reach their fullest potential in a welcoming and respectful environment.





6:30PM **AUG 5**

COMMON COUNCIL

Council Chambers

3:30PM

AUG 12

WATER BOARD

Water Conference Room

6:00PM

PLANNING COMMISSION/ZBA

AUG 12

Council Chambers

6:30PM **AUG 19**

COMMON COUNCIL

Council Chambers

ALL ARE WELCOME!



WE ARE HIRING!

COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICER

This position is a tested position in the Competitive class (provisional appointment) paid at \$20.74 per hour.





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APPLICANTS

Applicants must be a NYS certified Police
Officer in good standing

APPLY NOW



More Information 315-363-2022, Ext. 133 Jessica Kaiser www.oneidacityny/gov/jobs



UPCOMING EVENTS

August

NIGHT OUT/POOL PARTY

AUG 1, 2025

• 5:00-8:00PM

Vet's Field

RAISING HOPE FOR RAE

AUG 3, 2025

• 3:00-7:00PM

2 4020 Barrington Rd.-Holy Cross Academy

MADISON-BOUCKVILLE ANTIQUE WEEK

AUG 10-16, 2025

• 8:00-5:00PM

Route 20, Bouckville

FIREWORKS

AUG 16, 2025 • DUSK

2 Vet's Field-Rain Date-August 17th

BIKE & PROPERTY AUCTION

AUG 30, 2025 • 9:00 AM

2 109 N. Main St.-City Hall



Message from the City Manager



Dear Residents.

As we move into August, the final full month of summer, I want to take a moment to reflect on the incredible work being done across our city and the momentum we continue to build together.

First and foremost, I want to thank our dedicated staff and department heads for their efforts during the recent storm recovery and water conservation period. Your responsiveness, teamwork, and professionalism ensured the safety of our residents and the continued operation of vital services. It's a testament to what local government should be: responsive, responsible, and resilient.

Looking ahead, August marks the official kickoff of our 2026 budget season. Department heads are already hard at work compiling proposals, estimates, and plans that will shape the future of Oneida. This is an important time to align our resources with our priorities—continuing to improve infrastructure, expand housing opportunities, revitalize downtown, and invest in public safety and quality of life initiatives. I encourage residents to stay engaged and share their thoughts as we begin crafting the roadmap for next year.

You may also notice continued progress at several key sites across the city. From the early phases of the Hotel Oneida restoration to planning for the F-16 static display at Veterans Park, we are building a city that honors our past while investing in its future.

Finally, August is a time of transition—kids preparing to return to school, families enjoying the last weeks of summer, and a community getting ready for a busy fall. Let's take pride in what we've accomplished so far this year, and keep our focus on service, collaboration, and progress. As always, thank you for the privilege of serving as your City Manager. My door remains open.

Warm regards, Kyle Lovell City Manager

CITY NEWS

ABOLISH THE ELECTIVE POSITION OF CITY CHAMBERLAIN

On July 15th, the Common Council approved a local law to abolish the elected position of City Chamberlain. This action is subject to a mandatory referendum and will appear as a proposition on the November 4th ballot.

At its introduction on July 1, Mayor Rossi stated that the City of Oneida is among the last municipalities to maintain an Chamberlain elected City position. Transitioning to an appointed role would introduce greater checks and balances. Councilor Hitchings emphasized that the proposed change is not a reflection on the individuals who have held the position recently, but rather on the structure of the role itself. Currently, there is no oversight or built-in accountability. She added that while recent officeholders have been trustworthy and responsible, the City requires an operational model that ensures accountability. Under the proposed change, the City Chamberlain would become part of the team reporting to the City Manager and would be accountable for their actions, following procedures and processes set by the Executive Team.

Under its current structure as an elected office, the position is only required to perform duties *one day per year* and is not subject to any educational or experience requirements. Additionally, the City Manager has no administrative oversight or authority over the role.



City Manager Kyle Lovell noted that restructuring the position could offer greater organizational value. Reimagining the role—potentially as an administrative aide—would enable support across multiple departments. This approach would allow the City to optimize personnel resources and establish a more flexible, responsive, support structure. The proposed change aligns with a broader cultural and operational shift aimed at improving efficiency, accountability, and interdepartmental collaboration.

This is a two-year elected position. Should the referendum pass to transition the City Chamberlain role from elected to appointed, the change will not be implemented until after the completion of the next full elected term, which ends on December 31, 2027.



SIDEMIAL Replacement

2025 SIDEWALK PROGRAM

HIGHLIGHTS

- 50/50 Cost Share
- Repayment Plan Available
- Requests are based on the order received & severity of damage
- Sidewalks damaged by City trees will be replaced by the City







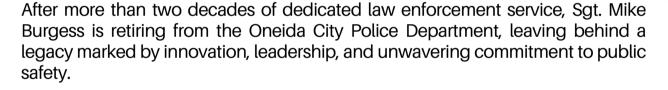
- Water bills are mailed the beginning of March, June, September and December.
- Payments are due the last business day of the month. After that a 10% penalty is added. Penalties are charged the day after they are due.
- Water bills unpaid by August 15th could result in termination of water service.
- Residents facing water service termination may request a Due Process Hearing.

PAY ONLINE HERE

For water bill questions, please contact Darleen Scholl at dscholl@oneidacityny.gov

SERGEANT MIKE BURGESS





Sgt. Burgess began his career in 2001 with the Oneida County Sheriff's Office, before joining the Oneida City Police Department in 2005. Over the next 20 years, he rose through the ranks, earning widespread respect for his professionalism, strategic thinking, and deep community ties. In 2007, he was honored as Officer of the Year, an early indicator of the impactful career that would follow.

Most recently, Sgt. Burgess founded Proactive Prevention Strategies, LLC, a consulting company focused on teaching law enforcement professionals how to apply evidence-based and data-driven approaches to reduce crime and improve public safety. Through this work, his impact will continue to reach far beyond the City of Oneida.

Known for his humility, Sgt. Burgess often said he never did the work for recognition—only to leave the community better than he found it. By all accounts, he has done just that—and more.

We thank Sgt. Mike Burgess for his remarkable service and congratulate him on a well-earned retirement.

Congratulations ON YOUR RETIREMENT

Scott Grinnell



From all of us—thank you, Officer Grinnell! Your steady commitment to our community and the support you've shown each and every one of us has meant so much. It's been an absolute privilege to work with someone so dedicated and kind. We'll miss you dearly, both as a professional and a friend. We wish you good health and much happiness in this next chapter of your life.

2008-2025



THE CHIEF'S COMMENDATION IS GIVEN AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE TO MEMBERS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT, OR CITIZENS, WHO ARE DESERVING OF SPECIAL RECOGNITION FOR SERVICES RENDERED.

"It is my privilege to formally recognize and commend Community Service Officer Scott Grinnell for his dedicated service to the City of Oneida. Over the past twenty years, Officer Grinnell has served this community with professionalism, compassion, and unwavering commitment.

In his role, Officer Grinnell was tasked with responding to animal complaints, parking violations, and local code concerns — responsibilities that demand sound judgment, patience, and an ability to navigate sensitive situations with care. At every turn, he carried out these duties with a calm, reasonable, and empathetic approach that consistently reflected the highest standards of this department.

Officer Grinnell's judgment and conduct exemplified the best of the City of Oneida Police Department, earning the respect of their peers, city officials, and the community they served. His work ethic and demeanor positively impacted the quality of life in our city and reinforced our mission of serving with integrity and fairness.

As Officer Grinnell enters a well-earned retirement, the Oneida City Police Department extends our heartfelt gratitude for his service and wishes him all the best in the next chapter of life. His presence will be sincerely missed within the ranks of our department."

RETIREMENT



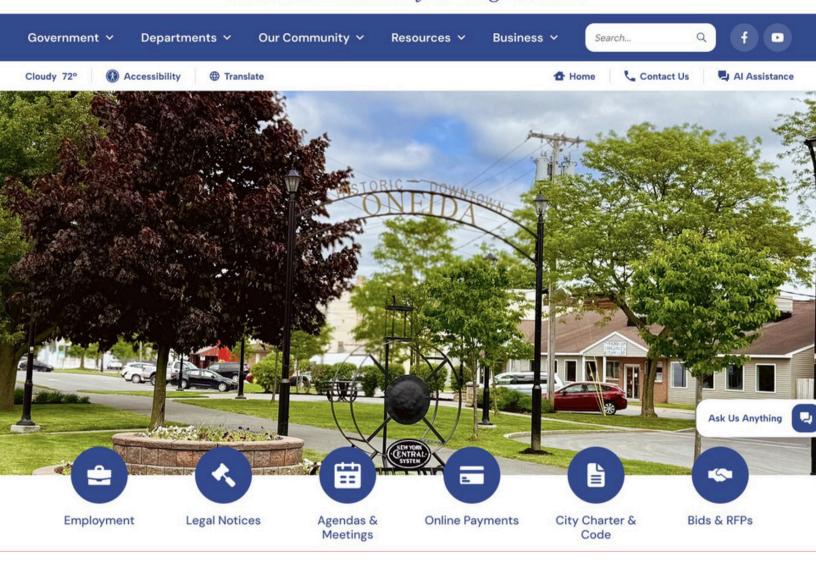
LOUIS LEGGETT

Crossing Guard

After 16 years of dedicated service to the City of Oneida, Louie retired from his position as Crossing Guard on June 27, 2025. We extend our sincere gratitude for his many years of commitment to our city, especially our children, and wish him all the best in his next chapter!

CITY OF ONEIDA, NY

A Historic Community Moving Forward



We are pleased to announce that a new, user-friendly city website is currently in development. This upgraded platform will feature improved navigation, enhanced accessibility tools—including a translation option—and built-in AI assistance to help residents quickly find the information and services they need. Also included is a new Business Directory page that will showcase our many great businessess!

The new website will feature professional photographs highlighting the beauty of our city—some of which are showcased in this edition, thanks to Colleen Stewart of B&B Stewart Images! We're committed to ensuring the information we share is easy to find, simple to understand, and quick to access.

Investing in ONEIDA

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Visit their Website

MADISON COUNTY IDA

The Madison County Industrial Development Agency, (IDA) has a mission to enhance the economic vitality of Madison County by establishing and implementing sound economic development strategies. This includes creating and retaining job opportunities, diversifying the local economy, and developing it in a planned and environmentally responsible manner. The IDA's vision is to foster a community where people choose to live, work, and visit based on its commitment to excellence and opportunity.

Kipp Hicks-Executive Director

3215 Seneca Turnpike, Canastota, NY 13032



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OCT. 4, 2025 11-5PM

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PARKS IN ONEIDA

Oneida is fortunate to have several parks for our residents to choose from. From the Barks and Rec Dog Park to the beautiful Mount Hope Reservoir, there is something for everyone!

Contact Us







YMCA

\$3.4M IN STATE FUNDING





CONGRATULATIONS!





Speaker Carl E. Heastie joined Assemblywoman Marianne Buttenschon in securing \$3.4 million in state funding for critical renovations at the Rome YMCA. The improvements will include roof repairs, HVAC upgrades, and enhancements to childcare facilities, exercise areas, and locker rooms—spaces that help families thrive. As Speaker Heastie noted, "This funding isn't just about fixing buildings, it's about building community." We applaud this investment in families, and Oneida also is fortunate to have a thriving YMCA that continues to grow with exciting upgrades and programs for community members of every age.



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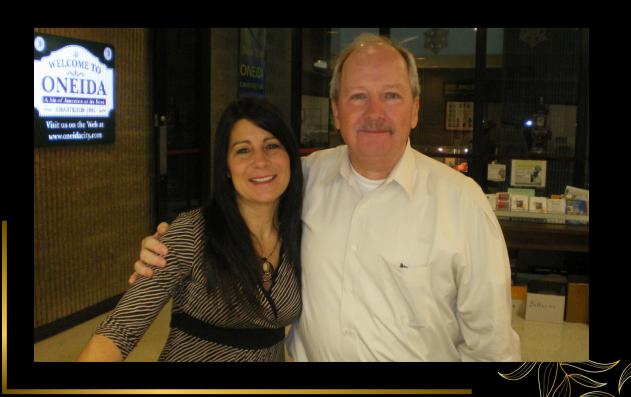
DON HUDSON

SEPTEMBER 26, 1956 -OCTOBER 19, 2012

RETIRED FIRE CHIEF AND FORMER MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ONEIDA



No one could tell a joke like you or bring a smile to the day. Thank you for all you did for our city. Your committment and dedication preserve a legacy to always be remembered. Don Hudson's life was a testament to humble leadership and unwavering community spirit. Oneida remains forever enriched by his service.



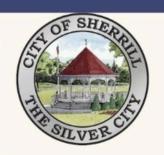


"Supporting local youth sports is a proud tradition for the PBA-and we're honored to have sponsored another Oneida Little League team this year!

One of our favorite moments each year is receiving the team photo, which gets a special spot in the hallway of the Oneida City Police Department. It's a great reminder of the incredible hard work, dedication, and growth these young athletes show on and off the field."



Sale







Join Us! City Wide!

Saturday July 19th

9AM - 3PM

308 ALLEN PL 324 BETSINGER RD 120 COTTAGE PL

123 CHERRY LN

318 E CAMPBELL

418 E CAMPBELL

509 E CAMPBELL

535 E CAMPBELL

543 E CAMPBELL

105 FAIRWAY LN

118 GORDON AVE

242 GORDON AVE

304 W HAMILTON

820 W HAMILTON

515 E HAMILTON

654 E HAMILTON

216 E HINDS AVE

419 W HINDS AVE

304 KINSLEY ST

226 LEONARD ST

227 LEONARD ST

238 LEONARD ST

132 MARSHALL PL

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312 W NOYES BLVD

223 PARK ST

320 PARK ST

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442 PARK ST

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216 PRIMO AVE

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315 E Seneca St

48 E STATE ST

324 ROBERTSON RD

214 WAYLAND ST

182 WILLOW PL







Darryl Worley Concert-July 23rd
Stock Car Races-July 24th
Truck Pulls-July 25th
Demolition Derby-July 26th
Tractor Pulls-July 27th



APPEARING DAILY:

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- Afternoon
- Evenings
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Why Volunteer?

- Be part of a cherished community event
- Meet great people
- Earn Community Service
- It's FUN

SCAN ME!

Let's make this year's fair the best one yetwith YOUR help!

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

FRIDAY, AUGUST 1ST

5:00PM-8:00PM



Oneida Pool Party!

- Bike Rodeo
- Food Truck
- Games
- Music
- . And More



National Night Out is a national community-building campaign that promotes police/community partnerships.

This event is completely FREE to the community.







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FOOD TRUCKS

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PROGRAM SPONSORS

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 3 3:00 - 7:00PM

HOLY CROSS ACADEMY

4020 Barrington Hill, Oneida, NY 13421

8-YEAR-OLD RAELYN WAS BORN WITH CONGENITAL HEART DISEASE & NEEDS LIFE-SAVING TREATMENTS IN PHILADELPHIA POST-SURGERY.
JOIN US TO SUPPORT THIS BRAVE GIRL & HER FAMILY.

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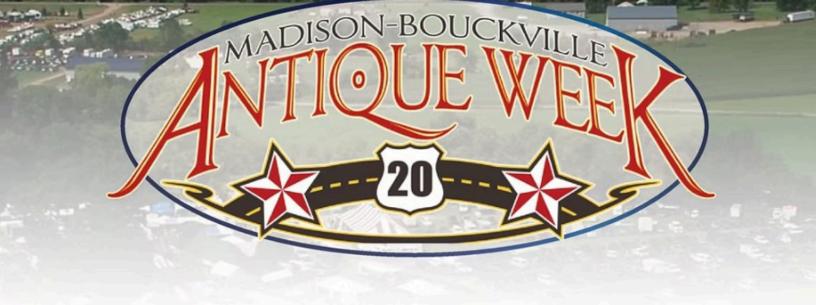
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2025

FIREWORKS CELEBRATION

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16, 2025 STARTS DUSK

Bring your family to the
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LIST FOR FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 5TH

209 ALMOND ST (9AM - 5PM) 237 COE AVE (9ÅM - 4PM) 508 FITCH ST (9AM - 4PM)

404 FRANKLIN ST (9AM - 2PM)

534 LENOX AVE (9AM - 3PM)

557 MAIN ST (4PM - 7PM) 153 MARION MANOR (10AM - 7PM) 155 MARION MANOR (10AM - 7PM)

318 SEARLES AVE (9AM - 4PM)

414 SENECA ST (9AM - 5PM) 57 STEUBEN PL (9AM - 5PM)

437 STONE ST (9AM - 2PM)

Markets!









LIST FOR SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 6TH

209 ALMOND ST (9AM - 5PM)

237 COE AVE (9AM - 4PM)

508 FITCH ST (9AM - 4PM)

404 FRANKLIN ST (9AM - 2PM)

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437 STONE ST (9AM - 2PM)

Markets!

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ONEIDA September DAYS 5, 6, & 7 Oneida, NY

LIST FOR SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 7TH

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414 SENECA ST (9AM - 3PM)

57 STEUBEN PL (9AM - 5PM) 109 STODDARD ST (10AM - 4PM)

318 SEARLES AVE (9AM - 1PM)







Event Details

Our tournament is being held at Kanon Valley Country Club (Oneida) this year on Friday, September 12th. Breakfast begins at 8am with a shotgun start at 9am. We will conclude with lunch and awards after the course! Scan the QR code for more information and how to participate.

MADISON COUNTY COMMITTEE C



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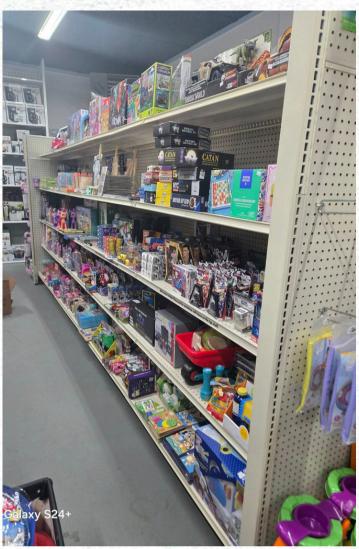
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HOME-BAKED ITEMS



18 & Under: Free

Over 18: \$6, CASH ONLY

Please note: if your child is attending a special program, such as LEAP or Summer school, the free meal will also be available to them at the time of their program.

Meal Sites:

Public Meal Site: Oneida High School and Durhamville Elementary: July 7th, 2025 - August 15th, Mon-Fri

18 & Under: Free

Over 18: \$6, CASH ONLY

Willard Prior Elementary (Program Attendees Only): July 7th, 2025 - August 15th, Monday - Friday

Seneca Street Elementary (Program Attendees Only): Monday - Thursday - CLOSED FRIDAY July 7th, 2025 - August 14th

Questions?

Call Hollie Ackerman: 315-363-6901 ext. 5

For Free Meals in your area, you can call (866)3HUNGRY.

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2. fax: (833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or 3. email: program.intake@usda.gov

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Summer 2025 Newsletter

Other upcoming events-Help us spread the word!



BRIDGES offers FREE: Narcan wall-hanging lock boxes, Narcan training/kits, medication lock bags, and Fentanyl/Xylazine testing strips.

Narcan Training Events
Sat. Aug 23, 8am-1pm:
Hamilton Farmers Market,
Village Green

Tues. Aug. 26, 2-6pm: Oneida Farmers Market, Cottage Lawn





Mental Health Provider Social Networking Event

Come take the opportunity to get to know other mental health professionals in Madison and Oneida County. This will be a great way to build your network, grow your practice, and learn about resources in the community. Light refreshments will be served.

Friday
September 12th
9:30AM - 11AM
Oneida Public Library
Community Room
459 Main St, Oneida, NY 13421

Register Here: https://forms.gle/tfM UdtO6am2BPzr8A!





Join us for a monthly meet-up where leaders can talk about real challenges, share ideas, and build community.

7 2nd Friday of every month at 12PM

Virtual

Register Here

Active Parenting of Teens starts July 15, 2025!

Register Here by July 8th.

BRIDGES is offering free, virtual parenting classes! Participate and win 1 of 3 \$100 Family Fun Prizes including gift cards to Oneida Movieplex, Coneheads and other goodies!



BACK TO SCHOOL PROGRAM 2025

This program provides income eligible families with schoolaged children in Madison County a voucher for Oneida Office Supply to purchase school supplies for their children (up to 2 children per family).

For an application, please call 315-697-3588, e-mail info@capmadco.org, or stop by one of our offices. Limited spots available, complete applications reviewed on a first come first served basis.

INCOME VERIFICATION REQUIRED.

PLEASE CALL FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

INCOME GUIDELINES
BASED ON HOUSEHOLD SIZE:

- 1- \$31,300
- 2- \$42,300
- 3- \$53,300
- 4- \$64,300
- 5- \$75,300
- 6- \$86,300

