

CITY OF ONEIDA

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FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

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Happy New Year!

As I reflect on the past year, Oneida has shown resilience, innovation, and a true sense of togetherness that sets us apart. With the change of city government, and recently being able to settle in with our new City Manager, Oneida is on the upswing. Thank you all for being understanding and patient as we went through this process. I do not believe it was in vain. Mr. Lovell is a great addition to our team here in the city, and I look forward to his input in the coming years.

We have many positive things on the horizon, including the downtown revitalization initiative or DRI that we are working diligently to try to move forward with the state. Some of the approved projects include a splash pad at Vets field, AYSO soccer fields, Main Street infrastructure, and the Hotel Oneida Project. We have added a new park or green space on Phelps Street all through donations, with the help of National Grid's Project C, and our police department. We continued and added some great family events for everyone to enjoy, and hope to continue to add and build on others.

We have a great community that always steps up and goes above and beyond. I want to take a moment to thank each and every one of you for your contributions, whether you volunteered, supported your neighbors, or simply showed up to lend your voice to our vision. As we look ahead to the new year, I am excited about the opportunities before us. We will continue to focus on ensuring our public safety, which started with our recent union negotiations, we will prioritize our infrastructure, and be a welcoming and helpful voice for our residents and business owners.

Together, we will continue to make Oneida a place we are all proud to call home.

Mayor Rossi



Mayor Rick Rossi



A New Year, A New Beginning for Oneida



Kyle Lovell
CITY MANAGER

As we welcome 2025, I want to extend my warmest wishes for a prosperous and successful year to all residents of Oneida. Together, we have made great strides, and as your City Manager, I am excited to continue working with all of you to enhance the quality of life in our community. This year holds much promise as we build on the momentum we've created, and I am optimistic about the opportunities ahead. We have seen positive changes in our city, and I remain committed to keeping Oneida a safe, vibrant, and welcoming place to live and work.

One of the most notable accomplishments we've achieved recently is the adoption of a historic Police Benevolent Association (PBA) contract. This new agreement is already yielding positive results, with transfer applications from other municipalities flowing into our police department. This is a testament to the outstanding work of our police force and the improvements we are making to ensure that Oneida remains a community where law enforcement professionals want to serve.

Additionally, I've begun union negotiations with our firefighters, working diligently to secure an agreement that supports their dedication to keeping our city safe. Together, these efforts demonstrate our commitment to the well-being of our first responders and the continued growth of Oneida in the year to come. Here's to a year of progress, cooperation, and unity!

family is EVERYTHING





MOMENTS WITH FAMILY



FEBRUARY

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
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3	4 Common Council- Council Chambers 6:30 p.m.	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 Water Board- Water Dept. 3:30 p.m. Planning Board- Council Chambers Dept.-6:00 p.m.	12	13	14 Happy Valentine's Day	15	16
17 City Hall Closed Presidents Day	18 Common Council- Council Chambers 6:30 p.m.	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28		

OFFICE OF THE CITY CHAMBERLAIN



MELISSA LUCK

We would like to welcome Melissa Luck to the position of City Chamberlain, appointed by Mayor Rossi, filling the vacancy left by Anna Hood's resignation. Best wishes to Melissa in her new role!

ANNA HOOD

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to former City Chamberlain, Anna Hood for all she did for the City while in the position of City Chamberlain. We wish you great success in your future endeavors and appreciate your hard work and dedication to the City.



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Facebook](#)

Oneida City Historian

ARIEL BERO



We are thrilled to announce that Ariel Bero will be our City Historian again this year!! She is so full of knowledge and has all the resources available to fill this role. Thank you Ariel for agreeing to serve again in 2025.



cityhistorian@oneidacityny.gov



JOIN OUR TEAM

The Oneida City Police Department is actively looking for experienced Lateral Transfer Police Officers to join our team and help fill crucial vacancies within the department! Join a community-focused department that values your commitment and dedication to public service.

Ideal candidates should be full-time, NYS certified Police Officers with completed training and probation, maintaining good standing within the force. Required qualities include a positive attitude, professionalism, self-motivation, diligence, and empathy.

ONEIDA POLICE DEPARTMENT NOW HIRING



LATERAL TRANSFER POLICE OFFICERS

Lateral applicants must be a NYS certified Police Officer in good standing.

CONTACT

Steven Lowell, Chief
slowell@oneidacityny.gov
108 Main St., Oneida, NY 13421
315.363.9111

ADVANCEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

With immediate openings and anticipated retirements, opportunities for career advancement will be readily available.

For detailed information on current pay scales and additional incentives, please see [click HERE](#).

STEVEN LOWELL, CHIEF



WE ARE HIRING NOW

OPEN POSITIONS

**Water Superintendent
Comptroller**

**Lateral Transfer Police
Officers**

**Account Clerk-Water
Department**

APPLY NOW

SEND YOUR RESUME TO:

jkaiser@oneidacityny.gov

www.oneidacityny.gov

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COMMUNITY GARDENS



I am now accepting applications for anyone interested in being a part of our Community Garden!

- 20 beds available
- Payment due 3/14/25
- Must be willing to devote time and attention to the garden as a whole

SCONONDOA RD

Oneida, New York

Hours: TBD

PRICE ONLY

\$20/BED

Season runs from April to October

2025 GARDENER'S AGREEMENT AVAILABLE [HERE](#)
APPLY TODAY: SLAPERA@ONEIDACITYNY.GOV



CITY OF ONEIDA

FALL FESTIVAL

OCTOBER 4, 2025 11:00AM-5:00PM

Mott Street, Oneida, NY

Live Music~Food Trucks~Craft Vendors~Touch a
Truck~Pumpkin Races and so much more!

Craft Vendors needed!

Contact: slapera@oneidacityny.gov



WATER DEPARTMENT

Pay in Person

Payments can be made in person at the City Chamberlain's Office

Drop Boxes

There is a drop box at the City Chamberlain's office and at the Main St. entrance to City Hall

Online

Pay online by visiting municipalonlinepayments.com

By Mail

Payments can be mailed to the City Chamberlain at 109 N. Main St. Oneida

WATER RATES

On December 31, 2024, the Common Council voted to approve the 2025 water rates. The new rates go into effect for quarterly customers beginning with the March bill (due March 31st) and for the monthly and wholesale customers beginning with the February bill.



For more information on rates:

WWW.ONEIDACITYNY.GOV

Also approved were the 2025 Sewer Rates, with the Base rate of \$10.69 and the rate per 100 Cubic feet \$7.56.

City Chamberlain Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 8:00-4:00

Friday 8:00-3:30

Closed for banking/lunch 11:30-1:00

mluck@oneidacityny.gov (Melissa Luck)

Phone: 315.363.7399

ESTIMATING YOUR WATER & SEWER BILL

2025

ESTIMATING YOUR BILL

EXAMPLE:

YOUR READING: 1463

LAST BILL UNDER "PRESENT"

METER READING: -1452

DIFFERENCE: 11

FROM CHART AT RIGHT

NET DUE: \$166.67

YOUR READING: _____

LAST BILL UNDER "PRESENT"

METER READING:- _____

DIFFERENCE: _____ X

FROM CHART AT RIGHT

NET DUE: ____.

It is the policy of the City of Oneida not to read meters or bill customers between normal billing cycles. During the sale of a property or a change in tenants, the owner may on their own behalf read the meter and calculate any prorating of bills that they so desire. The City will assume no role or liability in any personal contracts between a purchaser/seller or a tenant/landlord.



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CONSUMPTION WATER (100'S CU. FT.)	SEWER	TOTAL NET
0	\$22.00	\$10.69
1	\$26.62	\$18.25
2	\$31.24	\$25.81
3	\$35.86	\$33.37
4	\$40.48	\$40.93
5	\$45.10	\$48.49
6	\$49.72	\$56.05
7	\$54.34	\$63.61
8	\$58.96	\$71.17
9	\$63.58	\$78.73
10	\$68.20	\$86.29
11	\$72.82	\$93.85
12	\$77.44	\$101.41
13	\$82.06	\$108.97
14	\$86.68	\$116.53
15	\$91.30	\$124.09
16	\$95.92	\$131.65
17	\$100.54	\$139.21
18	\$105.16	\$146.77
19	\$109.78	\$154.33
20	\$114.40	\$161.89
21	\$119.02	\$169.45
22	\$123.64	\$177.01
23	\$128.26	\$184.57
24	\$132.88	\$192.13
25	\$137.50	\$199.69
26	\$142.12	\$207.25
27	\$146.74	\$214.81
28	\$151.36	\$222.37
29	\$155.98	\$229.93
30	\$160.60	\$237.49
31	\$165.22	\$245.05
32	\$169.84	\$252.61
33	\$174.46	\$260.17
34	\$179.08	\$267.73
35	\$183.70	\$275.29
36	\$188.32	\$282.85
37	\$192.94	\$290.41
38	\$197.56	\$297.97
39	\$202.18	\$305.53
40	\$206.80	\$313.09
41	\$211.42	\$320.65
42	\$216.04	\$328.21
43	\$220.66	\$335.77
44	\$225.28	\$343.33
45	\$229.90	\$350.89
46	\$234.52	\$358.45
47	\$239.14	\$366.01
48	\$243.76	\$373.57
49	\$248.38	\$381.13
50	\$253.00	\$388.69

2025 RESIDENTIAL ELECTRONIC RECYCLING PROGRAM

The Madison County Dept. of Solid Waste funds a **FREE** year-round electronic recycling program for its residents. In a partnership with The Arc of Madison Cortland, residents can drop off electronics at LOJO Technology:

LOJO Technology
634 Birchwood Drive
Oneida, NY 13421

Monday - Friday
8 AM to 3 PM
No Appointment Required

Closed most holidays.

The 2025 Quarterly Saturday Drop-Off Events will be on the following days from 9 AM to 1 PM:

February 1

April 26

July 12

October 18

Business waste will NOT be accepted.

Limit of 10 computers/televisions per household/year.

Accepted Items: Computers, TVs, Keyboards, Printers & More

Not Accepted: Air Conditioners, Dehumidifiers, Vacuum Cleaners, Small Kitchen Appliances

For a complete list of accepted materials, visit:
MadisonCountyRecycles.ny.gov



HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL

The Madison County Dept. of Solid Waste funds a **FREE** household hazardous waste collection program for its residents. Residents can dispose up to 20 liquid gallons & 30 solid pounds at no cost. *Limit of 1 visit per household/year.*

Appointment required. Please allow 2 - 3 full business days to process your appointment.

Miller Environmental Group

532 State Fair Boulevard, Syracuse NY
Monday – Friday from 8 AM to 3 PM



Now offering appointments on the first Saturday of every month from 8 AM to 12 PM!

To schedule an appointment and to see a complete list of accepted materials, fill out our online form at:

MadisonCountyRecycles.ny.gov

Accepted Materials: Paint, Pesticides, Automotive Fluids, Gasoline, Aerosols, Cleaning Solvents and more.

New York has a PaintCare program that offers free drop-off locations for the recycling of latex & oil-based paints.

In Madison County, residents can bring old paint to any of the following locations during their business hours:

- Kime Hardware, Canastota
- Cazenovia Lumber & Oil, Cazenovia
- Parry's, Hamilton

Some locations may have a limit of 5 gallons per visit.

To learn more about what items are accepted in the PaintCare program, visit: www.paintcare.org/products/



RETHINK WASTE IN MADISON COUNTY
MADISONCOUNTYRECYCLES.NY.GOV





Code Blue



**HOMELESS?
STUCK OUT
IN THE COLD?**

**Help is as close as
your local library.**



Go to **any of the libraries in Madison County** during normal business hours and ask about **CODE BLUE**. The libraries are identified as **Warming sites** on inclement weather days. You will be offered a drink, a snack, access to a telephone, hygiene supplies and resource information.

Resource sites where you can go and be assisted with information and a phone to contact DSS:

- Office of the Aging, Canastota NY
- Church on the Rock, Oneida NY
- Karing Kitchen, Oneida NY
- Oneida Healthcare Center Hospital ER

New York state is dedicated to helping those who are unable to secure shelter in the cold and inclement weather. **Assistance is available for individuals and families.**



**Emergency Housing
Assistance**

**Contact Madison
County DSS**

Monday – Friday

8:00am – 4:00pm

(315) 366-2211

**After hours, weekends
& Holidays**

Dial 211

**United Way
Coordinated Entry**

(315) 922-2014

**Mental Health
Crisis/Suicide
Prevention**

Dial 988

**Contact Local Law
Enforcement**

**Madison County
Sheriff**

(315) 366-2318

State Police

(315) 366-6000

BREAKING NEWS



Minimum Wage

Governor Kathy Hochul secured in the FY2024 Budget, a transformative plan to help low-wage New Yorkers keep up with the rising cost of living by increasing New York's minimum wage for three years and then tying future increases to inflation. On Jan. 1, 2024 the State minimum wage increased to \$16 in New York City and the counties of Nassau, Suffolk and Westchester, and to \$15 in all other parts of the State and is scheduled to increase by \$0.50 per year on Jan. 1, 2025 and Jan. 1, 2026. Beginning in 2027, the minimum wage will increase annually by the three-year moving average of the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) for the Northeast Region. An "off-ramp" is available in the event of certain economic or budget conditions. More information can be found on the State Department of Labor website.

First-in-the-Nation Paid Prenatal Leave Law

Effective Jan. 1, 2025, any privately employed pregnant New Yorker is now able to receive an additional 20 hours of paid leave for prenatal care. The New York State Department of Labor estimates that about 130,000 pregnant women per year will be eligible for this benefit, with about 65,800 of those being hourly workers.

Pregnancy-related health care includes:

Physical examinations

Medical procedures

Monitoring

Testing

Discussions with a health care provider needed to ensure a healthy pregnancy

Fertility treatment

End of pregnancy care

The paid prenatal leave benefits are in addition to New York State Paid Family Leave, existing employer-provided leave and existing sick leave benefits, ensuring workers can receive the health care needed to address all pregnancy related care to create healthy outcomes without jeopardizing their employment or finances. The law applies to all private employers in New York State, with no minimum employee threshold, and is applicable to both full-time and part-time employees.

Eliminating Insulin Co-Pays on State-Regulated Insurance Plans

This initiative is the most expansive prohibition against insulin cost-sharing in the nation, providing financial relief to New Yorkers and improving adherence to these life-saving medications. With 1.8 million New Yorkers diagnosed with diabetes, the proposal is estimated to save eligible New Yorkers up to \$1,200 per year, and an estimated \$14 million in 2025 alone.