



# January Newsletter

## CITY OF ONEIDA



### QUOTE OF THE DAY

#### City Manager-Kyle Lovell

"As a leader, you should never be too busy to listen, because it's the ultimate form of respect any leader can give to their team."

Gifford Thomas



### MONTHLY MEETINGS

January 7, 2025  
Common Council  
6:30pm-Council Chambers

January 14, 2025  
Water Board Meeting  
3:30pm-Water Department

January 14, 2025  
Planning Board Meeting  
6:00pm-Council Chambers

January 21, 2025  
Traffic Safety Board  
2:00pm-Council Chambers

January 21, 2025  
Common Council  
6:30pm-Council Chambers

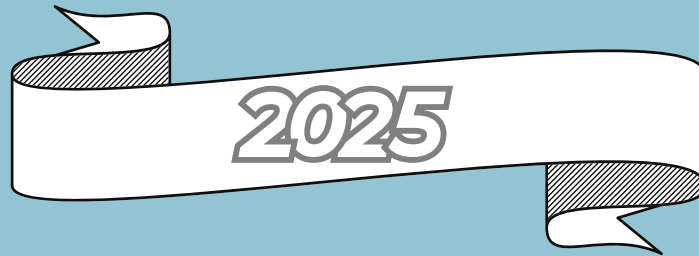
### JOB OPENINGS

Water Superintendent  
Police Officers (Including Lateral  
Transfers)

[www.oneidacityny.gov/jobs](http://www.oneidacityny.gov/jobs)



Happy New Year!



CITY MANAGER  
KYLE LOVELL

Dear Oneida Community,

It is with great excitement and a deep sense of responsibility that I introduce myself to you as the newly appointed City Manager of Oneida. I am truly honored to be part of this vibrant and welcoming community. From the moment I arrived, I've been inspired by the spirit of togetherness and the rich history that defines our city. I look forward to rolling up my sleeves and working alongside all of you to address the challenges ahead while embracing the many opportunities that await us. My passion for public service and my commitment to this city and its people is second to none, and I want you to know that I will work tirelessly to serve each and every member of our community with dedication and respect.

As we approach the holiday season, I want to extend my warmest wishes to all of you and your loved ones. This time of year brings reflection, gratitude, and a renewed sense of hope, and it's a perfect opportunity for all of us to come together in celebration. On behalf of the entire team at City Hall, I hope that your Christmas is filled with peace, joy, and the warmth of family and friends. As your City Manager, I am truly grateful for the opportunity to serve this incredible community, and I am excited for the path ahead. Together, we will continue to make Oneida an even better place to live, work, and grow. Thank you for your trust and support as we take on new challenges and make meaningful strides forward.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a bright, prosperous  
New Year!

Warm regards,  
Kyle Lovell  
City Manager of Oneida, NY

# NEW CODES PROCESS

Dear Oneida Community,

As your City Manager, I am committed to ensuring that our Code Enforcement process is transparent, effective, and responsive to the needs of our community. In an effort to enhance the way we address code violations and improve communication with our citizens, I am pleased to announce a newly developed approach that will better serve the residents of Oneida.

Key changes to the process include:

- No more anonymous reporting: To ensure accountability and facilitate more direct communication, every complaint must be submitted through an electronic form available on our website or by visiting City Hall in person to submit a written complaint.
- Weekly Code Enforcement meetings: Starting today, a standing weekly meeting will be held to review every new complaint and current code-related issues. I will personally chair these meetings and provide direct oversight of all codes issues. This will ensure that we are addressing concerns in a timely and organized manner.
- Customer-service oriented approach: I am dedicated to cultivating a more approachable, responsive, and transparent code enforcement process. Building trust between our community and our Code Enforcement team is a top priority, and I am committed to working with all of you to ensure that your concerns are heard and acted upon with respect and professionalism.
- Innovative and streamlined processes: As we move forward, we will continue to develop and implement new ideas and approaches to improve how we interact with and serve the Oneida community, ensuring that our code enforcement process remains efficient and accessible for everyone.

Thank you for your continued support as we work to create a better and more responsive City of Oneida. I am excited about the progress we are making and look forward to working together to keep our community safe, clean, and vibrant.

Sincerely,  
Kyle Lovell

City Manager of Oneida, NY

## **2025 LANDFILL PUNCH CARDS**

Please be advised that due to recent changes at Madison County regarding landfill punch cards, the Oneida City Clerk's office will no longer be selling them as a vendor, effective January 1, 2025.

Landfill punch cards can be purchased directly at the landfill for \$25, which reflects a \$5 increase from 2024.

As several other clerks have made the same decision, please contact the landfill for a list of vendors that will still be selling them.

For more information on the increase  
click [HERE](#)



## MADISON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOLID WASTE



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Wampsville, NY 13163

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### **MADISON COUNTY DEPT. OF SOLID WASTE OFFERS FREE YARD WASTE PUNCH CARDS FOR ITS RESIDENTS**

Madison County Solid Waste Transfer Stations provide a convenience station service to the citizens which includes managing the community's residential yard waste. This program had historically been a "free" program to County residents, but upon review of the costs associated with operating the transfer stations and the growing costs for yard waste management, the Solid Waste and Recycling Committee established a new fee for residential yard waste that went into effect on July 15, 2024.

In an effort to ease some of the additional costs to residents, the MCDSW has provided each residential household with one "free" residential yard waste punch card which will be valid for two small car visits OR one pickup truck/small trailer load for 2025.

The towns and City of Oneida will receive these yard waste punch cards and will be responsible for dispersing them to their residential households as they see fit.

The "free" yard waste card system is similar to our current "Punch Card" system for waste at the transfer stations, but will have their own color and state 2025 Solid Waste Yard Card. The punch card will be valid for 2 – small car loads OR 1 – pickup truck/small trailer load of brush or yard waste. Any large trucks or large/modified trailers would be required to pay (or use a standard punch card as the system is now designed) and will not be eligible for the "Free" drop-off program. Basically, that means no big stake-rack trucks or large 10,000 lb landscape trailers. The "free" yard waste punch card system is designed to meet the needs of County and Town residents and is not designed to subsidize commercial landscape and tree service businesses.

As the holiday season approaches, we also recognize many residents may have real trees that will need to be disposed of in the new year. The Department of Solid Waste will offer FREE holiday tree drop off from January 2<sup>nd</sup> to February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at the four transfer stations, when they are open. A punch card will not be required for real trees and residents will not need to use their yard waste card during this time.

Thank you for understanding as our program continues to evolve to meet staffing and cost demands while also providing the same exceptional service to our residents.

Have a happy holiday season,

Gregory Gelewski  
Director  
Solid Waste



# 2025 Punch Cards will be \$25 per card



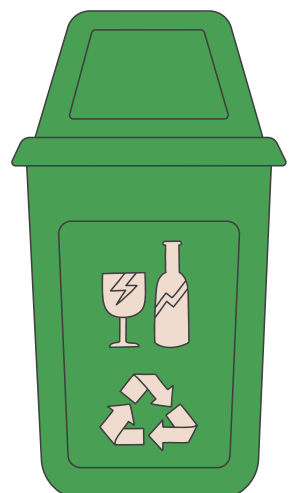
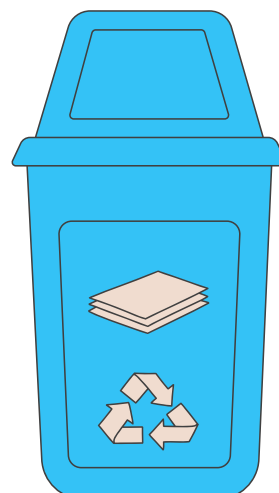
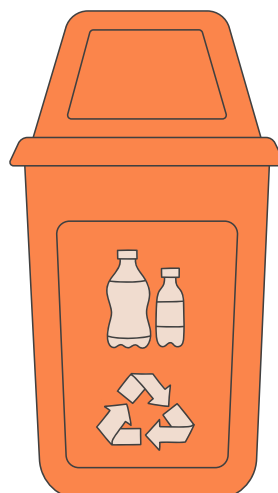
- Each punch card has 5 punches on it.
- 1 punch is equivalent to one 33 gallon can/bag.
- Unused punches are non-refundable.



Effective January 1, 2025 punch card costs will increase to \$25. This is the first punch card increase in three years and ensures the waste management cost is shared among all users.

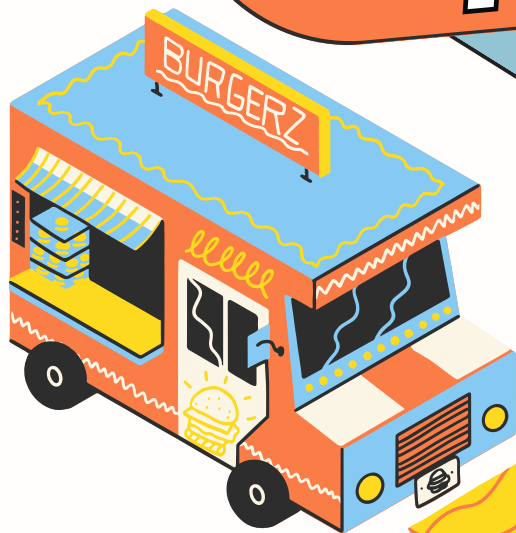
**All previous cards (2024 and older) do not expire and will still be honored at the transfer stations.**

## 2024 Recycling Guide



# FOOD TRUCK NEWS!

## 2025



### DAILY RATE AVAILABLE

If you only plan on participating in a one day event, the daily rate is \$25 per day.

### CITY LICENSE REQUIRED

All vendors who wish to operate in the City of Oneida must have a City license, regardless of whether you sell on city-owned property or private property.

### APPROVED LOCATIONS

On December 3rd, the Common Council approved a list of City-owned properties where Mobile Food Vendors are allowed to operate between the hours of 8:00 am and 11:00 pm

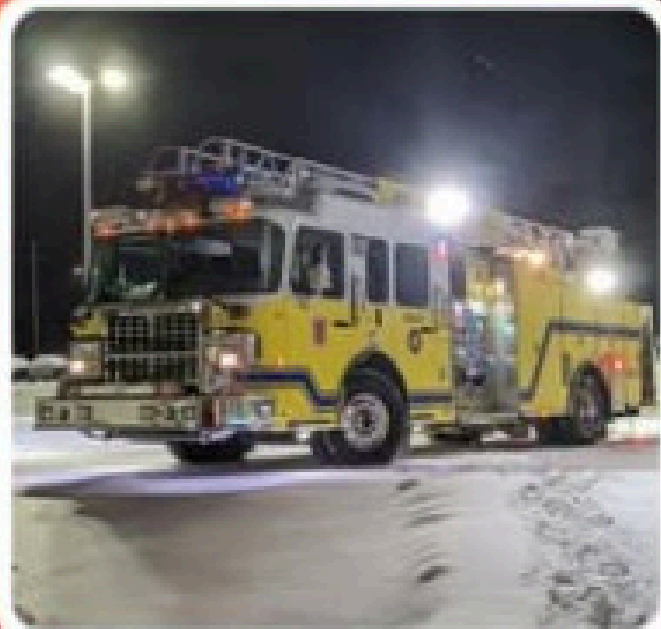
## Annual Fee \$125

Includes Special Events!

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# ONEIDA FIRE DEPARTMENT TAKE OUR TEST

Exam Date: March 1st, 2025



Application Fee: \$10

Starting Pay Rate: \$53,763.97

Application deadline:  
January 27th, 2025



Scan QR code for information

(315)-363-1910

109 N Main St  
Oneida, NY 13421

 **Quick Care**

**HAS MOVED**

**JUST  
2 MINUTES**

**AWAY**

**FROM THE  
PREVIOUS LOCATION**

**NEW  
LOCATION**

**603 SENECA ST, SUITE 2  
ONEIDA, NY 13421**



**315-363-2123**



**Quick Care Website**

# MADISON COUNTY



Supervisor Matt Roberts advised at the Common Council meeting on December 17th that the county budget was approved on December 3, 2024. The adopted budget is in compliance with the tax cap, reflecting a tax levy increase of approximately \$1.2M or 2.55%. Also noted, was that sales tax revenue continues to increase of about 1-2% higher than 2023. Most of this increase is driven by increases in salaries and fringe benefits .

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