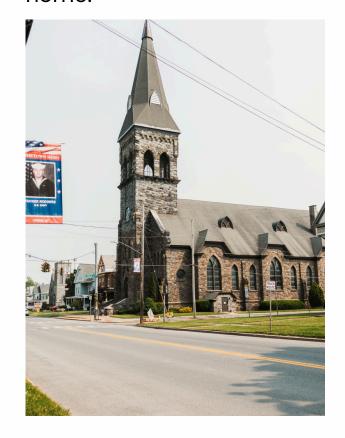


Welcome to the City of
Oneida — a vibrant
community where the past is
honored, families grow, and
the future is full of promise. In
Oneida, you'll find a place
where people care,
friendships flourish, and
opportunity awaits.

We're proud of all that
Oneida has to offer — from
opportunity and safety to a
supportive local
government. Our excellent
schools, expanding
business community, and
strong real estate market
make this a place where
you can grow and succeed.

Choose Oneida — just as so many others have. Why? Because it's a great city and an even better place to call home.



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COMMON

September 2, 2025 6:30pm Common Council Chambers

WATER BOARD

September 9, 2025 3:30pm Water Department Conference Room

PLANNING BOARD

September 9, 2025 6:00pm Common Council Chambers

COMMON

September 16, 2025 6:30pm Common Council Chambers

RECREATION COMMITTEE

September 24, 2025 6:30pm 217 Cedar Street

All are welcome and encouraged to attend!!

## Don't Miss This Opportunity

We Are Hiring Now



WWTP Maintenance Mechanic



We are looking for the best talents! Join our team and make your dream career come true. Don't miss this opportunity, apply now!











#### **UPCOMING** EVENTS

#### SEPTEMBER



05-07 THRIFT DAYS City Wide

06 - 07CRAFT SHOW Historical Society

City Hall

**GOLF TOURNAMENT** Kanon Valley-YMCA

CAR SHOW Mansion House JESSICAS HEROES Oneida High

## MAYOR RICK ROSSI

As summer is in full swing, our city is buzzing with activity. From neighborhood barbeques and youth sports, to concerts at the Library, and downtown events, there is no shortage of opportunities to connect, celebrate, and enjoy everything our community has to offer. I encourage everyone to take advantage of these warm dayssupport our local businesses, explore our parks and trails, and make memories with family and friends.

While we enjoy these long summer days, let's also remember to look out for one another. Check in on neighbors who may need help in the heat, watch out for extra traffic and bicyclists on the road, and lend a hand when you can. That spirit of care and connection is what makes Oneida more than just a city-it's what makes it home.



### CITY MANAGER KYLE LOVELL



#### CONTACT

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A huge shout-out is due to our Department of Public Works, who worked tirelessly across the city—clearing debris, restoring roads, and tackling construction projects in the midst of it all. Their commitment to service is nothing short of remarkable.

At the same time, we're taking steps to ensure that we're better prepared for the future. I've initiated the development of a comprehensive Flood Mitigation Plan, aimed at long-term solutions to reduce the risk of flooding citywide. I look forward to sharing more with you on this plan in the near future—because this community deserves more than just cleanup crews; it deserves lasting protection.

Even amid the storm recovery, community spirit remained strong. Our Parks and Recreation Department, in partnership with the Oneida Police Department, hosted an incredible National Night Out this past August. From the high-energy beats of our DJ to the crowd-favorite Swim with a Cop at the city pool, it was an evening full of smiles. Add in free hot dogs and some outstanding giveaway bags filled with OPD gear and goodies, and you've got a recipe for a truly memorable night. Thank you to everyone who came out and especially to the staff who made it all happen.

And don't pack away the lawn chairs just yet—Fall Fest is coming up on October 4th, and this year's event is shaping up to be the best yet! Expect music, local vendors, seasonal treats, pumpkin races, and all the crispweather charm you could hope for. It's one of our favorite city traditions, and I can't wait to see you there.







Jessica Kaiser
Executive Secretary
to the Civil Service
Commission

City of Oneida

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Member Spotlight: Jessica Kaiser

Jessica Kaiser plays a vital role in City operations, holding dual titles of Deputy Comptroller and Executive Secretary to the Civil Service Commission. Her responsibilities include payroll, retirement, employment, all Civil Service functions, and key financial duties. For the full article, please click <u>HERE!</u>

We are grateful for Jessica's dedication to the city and our employees!

## community.



#### Hi Oneida,

Like many of you, I was saddened to hear the news that Oneida High School won't be reopening for the upcoming school year. This is tough news to swallow especially for our high school students, families, and staff who were looking forward to getting back to the classroom soon.

I'd like to thank and commend Superintendent Carpenter and the Oneida City School District for their transparency, swift action, and continued commitment to student safety. This is such an unfortunate event especially for our seniors this year, but I'm sure we will all come together and at least make it a memorable one for them.

As your Mayor, I want you to know the city is fully behind our school community. We're already communicating with district leaders and community partners to help however we can. Whether it's finding space, offering support, or just being a steady hand during this transition—we're in this together.

Please stay tuned to the district's and city's official channels for further updates. In the meantime, if there is any way our city government can assist you or your family, do not hesitate to reach out.

Let's continue to show up for each other—especially for our kids.

We've got this, Oneida!

Mayor Rick Rossi

#### ONEIDA HIGH SCHOOL 2025-2026

"After careful deliberation, we have made the decision to pursue a lease of the Bishop Grimes campus and relocate our high school students and staff there for the entirety of the 2025-26 academic year." Superintendent Matthew Carpenter

Difficult decisions are never easy, and this one is no exception. While challenges lie ahead, Oneida is home to some of the best teachers and most resilient students. This video offers a glimpse into Bishop Grimes and the exciting possibilities for creating lasting memories, meaningful friendships, and a strong foundation for learning, different location-ONEIDA STRONG!

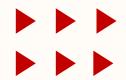
### BISHOP GRIMES JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL

Closed June 2025



6653 Kirkville Rd.

East Syracuse, NY



#### ASSESSMENT PWS



New York State has updated its STAR (School Tax Relief) program, and homeowners—especially seniors applying for Enhanced STAR—no longer need to submit paper exemption forms to their local assessor. Instead, everything is handled by the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance through its online Homeowner Benefit Portal.

#### What's changed?

Enhanced STAR (Age 65+):

As of the 2026–27 tax year, homeowners qualifying for Enhanced STAR due to age or an ownership change will no longer file exemption applications with the assessor. All applications are processed online via the state portal.

Basic STAR and Credit-eligible homeowners:

New homeowners and those switching from exemption to STAR Credit (for incomes over \$250K or choosing credit) must now register directly with the NYS Tax Department, not with the local assessor

#### What to do

- 1. Log in to the NYS Individual Online Services account.
- 2. Choose Real Property Tax → Homeowner Benefit Portal.
- 3. Select Apply for STAR or Switch to Credit.
- 4. Follow the steps: enter ownership details, income, and if you're age-eligible for Enhanced STAR, the portal directs you—and the state will review.



City Engineer Jeff Rowe began his career with the City of Oneida in December of 2020.

As a highly skilled Civil and Environmental Engineer, he plays a crucial role in the successful day-to-day management of the City's infrastructure. His deep expertise, strong leadership, and unwavering commitment ensure our systems run efficiently and reliably. Thanks to his dedication and professionalism, the City continues to thrive with well-maintained infrastructure that supports the needs of residents and businesses alike.

In addition to staff oversight, development and support, Jeff wears many hats. Thank you City Engineer Rowe for all you do for the City and for being a great custodian of our core!

#### **INFRASTRUCTURE & CAPITAL PROJECTS**

Roadway Design & Maintenance Sidewalks & ADA Compliance Bridge Inspection & Repairs Stormwater Drainage Systems

#### **PERMITTING & REVIEWS**

Site Plan Engineering Reviews
Building Permit Engineering Review
Utility Connection Approvals
Floodplain Development Permits

#### **PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES OVERSIGHT**

#### Department of Public Works (DPW)

Street Repairs and maintenance, Signs Snow removal, Green Waste (Sanitation) Fleet Maintenance

#### Wastewater Treatment Plant

Operations & Compliance
NYS DEC Reporting
Sewer Infrastructure

#### Water Treatment Plant

Water Quality Monitoring System Improvements NYS DOH Compliance

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE**

MS4 Stormwater Reporting (DEC)
Environmental Review (SEQR)
Erosion & Sediment Control Plans

#### INTERAGENCY COORDINATION

NYS DOT, DEC, DOH & EPA Coordination Grant Funding Support Regional Infrastructure Projects

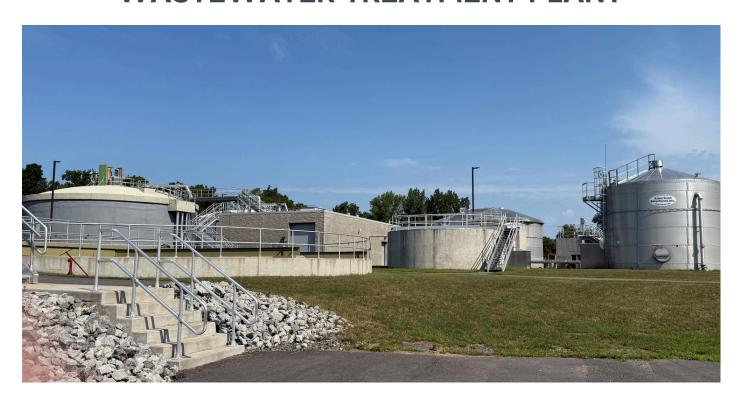
#### **RESIDENT & DEVELOPER ASSISTANCE**

Drainage/Flooding Complaints
Engineering Records & Maps
Public Inquiry Support



#### CITY OF ONEIDA

#### WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT









Jesse Doty is the Chief Operator overseeing all operations at the Wastewater Treatment Plant in the City of Oneida. He began his career in 2017 and assumed the position of Chief Operator in 2021.

As Chief Operator, Jesse is also responsible for all maintenance and New York State reporting, including annual reports and State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (SPDES) reporting.

Currently, there is 1 part-time employee and 8 fulltime employees working at the plant, including Chief Operator Doty.



**CHIEF OPERATOR** 

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The Wastewater Treatment plant was originally constructed in 1968, and the most recent upgrade was completed in June of 2023. In New York State, wastewater treatment plants are primarily regulated by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) under Environmental Conservation Law. The City hired Energy Systems Group (ESG) as the prime contractor under an energy-performance contract to lead both design and construction starting in May 2019, with construction beginning in spring 2021. ESG worked in partnership with engineering firm Barton & Loguidice, which provided the planning and engineering servicesevaluating alternatives like CAST pretreatment, expanded aeration, and HSOW acceptance, and guiding the design-build approach to complete the work on time and within budget.

The dedicated staff at the City of Oneida Wastewater Treatment Plant play a critical role in protecting public health and the environment every single day. Their expertise, professionalism, and commitment to maintaining high operational standards ensure that the facility runs safely, efficiently, and in compliance with all regulations. Thanks to their hard work, the community benefits from clean water, responsible waste management, and a more sustainable future. Their behind-the-scenes efforts truly make a lasting impact on the quality of life in Oneida.







#### **CONTACT**



#### **PLANT NEWS**

Touring the plant for the first time was an eye-opening experience. I was genuinely impressed by the complexity and efficiency behind the scenes. Thank you, Jesse, for taking the time to explain the process so thoroughly to us!



#### **FINISHING UPGRADES**

- New Influent pumps arrived on site late
   July to be installed mid-August
- New Influent Knife gate valves installed late July
- New exterior doors to be installed during August

#### **DID YOU KNOW?**

- The plant uses 50-55 pounds of chlorine a day for effluent disinfection
- The WWTP accepts high strength organic waste (HSOW) from Chobani, Byrne Dairy and Drain Masters. HP Hood has their own dedicated force main to the plant and no waste is hauled to the plant from them.
- Once fully treated, the effluent discharge is either pumped to Turning Stone for irrigation of the golf courses (average of 750,000 gallons per day) or sent to Oneida Creek.







Scott Meleski began his career with the City of Oneida in December of 1997 as a Senior Motor Equipment Operator. He was promoted to the position of Public Works Supervisor in November of 2023.

In his role as Supervisor, Scott is charged with ensuring the efficient operation, maintenance, and repair of the City's infrastructure and essential services. He provides direct supervision to a workforce of 15 employees, in addition to 2 Central staff members—the Motor Equipment Maintenance Supervisor and the MEM Assistant—and 1 Traffic System Control Specialist. His oversight extends to a diverse fleet of heavy equipment, including 6 plow/dump trucks, 3 frontend loaders, 2 backhoes, 1 Sewer Jet/Hydro dig truck, 2 skid steers, and a street sweeper.

We extend our sincere thanks to Supervisor Meleski for his outstanding leadership and the dedication of the entire Public Works Department. Through every season and in every situation—whether it's clearing snow, repairing roads, or responding to emergencies—Scott and his team work tirelessly to keep our city running safely and efficiently. Their hard work often goes unseen but never unappreciated. Thank you Scott and your crews, for your commitment, reliability, and the pride you take in serving our community.



#### **SCOTT MELESKI**

DPW Supervisor smeleski@oneidacityny.gov



#### WHAT WE DO

Maintain city infrastructure including 50 miles of two-lane roads, 40 miles of sanitary sewer, 40 miles of storm sewer, approximately 2,250 traffic signs, two earthen dams, sanitary/storm sewer cleaning and repairs, pesticide control, green waste pickup, street sweeping, and mowing of public properties.

#### AND.....

Perform snow and ice control operations (plowing, salting, sidewalk clearing), snowbank removal post-storm, and maintenance of 100 centerline miles of roads and city-owned parking lots during winter months. Also, operates a central garage and fuel supply for maintaining the city's vehicle fleet.



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#### Welcome to our Team

Firefighter

Aldan Brown

Firefighter **David Tyson** 



Firefighter
Charles
Koss III

Firefighter **Tyler Kinne** 



## PURPLE HEART RECIPIENT



**MARLIN "CORKY" RINE** 



On August 5, 2025, the City of Oneida Common Council proudly recognized Corky Rine with a proclamation in honor of his designation as a Purple Heart Recipient. This recognition, presented during Purple Heart Month, reflects Oneida's deep appreciation for our nation's heroes. As a Purple Heart City, we thank Mr. Rine for his service, courage, and sacrifice.









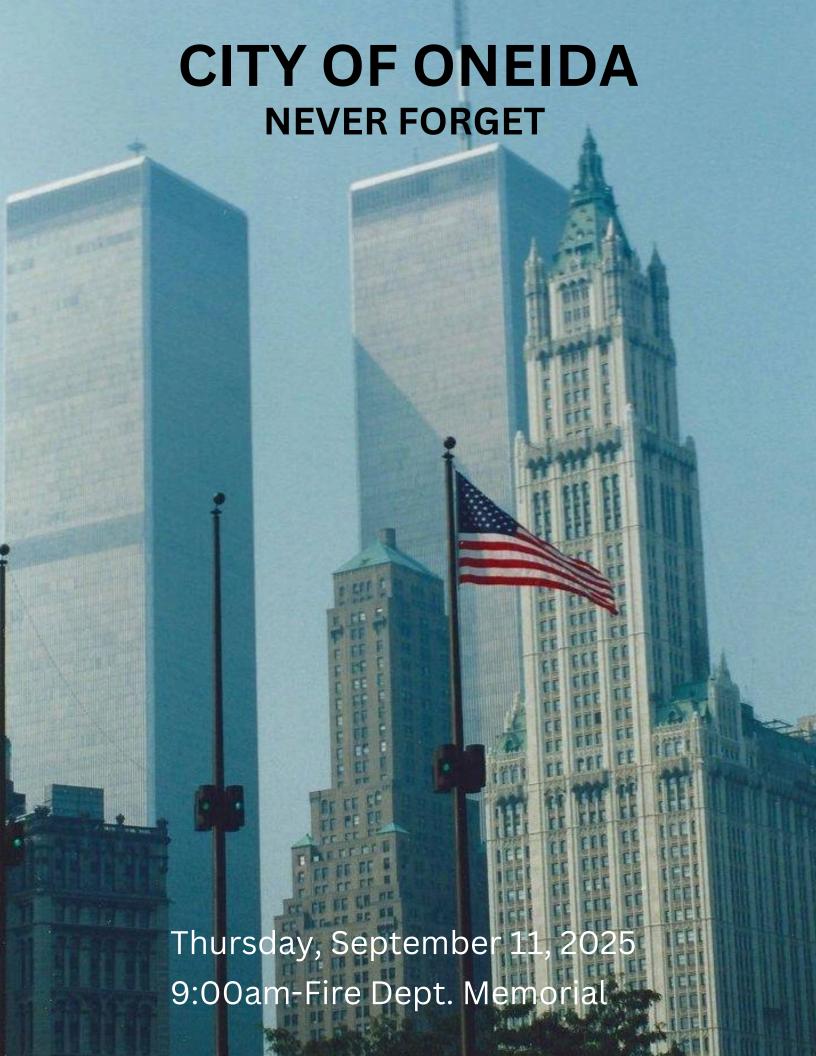


Coming soon, a formal groundbreaking ceremony to celebrate the start of the next chapter for this historic site! The commencement of demolition marks a major milestone in our Downtown Revitalization Initiative.

Traffic near Lenox Ave. & Main St. will be impacted-please drive slowly, stay alert, and give crews room to work safely.

Sidewalks around the building are closed to all foot traffic during the project.

Location: 181 Main St., Oneida More information: klovell@oneidacityny.gov





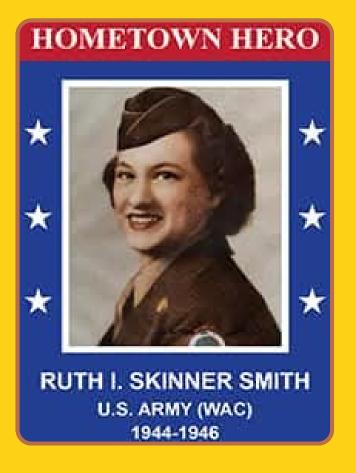
Celebrating our Hometown Heroes

My name is Robin Redden, and I've lived in Oneida for approximately 25 years. I started the banner program in 2018 when my son Dominick Redden joined the United States Marine Corps. I wanted to honor my son, as well as the men and women in our city for their services. After Covid, we had to put a hold on this program due to lack of funding and help from the community. Moving forward, I would love to revamp the program with the help of anyone interested in assisting. My hope is to retire the current banners that have been displayed to make room for new community members to be recognized, and the retired banners would go back to the families. With revamping the program, it would entail finding a new business to work with that makes the banners, fundraising, collecting donations, and retiring banners every 2 years to make room for others. If you are interested in helping get this program back on its feet, feel free to email me at rredden77@yahoo.com.

Thank you, Robin







The Hometown Heroes Banner Program stands as a powerful example of how a community can come together to create a lasting tribute to those who have served in the military. Local resident Robin Redden has played an instrumental role in the program's success.

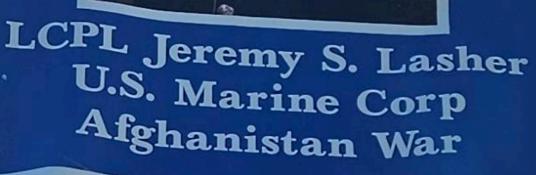
City Manager Kyle Lovell is committed to supporting the continuation of this meaningful program by working with Robin and the Flags of Honor Committee to explore potential funding opportunities.

Volunteers are the heart of every community—selflessly giving their time, energy, and compassion to make a difference. Their dedication inspires others and helps build a stronger, more connected world. Many thanks to Robin and members of the committee for going above and beyond in showing appreciation to our military heroes—past and present. We sincerely appreciate your time, commitment, and unwavering dedication to honoring the brave local men and women who have served our country.













#### Gone Too Soon, Remembered Always

He stood where courage dares to tread, A rifle held, his fear unsaid. With youth still shining in his eyes, He faced the fight, the smoke, the skies. The world behind, his oath ahead, He walked the path where angels dread. And in a moment, swift and cold, A story ended, brave and bold. But death can't steal what love can keep, We hold him close in memories deep. A name, a face, a laugh, a song-In every heart, he still belongs. A folded flag, a hollow drum, A mother waits, a silence comes. Yet through the pain, a truth takes hold: His sacrifice was pure and gold. He lives in tales that grandfathers tell, In freedom's ring, in chapel bell. In whispered winds and fields of green, He walks where only heroes have been. Gone too soon, but not erased— His footsteps in our lives are traced. And as the years move on, we vow: He matters then, he matters now.



Staff Sergeant Kyle Lovell receiving the "Pride of the Pack" award on May 5, 2011, at Kunsan Air Base. In the image, Col. John Dolan, then the 8th Fighter Wing commander, presents the award to Lovell.



We proudly recognize City Manager Kyle Lovell, formerly Staff Sergeant Kyle Lovell, as a past recipient of the distinguished "Pride of the Pack" award at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea.

Nominated by his leadership, Chief Master Sergeant Steven Ferrell. Then-SSgt Lovell was honored for his exceptional dedication, innovation, and leadership in support of the 8th Fighter Wing's mission. His exemplary service contributed meaningfully to operational effectiveness, morale, and the proud legacy of the Wolf Pack.

His recognition as "Pride of the Pack" stands as a testament to the values he continues to uphold today in civic leadership—integrity, commitment, and excellence. As City Manager, Kyle Lovell brings the same focus, discipline, and spirit of service that once earned him one of the highest weekly honors at Kunsan Air Base.

We commend City Manager Kyle Lovell for his continued dedication to public service and thank him for the leadership he provides to his community. Thank you for your service.

Your legacy of excellence carries on!

## IN LOVING MEMORY OF



#### LEO MATZKE

APRIL 22, 1945- DECEMBER 14, 2021

LEO MATZKE LOVED HIS WIFE, HIS FAMILY AND THE CITY OF ONEIDA. HE WAS A GREAT MAN WHO OFFERED SO MUCH AND ASKED SO LITTLE. WE ARE BETTER BECAUSE OF HIM. THOSE WHO KNEW HIM ARE BLESSED. REST IN PEACE MAYOR-WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR SERVICE AND DEDICATION TO OUR CITY.



Tilly is a Mini Bernese pet therapy dog certified through Paws of Central NY. Tilly and mom Kodi Sylvester provide love and support for those in need!

Individual Therapy

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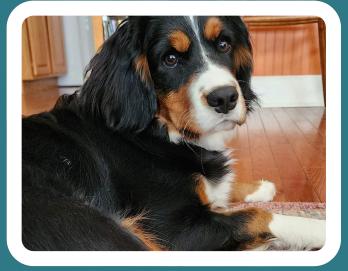
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#### ADA-CELEBRATING 35 YEARS





#### AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (1990-2025)

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), signed into law in 1990, is a landmark civil rights law that prohibits discrimination against individuals with disabilities in all areas of public life—including jobs, schools, transportation, and public and private places open to the general public. This legislation ensures that people with disabilities have the same rights and opportunities as everyone else. The ADA plays a vital role in promoting equal access, inclusion, and independence for millions of Americans. As a community, it is our responsibility to uphold the principles of the ADA by fostering environments that are accessible, respectful, and welcoming to all.

On July 25th, our community united in Madison County to celebrate the enduring impact of the ADA and affirm that "ADA IS HERE TO STAY." We thank Loretta Claiborne and self-advocate Dustin Gonyea for bravely sharing their experiences and empowering others to use their voices. In recognition, proclamations designating July as Americans with Disabilities Awareness Month were issued by Assemblyman Brian Miller, County Administrator Mark Scimone, and Oneida Mayor Rick Rossi.

























## HEAR FROM A VOLUNTER

"It's surprising how many people have no family or help to get them to doctors appointments. It is such an important need for their health."

~Barb M.

3,635 miles this year (and counting)

#### Become a Volunteer Driver!

\*mileage reimbursement available\*

#### **Contact Colleen!**

Phone: (315) 628-8372

Email: vtc@mcruralhealthcouncil.org

A ride to a medical appointment may seem small, but to someone without transportation, it means everything. Volunteer drivers are urgently needed—lend your time and make a lasting impact.

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Lasagna Love is a global nonprofit and grassroots movement that aims to positively impact communities by connecting neighbors with neighbors through homemade meal delivery.

Make a difference by volunteering, donating, or becoming a sponsor. If you or someone you know is struggling and in need of a home cooked meal, this is a great way to help!





#### **CONTACT US**





Feed families, spread kindness, strengthen communities

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#### Welcome to Oneida!

#### THE WHISTLESTOP

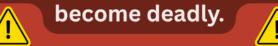
Featuring a beautiful collection of some rare and interesting items. Unique and antique old and new! Local artist display of 3Dprint art and more. Support local businesses!

FOLLOW US 2





Every year, children and pets die in hot cars. It only takes minutes for temperatures to become deadly.





#### **NEVER LEAVE KIDS** ALONE

#### Safety Tips

- Never leave a child or pet alone in a car not even for a minute.
- Always check the back seat before you lock your doors — "Look Before You Lock."
- Keep your car locked when parked so kids can't climb in and get trapped.
- If you see a child or pet alone in a car call 911 immediately.
- Place a reminder item (like your phone or bag) in the back seat to force a look before leaving the car.
- Teach kids that cars are not play areas keep keys out of reach.
- · Stay alert: hot weather can quickly turn deadly, even on mild days.

#### Did You Know?

- On a 75°F day, the inside of a car can reach 100°F in minutes.
- Cracked windows do not help - the heat still builds up fast.
- Heatstroke is the #1 vehicle-related killer of children. outside of crashes.



#### SUPPORT LOCAL

#### **BUSINESS**

#### Support our Youth

Nothing says summer like a lemonade stand!

We love when our awesome local kids set up shop right in their front yards, turning a sunny day into a sweet adventure. Every cup they pour is packed with hard work, big smiles, and a sprinkle of "I can do it!" So if you spot a lemonade stand, grab a cup, give a wave, and help cheer on our future super-star business owners. Who knows—you might just be sipping on the next big idea!







