

CITY OF ONEIDA JULY NEWSLETTER



WHAT MAKES A COMMUNITY STRONG?

- A focus on respecting one another
- Taking the time to learn and grow
- Promoting events
- Having a purpose and vision
- Supporting local businesses and each other
- Encouraging recreational, historical and cultural opportunities

“A community is much more than belonging to something. It's about doing something together that makes belonging matter.”



UPCOMING MEETINGS

JULY 2024

COMMON COUNCIL

Council Chambers

TUESDAY

02

6:30PM

WATER BOARD

Water Department

TUESDAY

09

3:30PM

PLANNING COMMISSION

Council Chambers

TUESDAY

09

6:00PM

TRAFFIC SAFETY BOARD

Council Chambers

TUESDAY

16

2:00PM

COMMON COUNCIL

Council Chambers

TUESDAY

16

6:30PM

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF TENTATIVE ASSESSMENT ROLL

**(Pursuant to Sections 506, 526 and 1526
of Real Property Tax Law)**

HEARING OF COMPLAINTS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Assessor of the City of Oneida, County of Madison, has completed the tentative assessment roll for the current year and a copy is on file in the assessment office at the Municipal Building, 109 North Main Street, where it may be seen and examined by any interested person.

The Board of Assessment Review will meet Thursday June 20th between the hours of 4 PM to 8 PM in the 2nd floor Common Council Chambers in the City of Oneida Municipal Building, 109 North Main Street, to hear and examine all complaints filed on or before June 11, 2024 in relation to assessments, on written application of any person believing himself/herself to be aggrieved.

Dated this 12th day of June 2024.

Rebecca Lennon
City Assessor



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2024 Tentative Assessment Roll

“Seen in its entirety, your municipality’s code helps your residents to be good citizens, to be good neighbors, and how to maintain or grow the particular culture your community has built over its history. Every law in your code book is a vital element to constructing the kind of place where you want to reside, raise a family, and build a life.”



DEPARTMENT OF CODE ENFORCEMENT



Building Standards and Codes

The Division of Building Standards and Codes ensures the health, safety & resilience of the built environment for all New Yorkers.

The Codes Department is responsible for evaluating, educating and enforcing local codes. This can be in the form of answering questions, issuing warnings or giving actual citations for code violations. Even though a part of the job does result in violations, code enforcement officers’ main objective is to ensure an attractive, lawful and safe community based on Federal law, NYS law, and local laws and ordinances.



ANNA HOOD

CITY CHAMBERLAIN



The main function of the City Chamberlain is the custody of all public funds handled by the City. The Chamberlain collects City and County taxes, water and sewer bills, parking tickets, monthly revenues of various City departments, and special assessments. The City Chamberlain is also responsible for accurate records of all taxes on each parcel in the City of Oneida. At the request of abstract companies' attorneys and property owners, the Chamberlain provides a ten-year tax search. This legal document is certified and sealed by the City Chamberlain. At the end of each day, all transactions are totaled, proven, and prepared for deposits into City accounts.

Payment Options

- Pay in person
- Mail in payment
- Drop Box-Front Entrance
- Drop Box-Chamberlain's Office
- Pay Online

Summer Hours

July 1-Sept. 1, 2024

M-Thurs 8:00-3:30

Friday-Closed

[Click here to pay online](#)

Anna was born and raised in Oneida. She has 2 brothers, a sister-in-law and a beautiful niece, Hazel who recently turned one! She is serving her second term as City Chamberlain and holds a Bachelor's Degree in Business Economics.



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Jeffrey Rowe, P.E., City Engineer

WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT

ABOUT THE PLANT

The goal of all wastewater treatment is to change harmful pollutants in waste products into non-polluting products that can be safely released back into the environment. The City of Oneida is responsible for operating the largest wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) in Madison County. The City of Oneida is currently undertaking a multiyear project to implement long-term improvements at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The new improvements will address the requirements of a NYSDEC Consent Order. In addition, the project includes improvements to the existing aeration basins and secondary clarifiers, solids processing equipment, and organic waste loading processes.



PRIMARY

Primary (mechanical) treatment is designed to remove suspended and floating solids via bar screens and primary clarifiers.

SECONDARY

Secondary (biological) treatment uses an activated sludge process. The process utilizes aerobic microbes to remove dissolved organic matter that escaped primary treatment.

EFFLUENT

From May 15 to October 15 effluent is disinfected using chlorine to kill fecal coliform.

Treated effluent from the WWTP is conveyed to Oneida Creek with a small flow proportion conveyed to the Turning Stone Resort for irrigation use during summer operations. The effluent conveyed to the Turning Stone Resort undergoes additional tertiary treatment. WWTP effluent is regulated by the NYS DEC under a State Pollution Discharge Elimination System (SPDES) permit. The permit mandates water quality parameters and monitoring requirements.



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DPW NEWS

PAVING

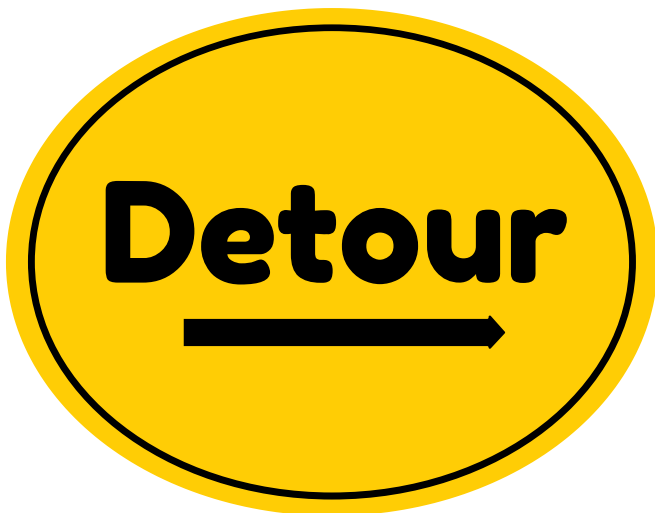
Paving of the streets under the 2024 program will commence on June 17th. Residents can expect minor inconveniences, but traffic will be allowed and safety will be ensured. Please see the link below for the streets that will be paved.

[2024 Paving Program](#)



ROAD DETOUR

The City's contractor for the Higinbotham Culvert Replacement Project has set up a road detour on Elizabeth St. between East Grove St. and Brooks St. It is estimated that the detour will be in place through August 5.



The Department of Public Works is responsible for improving and maintaining the City's infrastructure. We strive to ensure City infrastructure is safe and well maintained. Our goal is to provide reliable, responsive, cost efficient, and innovative public works services. The department maintains approximately 50 miles of two-lane roads, 40 miles of sanitary sewer, 40 miles for storm sewer, 2,250 traffic signs, 2 earthen dams, and city owned trees. Other responsibilities include scheduled yard waste pickup, pesticide control, tree trimming and removals, street/roadway repairs and resurfacing, mowing of City properties, street sweeper, sanitary/storm sewer cleaning and repairs and maintaining the City's vehicle fleet.

HOWARD T. CHAPMAN POOL

JUNE 17TH-AUG. 16TH

OPEN SWIM SCHEDULE

6/17-8/16

MONDAY-THURSDAY: 12 PM - 4:45 PM & 7 PM - 8 PM

FRIDAY: 12 PM - 7 PM

SATURDAY/SUNDAY: 12 PM - 4 PM

\$1.00 PER DAY

SEASONAL PASSES AVAILABLE AT REC CENTER OR AT POOL

FAMILY PASS- \$50

INDIVIDUAL PASS- \$30

THIS SUMMER, THE ONEIDA CITY PARKS & RECREATION
DEPARTMENT WILL OPERATE THE CHAPMAN PUBLIC
POOL LOCATED AT VET'S FIELD FOR OPEN
RECREATIONAL SWIMMING! ALL CHILDREN AGES 10 &
UNDER MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A RESPONSIBLE
PARTY AGE 16 OR OLDER

→ REGISTER ONLINE: CITYOFONEIDA.RECDESK.COM ←

RESIDENT

\$25

SWIM LESSONS START JULY 1ST!

REGISTER ONLINE NOW!

**NON
RESIDENT**

\$35



LEVEL PARENT CHILD – AGE 1 – 3+

• WATER ACCLIMATION, WATER SAFETY, FLOATING & BREATHING SKILLS. IN-WATER PARENT/ADULT PARTICIPATION IS REQUIRED.

LEVEL PRE-SCHOOL – AGE 2 – 3+

• WATER ACCLIMATION, SUBMERGING, GLIDES WITH ASSISTANCE, FLOATING & BREATHING SKILLS PROGRESSIONS, WATER SAFETY TOPICS

LEVEL 1 – INTRODUCTION TO WATER SKILLS – AGE: 3 – 4+

• FOR THE BEGINNER WHO IS COMFORTABLE IN THE WATER, MUST BE WILLING TO GO UNDER WATER.
• SWIMMERS LEARN BASICS OF SWIMMING: BOBBING, GOING UNDER WATER, SUPPORTED FRONT AND BACK FLOATING, SUPPORTED ROLLING OVER FROM FRONT TO BACK AND BACK TO FRONT, SUPPORTED GLIDING, SUPPORTED FLUTTER KICK, SUPPORTED FRONT CRAWL ARMS AND JUMPING IN.

LEVEL 2 – FUNDAMENTAL AQUATIC SKILLS – AGE: 5+

• SWIMMERS SHOULD ALREADY BE ABLE TO FLOAT ON FRONT AND BACK AND PUT THEIR HEADS UNDER WATER.
• SWIMMERS WILL WORK ON: INDEPENDENT FRONT AND BACK FLOATING, INDEPENDENT ROLLING OVER FROM FRONT TO BACK AND BACK TO FRONT, INDEPENDENT FRONT AND BACK GLIDES, FRONT CRAWL ARMS AND KICKS, BACK CRAWL ARMS AND KICKS, RETRIEVING UNDERWATER OBJECTS, AND JUMPING INTO WATER OVER THEIR HEAD.

LEVEL 3 – STROKE DEVELOPMENT – AGE: 5-6+

• SWIMMERS SHOULD ALREADY BE COMFORTABLE SWIMMING FRONT STROKE AND SWIMMING ON THEIR BACK.
• SWIMMERS WILL WORK ON: GLIDING, FREESTYLE WITH SIDE BREATHING, BACKSTROKE, BREAST STROKE AND DOLPHIN KICKS, RETRIEVING OBJECTS IN DEEPER WATER, TREADING WATER, JUMPING INTO DEEP WATER AND COMPACT DIVES.

LEVEL 4 – STROKE IMPROVEMENT – AGES: 7-8+

• SWIMMERS SHOULD ALREADY BE ABLE TO: SWIM FRONT AND BACK CRAWL 25 YARDS. • SWIMMERS WILL WORK ON: ROTARY BREATHING, FREESTYLE, BACKSTROKE, ELEMENTARY BACKSTROKE, SCISSORS KICK AND SIDESTROKE, WHIP KICK AND BREASTSTROKE, INTRO TO TURNING AT WALL, TREADING WATER WITH MODIFIED SCISSORS, AND DIVING IN KNEELING POSITION.

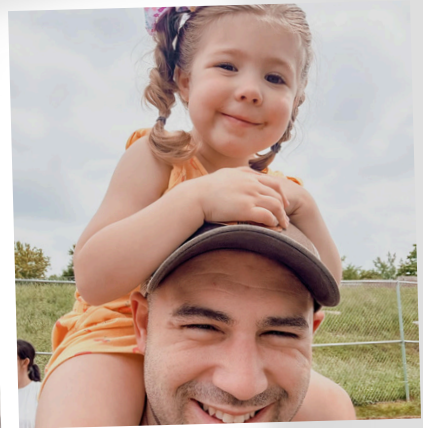
LEVEL 5 – STROKE REFINEMENT – AGES: 9-10+

• SWIMMERS SHOULD ALREADY BE ABLE TO: SWIM FREESTYLE, BREASTSTROKE AND BACKSTROKE 25 YARDS, SCISSORS KICK, WHIP KICK, TREADING WATER, AND DIVE. • SWIMMERS WILL WORK ON: ALTERNATE BREATHING, STRIDE JUMP, REFINEMENT OF: FREESTYLE, BACKSTROKE, ELEMENTARY BACKSTROKE, SIDESTROKE, BREASTSTROKE, DOLPHIN KICK AND BUTTERFLY, OPEN TURN ON FRONT AND BACK, FEET-FIRST SURFACE DIVE, AND TREADING WATER.

LEVEL 6 – SWIMMING & SKILL PROFICIENCY – AGE: 11+

• SWIMMERS SHOULD ALREADY BE ABLE TO: SWIM FRONT AND BACK CRAWL 50 YDS, ELEMENTARY BACKSTROKE 25 YARDS, BREASTSTROKE 25 YARDS, BUTTERFLY 25 YARDS, SIDESTROKE 10 YARDS, TREAD WATER FOR 3 MINUTES, AND DIVE.
SWIMMERS WILL WORK ON: ALL SIX STROKES, FRONT AND BACK CRAWL FLIP TURN, BREASTSTROKE TURN, BREASTSTROKE SPEED TURN AND PULLOUT, BUTTERFLY TURN, SIDESTROKE TURN, PIKE AND TUCK SURFACE DIVE, PIKE AND TUCK DIVE FROM BOARD, TREAD WATER FOR FIVE MINUTES, AND BASIC WATER RESCUE.
PLEASE NOTE: NOT ALL POOLS ARE DEEP ENOUGH TO TEACH ALL OF THE DIVING SEGMENTS OF ALL LEVELS – PROGRAM MODIFICATIONS MAY BE REQUIRED TO MEET SAFETY GUIDELINES.

Mayor Rossi & Family



Family 
First



Meet GIA

Gia Rossi is 3 years old and big sister to newly born twins Vinny and Enzo. She is smart, funny and talented! Maybe someday she will be sitting in that seat as Mayor herself. Mom Nicole and Dad, Mayor Rick Rossi, are great parents and role models, and I have no doubt she will go far in life.



COUNCILOR-WARD 3

ANDREA HITCHINGS



Andrea is the current Ward 3 Council Person. She is dedicated to her community and to fostering the growth and success of the city and its residents. Raised in Oneida, Andrea and her husband, Todd, proudly raised their 3 children here. With a strong focus on updating the city code, she is working to streamline regulations and communications to promote a more efficient and effective government for the residents she serves. As a small business owner herself, Andrea actively supports initiatives that encourage local entrepreneurship and provide essential assistance to budding enterprises. Recognizing the importance of community pride, she would like to help bring in more family oriented entertainment and restaurants to attract people from neighboring communities. Through these efforts, Andrea is working together with her fellow Council members, the City employees, and the residents of her ward to ensure that Oneida continues to move forward.



FOCUS

- Update City Code
- Develop and Support Small Business Programs
- Drive Initiatives that Contribute to Pride in Our Community

Contact me



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The Hitchings Family

MICHELLE IRONSIDE KINVILLE

SUPERVISOR

WARDS 4-5-6

Michelle was the Ward 4 Councilor for the City of Oneida from 2020 to 2023 and was the Deputy Mayor from 2022 to 2023. She was sworn in as Madison County Supervisor in January of 2024 and serves on the Heath and Human Services and Criminal Justice, Public Safety and Emergency Communications Committees. Michelle is actively involved in the community, having served as PTO President for Willard Prior Elementary School and as Assistant Varsity Girl's Basketball Coach at Oneida High School.



Michelle is a licensed Funeral Director, and along with her father, Bruce M. Ironside, operates their family business-Ironside Funeral Home. She is a graduate of Oneida High School and Utica College of Syracuse University. She then went on to graduate from the American Academy McAllister Institute of Funeral Service in New York City in August of 2007. Michelle and her husband, Scott reside in Oneida with their daughters, Allison Lynne and Danielle Elizabeth.

CONTACT ME

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WE ARE HIRING

CITY OF ONEIDA

Jessica Kaiser

Executive Secretary to the Civil Service Commission



OPEN POSITIONS

- CITY MANAGER
- DIRECTOR OF PLANNING
- WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT MAINTENANCE MECHANIC

SEND YOUR APPLICATION AND RESUME TO APPLY

SEND TO:

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ROUND 8-RESTORE COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE



The City of Oneida is spearheading the Madison Street Revitalization Project, as part of the Round 8 Restore New York Communities Initiative grant program. If funded, this project offers a unique opportunity to help revitalize our downtown area by transforming existing structures and vacant land into vibrant mixed-use properties. It will significantly enhance the physical landscape as well as substantially contribute to Oneida's economic vitality.

The proposed rehabilitated and reconstructed buildings will retain the historic character of the originals and be physically connected to one another by a common elevator. Capitalizing on the trending need for practical and creative work-from-home spaces, the redevelopment will include 28 live/work units. Total square footage of the completed areas is estimated at approximately 31,360 square feet.

The Madison Street Revitalization Project aligns with the objectives of the Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) and will continue Oneida's efforts to reinvigorate the downtown central business district. Embracing a more modern, mixed-use model that aligns with the City's Comprehensive Plan, the project is poised to attract businesses, residents, and visitors alike, while driving sustained progress. The dedication and vision of the City of Oneida, coupled with the support of key stakeholders, will pave the way for a brighter, more prosperous future for our entire community.

Photo courtesy of Madison County Historical Society-
Overlay courtesy of Stephen Coulthart

SUPPORT ONEIDA'S YOUTH



Work Ethic



Family



Sportsmanship



WHY ONEIDA?

Because we don't give up. Sometimes things are tough, and some things we have no control over, but if you resist change, you will never move forward. Our founding fathers knew this, they planned for it and set the wheels in motion for generations to come. The children in this newsletter are the future. We need to continue to nurture them, and help build them a strong foundation.



THANK YOU!

Thank you to our Police Department under the direction of Chief Steve Lowell, our Fire Department under the Direction of Chief Scott Jones, and especially our Parks and Recreation Department under Director Luke Griff, Recreation Coordinator Justin Acker, and the entire staff for all you do for the youth in our City. We are fortunate to have you.

Also, thank you to all the parents and volunteers. We couldn't do it without you!



WHAT DO WE OFFER?

- A community pool and swimming lessons
- Sports Programs for all ages
- A Rec Center
- Parks & Activities/Rail Trail
- Special Events-Shop with a Cop-Fishing Derby-Fall Fest-Easter Egg Hunt and so much more
- Fitness Classes/Gym/Weight Room
- Collaborating with Oneida Public Library to support other community events



BUSINESS IN ONEIDA



Doug Kallet is an Edward Jones Financial Advisor serving Oneida, NY. Get the personal financial advice you need to achieve your goals. Located at 136 Vanderbilt Ave.

Dec and Benson CPA's is located at 101 Broad St. Their extensive experience in tax preparation, payroll, financial statements, and bookkeeping services can help provide timely information on your business so you can make better financial decisions.



Happy 2 assist

HAPPY 2 ASSIST/HAPPY 2 CONNECT

Carrie Earl is a strategist, and since 2003, she and her team have been helping businesses get to where they want to be through organization, communications, strategizing and so much more. She also started Jessica's Heroes 5K Run/Walk and Oneida's City-wide Thrift Days! Contact: Carrie@happy2assistyou.com

O. PERRY TOOKER IV –LAND SURVEYING

220 Park Ave.

At Tooker Land Surveying, PLLC their goal is to provide clients a professional land surveying service. Their hands on approach to all tasks and involving competent staff every step of the way ensures a complete project. They treat their work effort as a public service while meeting the needs of private individuals. Their vast experience over the years has enabled them to provide high quality surveys efficiently, on time, and within budget.

CAMPANY ROOFING

106 W. Elm St.

"Whether you're looking for a new roof or repairs, we're the company you can count on. We're here to help you with all your commercial and residential needs." They have been in business for over 44 years and offer free estimates.





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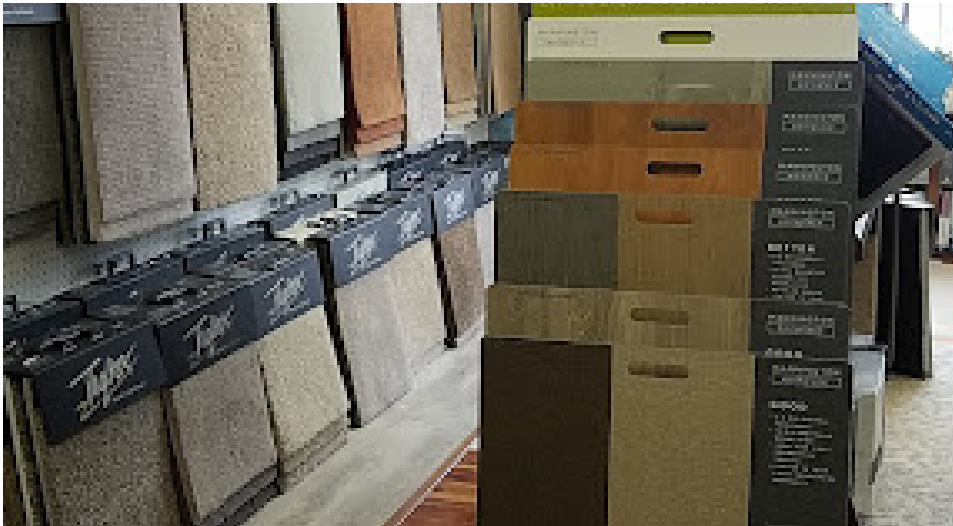
201 Sconondoa St.

Family owned and operated, Central Distributing has been selling beer at discount prices since 1954. Check out their great selection of craft beer!

ONEIDA CARPET & FLOORING STORE

174 Madison St.

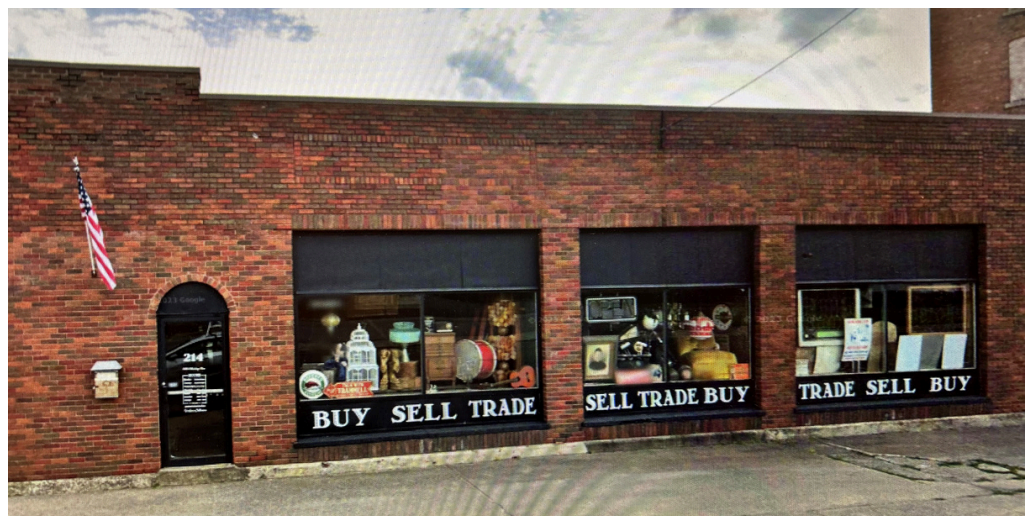
Oneida Carpet and Flooring Store is a family owned and operated business. Founded in 1996 by Tony White, they are now being led by Scott and Lynn-the 2nd generation. They carry a wide selection of flooring, much more than just carpet. With a knowledgeable sales team and excellent installers, they aim to give you the best floor at reasonable prices.



ODD & OLD ANTIQUE FARM

214 Sconondoa St.

Located at 214 Sconondoa St., Odd & Old Antique Farm buys, sells and trades antiques and collectibles. They "love old and new." They also host estate sales and great events throughout the summer!



SUPPORT

LOCAL

BUSINESSES



MAZZULLO & SONS CARPET ONE FLOOR AND HOME

104 LENOX AVE.

Mazzullo and Sons has been in business since 1948. John and Mike took over in January of 1992, being the third generation to own and operate the carpet and flooring center. On May 24th, they announced that they are retiring! We would like to thank John, Mike and their families for years of service to the City and wish them the very best in their retirement.

FIREHOUSE HOTDOGS FOOD TRUCK

CLINCH PARK-RAILROAD ST.

Leonard Hale and family own and operate one of the best food trucks around. Every day during the week they can be found across from City Hall selling a wide variety of homemade items, including hamburgers, hotdogs, sausage, chicken and more. They also have great sides. Visit their Facebook Page for daily specials!



THE FIRESIDE SUNNY'S KITCHEN RESTAURANT

424 GENESEE ST.

If you want great food and a clean, family friendly atmosphere, The Fireside-Sunny's Kitchen is the place to be. Owner Sunshine Hammon takes pride in offering a variety of mouth watering options, all made with fresh ingredients. They offer dine in or pickup service, open Tues-Sun 7-2, closed on Mondays.



BRiDGES

Madison County Council on Alcoholism and Substance Abuse

BRiDGES is a Non-Profit Organization that provides advocacy and services to those affected by addiction and the abuse of alcohol, tobacco, and other substances.

Providing hope, strengthening families, and building healthy communities through the delivery of prevention and intervention programs that promote change



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NON-PROFIT

PEOPLE COME FIRST



MADISON CORTLAND ARC

The ARC of Madison
Cortland's sole purpose lies
in the support of people
with special needs.

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Empowering people, throughout their lives
to reach their full potential.

ONEIDA ELK'S LODGE

191 Main Street

The Oneida Elk's Lodge, a not-for-profit organization founded in 1902, is dedicated to supporting our veterans and community. The building, purchased from the Mott family, is open exclusively to members and their guests.



ONEIDA IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

As the Oneida Improvement Committee continues to grow within our community, they eagerly anticipate partnering with other organizations to enhance the lives of Oneida, NY's citizens.

ONEIDA MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION

The Oneida Memorial Association annually sponsors the Memorial Day Parade, providing an opportunity for us all to honor and remember Oneida's Fallen Heroes and pay tribute to those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country.

ONEIDA COMMUNITY CATS COMMITTEE

The Oneida Community Cats Committee, a subcommittee of the Oneida Improvement Committee, is composed of dedicated volunteers who tirelessly devote their time and resources to addressing feral cat issues in the City.

GET INVOLVED

ZONTA CLUB

Zonta supports various causes, including the Oneida Healthcare ER and scholarships and awards for high school and adult women. Our primary focus is advancing the status of women, particularly through education.

ONEIDA ROTARY

Rotary is an organization dedicated to uniting business and professional leaders to provide humanitarian services, promote high ethical standards in all professions, and foster goodwill and peace worldwide.

ONEIDA CITY CENTER COMMITTEE (OC3)

The Oneida City Center Committee (OC3) is a Not-For-Profit organization dedicated to the improvement of Oneida's historic City Center. Their focus is on three core initiatives: beautification, security and awareness, and they welcome new ideas and feedback.

ONEIDA OWL'S CLUB

130 Vanderbilt Ave.

The Order of Owls - Nest 1606 fosters fellowship among its members through meetings and social gatherings. The organization operates a bar offering dances and musical entertainment to encourage member interaction and enhance social, moral, and intellectual welfare. As a fraternal organization, it provides death benefits and social assistance to members in times of need. Additionally, they contribute to local charitable organizations and support community activities.

