#### **JUNE 2024**

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# NEWSLETTER

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### JUNE MEETINGS

JUNE 4, 2024 COMMON COUNCIL COUNCIL CHAMBERS-6:30PM

JUNE 5, 2024 RECREATION COMMISSION REC DEPT.-6:30PM

JUNE 11, 2024 WATER BOARD WATER DEPT.-3:30PM

**JUNE 11, 2024** PLANNING COMMISSION COUNCIL CHAMBERS-6:00PM

JUNE 18, 2024 COMMON COUNCIL COUNCIL CHAMBERS-6:30PM

The public is welcome and encouraged to attend all meetings. We want you to be involved! For up to date information, please visit our website, Facebook pages or call! Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much. Helen Keller

MADISON HONE



#### "THE NEW WHEN I GREW UP IN ONEIDA NY"

Thank you, Chillin Smith, John Dunn, and any other administrators for your dedication to preserving our memories! I enjoy viewing the old pictures, reading the comments, and reconnecting with old friends. With over 4K subscribers, you're doing a great job as Social Media Administrators in keeping Oneida's history and memories alive.

facebook.com/groups/229058092711131

## COMPTROLLER LEE ANN WELLS



Lee Ann and husband Tim are the parents of 2 beautiful daughters. She has a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Management & Economics with a concentration in Accounting and 20 years of experience in her field.

#### GOALS

To effectively maintain fiscal stability for the taxpayers of Oneida with knowledge, transparency, dedication and integrity.

#### For More Information:

<u>lwells@oneidacityny.gov</u>

Lee Ann Wells is the Chief Fiscal Officer of the City of Oneida and head of the Finance and Civil Service Departments. She is responsible for:

- The maintenance of the City accounting systems and records
- The payment of claims against the City Administration and investment of cash flow
- Examination and audit of the accounts of all City offices
- Providing oversight and direction as to the implementation of financial matters for the City, including planning, coordinating, administering, and evaluating investments, programs, capital budgets and debt
- Planning and executing the borrowing of funds as needed for capital projects
- Verifying the condition of the City's accounts
- Supervising and responsible for the disbursement of all City funds, including payroll, and assists the City Manager in preparing the annual City Budget
- The City Comptroller prepares a variety of financial and statistical reports and analyses to comply with Federal, State, and local laws, regulations and codes, and provides pertinent information to the City Manager and the Common Council for decision making.
- Serves as Purchasing Agent for the City and is responsible for purchasing all City materials and supplies at competitive prices. When bidding for supplies/equipment is required, the Purchasing Agent is responsible for advertising for bids.
- Oversees the Civil Service Department, including all hiring, disciplinary actions, testing, and union negotiations

#### 315-363-2022, Ext. 130



Luke Griff and his staff are responsible for all of Oneida's parks, including the new Barks & Rec Dog Park and the Oneida Rail Trail. Their mission in the Department of Parks and Recreation is to provide quality leisure activities, services, and facilities that are affordable and accessible to all. From sports programs to popular events, the Chapman Pool, and Pickle Ball at Allen Park, Oneida Parks & Recreation offers something for everyone. For park pavilion or Rec Center facility rental, please call the number below.

#### **Luke Griff-Director**

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cityofoneida.recdesk.com





Lowe's Home

Valmart Supercenter 🤤

#### **About ORT**

Oneida Family Y ()

The Eclectic Chic

The Oneida Rail Trail would not have been possible without the collaborated efforts by members of the Oneida Improvement Committee and the City of Oneida Parks and Recreation Department. A HUGE "thank you" for all you did and continue to do so that people of all ages can enjoy a walk, run or ride on this historic trail!

#### **EVENTS**

Green Empire Farms

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The popular "Tuesdays on the Towpath" welcomes riders of all experience levels to enjoy a "Ride with a Guide" along the historic Erie Canal.

#### **The Trail**

The Oneida Rail Trail is an 11-mile nonmotorized, multi-use trail located in the City of Oneida. The Oneida Rail Trail (ORT) preserves and utilizes existing rail beds (no tracks remain) to create a cultural corridor along three former rail lines: the New York Central, West Shore Division, and New York Ontario & Western. These former rail beds run through the heart of downtown Oneida and connect to the Village of Wampsville to the west, and the City of Sherrill to the southeast.



Creekside Inn

**Oneida** Cast

#### www.improveoneida.com

#### Learning About Arbor Day and the Importance of Trees to the Environment



Thank you to students from North Broad-3rd Grade for participating in our celebration!



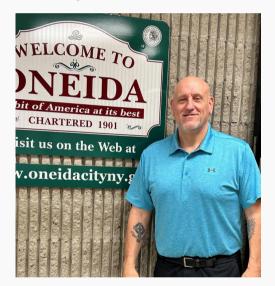




## WATER DEPARTMENT

#### **JOHN MONAGHAN** Water Superintendent

Water Superintendent, John Monaghan, joined the City in 2023. John is also currently serving as the Acting City Manager. In this role he oversees all the departments and day to day operations of the City until a permanent City Manager is hired. John resides in Syracuse with his wife Amy, and he has 4 children.



#### WATER METERS

Letters will be going out to homeowners with 19 year-old meters so that the Water Dept. can gain access to the property to switch them out for new meters. The 100 meter transceiver units provide "radio reads" that give us the ability to drive by a residence for meter readings as opposed to going in the residence to use a touch pad to acquire the meter reading. Darleen Scholl has been the Billing Clerk for the City of Oneida for 25 years. She resides in Oneida with her husband David and has 2 grown daughters. Brodi Oatman joined the City in 2022 as the Account Clerk for the Water Department. She resides in Oneida with her fiancé Dean Curtis and her 2 children.



#### **NEW PAYMENT OPTIONS**

The Water Department now has new ways to pay your Utility Bill. Download the MyCivic Utilities app or pay over the phone by calling 833-768-5365. You can also sign up for electronic billing by using our online payment system.

www.oneidany.municipalonlinepayments.com/ oneidany









#### **Lake Street Pump Station**

We have started the 1.5 million restoration/upgrade to the Lake Street Pump Station. The work is being performed by John Dudley Construction and Patricia Electric. The scope of work includes 3 new motor/pump assemblies, motor control cabinet, wiring and pipe restoration.

#### **Glenmore Dam Rehabilitation**

This 13.5 million dollar project should be going out to bid in the next couple of months. The purpose of the project is to restore hydraulic capacity of the Glenmore Reservoir and to conduct critical repairs to the existing deteriorated dam components. Bid information will be posted on the City website at the link below when available. https://www.oneidacityny.gov/rfps

https://<u>www.oneidacityny.gov/hps</u>

#### **Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA)**

The water department has hired Koester Associates from Canastota to install the Scada System at Baker Reservoir systems control building.

SCADA is a control system architecture comprising computers, networked data communications and graphical user interfaces for high-level supervision of machines and processes. It also covers sensors and other devices, such as programmable logic controllers, which interface with process plant or machinery. The operator interfaces which enable monitoring and the issuing of process commands, such as controller setpoint changes, are handled through the SCADA computer system. The subordinated operations, e.g. the real-time control logic or controller calculations, are performed by networked modules connected to the field sensors and actuators.

The SCADA concept was developed to be a universal means of remote-access to a variety of local control modules, which could be from different manufacturers and allowing access through standard automation protocols. In practice, large SCADA systems have grown to become similar to distributed control systems in function, while using multiple means of interfacing with the plant. They can control large-scale processes that can span multiple sites, and work over large distances. It is one of the most commonly-used types of industrial control systems.

https://www.oneidacityny.gov/water



### DEPUTY MAYOR-COUNCILOR STEVE LAURETI

#### Ward 2

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GOALS

Keep taxes low and reasonable

Update outdated policies

Attract more restaurants to Oneida

Make it easier and faster for businesses to start up

Councilor Laureti graduated from Oneida High School before going on to Le Moyne College and Syracuse University for his Bachelor's in Finance and his Master's in Information Systems, respectively. He is also a talented, upscale pianist-singer, known as "The New York Pianist," specializing in corporate events, luxury events, and weddings.



### **BRANDEE DUBOIS SUPERVISOR** WARDS 4-5-6

**VICE-CHAIR HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES** 



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#### A MESSAGE FROM BRANDEE

"I am proud to serve the community that I grew up in, not only as an elected official for the past four years, but also as a mother and a nurse. I am a graduate of Oneida High School, employeed at Community Memorial Hospital and the Madison Cortland ARC. I am currently raising my three boys and just welcomed a new baby girl in May to our community. I am honored to serve as the City of Oneida Supervisor for Wards 4-5-6 since 2022. I know that the important decisions made on the County level truly impact the entire city.

At the County, my expertise as a nurse assists me, as I serve as the Vice Chairwoman of the Health and Human Services Committee. The health of our community is vital to the success of our community. By working hand in hand with Madison County Mental Health, Public Health, Department of Social Services, Veterans Service Agency and many of our not-for profit agencies, we can help shape a better, safer and healthier future.

I have attended, with several of my fellow Supervisors NYSAC Conferences. NYSAC is the New York State Association of Counties, which works to bring all 62 counties in NYS together to discuss issues that we are all facing and come up with solutions. It is a great experience to build valuable relationships with other leaders from across the state. In 2023 I received my certification through the NYSAC Government Institute which is an education program that upholds the pillars of good government.

We are in a world where prices keep going up, so it is important to find ways to cut costs and limit tax increases. One option to keep taxes low is to look at ways to share services between the County and the Towns and the City of Oneida. I continue to work with my fellow Oneida Supervisors on ways that the City of Oneida and Madison County can share services to help lower taxes by lessoning the financial burden on the County and the City. Some of those ways are through IT services and highway services.

The people of Oneida, the community of Oneida, and all of Madison County never settle for less. I am proud to serve my community and help shape our future for the better."

Brandee is a lifelong resident of the City of Oneida and resides in the City with her fiancé, her three sons, and their daughter.



#### LENNYN MAE HENDERSON

May 9, 2024 7 pounds 4 ounces • 20 inches long

**Congratulations!** 

Brandee DuBois and fiancé Michael Henderson

# WE ARE HIRING WE ARE HIRING WE ARE HIRING

Join Our Team!

## CITY OF ONEIDA

#### POSITIONS AVAILABLE



City Manager



- Director of Planning
- Summer Laborer
- Seasonal Lifeguard
  - Water Maintenance Worker
  - WWTP Maintenance Mechanic



www.oneidacityny.gov 315-363-2022, Ext. 133 jkaiser@oneidacityny.gov 109. N. Main St., Oneida

## 2024 ROAD PROGRAM

MILLING OF STREETS UNDER THIS YEAR'S PROGRAM COMMENCED ON MAY 6. RESIDENTS CAN EXPECT MINOR INCONVENIENCES, BUT TRAFFIC WILL BE ALLOWED, AND SAFETY WILL BE ENSURED!

The following streets are being milled:

- Elizabeth Street from Sands Street to Main Street
- Earl Ave. from Oxford Street to Seneca Ave.
- Leonard St. from Oxford Street to Seneca Ave.
- Hunt Valley Road -
  - from Stoneleigh Road to Driftwood Drive
  - from Cedarcrest Lane to Patio Circle Drive
- Sugar Lane from Patio Circle Drive to Valley View Drive
- Valley View from Sayles Street to the end
- Deerfield Drive from Genesee Street to Evergreen Valley Drive
- Foxwood Terrace from Deerfield Drive to end
- Evergreen Valley from Deerfield Drive to end
- Lake Street from Almond Street to Sconondoa Street
- Sconondoa Street from Lake Street to Wilson Street
- Madison Street from Main Street to Lake Street
- North Broad Street from St Joseph Place to Elm Street
- Allen St. from North Street to North Broad Street
- Sylvan Street -

ROAD

- $\circ~$  from Earl Ave. to Cleveland Ave.
- from Cleveland Ave. to Belmont Ave.
- Belmont Ave. from Seneca Street to end
- McGuire Street from Willow Street to North Street

ROAD CLOSEI

• Willow Street - from Ridge Road to Elm Street

# GREEN WASTE DROP OFF

Monday-Thurs. 7:30-2:30pm Friday 7:30-10:00am First road after Hanifins on Route 5 -right hand side

#### WHAT YOU CAN BRING



- Grass clippings & leaves
- 🖊 Plant debris
- $\checkmark$

Single woody branches (.5-6" in diameter. Spikes, hooks and metal objects must be removed.

#### **CONTACT US**

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MORE INFORMATION 315.363.7222



## **MID YORK 2-1-1**



211 Mid-York makes it easier to find answers to solve life's problems. Professional telecounselors are ready to talk with you 24/7, 365 days of the year or you can search their website. They provide the most comprehensive listing of health and human services resources in Madison, Oneida, and Herkimer counties. They are your community connection, providing answers and assistance so you can take action.

#### WWW.211MIDYORK.ORG



## FARMERS MARKET Tuesdays from 2:00pm to 6:00pm June 4, 2024-August 27, 2024

Discover fresh seasonal produce, flowers, artisan bread, pastries, baked goods, maple products, poultry, beef, pork, lamb, eggs, wool and yarn products, jams and jellies, soaps, jewelry, home décor, handcrafted wooden and metal items, and much more!

#### **MADISON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY** 435 Main Street, Oneida

#### **More information**

**℃** 315-363-4136 ⊕ <u>www.mchs1900.org</u>



## JOIN IN THE FUN!

#### Register Today! Click Below

For Scavenger Hunt Tickets

For Vendors-Stores-Restaurants-Garage Sales

## Oneida City-Wide Garage Sale is now...

# Oneida Thu

June 7, 8 & 9 Oneida, NY

Register to take part in our city-wide sale from the link in the description and Presented by... Hapqy Interview of the participate in the Destination Thrift Scavenger Hunt!

## **GLENWOOD RODEO**



Come down for dinner and enjoy some of the best food trucks CNY has to offer. With a variety of food there is no better place to get what you want for dinner on Tuesday nights. This event will run every Tuesday in May and June, so get it while it's hot and fresh!!

Food trucks include It's a Utica Thing, Soup'R Smash Bros, Callé Tropical, The Baked Potato Express, Carvel, and many more! **GLENWOOD PLAZA** 

## REMEMBERING ONEIDA'S DOWNTOWN: WALKING TOURS

Join the Oneida Public Library, Oneida City Historian & Madison County Historian this summer to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of OPL with walking tours of Downtown Oneida.

 Main Street, Oneida, N.Y.

 Junge 8th

 July 13th

 July 13th



#### THE GORMAN FOUNDATION

Located at 1081 Northside Shopping Center, the Gorman Foundation is committed to improving the quality of life for present and future generations. Through grants, they have helped numerous tax-exempt organizations, and in select cases, special projects sponsored by governmental agencies.

Visit<u>gormanfoundation.org</u> for more information.



At Karing Kitchen they offer an environment where anyone can come as they are and feel comfortable, have someone to talk to, a shoulder to cry on, and someone who cares for them. Karing Kitchen is about "providing a nutritious hot meal, ensuring food security and advocating for a person's rights and responsibilities." says Coordinator Melissa King. 116 W. Grove St.

#### City of Oneida

## We Appreciate You

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#### • ONEIDA PUBLIC LIBRARY

Under the leadership of Director Michele Ryan and Librarian Ariel Bero, along with their dedicated staff, the Oneida Library has evolved into a vibrant center that \* caters to people of all ages. In addition to providing traditional library services like • reading and research, the library now offers a wide range of events and programs. These include various classes, • a dedicated Teen Lounge, and Tech Help services, among others, making it a dynamic hub for the community. Visit www.oneidapublicbibrary.org for

• more information.

#### ONEIDA YMCA



Not every city is fortunate to have a YMCA. The Mission of the Y is to put Christian principles into practice through programs that build a healthy spirit, mind and body for all. They offer Archery, aquatics, youth sports and fitness, child care, and so much more. Join today, and become a healthier you! Located at 701 Seneca St., they offer state of the art equipment, experienced instructors and affordable memberships for all ages and circumstances.

Visit <u>www.ymcatrivalley.org</u>

## THANK YOU



Ironside Funeral Home 342 Main St.



Campbell Dean Funeral Home 260 Main St.

#### TO THOSE WHO CARE FOR US AND OUR FAMILIES IN OUR TIME OF NEED



Coolican-McSweeney & Paul Funeral Home 322 Washington Ave.



#### Fiore Funeral Home 303 Main St.



Can we just take a moment to thank our Funeral Directors and their staff. To let them know how much they are appreciated. At our most vulnerable time, when we are lost, sad, confused and scared-they take over and help ease the pain. They take care of

things we can't. They are the most caring, compassionate people I know, and one thing I do know-I could not do what they do every day.

# What's New VELCOMES

# THE BLIND SOURREL PUB



#### 161 PHELPS ST.

The former Ivy Grill/Bec's has new owners and a new look. Thanks to Dave and Leigh Ann Stirpe for investing in Oneida! It looks amazing!

#### SHOP LOCAL



#### SROKA'S SERVICE CENTER

Located at 142 Lenox Ave., Sroka's has been in business since 1994. They offer 24 hour roadside service, mobile service, and truck and trailer repair. They also are a leading tire dealer for the retail and commercial markets around Oneida.



Passion Nails & Spa 403 Lenox Ave.

Passion Nails is a full service nail and spa that offers manicures, pedicures and waxing services. Having recently moved to their new location, they are bigger and better to serve you.



Love Your Pet 186 Madison St.

Sue Mills is a loving and competent pet groomer who takes pride in what she does. Currently, she takes appointments only and has been called one of the best around!

#### **ONEIDA MUSIC COMPANY**

Located at 135 Genesee St. They are a music store that has supported our local community and surrounding area since 1962 and under the current owner since 1979. They specialize in instrument repair and accessory sales.





TNJ 5 Cent Return 116 W. Elm St.

Located in downtown Oneida, this bottle and can recycling center is convenient and comes with many positive reviews. Known for being fast and friendly, stop in today!



#### ONEIDA SUZUKI 434 Lenox Ave.

Oneida Suzuki, owned and operated by the Cianfrocco family since 1965 is a top Suzuki Motorcycle, ATV, and Scooter Parts and Accessory Dealer. They have apparel and gift certificates too!



#### FINISH LINE AUTOS 200 Lenox Ave.

"At Finishline Autos, we are committed to making car buying a hassle-free experience. We offer Guaranteed Credit Approval to get you into the car of your dreams."

#### **TWIST II** 1121 Glenwood Ave.

Twist II has 24 flavors of Hershey's hard ice cream, along with soft serve Vanilla, Chocolate and Chocolate/Vanilla twist. Their menu also includes shakes, flurries, specialty sundaes, hamburgers, Hoffman hotdogs and homemade fries.



## SHOP

LOCAL



**ONEIDA SERVICE CENTER** 

107 LENOX AVE., ONEIDA

Oneida Service Center is your one-stop for all your automotive and truck maintenance and repair needs In Oneida, NY, and surrounding areas.



#### 1104 NORTHSIDE SHOPPING CENTER

Dog daycare and boarding, as well as pet sitting services are available at Club Meadow. Great location, clean facility and positive reviews!



402 LENOX AVE., ONEIDA

With a team of skilled technicians, they offer a wide range of services including computer repair, network troubleshooting, web design, and online marketing.



#### STEVE'S KWIK CHANGE

#### 215 BROAD ST., ONEIDA

"I will never bring my car anywhere else ever again. Very reasonable prices and friendly people! Highly recommended if you want honest and reasonable services." By a reviewer

### REMEMBER DAVE'S MARKET

Recently resident Justin Bender posted a picture of a very familiar face that generated over 500 likes and over 150 comments. It brought back many childhood memories for me and for many others. Dave Foster and his market spanned generations. Dave is one of those people that touched many lives and his market was a special haven for all. My father worked there when Mario owned it, and I still remember those days and Dave to this day! Thank you Dave for being such a great person and inspiration. We miss you and are glad you are doing well!











#### **A LETTER FROM DAVE** Written by Dave Foster

I had a paper route with 3 stores on the street. Mario offered me a job, I said "sounds good, I'll ask my mom." I went into Ralph Perricone's, and he offered me a job 5 minutes later. I chose Mario and worked there for 5 years while in school. After I got out of the service, Mario offered me a job as manager. I accepted and doubled the business in less than a year. Then he offered to sell the business, as he wanted to get into the insurance business. I accepted, and within one week, I got married and bought the store and a wholesale business.

After 45 years, I said that's enough of the grocery business and moved to Virginia Beach to be a realtor. That didn't work, so I ended up at Trader Joe's. I found out they ran their store with the same philosophy I ran my store, and 15 years later, I am still there. All I ever knew was Oneida. I know almost everyone in town and out. The rules that hold you back as an employee do not apply. What does apply is if your job doesn't succeed (make money), you'll be back on the job market.

Running the business is one thing, taking care of the business as a business is another. Learn that part before you buy. Without the people, not called customers, but people, you have no business. Treat them like friends, treat them like relatives. If they only see one smile, let it be yours. But never treat them like a customer, because every large business does that.

I wasn't going to stay at Trader Joes, but they ran it like my business- customer service, quality products, and prices within reason (they did better than I did.) I think that the largest reason we do so well is the personal contact with positive people to help them in the store. How many stores do that today?

I miss all of my friends and people who came to my store. No, I won't re-open my store. That time has passed, and I don't want to work 50-60 hours a week. Some time this year, I am going to bring the pictures I used to have in my store, set up a table on the City Hall front lawn, and you can come back and have pictures. Remember everything that ever was, was first a dream on the other side. I do miss Oneida!

## GARBAGE REMOVAL SERVICES FOR ONEIDA

363-3755	AJT LLC 1060 Cobb St., Oneida
245-1717	Bliss Environmental P.O. Box 135-Camden
369-6740	Stackhouse Sanitation LLC P.O. Box 416, Oneida
426-6771	Syracuse Haulers 6223 Thompson Rd., Syracuse
361-0106	T.K.M. Transport Inc. 5769 State Rt. 46, Durhamville
233-0959	Waste Management of NY LLC 4521 Steelway Blvd. N, Liverpool

The companies listed above are licensed in the City of Oneida. For more information, please visit <u>www.oneidacityny.gov/community/page/trash-haulers</u>



## CITY OF ONEIDA

Listed below are phone numbers that are frequently requested through our office.

O1	Chamber of Commerce	363-4300
02	Madison County Department of Motor Vehicles	366-2251
03	Madison County Historical Society	363-4136
04	Oneida City Court	266-4740
05	Oneida City Hospital	363-6000
06	Oneida Police Department	363-2323
07	Oneida Post Office	363-4210
08	Oneida Public Library	363-3050
09	Parks & Recreation Department	363-3590
10	Paxton Memorials (Saint Patrick's Cemetery)	697-9461

#### NOTES:

The Oneida City Court is located in the Justice Center at 108 Main St (old Herb Philipson's building). They are open Monday-Friday 8:30am-4:30pm and are closed for lunch from 12:30 to 1:30pm daily. You can also email them at: <u>oneidacitycourt@nycourts.gov</u>

Please note the Court is in the Justice Center, across the street from City Hall-Main St. entrance. They are no longer located in City Hall.

