



MAY NEWSLETTER

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MAY MEETINGS

MAY 7, 2024
COMMON COUNCIL
6:30 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MAY 8, 2024
RECREATION
COMMITTEE
6:30 PM
REC CENTER

MAY 14, 2024
WATER BOARD
3:30 PM
WATER DEPARTMENT

MAY 14, 2024
PLANNING COMM.
6:00 PM
CITY HALL BASEMENT

MAY 21, 2024
COMMON COUNCIL
6:30 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

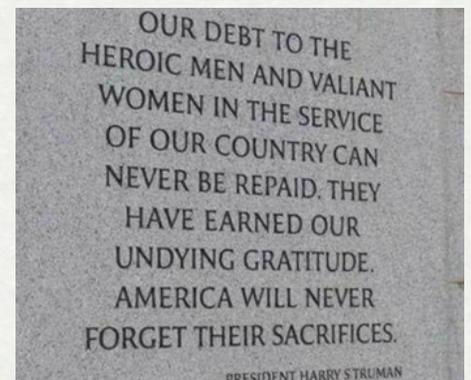
CITY OF ONEIDA

The Memorial Day Parade will be Friday, May 24th, with the ceremony starting at 6:30pm at Triangle Park, and the parade following at 7:00pm. For more information and updates, and how to participate, please visit the Oneida Memorial Association's Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/OneidaMemorialDayParade>



Please join us in honoring and mourning all of the U.S. military personnel who died while serving in the United States Armed Forces, including Oneida's Fallen Heroes.



109 N. MAIN ST., ONEIDA, NY 13421



**MAYOR
RICK ROSSI**

Moving Oneida Forward!

GOALS

- *Bring Business to Oneida*
- *Downtown Revitalization*
- *Transforming the Flats to a Recreation Hub*

**ASK HOW YOU
CAN HELP!**



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FIRE DEPARTMENT



SCOTT JONES FIRE CHIEF

WHAT WE OFFER:



CPR TRAINING

We are looking into offering CPR training. If interested, please call 363-1910.



SMOKE DETECTORS

Smoke Detectors save lives. See the page below for more information on how to install and test them!



FIRE SAFETY

The Fire Department Page on the City website is loaded with information on Fire Safety. Visit: www.oneidacityny.gov today!



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109 N. MAIN ST.



315.363.1910



INSTALLING SMOKE DETECTORS

- Choose smoke alarms that have the label of a recognized testing laboratory.
- Install smoke alarms inside each bedroom, outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home, including the basement.
- On levels without bedrooms, install alarms in the living room (or den or family room) or near the stairway to the upper level, or in both locations.
- Smoke alarms installed in the basement should be installed on the ceiling at the bottom of the stairs leading to the next level.
- Smoke alarms should be installed at least 10 feet (3 meters) from a cooking appliance to minimize false alarms when cooking.
- Mount smoke alarms high on walls or ceilings (remember, smoke rises). Wall-mounted alarms should be installed not more than 12 inches away from the ceiling (to the top of the alarm).
- If you have ceilings that are pitched, install the alarm within 3 feet of the peak but not within the apex of the peak (four inches down from the peak).

TESTING SMOKE DETECTORS

- Smoke alarms should be maintained according to manufacturer's instructions.
- Test smoke alarms at least once a month using the test button.
- Make sure everyone in the home understands the sound of the smoke alarm and knows how to respond.
- Follow manufacturer's instructions for cleaning to keep smoke alarms working well. The instructions are included in the package or can be found on the internet.
- Smoke alarms with non-replaceable 10-year batteries are designed to remain effective for up to 10 years. If the alarm chirps, warning that the battery is low, replace the entire smoke alarm right away.
- Smoke alarms with any other type of battery need a new battery at least once a year. If that alarm chirps, warning the battery is low, replace the battery right away.
- When replacing a battery, follow manufacturer's list of batteries on the back of the alarm or manufacturer's instructions. Manufacturer's instructions are specific to the batteries (brand and model) that must be used. The smoke alarm may not work properly if a different kind of battery is used.

911 ADVERTISING

911 addressing is an imperative part of the Oneida Fire Department's response to emergencies throughout the City of Oneida. Proper addressing allows the Fire Department to quickly identify the location of the emergency and render aid. 911 addressing shall be legible and visible from the street. The numbers shall contrast with the background and shall not be spelled out. Each number shall be at least 4 inches tall and have a minimum stroke width of ½ inch. If your building cannot be viewed from the public way, other means shall be used to identify the structure.

ANNUAL BRUSH BURNING BAN IS IN EFFECT UNTIL MAY 14, 2024

Office of the CITY CLERK



Sandy LaPera
City Clerk



Monique Ludwig
Deputy Clerk



In March, we welcomed new Deputy City Clerk, Monique Ludwig to our team. Monique, her husband Nick, and twins Alex and Samantha (Sam) reside in Oneida. She comes to us from BNY Mellon and is doing great in her new role here at the City!

Spring is a time when many get married or are preparing to get married. A marriage license must be purchased at least 24 hours prior to getting married in NYS and is good for 60 days. A marriage license can be purchased at most municipalities in the State of New York, and the marriage has to take place in the State of New York. We do marriage licenses by appointment only, so please call ahead to schedule.

We are still looking for vendors for Fall Fest! Please email me today for an application. Non-profits are free, and all other vendors are \$25 for a booth (15 x 15). Each year, we are getting bigger and better, so if you or someone you know is interested, please apply!

315-363-4800, Ext. 128
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HUNTING & FISHING LICENSES

We are a licensed vendor for the State of New York to sell Hunting and Fishing Licenses. Please bring your driver's license with you and any other documentation you might need.

The fees vary and will be determined at the time of purchase.

LANDFILL COUPONS

We sell coupons for the Madison County Landfill for \$20 per card. Each card has 5 hole punches. Please call 315.361.8408 for more information.

WE ARE HIRING

OPEN POSITIONS

- City Manager
- Seasonal Lifeguard
- Motor Equipment Operator
- WWTP Maintenance Mechanic

Contact:

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JESSICA KAISER

Deputy Comptroller-Executive Secretary to the
Civil Service Commission

“THE ONEIDA”

Hotel Oneida Update



CHRIS HENRY

Director of Planning & Development

WHAT'S NEW!

The City is in the process of working through the survey and abstract for the subdivision of public parking at the corner of Lenox Ave and Cedar Street. This subdivision will involve conveying 22 parking spots to the Oneida Hotel development team. Additionally, as part of our commitment to enhancing accessibility, the Oneida Hotel development team will develop a new parking lot that will contain 30-40 parking spots along Cedar Street, extending towards Linden Street. This strategic allocation of parking spaces aims to support the continued growth and vibrancy of our downtown area, ensuring convenience for residents, visitors, and businesses alike.

Friday | 3rd May | 2024

JOIN US FOR

ARBOR DAY

CELEBRATION

LET'S COME TOGETHER TO PROTECT OUR PLANET
AND CREATE A GREENER, HEALTHIER FUTURE FOR
GENERATIONS TO COME

1:30pm — Finish

ACTIVITIES:

- Introduction
- Proclamation
- Environmental Awareness Talks
- Tree City USA explanation

131 N. Willow-Harmon Field

315.363-3590 For more information



FALL Festival

MUSIC-FOOD-FUN

OCTOBER 5, 2024 11:00AM-4:00PM

MOTT STREET, ONEIDA

Vendors Needed! Apply today to
reserve a booth.

SLAPERA@ONEIDACITYNY.GOV



SENIORS MATTER

Maria Curley

Almost everyone in Oneida has been blessed to know the Curley family who has called Oneida home for over 57 years. Matriarch Maria turned 90 this year and is still active in the lives of her 6 children and her 10 grandchildren. Maria Curley, co-founder of Present Company Productions, an Oneida-based theater company, has directed and produced biannual dinner theater productions for 39 consecutive years.



Q & A With Mrs. Curley

What brought you to Oneida?

Her late husband, Robert W. Curley, was Bureau Chief for the Post Standard and Syracuse Herald Journal and accepted a job in Oneida.

What do you love most about Oneida?

The houses were beautiful and there were a lot of things to do, especially for the kids. People still have the kindness and compassion we love in a small town.

What would you like to see improved in Oneida?

For a long time there has been talk about assisted living, and many had to move out of Oneida for this. She would like to see something closer to home—a safe place for the older population to thrive. If you had any advice for the younger generation, what would it be?

“Look left and look right and see what you can do to help.” Try to raise your family right and be there for your children. Follow your heart and try to talk to each other face to face and heart to heart instead of texting! Keep plugging away and work at what you love to do in life, while in the meantime earning your bread and butter. Follow your dreams and your heart, and just keep on going to reach your goals. All that we can do is our best. And I thank God for this every day.



CONNIE TAYLOR

Q & A With Mrs. Taylor

What brought you to Oneida?

At the age of 6-7, my parents bought a small farm at 5 Corners. I walked to the schoolhouse on the hill in Wampsville.

What do you love most about Oneida?

My whole family lives here, and years ago there were many shops. You never had to go far to get what you needed.

What would you like to see improved in Oneida?

Bring back the shops!

If you had any advice for the younger generation, what would it be?

Life goes fast, be good to your family and friends.



Some people leave an impact on your life. They are people you always remember. Connie Taylor is one of those people. I first met her at Turning Stone Casino when she got on stage with the Beadle Brothers (my husband played lead guitar) who sang her a happy birthday song and again at my sister's Christmas Eve party, where she grabbed her guitar and sang old country music with my husband. She has that beautiful, soulful, crisp, voice that one would never forget. Always putting her family first, Connie and her late husband David raised a beautiful family, and at age 89, she is still singing and playing her guitar and the piano too!



COUNCILOR-WARD 1

JIM SZCZERBA

Jim Szczerba has lived in Oneida since 1988 and is happily married with 2 beautiful daughters. As Councilor, he ran on the premise of helping anyone in his ward who called upon him with an issue, regardless of party affiliation. He worked with the Codes Director to restructure the fee schedule of building permits to make it a fair price for all and opposes the Wind Turbine Project.

Councilor Szczerba owns a recruiting agency and works part-time at NYSOPWDD. He also is an umpire for girls softball!



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GOALS

- Keep a lid on taxes
- Continue to refuse Albany's request to make Oneida a Sanctuary City
- Turnaround prior policies and procedures
- Continue to move Oneida forward



MEET MARY CAVANAGH

“I have been fortunate to serve Oneida residents at the county level since 2018, and it’s one of the most rewarding positions. As supervisors, we make important decisions that are in the best interest of the entire city, keeping all of the residents at top of mind.

At the county, I serve as the chairwoman of the Health and Human Services Committee. This role is important to me, because H & HS is responsible for the administration and oversight of youth services, Veterans Affairs, Office of the Aging, Compliance, and Public Mental Health Services to name a few.

I am also a current member and previous chairwoman of the Government Operations Committee. My goal is to attend every committee meeting (Solid Waste & Recycling, Criminal Justice, Planning, Highway and Finance) to stay informed by hearing directly from department heads and our County Administrator. I feel the more present I am at the county, the more I can build on current relationships and stay most involved for the residents of Oneida.

At the state level, I serve as a member of the Intergovernmental Affairs Committee which meets twice a year at NYSAC (NYS Association of Counties) conferences to vote on important resolutions that affect all 62 counties in NYS. Attending NYSAC is another way to remain informed and build valuable relationships with leaders across the state. I am also a member of the Madison County Board of Health and the Corporate Compliance Committee at the county.

I consider myself to be a problem solver, so if you are ever faced with an issue or just want to chat and catch up on what’s going on at the county, please reach out to me anytime! I love hearing from residents, and I am truly honored to serve you.”

Mary is a lifelong resident of Oneida. She has 3 grown children and is happily married to her husband Peter.



SUPERVISOR-WARDS 1-2-3



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For Immediate Release

April 4, 2024

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Join the Madison County Veterans Service Agency For Their Fourth Annual 22KM Awareness Hike

Wampsville, NY – The Madison County Veterans Service Agency (MCVSA) is hiking 22 kilometers to raise awareness about veteran suicide for the fourth consecutive year. The hike will take place on May 11, 2024 (rain date May 18) along a route that departs from the WAVEM Memorial in Wampsville, through Oneida and Canastota, and ends back at the memorial. MCVSA invites anyone willing and physically able to hike to join them, regardless of veteran status.



The number 22 represents the number of veterans that take their own lives daily. Although that number has decreased in recent years, the fact remains that even one veteran lost to suicide is one too many. The MCVSA 22KM Awareness Hike is also to honor all of the service members currently deployed around the world. Currently, there are over 500,000 military members deployed to 14 other countries.

MCVSA provides a variety of services to local veterans and their families. Earlier this year the agency moved into their new Veterans Community Center at 1065 Northside Plaza in the City of Oneida. The Community Center is thanks to funding from the PFC Joseph P. Dwyer Peer Support Program and the Gorman Foundation.

As the name implies, the hike will be 22 kilometers or 13.6 miles. Participants depart from the WAVEM Memorial in Wampsville and hike along a pre-determined route through both Oneida and Canastota, before circling back to the WAVEM Memorial. There are several stops along the way for people to hop on and off the hike.

If you are interested in joining the 2024 MCVSA 22KM Awareness Hike, you can register free of charge ahead of time by calling 315-366-2395 or the morning of the hike between 8:00 AM and 9:00 AM in the Madison County Office Complex parking lot. The hike will then kickoff at 9:00 AM from the Madison County WAVEM Memorial at 138 N Court St, Wampsville, NY 13163.

Participants are not required to complete the entire 22 kilometers. For more information contact (315) 366-2395.

If you are a veteran in crisis or are concerned about one, help is just a phone call away - Veterans Crisis Line 1-800-273-8255 or text 838255. For more information about the Madison County Veterans Service Agency go to <https://www.madisoncounty.ny.gov/169/Veterans-Service-Agency>.

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MADISON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

435 MAIN ST.

315.363.4136



“The Madison County Historical Society’s mission is to preserve, collect, promote and exhibit the history of Madison County and its fifteen towns and one city through the development of programs and events that enhance the county’s heritage for the people of Madison County and those studying the county’s heritage.” Sydney Loftus and those working and volunteering for the Historical Society are greatly appreciated for all they do, and we are fortunate to have them in our City!

From the weekly Farmer’s Market, to the annual Craft and Hop Festivals, the Historical Society is a big part of our community. They also offer museum tours and assistance with historical research. Call or visit them if you are interested in the county’s rich history or support their many events.

315-363-4136

www.mchs1900.org

10th Annual
**Cottage Lawn
Farmers' Market**

2024 Summer
June 4 - August 27

Tuesdays, 2 - 6 pm
Madison County Historical Society
435 Main Street, Oneida

CONTACT US
FOR AN
APPLICATION

Contact us to become a sponsor of this community event!
www.mchsfarmersmarket.org
history@mchs1900.org
315.363.4136

10th Annual
Cottage Lawn Farmers' Market
2024



GREATER ONEIDA

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

CONTACT US



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PO Box 145
Oneida

- **Jennie Chapin**
President
- **Sara Park**
Vice President
- **Maria Schmitt**
Treasurer



Join Today!

The Greater Oneida Chamber of Commerce is a non-profit partnership of businesses, community organizations and individuals working together to create a strong area economy and to improve the quality of life for the Greater Oneida area.

From Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies to Business After Hour gatherings, the Chamber helps you build your business. New member photos are sent to Social Media and local newspapers, as well as many other benefits of being a part of this great organization!

SAVE THE DATE!

DERBY DAY

MAY 18TH-VERNON DOWNS

www.oneidachamberny.org

office@oneidachamberny.org

BENEFITS OF A CHAMBER MEMBERSHIP



Make new business contacts



Free marketing by email blast to over 400 contacts, as well as on Social Media



Networking Opportunities; Free Virtual and Live Events



Discounts from other business members;
Community Involvement; Increased Visibility



Credibility-being a part of a Chamber increases credibility by 80%



Possibility of being Member of the Month or receive other annual awards given by the Chamber



Possibility of tax deductions-you might be able to deduct membership fees as allowable business expenses

BUSINESS IN ONEIDA



KAY REAL ESTATE

Owner Kay Marvin established Kay Real Estate in 1983. Joined by her daughters Janet Mautner, Julie Stickels, and Jayne Wentworth, together they are the Kay Team. Their business continues to grow with additional salespeople/staff and serves Oneida, Canastota, VVS and surrounding areas.

Their mission has always been to provide “superior, honest, and reliable service.”

126 MAIN ST.

HAPPY HOUNDS DOGGIE DAYCARE

Happy Hounds Doggie Daycare & Boarding offers a large indoor and outdoor facility with small dog and large dog play groups & cage free boarding.

703 STONE ST.



AUTO FINISHERS SUPPLY CO.



Located at 125 Oneida St., Auto Finishers Supply Company is a family-owned and operated automotive jobber that has been serving customers in New York State since 1937.

SMITH'S DECORATING



Smith's Flooring & Paint Center, located at 773 Lenox Ave. is a one stop shop for your flooring and painting needs. They also sell custom window treatments and serve the Oneida and surrounding area. See how you can transform your home today!

THANK YOU FOR CHOOSING ONEIDA

KITCHEN CONCEPTS & DESIGN

767 LENOX AVE.

Mark Mutz, owner of Kitchen Concepts & Design has been in business for over 20 years and specializes in kitchen and interior design that features beautiful Wood-Mod. Mark is an Oneida native, who moved his business to Oneida from Rome in 2022.



U.S.A. BARBER SCHOOL

115 E. RAILROAD ST.

Looking for a career as a barber or just in need of a good old haircut? Look no further than USA Barber School. Run by a father-son team, USA Barber School offers classic barber techniques combined with contemporary trends. In addition to providing top-notch haircuts, they will also be offering classes to learn this great skill. The first class begins on July 1st, so be sure to submit your application now to reserve your spot!

ONEIDA NAIL & SPA

177 MAIN ST.

Oneida Nail & Spa is a full service nail salon that offers manicures and pedicures. Walk-ins welcome, as well as appointments.



SHOP LOCAL

ANDY'S TOW SERVICE

110 CEDAR ST.



Owner Andy Parent offers professional tow service at reasonable rates.

KELLY'S HAIR DESIGN

730 LENOX AVE.

Owners Kelly Kiehn and Kelly Kearney work with men, women and children offering cuts, color, highlighting, waxing and more. Great atmosphere and perfect location!



MC-NAILS

240 MAIN ST.

MC-Nails is under new ownership and is a full service nail salon conveniently located on Main Street.



BELLA VITA Cafe

BELLA VITA Cafe

COMING SOON!



NEW TRENDS
NAILS & BEAUTY

Located at 157 Cedar St, this new upscale salon offers Mani's, Pedi's, eyelash extensions and more!

Walk-ins welcome, as well as appointments-call or stop in today!

THE YELLOW HOUSE NY

The Yellow House NY just purchased Bella Vita and is a homestead based business, specializing in small batch jams, jellies, fruit pies, and baked goods. They also offer handmade and upcycled home goods and decorations. With new owners and a new menu, exciting things are coming soon!



Nicole Dejean and her husband, Heath Perry, run D.N.A. Tacos, a culinary delight that combines American, Mexican, and Puerto Rican flavors. The food truck offers seasonal dishes from March to October, and is available for special events year-round. Dejean's Puerto Rican heritage is incorporated into the dishes, and they support local charities. They can be found at the Gorman Foundation during summer hours.



ONEIDA AMERICAN LEGION

398 N. MAIN STREET

Caring for our Veterans

