



CITY OF ONEIDA

NEWSLETTER

Overnight Parking

Please be advised that from October 16, 2024 until April 14, 2025, overnight parking is not allowed per §180-21 of the Oneida City Code. For more information, please click [HERE](#).

Police and Fire Departments

Thank you to the City of Oneida Police and Fire Departments for your continuous efforts to protect and serve our community. While much of what you do often goes unnoticed, the behind-the-scenes work is vital to ensuring the smooth and efficient operation of your departments. Your dedication does not go unappreciated!



MEET OUR

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSIONER

DAVID JONES

Dave Jones was sworn in as Public Safety Commissioner overseeing the Police and Fire Departments. He was appointed to the position by Mayor Rick Rossi and is currently serving a 2-year term.

Commissioner Jones has over 35 years of service in law enforcement and retired as a Detective from the City of Syracuse. While at the Syracuse Police Department, Commissioner Jones was a Detective in the Special Investigations Division with collateral assignments, including SWAT team member and DEA Narcotics Task Force Agent. Commissioner Jones is currently employed as an Investigator with the United States Courts, Northern District of New York.

"My goals for the Public Safety Departments in the City of Oneida include assisting both the Fire and Police Departments to continue their professional service to the public; bring their training to the highest levels; and provide them with the necessary skills and equipment to ensure that our police officers and firefighters, as well as citizens of Oneida, are safe. I believe in a positive and complimentary management style. I have had some of the best supervisors over my career, and they made me a better employee. I hope to embrace that style with both Chiefs of the Public Safety Departments."





MEETING AGENDA

NOVEMBER - 2024

06 **Common Council** **Council Chambers**
6:30 p.m.

07 **Budget Work Session** **Council Chambers**
5:00 p.m. **DPW/Water-Sewer**

12 **Water Board** **Water Department**
3:30 p.m.
Budget Work Session **Council Chambers**
5:00 p.m. **Police/Fire**
Planning Board **Basement**
6:00 p.m.

13 **Budget Work Session** **Council Chambers**
5:00 p.m. **All other Departments**

14 **Budget Work Session** **Council Chambers**
5:00 p.m. **Tentative Meeting if needed**

19 **Common Council** **Council Chambers**
6:30 p.m.



JOIN

OUR

TEAM

Open Positions:

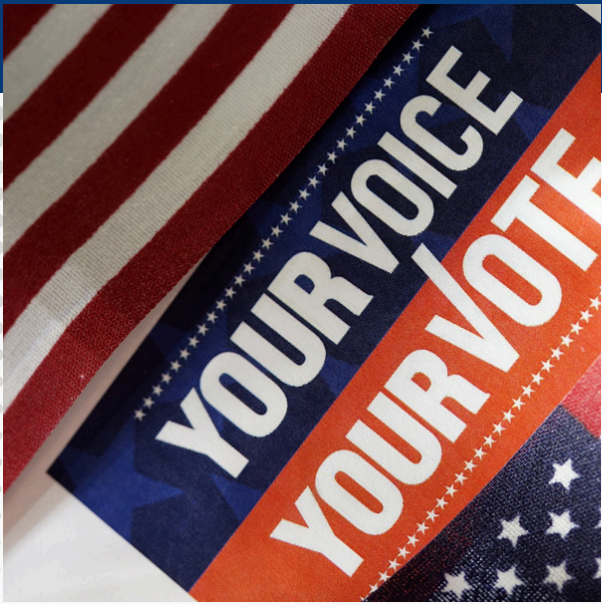
- Planning Director
- Deputy Comptroller
- Water Superintendent
- Senior Account Clerk
(Police Dept.)

MORE INFORMATION



oneidacityny.gov/jobs

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ELECTION DAY

The regular meeting of the Common Council normally scheduled for November 5th has been re-scheduled to November 6th due to Election Day.

BUDGET TIME!

Deputy Mayor Steve Laureti, has announced that the Special Budget Meetings (also known as work sessions) will be held on November 7, November 12, 13 and possibly the 14th if needed. They start at 5pm- Common Council Chambers, and the public is welcome to attend; however, these meetings will not have public comment.

The budget will be received and placed on file November 6th, with the Public Hearing on November 19th. The Council will vote on the adoption of the 2025 Budget at the first meeting in December, which is December 3rd.

“My hometown, first and foremost, it’s one of the most beautiful places I’ve ever seen.”

Joe Harris



The City of Oneida Justice Center is located at 108 Main Street. Their hours are M-F 8:30am to 4:30pm. They are closed from 12:30-1:30 for lunch and all State holidays. For information on court related matters, please call 315-266-4740 or email: oneidacitycourt@nycourts.gov

All visitors must pass through a magnetometer upon entering the courthouse. Traffic Court is held on Tuesdays; Wednesday - Civil, Commercial Claims, Landlord Tenant Court; and Thursday-Criminal Court



GLENMORE DAM

Inspection Frequency	2 Years
Hazard Potential Classification	High
Condition Assessment	Poor
EAP Prepared	Yes

Dam Name	Oneida City Reservoir Dam
Other Name	Glenmore Reservoir
NID ID	NY00421
Federal ID	NY00421
Owner Names	CITY OF ONEIDA
Owner Types	Local Government
Primary Owner Type	Local Government
State or Federal Agency ID	102-0447
Non-Federal Dam on Federal Property	No
State Regulated Dam	Yes
State Jurisdictional Dam	Yes
State Regulatory Agency	NYS DEC
State Permitting Authority	Yes
State Inspection Authority	Yes
State Enforcement Authority	Yes
Source Agency	New York
County Equivalent	Oneida
State	New York
Nearest City	Glenmore
Distance to Nearest City (Miles)	1
River or Stream Name	FLORENCE CREEK
Congressional District	New York, Congressional District 22
Website URL	https://damsafety.org/new-york

Primary Purpose	Water Supply
Purposes	Water Supply
Primary Dam Type	Concrete
Dam Types	Concrete
Dam Height (Ft)	50
NID Height (Ft)	50
NID Height Category	51-100 feet
Dam Length (Ft)	378
Year Completed	1926
Year Completed Category	1920-1929
NID Storage (Acre-Ft)	1420.0
Max Storage (Acre-Ft)	1420.0
Normal Storage (Acre-Ft)	615.0
Surface Area (Acres)	88.0
Drainage Area (Sq Miles)	14.40
Spillway Type	None
Spillway Width (Ft)	70

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GLENMORE DAM

Glenmore Reservoir, on Florence Creek, is the source of water for Oneida. The reservoir, located near Taberg, is approximately twenty miles north of the City. When Glenmore Reservoir was formed in 1926, a 20" pipeline was constructed to convey water to the system of water mains in Oneida that had existed since 1883. This system had earlier been supplied by reservoirs on the south side of the City. In 1980 a water treatment plant was completed at Glenmore with the capacity to supply four million gallons per day of filtered water.

In addition to the City of Oneida, treated water is supplied to the Sherrill-Kenwood District, Durhamville Water District, Prospect Street Water District, the Villages of Wampsville, Oneida Castle, and Vernon, Stockbridge Water District, Taberg Water District, Town of Verona, Skenandoah-Highbridge Water District, and residents along the transmission line.

Glenmore Dam has been in need of repairs for years. The required improvements to the dam include structural stabilization, concrete rehabilitation and repair, the removal of the existing flashboard system, and the existing gunite facing on the downstream face of the dam will be removed and replaced with a concrete overlay with an internal drainage system. This will provide long-term protection to the existing concrete structure, which is deteriorating due to exposure. The dam spillway elevation will be permanently raised to have a safe yield increase of 4 million gallons per day.

City Engineer, Jeff Rowe, advises that there have been recent engineering assessments that have been conducted by consultants that have determined the dam does not have all the required safety features and has a condition rating of 'unsound.' These concerns have been professionally identified by several consultants, and the concern is that if this project doesn't go forward, the Dam could fail — whether it's a catastrophic failure or a partial failure." Should the dam fail, Oneida would not just be left financially responsible for the dam's repair but also for the damage done downstream. Most importantly, a dam failure would jeopardize the City's water supply. The delay in fixing up the Dam was caused by disagreements between the previous governments and the Department of Environmental Conservation. The DEC wanted a guaranteed 200,000 gallons per day of water released downstream during the summer months.

As time goes on, the cost of construction materials increases. Since the first report in 2006, there have been no improvements completed. Rowe said that the original estimate for fixing the Dam was around \$4 million, but now it looks like it will be closer to \$20.56 million. In 2018, the City of Oneida secured an \$8 million bond. However, with the rising costs of construction materials and inflation, approximately another \$12.56 million will be required, bringing the total cost to \$20.56 million.

FOOD TRUCK

INFORMATION



On October 15, the Council approved to reintroduce a Local Law to address new regulations pertaining to Mobile Food Vendors. There will be a Public Hearing on Wednesday, November 6th at 6:30pm.

For a full text of the proposed Local Law, click [here](#) (see Agenda Item No. 2)



CITY OF ONEIDA

POLLING SITES

1. **St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 551 Sayles St**
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3. **Kallet Civic Center, 159 Main St**
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WHAT WARD AM I IN?

City of Oneida Ward Directory

"Our collective power lies in our ability to make our voices heard. The single most effective way to have your voice heard is by voting. Voting is how we hold elected officials accountable for the decisions they are making on our behalf."

If we vote, organize, and fight for the things we believe in, with our numbers, we can effect real change."



MADISON COUNTY

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

**NOVEMBER 5, 2024 GENERAL ELECTION
MADISON COUNTY NY**

****VOTER REGISTRATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BY OCTOBER 26, 2024
TO VOTE IN THIS GENERAL ELECTION**

ABSENTEE/ EARLY MAIL BALLOT: For the November General Election must be:

1. Postmarked on/by November 5th, received by the County Board of Elections no later than November 12th. OR
2. Brought to your County Board of Elections Office no later than November 5th by 9pm. OR
3. Brought to an early voting poll site in your county between October 26th and November 3rd LAST DAY of Early Voting, (see hours & location attached) OR
4. Brought to a poll site in your county on November 5th by 9pm, CLOSE OF POLLS, (drop boxes available at poll sites).

(A designee may deliver your absentee ballot for you.)

ABSENTEE/ EVBM APPLICATION : For the Nov. 5th General Election:

When is your absentee/EVBM ballot application due?

Applications requesting an absentee/EVBM ballot by mail must be received by the board of elections in your county no later than ten days before the election (Oct. 26th)

For absentee ballots to be received in-person, your board must receive the application no later than the day before the election (Nov. 4th).



MADISON COUNTY

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

**NOVEMBER 5, 2024 GENERAL ELECTION- Early Voting
MADISON COUNTY NY**

**Location of Early Voting Site: St Paul's United Methodist Church
551 Sayles Street
Oneida, NY 13421**

Dates & Times:

Sat Oct 26- Sun Oct 27	Polls will be open 9am-5pm
Mon Oct 28	Polls will be open 12pm-8pm
Tues Oct 29	Polls will be open 9am-5pm
Wed Oct 30	Polls will be open 12 pm-8pm
Thu Oct 31	Polls will be open 9am-5pm
Fri Nov 1	Polls will be open 9am-5pm
Sat Nov 2- Sun Nov 3	Polls will be open 9am-5pm

Call Madison County Board of Elections at 315-366-2231 with any questions.

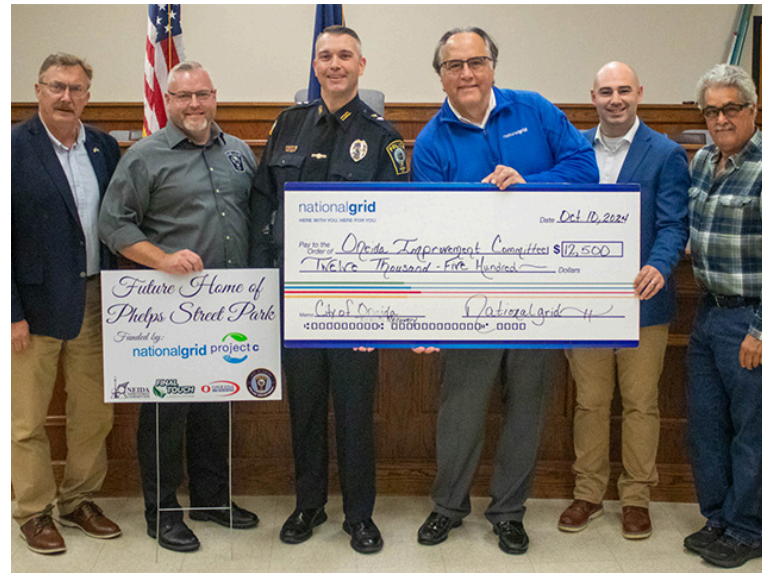
Or visit: <https://www.madisoncounty.ny.gov/3009/Board-of-Elections>

SERVING THE COMMUNITY

Oneida suffered significant damage from the line of thunderstorms that caused the tornadoes on July 16. Working together with the Mayor's office and city police, National Grid donated \$12,500 to the Oneida Improvement Committee, which will work with the city to build a "pocket park" on a vacant lot bordering both Messenger and Phelps Streets. The lot would be cleared and converted into a lit park area for the community to use.

"The pocket park will serve as a valuable gathering place for our community, encouraging outdoor activity, relaxation, and connection with nature," Oneida Mayor Rick Rossi said in a news release. "It's through charitable efforts like this from National Grid that we can continue to make meaningful improvements that benefit everyone, we truly appreciate their support."

courtesy of National Grid



Pictured from left to right are New York State Assemblymember Brian Miller; Sgt. Mike Burgess, City of Oneida Police Department; Chief Steven Lowell, City of Oneida Police Department; Alberto Bianchetti, National Grid Regional Director of Community and External Affairs; Mayor Rick Rossi, City of Oneida; and Joe Magliocca, president, Oneida Improvement Committee.

What is a Pocket Park?

A pocket park is a small public outdoor space, usually no larger than a quarter of an acre, that's designed to serve a community's needs.

Pocket parks are intended to provide a safe and inviting environment for the community, and can be used for a variety of activities, including: Playing, Relaxing, Meeting friends, Taking lunch breaks, and Small events.



FALL FEST 2024



Our 4th Annual Fall Festival was a HUGE success, and we couldn't have done it without you! Many thanks to the organizers, volunteers and vendors, and especially everyone who came and shared your day with us!



MADISON COUNTY

NEWS



YOUTH BUREAU ACCEPTING FUNDING PROPOSALS FOR 2025

The Madison County Youth Bureau is again accepting funding proposals from community-based non-profit organizations, public agencies, and Madison County municipalities in one Request for Proposals (RFP), for four separate and distinct funding streams. Programming must be designed for youth who reside in Madison County. Limited funds are available in each funding stream specific to set age ranges for the delivery of youth services, opportunities and sports.

[For more information](#)

MADISON COUNTY CONNECT

Madison County has partnered with Syracuse Utilities to construct the Madison County Connect Project. We are excited to announce that September 9, 2024 marked the beginning construction of the fiber network with running buried fiber.

The 269 miles of fiber will connect 1,087 unserved addresses, and bring high speed broadband service 6,504 other homes and businesses.

Please visit:

<https://www.madisoncounty.ny.gov/2765/Madison-County-Connect>

ONEIDA HEALTH

Oneida Health recently celebrated 125 years of dedicated service to our community at their Anniversary Celebration Bash at Vernon Downs.



Oneida Health *Birthday Bash Celebration*

SUPPORT THE ONEIDA MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION!



The Oneida Memorial Association is a “Wonderful group of citizens determined to execute one of the best Memorial Day Parade events in Madison County!” We couldn’t agree more! For more information or if you would like to be a part of this wonderful organization, visit:

oneidamemorialassociation.org

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS



**Want to get involved with our group but not sure how?
There are lots of ways!**

We are currently recruiting active volunteers for our committee

**We meet on the 3rd Monday of each month at the Oneida Library at 6 PM
Come talk with us at our next meeting - or contact us!**

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

Call/Text: (315) 440-2064, (315) 525-8689, (315) 527-2774 (text)

Areas where hands-on support are needed:



Work in a
group or on
solo projects



Assist with
transportation to
and from the vet



Group
problem
solving
within the
committee



Help with
Fundraising
activities



Communicate with
neighborhoods,
educate on program,
alert on trapping



Help set
traps,
check
traps



Foster-
either after
surgery or a
potentially
adoptable
cat



Educate the
community
Help create
posters and
program
materials



Donate time
and energy to
the cause

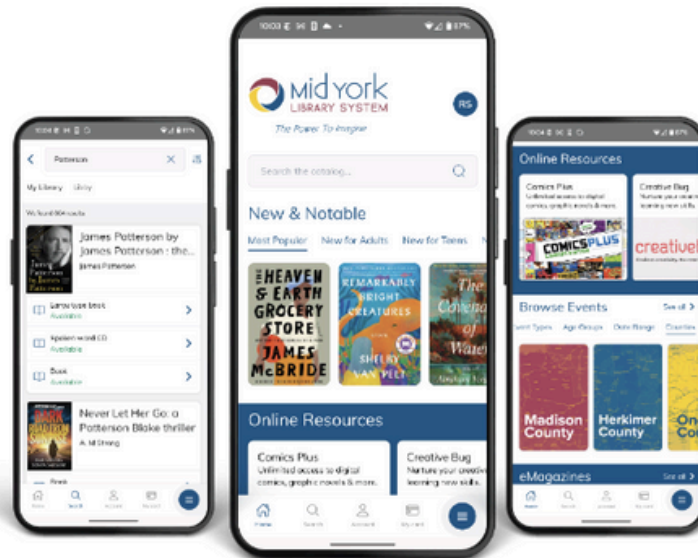




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ONEIDA LIBRARY

UPCOMING EVENTS



DINovember MOVIE MARATHON

Nov. 27
10 am – 3 pm

Join us for family
friendly Dinosaur
movies, puzzles and
coloring pages while
school is out.



459 MAIN STREET- 363-3050

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ONEIDA FAMILY YMCA NOVEMBER EVENTS

**Nov.
7th**

Home Zone Begins

Home school physical education program including Swim, Gym & Music begins on Thursdays from 9-12pm!

**Nov.
7th**

Healthy Food Habits Guest Speaker

FREE and Open to the PUBLIC! Join Personal Trainer Jeff Beam and learn about healthy eating from 6-7pm.

**Nov.
8th**

Fencing for Families Begins

The sport of Fencing is coming to the Oneida Y! Learn the sport for ages 8+ on Fridays at 5pm!

**Nov.
9-11th**

Veterans Day Weekend

In honor of Veteran's Day, military families are welcome to enjoy the Y for FREE all weekend long.

**Nov.
14th**

Reiki with Nichole Guest Speaker

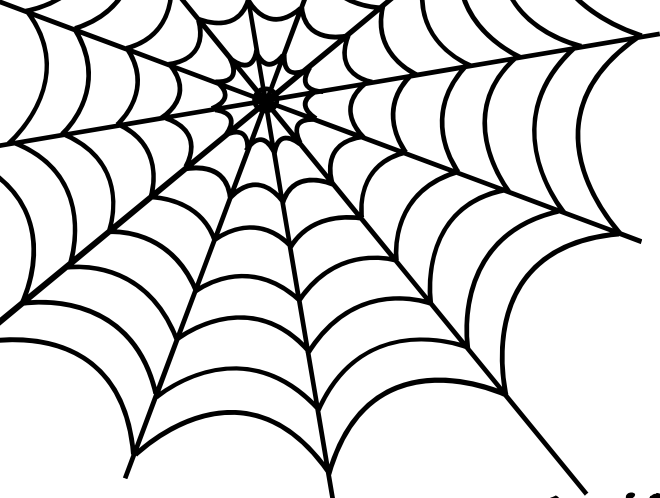
FREE and open to the PUBLIC! Learn more about Reiki and it's health benefits! Runs from 6-7pm!



@YMCATRIVALLEY

**VISIT US ONLINE TO LEARN
MORE ABOUT OUR PROGRAMMING!!**

WWW.YMCATRIVALLEY.ORG



TRICK or treat street

Cleveland Avenue

31 October

Lights, Music, Candy and More!

4:00PM - 7:00PM

Cleveland Avenue will be closed
from Seneca St. to S. Willow in both
directions during those hours .

SAFETY FIRST

