

# On The GO Greater Olean Area CHAMBER of COMMERCE NEWSLETTER

## Member news

### La Voie assumes top role at Olean library

OLEAN — Michelle La Voie recently assumed the role of director of the Olean Public Library. La Voie started on June 1 following the retirement of Lance Chaffee.

"Public libraries are extremely rewarding places to work in terms of the wide range of patrons they serve. This includes people of all ages, ethnic and racial backgrounds, income levels, educational attainment, and areas of interest," La Voie said.

"The work is wonderfully varied as well — one can help patrons find a favorite book or author, assist them with technology questions, teach a craft class, read stories to children, host a speaker or artist, or go to speak to a business or organization about how the library can help them better meet their mission and goals," she added.

La Voie began her career as a librarian after receiving her master's degree in library science from the State University of New York at Buffalo in 1997. She first worked as an academic librarian at UB between 1998 and 2002, but then decided to explore an earlier interest in working with children. La Voie obtained her NYS teaching certificate as a school library media specialist in 2002.

In 2011, La Voie decided to once again expand her professional horizons by trying out a field of librarianship that she suspected would be the most varied and enjoyable — public libraries. Her first opportunity was at the Olean Public Library where she was hired to work as a part-time reference librarian and technology tutor.

Most recently, La Voie served as the director of the David A. Howe Public Library in Wellsville. Some of her accomplishments during her tenure as director there include replacing a 60-year old boiler with a new high-efficiency hybrid heating system that cut the facility's energy bills in half and writing a grant that allowed the library to establish the first technology "makerspace" in the Allegany County Public Library System.

"I am very excited to come on board as the new director of the Olean Public Library, and I look forward to working with community members to continue the library's role as a central pillar of learning, culture and recreation in the region," she said.

### Miller joins Family Dental Wellness

OLEAN — Family Dental Wellness of Olean proudly announces the addition of Kelly Miller, appointment coordinator, to their team.

"Kelly is a great addition to our team. She is a native of the Olean area and comes with over two years of experience working in the medical field," said Dr. Bernard Schneider, Family Dental Wellness' CEO.

Family Dental Wellness offers seven operatories, full accessibility for the disabled, and ample parking. They have provided dental care to all of Cattaraugus County, southwestern Allegany County, McKean County and Potter County for more than 20 years.

Family Dental Wellness, located at 2108 W. State St., maintains office hours Monday to Thursday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Friday, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For more information, call 373-1210.

### Twin Tiers Overhead Doors receives awards

ALLEGANY — Twin Tier Overhead Doors, Inc., recently received two accolades for its hard work and dedication.

On June 8 at the C.H.I. Overhead Door Distributor Convention held in Cleveland, Twin Tiers Overhead Doors was awarded a 2015 Bronze Distributor Award and a 2016 Four Star Award.

## Clambake kicks off summer



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The Chamber's 48th annual Clambake, held June 8 at Good Times of Olean, was a great success, according to Chamber officials.

"The Clambake is a great kickoff to the summer with fun, food, music and prizes for our Chamber members and guests," said Betty Burrows, the Chamber's program associate. "This year's attendance was 551 Chamber members and guests. The event is sponsored by the 50 corporate sponsors."

## State grant continues to fuel change on North Union

As the summer construction season continues, North Union Street continues to take its new shape.

Through a state grant, area residents and commuters can expect to see more change to several properties in the downtown.

Olean Business Development (OBD) received in December a New York Main Street Grant (NYMSG) totaling \$300,000.

The New York Main Street Grant program provides financial resources and technical assistance to property owners with projects helping to revitalize historic downtowns, mixed-use neighborhood commercial districts and village centers.

The grant's target area spans the north side of the 100 block of West State Street, the east side of the 100-300 blocks of North First Street, the south side of Whitney Avenue and the west side of the 100-300 North Union Street.

OBD's distribution of New York Main Street Grant program funding is intended for three purposes: support private commercial/residential investment and facade improvement in at least one building per block and serve as a demonstration project and model for commercial and residential renovation; to create and/or renovate a minimum of 12 affordable housing units in the upper floors of the targeted area; and remove renovation barriers from key landmark buildings, making them shovel ready for development.

More than a dozen property owners attended OBD's informational meeting on the grant program. The turnout was better than anticipated and renewed excitement for downtown Olean's future, officials said.

While applications for a portion of the grant funding are just coming in, the projects OBD officials said the projects they have looked at each make fine additions to the downtown landscape. OBD's panel reviewing the submissions.

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