



Greater Olean Area Chamber of Commerce

On the Go

November 2019

Santa Claus Lane Parade returns tonight



The ever-popular Santa Claus Lane Parade in Olean, the greater Olean area's official kick-off to the holiday season, returns tonight in downtown Olean.

Delaware Avenue will be closed to traffic at 6 p.m. with North Union Street closing to traffic at 6:45 p.m. The parking spaces along both sides of North Union between Route 417 to Delaware Avenue will be closed to any parking vehicles at 4 p.m. Cars, trucks, etc. will be allowed to park back along these spaces after 8:30 p.m.

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Santa, Mrs. Claus to visit with kids in Lincoln Square

Greater Olean Area Chamber of Commerce and the City of Olean will host the visits with Santa at the newly built cottage in Olean's Lincoln Park. The jolly old elf and his wife will see children from 6 to 8 p.m. on Dec. 4 and 11. Some "elves in training" from the Olean Intermediate Middle School Student Activities Council will be assisting them with the visitors.

The Claus Cottage was a part of Lincoln Square, a \$1.25 million project through Empire State Development which provided permanent buildings to house the Olean Farmers Market and other events at Olean's Lincoln Park.

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Chamber seeks new event name from public



Greater Olean Area Chamber of Commerce is hosting a new event on Sept. 12 — a half marathon race that will feature a BBQ competition.

In planning for the event, the Chamber could use a hand from the public.

Chamber officials are now accepting suggestions for the event's name.

In addition to a half marathon and a BBQ competition, the event will likely include an artisan's fair and family friendly activities.

Event name suggestions should be sent to the Chamber by Dec.16. The winner will receive a t-shirt with the festival's name on it and a \$250 in Chamber gift certificate.

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OAYP announces third anniversary party

Olean Area Young Professionals is holding its third anniversary party/ monthly networking event from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Dec. 5, at Four Mile Brewing. Food will be provided and there will be a cash bar. The group will also be holding several raffles throughout the evening.

Attendees are asked to register at the group's Facebook page or [here](#).

Village of Ellicottville nets \$300k grant for skatepark

The Ellicottville Skatepark Committee (SK8EVL) and the Village of Ellicottville have been awarded a \$300,000 Built to Play Skatepark Grant to help develop a public skatepark.

SK8EVL has been advocating over the past year to rally the community, as well as municipal leaders, to support a public skatepark project. The hard work paid off this month when the award was announced by the Tony Hawk Foundation.

Brenda Perks, lead skatepark advocate for SK8EVL says, "We're grateful for the opportunity to work with the Tony Hawk Foundation to bring a skatepark to our community. Having this type of facility in Ellicottville - one that is open to the public and free to use - will give our youth a place to go where they can be active and express themselves through the sport of skateboarding."

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Chamber honors outstanding leaders in business community



Greater Olean Area Chamber of Commerce honored two businesses, one organization and a local businessman for their contributions to the community at its 114th Annual Dinner.

The event, held Nov. 7 at Good Times of Olean's Events Center, saw nearly 250 attendees.

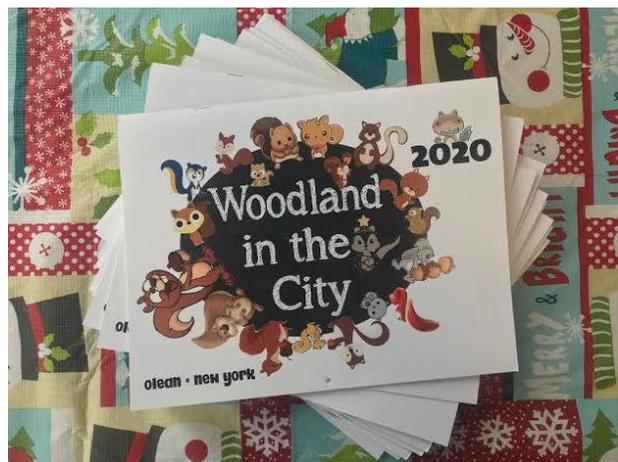
Honored this year were Brian O'Connell Jr., who received the L.O.U.I.E. Award, the Chamber's highest award given to an individual who symbolizes the enterprising spirit of commercial growth and admiration for the greater Olean community; Angee's Restaurant and Henry H. Hill Inc., which both received the Enterprising Business Award, an honor given to companies which exemplify the unique hometown charm of the greater Olean area through enriching the community and commercial growth; and Olean Family YMCA, which won the Presidential Award, an honor given to a business, organization or individual that are iconic and integral to the fabric of the business community in the greater Olean area.

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2020 Woodland in the City calendar on sale now

Woodland in the City and the Greater Olean Area Chamber of Commerce have created the 13 edition of the Woodland in the City Squirrel Calendar for 2020. Again this year, the calendar features local families who turned in photos with their relatives appearing with the squirrels throughout Olean.

Each calendar includes information all the squirrels in town. It also showcases National Squirrel Day, National Squirrel Awareness Month, and many 'nuts' days – peanut, almond, etc. We just love the squirrels that populate the many professional sports fields. A map depicting locations of all squirrels is inside. The calendar, sold at the Chamber's office, sells for \$8 or two for \$12 with limited copies (85) are available.



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Shop local this holiday season

Looking for that perfect gift for that special someone? The Greater Olean Area Chamber of

Commerce wants to remind holiday shoppers that they can find the perfect gift for everyone and shop local through chamber gift certificates.

The Chamber instituted the Shop Olean Gift Certificate Program in 1995 and that year, certificates totaling \$9,000 were sold with 35 member businesses involved in the program. The Chamber now has more than 282 member businesses are participating in this year-round certificate program. The certificates are sold at the Chamber's office at 301 N. Union St., Olean, in increments of \$5, \$10, \$20, \$25 and \$50.

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CRCF to lead Cattaraugus Gives Day Dec. 3

Cattaraugus Gives, the Cattaraugus region's day of giving, led by the Cattaraugus Region Community Foundation, will return this year on Dec. 3 to continue its growth in raising funds and awareness for nonprofits and charitable causes in the region.



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Cattaraugus Gives is a 24-hour online fundraising blitz, bringing together nonprofits from all over the region in friendly fundraising competition, with the overall goal of creating a more compassionate, giving community. In 2018, 47 nonprofit organizations together raised just short of \$32,000 to benefit programs and projects in Cattaraugus County during Cattaraugus Gives. CRCF also offered \$5,000 in monetary incentives to participating organizations.

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