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Media reports regarding the 27 Market Street project can be found here. Click on a headline to be directed to the full story.

4/4/24 — **All Otsego: A tale of two housing units** (<https://www.allotsego.com/editorial-a-tale-of-two-housing-units/>)

Oneonta Mayor Mark Drnek and other city officials have been called to task for courting the RSS project, but their efforts appear to be in line with “Opportunity Oneonta,” the City of Oneonta Comprehensive Plan, updated in 2019 under then-Mayor Gary Herzig.

3/28/24 — **The Daily Star: In our opinion: City officials answered important questions** (https://www.thedailystar.com/opinion/editorials/in-our-opinion-city-officials-answered-important-questions/article_66bb2176-ebd3-11ee-978c-477d25430546.html)

Not only did officials answer every question, the majority of their responses were lengthy, direct and transparent. We're glad to see that local officials, especially elected officials, are displaying responsiveness.

3/26/24 — **The Daily Star: City postpones vote on 27 Market St. sale until October** (https://www.thedailystar.com/news/local_news/city-postpones-vote-on-27-market-st-sale-until-october/article_e93a2f3c-ebc1-11ee-aa8d-13f0bd27b907.html)

Mayor Mark Drnek said that he wants the council to be invested in determining the minimum requirements of any developer to which the city would sell the parcel. The property had been on the market for several years before the city bought the property in 2020.

3/25/24 — **The Daily Star: City answers questions from town hall meeting last month** (https://www.thedailystar.com/news/local_news/city-answers-questions-from-town-hall-meeting-last-month/article_2e54d7f6-eac4-11ee-9f79-bb50ad1c10c3.html)

City Administrator Greg Mattice released a 13-page spreadsheet with 140 transcribed questions and their answers, along with a list of 20 comments. None of the crowd's questions were excluded from the spreadsheet.

3/15/24 — The Daily Star: Conversations: Breakfast with Christine Nealon of RSS

(https://www.thedailystar.com/opinion/columns/conversations-breakfast-with-christine-nealon-of-rss/article_388f3676-e182-11ee-ac26-3f9bbc1032e5.html)

I found Nealon to be passionate about affordable housing. Oneonta, like most communities, does need housing for those who are most vulnerable.

3/13/24 — All Otsego: Mayor, RSS, others respond to concerns voiced by Citizens That Care group

(<https://www.allotsego.com/oneonta-mayor-rss-others-respond-to-concerns-voiced-by-citizens-that-care-group/>)

Regardless of where City of Oneonta residents stand on the 27 Market Street issue—which is still far from being decided—it is to be hoped they arrived at those opinions as a result of research over rumor, and separating fact from fiction. The information does exist to help citizens get informed and make that assessment on their own.

3/5/24 — The Daily Star: Oneonta residents voice opinions on RSS proposal for 27 Market Street

(https://www.thedailystar.com/news/local_news/oneonta-residents-voice-opinions-on-rss-proposal-for-27-market-st/article_5387e3a6-db1f-11ee-84b5-6b0a2990dc51.html)

Several speakers said the city should support the plan to bring the mental health and substance abuse services that RSS offers, including housing and employment assistance, to city residents most in need.

3/4/24 — All Otsego: Building a Strong, Balanced Community in Oneonta (<https://www.allotsego.com/the-partial-observer-building-a-strong-balanced-community-in-oneonta/>)

We believe in Oneonta, and as a longtime member of this community, RSS wants to be part of the solution. By working together, we can be on the side of history, where growth and progress define Oneonta once again.

2/15/24 — The Daily Star: In our opinion: Camping ban must come with help for homeless

(https://www.thedailystar.com/opinion/in-our-opinion-camping-ban-must-come-with-help-for-homeless/article_4be87d42-cb91-11ee-b650-a36e5d7a8f88.html)

Although the 27 Market Street project is still in its early stages, as it currently stands it aims to provide far more than just low-income housing. Providing resources such as mental health and drug abuse services, along with a more affordable place to live will offer more opportunity to get people off the street.

2/15/24 — The Daily Star: Oneonta council meeting moved to Foothills

(https://www.thedailystar.com/news/local_news/oneonta-council-meeting-moved-to-foothills/article_19dd21c0-cc1f-11ee-a902-c3f0f1c4d181.html)

In addition to the upcoming council meeting, a town hall meeting has been scheduled for 6 p.m. Feb. 27. Mayor Drnek said the meeting will cover the proposed plan for development of 27 Market St. and provide a larger vision of the plan.

2/8/24 — The Daily Star: RSS responds to criticism of development plan

(https://www.thedailystar.com/news/local_news/rss-responds-to-criticism-of-development-plan/article_ff7c871c-c53e-11ee-99d6-0fd377960268.html)

“We’re still shaping what the project would look like if the facility goes forward,” said Christine Nealon, RSS director of strategic partnerships. “I would be excited to continue these conversations as the project moves forward. It’s conceptual right now.”

1/25/24 — All Otsego: Elected officials report on State of Otsego County

(<https://www.allotsego.com/elected-officials-report-on-state-of-otsego-county/>)

In addressing the need for more housing in Oneonta, Mayor Drnek announced a “re-engagement with RSS, Rehabilitation Support Services, for the development of 50-60 apartments, three-quarters of which will be priced for the workforce: people making \$18,000.00-\$60,000.00 a year.”

1/19/24 — The Daily Star: Oneonta Common Council hears update on RSS plans

(https://www.thedailystar.com/news/oneonta-common-council-hears-update-on-rss-plans/article_c18d7178-b6ed-11ee-96f3-4be405e46e4a.html)

The Oneonta Common Council heard an update on the plan to build a mixed-use building at 27 Market Street during its lengthy meeting Thursday, Jan. 18.

1/2/24 — The Daily Star: Questions to shape process in redeveloping Oneonta site

(https://www.thedailystar.com/news/local_news/questions-to-shape-process-in-redeveloping-oneonta-site/article_1f812b1c-a9b0-11ee-82c2-a352764373d2.html)

Rehabilitation Support Services Inc. provided an update Tuesday, Jan. 2 on how conversations with members of the public have been going regarding the group’s proposed redevelopment of 27 Market St. in Oneonta into a mixed-use building.

12/19/23 — The Daily Star: Rehab service eyes downtown development in Oneonta

(https://www.thedailystar.com/news/local_news/rehab-service-eyes-downtown-development-in-oneonta/article_d04e6f2a-9e9a-11ee-af58-075aab8c9326.html)

Rehabilitation Support Services is considering development at 27 Market Street. The agency presented information to the Oneonta Common Council on Dec. 19 regarding the concept of constructing a mixed-use building.

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