



NEWSLETTER

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Week without Driving: Take the Pledge!



Message from Moving People Transportation Coalition:

What if, just for one week, you experienced your daily life without relying on a car? How might it change your perspective on the way our community moves?

From **September 29th through October 5th**, the **Moving People Transportation Coalition** invites you to join us for the Week Without Driving! This initiative isn't just about experiencing life without driving; it's a week to step into a whole new world and discover travel without a car. Uncover new ways to make our transportation system more accessible and equitable by experiencing it firsthand.

Take the pledge to receive information about upcoming events, resources, and opportunities to share your experience of a Week Without Driving in Syracuse.

Don't worry if going the whole week isn't feasible--you can still participate even if it's just for one day of the week.

Take the pledge:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeG0PM4zCJVCgs6DDr7nJoC7-sxVglShcr0t4pGQmlFDBL_7A/viewform

October Workshop: Learn Where and How to Canoe & Kayak in Syracuse!



Syracuse Urbanism Collective and [Creek Rats](#) member Andrew Bowes is leading a workshop to help more people enjoy the beautiful waterways that are free and available to the public for canoeing and kayaking.

This workshop is open to all skill levels. If you do not know how to swim and/or you do not have a kayak, no worries! The ability to swim is not a requirement for participation. Equipment will be provided as needed for workshop attendees.

Plan to meet at 4:00 pm at the Inner Harbor kayak launch. This is accessible at the Empire State trailhead at Bear Street & Van Rensselaer. Parking is free.



(Click the image to read the [NYUP.com](#) article about this kayak launch.)

Presenter: Andy Bowes

When: Monday, October 13, 2025 from 4:00 pm to around sunset at 6:30 pm.

Where: Intersection of Bear Street & Van Rensselaer Street

You do not need to bring anything for the workshop.

[Get Your Ticket for the Sunset Canoe & Kayak Workshop](#). Tickets are limited, so don't delay.

Do You Want to Lead a Workshop?



We are hosting a variety of workshops. As Syracuse Urbanism Collective VP Dr. Jaynelle Nixon explained during her “Advocacy and Activism: 101” workshop, advocacy and activism come in many forms. Sharing information is one of them.

Upcoming workshops include ACRYLIC PAINTING with local artist and community advocate Daniela Nikolavsky in November and POLITICAL CANVASSING with local climate scientist Marc Alessi in January.

The Syracuse Urbanism Collective goes on hiatus during the month of December, but most months of 2026 are currently available. Please contact Jaynelle to share your ideas for a workshop. Send an email to syracuseurbanism@gmail.com and put “Jaynelle” in the subject line.

New Board Members!



Syracuse Urbanism Collective has not one but TWO new board members! The candidates for secretary were so impressive, we brought on both. One is our Secretary and the other is our Media Outreach Specialist. They will be officially announced at our September meeting.

Please Support our Fundraiser

Syracuse Urbanism Hoodie	Syracuse Urbanism Tote Bag
	
\$45 Hanes EcoSmart 50/50 Pullover Hoodie, Unisex - Carolina Blue	\$25 Large Front Zipper Cotton Tote Bag, Unisex - Natural / Natural
Buy / Donate	Buy / Donate

We strive to build access to human-centered, walkable, vibrant communities and spaces for all. Our goal is to enhance the urbanism of Syracuse through physical installations and programming in public space, as well as advocacy on policy and design.

Please help us continue to do the work we do by supporting our fundraiser. We are not paid in any way. Donations help keep us afloat. This is a limited time fundraiser that is only open for 2 weeks. You can purchase the hoodie and/or the tote by clicking the image or going here:

<https://www.customink.com/fundraising/syrac>

SUC Social



We have a new WhatsApp group in the Syracuse Urbanism Collective community: SUC Social. This is a purely social group. We will provide real time updates on events and coordinate meetups within this group.

October Social Events: Let's Get Together!



OKTOBERFEST with Wolff's Biergarten at Clinton Square.

When: Saturday, October 4, 2025. 10:00 am to 6:00 pm.

Where: Clinton Square, 161 Genesee St, Syracuse, NY 13202.

From the Wolff's event page:

["Welcome to Wolff's Biergarten Syracuse Oktoberfest 2025!"](#)

Grab your lederhosen, gather the family, and join us for a day of festive fun as we bring the spirit of Bavaria to Syracuse!

On Saturday, October 4, Clinton Square will transform into an Oktoberfest celebration filled with live polka music, delicious German food, and, of course, plenty of authentic bier for the grown-ups. Best of all—**this event is free to attend and family-friendly**. Kids are welcome, and there's fun in store for all ages!

Enjoy games, dancing, and traditional Oktoberfest competitions like stein-holding and boot chugging (for the adults!), while little ones can enjoy kid-friendly activities and a lively, welcoming atmosphere.

No passport required—just a good appetite, great company, and a love for German tradition. Whether you're coming with friends or bringing the whole crew, Wolff's Syracuse Oktoberfest is the place to be this fall.

Free admission. All ages welcome. Saturday, October 4"

[Get your free tickets to this event!](#)

Join our SUC Social Whatsapp group so we can coordinate!

HALLOWEEN BASH with Beak & Skiff.

When: Saturday, October 25, 2025. 6:30 pm to 10:30 pm.

Where: Beak & Skiff, 2708 Lords Hill Road (Rt. 80), LaFayette, NY 13084.

From the Beak & Skiff event page:

“ Let's Go Ghouls! 

Get ready to raise the spirits (literally) at Beak & Skiff's 5th Annual Halloween Bash—where haunted orchards come alive, 1911 witches pour the potions, and the moon lights the way for a night of fiendish fun.

 Step into our Halloween wonderland!

 \$30 Ticket Includes:

 One wickedly delicious drink

 Spooktacular seasonal buffet

 Two areas of eerie beats:

 DJ Da Chef in the Tasting Room

 Live Music in the Apple Barn

👻 Costume Contest Madness:

🏆 \$500 CASH

🏆 \$200 Gift Card

🏆 \$100 Gift Card

💀 4th & 5th: \$50 Gift Card

🔥 Sip spooky 1911 cocktail flights, dance with the undead, and gather 'round the glowing cauldron fires under the chilling October sky 🚫 21+ only – No exceptions. Tickets will disappear fast—grab yours [HERE](#) before they vanish into the night!”

[Purchase your \\$30 ticket to the event.](#)

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Updates from the Syracuse Urbanism Collective



I-81 Viaduct Project Recommendations

We're continuing to meet with NYSDOT to discuss their progress on the I-81 Viaduct Project contracts. Currently they're designing Contract 6, which mostly concerns I-690 from Leavenworth to Crouse, a bit of West Street and I-81, and northern Downtown. We're also meeting with EGRA (the business district for East Genesee Street east of I-81), to discuss some of our proposed design changes for the project in their neighborhood.

Regional Planning Policy Platform

We're working to finalize our comic strip showing a child's walk to their friend's house through well-planned and poorly planned communities, highlighting the importance of planning with urbanism in mind.

Urbanist Book Club

Our current book is Building and Dwelling by Richard Sennett.

Moving People Transportation Coalition

This longstanding urbanist organization focused on transportation issues has joined the collective. More info will be available soon. We're looking forward to working together closely.

Public Policy Team

We're currently in the process of discussing our public policy memos and other priorities with local elected officials and candidates.

Volunteer Opportunities

Recently, we've closed out a few of our hands-on volunteer-led projects. If you'd like to lead or participate in our next project, or have an idea for what that could be, please reach out!

New Meeting Locations: September Meeting at Beauchamp Branch Library



We promised changes in 2025, and we have been true to our word. Our meetings are significantly shorter, more interactive, and more collaborative. We are continuing these changes with our meeting locations. Our meetings will highlight various locations in the beautiful city of Syracuse.

Our September 30, 2025, meeting will be at [Beauchamp Branch Library](#) at 6:00 pm. The address is 2111 S Salina St, Syracuse, NY 13205.

We'll have two guest speakers: County Legislator Maurice Brown and Alex Lawson of Moving People Transportation Coalition. The conversations will focus on the county budget process and [Centro's proposed bus system redesign](#), respectively.

More Syracuse News



General Information

Please stay up to date on community events and infrastructure improvements throughout the city. The [Syr.Gov](#) site includes updates on the [Community Calendar](#), the [Public Meeting Calendar](#), the [Municipal Sidewalk Program](#), and [Bicycle Infrastructure](#).

Call for Features



Would you like your organization, project, or event featured in the Syracuse Urbanism Collective newsletter? Please send the following to syracuseurbanism@gmail.com:

- 150-200 word description of your organization, project, or event.

- Picture or image you would like to accompany your feature.
- Deadline/special dates for projects and events.
- Contact person for any follow up questions.
- Put “Jaynelle” in the subject line.

September Meeting



Our September meeting is Tuesday, September 30, 2025, at **6:00 pm**.

Location: Beauchamp Branch Library, 2111 S Salina St, Syracuse, NY 13205.

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