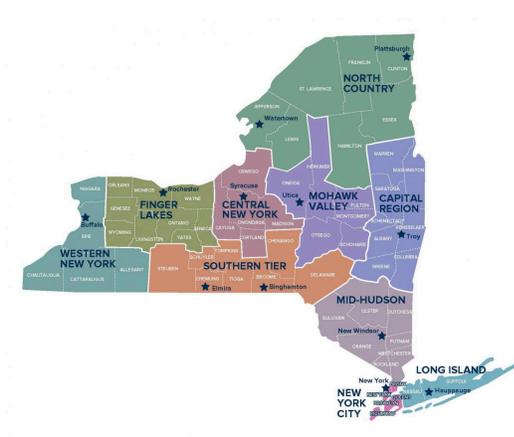




NEWSLETTER

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NEW FEATURE: LOCAL GOVERNMENT



[Our election cycle has changed](#). Those of us who just voted last November will need to vote again this November. Since local government can be confusing, a new feature on local government will be included in the monthly newsletters. This month's feature will provide a brief explanation of the Common Council, the Legislature, and the Assembly.

[Common Council](#)

The Syracuse [Common Council](#) is the city's legislative branch. They have the final say regarding our laws and our annual budget. Our councilors are elected officials. We have two types of councilors: district and at-large.

District councilors represent their districts and are elected by members of their districts. Syracuse has 4 districts. You can find your council district on

the [Common Council Map](#). At-large councilors represent and are elected by members of the entire city.

Syracuse provides a complete list of our [Common Councilors](#) and whether they are district councilors or at-large councilors.

[Legislature](#)

The legislature includes Syracuse, but it is the Onondaga County Legislature. Therefore, it oversees the laws and budget of the entire county.

Onondaga County [legislators](#) are elected by members of their districts. There are [seventeen districts](#) in the county. Onondaga County provides specific [district maps](#) including a map that shows the [specific districts within the City of Syracuse](#).

[Assembly](#)

The assembly's primary job is—you guessed it—overseeing the laws and budget of New York State. There are [150 districts](#) in New York State. Onondaga County is included in four of the districts: [district 126](#), [district 127](#), [district 128](#), and [district 129](#). The last two districts include the City of Syracuse.

SYRACUSE METS FUNDRAISER!



Join us for Dollar Thursday at the Syracuse Mets on Thursday, May 21, 2026. It's called Dollar Thursday because hot dogs are on sale for \$1 and fans can purchase beer or cider for \$3.

[Tickets are only \\$23.50](#) and \$5 of every ticket sold goes to Syracuse Urbanism Collective as long as you purchase your ticket in our section by following this [link](#) or scanning the QR Code Below.

Bonus: We all get to sit together!



DID YOU BUY CRUNCH TICKETS?

Crunch tickets will be sent via text the next few days. Make sure Jaynelle has the correct phone number. See you soon!

HOUSING IS A MAJOR ISSUE IN NYS

A lack of affordable housing is causing many New York State residents to seek greener/cheaper pastures. In fact, [New York Could Lose Seats in Congress Because It Won't Build Housing](#).

MARCH WORKSHOP

Our March workshop is on Wednesday, March 11, 2026, at 6:00 pm. Please join us as Shail Patel helps us learn about and practice Crowdsourcing Biking Routes with OpenStreetMap.

The location is the Central Library at 447 S Salina St.



**Crowdsourcing Biking Routes
With OpenStreetMap**

- Collecting and visualizing local geographic data
- Adding bike routes, paths, and infrastructure to navigate Syracuse better!
- Using Free & Open Source Software to solve local problems

When: Wednesday, March 11th, 6PM

Where: Central Library, Downtown Syracuse - 3rd floor (447 S Salina St)

Presented by: Shail Patel

No experience necessary!

LEAD YOUR OWN WORKSHOP

Please also consider leading your own urbanism related workshop. As long as your workshop matches our mission, we will promote it and book the space. Even if your idea is not fully formed, you can contact Jaynelle for help with it.

This is one of Jaynelle's projects (Vice President of Syracuse Urbanism Collective). She is more than willing to help you if you think you need help. Just send a direct email or write to syracuseurbanism@gmail.com and put "workshop" or "Jaynelle" in the subject line.

Here are some reasons you may want to lead a workshop:

- Share your knowledge with the community
- Sharpen skills

- Complete professional development
- Make new friends

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.

Search for SUC Social from within the Syracuse Urbanism Collective WhatsApp community.

MARCH 2026 MEETING AT CNY JAZZ CENTRAL



Our March 31, 2026, meeting will be at [CNY Jazz Central](#) at 6:00 pm. The address is 441 East Washington St, Syracuse, NY 13202. FYI, if you ever

want to verify where our monthly meetings are, you can simply check our [calendar](#).

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.

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