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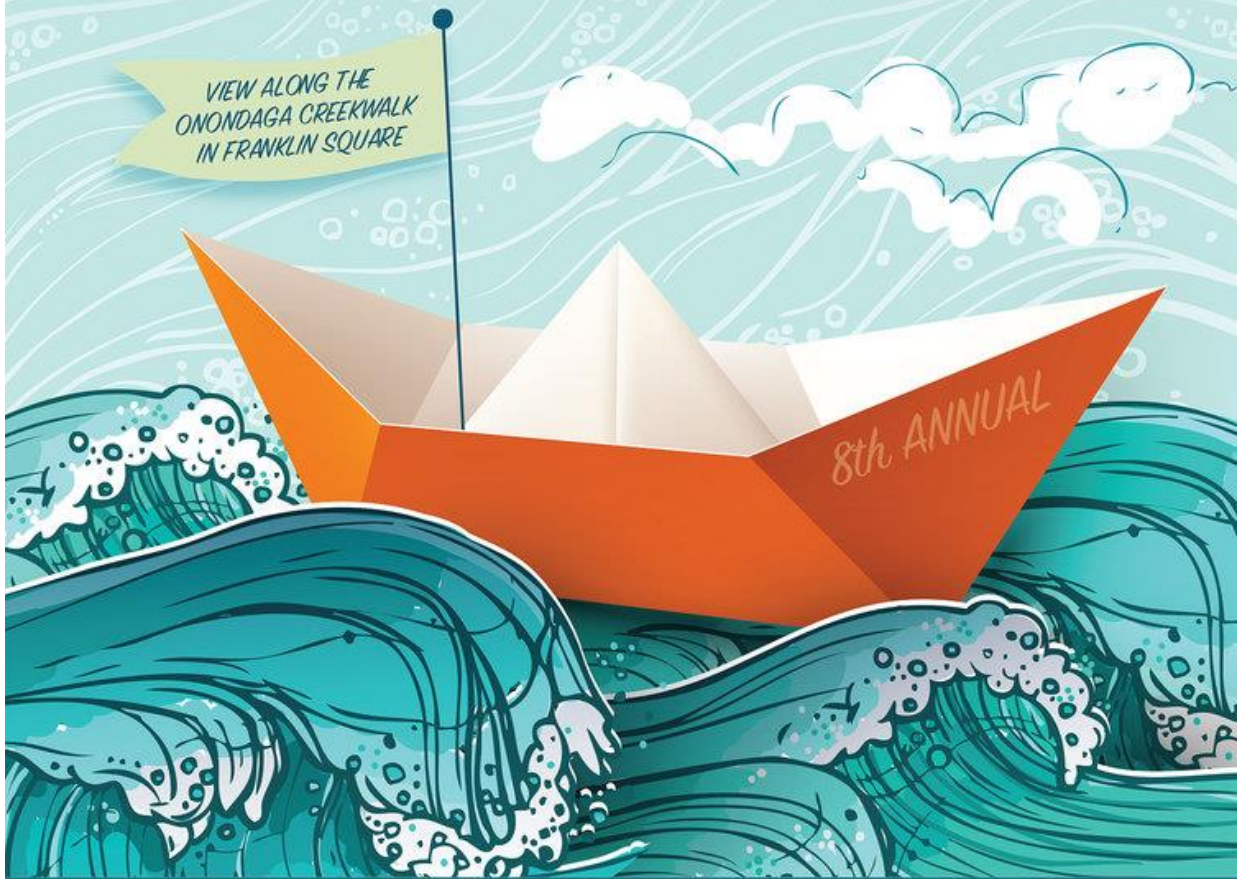
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SYRACUSE'S ONE AND ONLY FLOATING ART PARADE

CREEK FLOAT

SUNDAY MAY 20, 2018  3 PM

VIEW ALONG THE
ONONDAGA CREEKWALK
IN FRANKLIN SQUARE



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In case of unsafe water conditions or severe weather, the event will be held 6/10/18. Check online for updates.

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**General Membership Meeting
May 1, 2018**

A. Call to Order & Welcome

B. Reports

1. President
2. Secretary – minutes of April meeting
3. Treasurer
4. Introduce new members and/or guests
5. Vice President
6. Public Relations
7. Membership
 - a. Sunshine
 - b. Outings
8. Special Events
 - a. Upcoming Events
9. Programs

C. Unfinished Business

D. New Business

E. Membership Announcements

F. 50/50 drawings

G. Adjournment

Volunteer Opportunities

Mountain Goat Run

Begins at MOST in Armory Square
Sunday, May 6th

Downtown Living Tour

Saturday, May 19th

Downtown Living Tour Saturday, May 19, 11am - 4pm

Don't miss the opportunity to tour some of downtown's newest and most talked about luxury apartments, townhouses and historic renovations!

Tickets are on sale now and may be purchased online through the [Downtown Living Tour Website](#), in person at the Downtown Committee's offices on West Fayette Street (from 9 am to 5 pm Monday through Friday), or reserved over the phone by calling 315-422-8284.

Volunteers still needed: If you would like to volunteer for the tour, please email ksherlock@downtownsyracuse.com. Volunteers who serve a 2.5 hour shift will receive a free ticket to take the tour and a free Downtown Living Tour branded t-shirt.



Minutes: General Membership Meeting of April 3, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 6:11pm by President Bill Cooper.

No corrections were noted to the March meeting minutes; a motion was made by Dave Osborn, seconded by Yvonne Russell, and the minutes were approved by the membership. Treasurer Ann Goehner reported balances as of February 28th as Checking: \$ and Investment: \$. There were no guests or new members in attendance.

Under Public Relations: we received a call from our ad placed in the Lights on the Lake program. Anne Lilly, who has a background in broadcasting, would like to look over a year's worth of our past newsletters and see what she might recommend to help us with publicity and membership.

Vice President Don Goulet deferred to Award for Excellence Chairperson Len Kolakowski to speak about the award presentation to Ed Riley. It is planned for Wednesday, April 18th at 4:30pm in the Director's Room on the Marriott Syracuse Downtown 10th floor. (See photos below) We will adjourn after to the Cavalier Room just off the lobby for their weekly jazz show.

In Membership, Yvonne Russell thanked all for the nice Sunshine card sent to her. Meet Out/Eat Out locations are: Thursday, April 5th at Point Place Casino (Burgers of Madison County) in Bridgeport and Thursday, April 12th at Subs DiBella, 5805 Bridge Street.

Break (6:24pm – 6:44pm)

Special Events Director Diane Knowlton reported the following volunteer opportunities: Earth Day Clean-up (with various locations having separate start times) and The Syracuse Heart Walk at SRC Arena at OCC both on Saturday April 21st, Mountain Goat run on Sunday, May 6th, and the Downtown Living Tour on Saturday, May 19th. Ann Goehner spoke about Creek Float being held on Sunday, May 20th; thinking since we didn't do the St. Patrick's Parade this year, that we might want to put an entry in this floating parade along Onondaga Creek; there is no cost except to construct a piece of artwork (any theme) no more than 3 ft. high & between 2-3 ft. wide.

Under Programs, Bill Cooper mentioned the Arts & Crafts BBQ will be on Friday, July 27th. After some discussion last month about a possible summer event Bank Alley was suggested. We don't know what the procedure would be for getting approval for there; live music, food & drink vendors, needs more investigating.

Under New Business, Bill mentioned trying to beef up our website, maybe posting some of the pages from the newsletters. There was no Unfinished Business and no Membership Announcements.

There was no 50/50 drawing. Motion to adjourn was made at 7:17pm by Don Goulet and seconded by Yvonne Russell.



Updowntowners' 2017 Award for Excellence





Downtown Living Tour Previews

Iron Pier Apartments

720 Van Rensselaer Street



Located just a half-mile from Downtown Syracuse, a new, urban neighborhood is coming soon to the city's Inner Harbor. When construction is complete, the Iron Pier Apartments will be home to more than 400 residential opportunities, including apartments, townhouses and condominiums. The Iron Pier Apartments are now leasing for a projected October 2018 move-in. Each unit offers convenient features designed for waterfront living. 2018 Living Tour attendees are invited to rest their legs and enjoy appetizers and drinks in the **W XYZ Bar & Lounge** in the Aloft Syracuse Inner Harbor Hotel, which is the Official Rest Stop for the Downtown Living Tour!



Oak Knitting Mill *102 W. Division Street*

The Oak Knitting Mill Apartments - designed by famed Syracuse architect Archimedes Russell - was one of the first industrial buildings established on the reclaimed salt flats in the neighborhood now known as Franklin Square, and one of the most recent industrial buildings to be re-developed in this vicinity in the present-day. Its name is a tribute to its history, and a symbol of the fabric *literally* woven through its story. The building was first home to the Oak Knitting Company, which produced women's knit underwear until it moved to Atlanta in 1927. The historic mill has been converted into 38 high-end residential units, blending modern amenities and

finishes with character and charms from its storied past. The Oak Knitting Mill Apartments is a National Parks Service certified rehabilitation project.

239 East Water Street *239 East Water Street*

Set in historic Hanover Square - the oldest neighborhood in the City of Syracuse - 239 East Water Street is the newest project by the design team of Urban Realty Group and R.F. Esposito. Two loft units are planned, which will include many of the unique modern amenities faithful tour-goers may remember from the Lofts at 235, seen on the 2017 Downtown Living Tour (pictured right).





GrangeX *203 East Water Street*

GrangeX is a \$3.4 million expansion of the Historic Grange Building renovation project completed in 2012. Scheduled for completion in July 2018, GrangeX will feature nine executive apartment homes, including three flats and six townhouse style units with private balconies. Together, GrangeX and the Historic Grange will contain a total of 12 executive apartment homes and include private on-site parking. Designed by Open Atelier Architects, the GrangeX units have an edgy and contemporary feel that is sure to appeal to a diverse population. Located in the heart of the Historic Hanover Square district, the combined property is the perfect fit for empty nesters and/or business executives seeking the charm and excitement of downtown living.

State Tower *109 South Warren Street*

The 2018 Downtown Living Tour begins at State Tower, located in the Hanover Square Historic District. State Tower is the pinnacle of city living. The building is home to a mix of studio, one-bedroom and two-bedroom apartments. Each unit features a unique floor plan, delivering stunning vistas, modern layouts and deluxe amenities.

When the State Tower building was first established, it was marketed for office space. Recently, Pioneer Companies completed a nearly \$40 million restoration to give the building new life as "State Tower." The extensive project included repairs to the building's masonry facade (which recently won a prestigious award - read more about that below), as well as significant structural and system upgrades. Standing 22 stories and 315 feet tall, State Tower offers unparalleled views and still holds the distinction of being the tallest building in Central New York. The Art Deco design by architects Thompson and Churchill set a precedent for buildings that followed, including New York City's Chrysler Building (est. 1928) and the Empire State Building (est. 1930), and the motif is still carried throughout the building today.



PressRoom Pub Now Open *220 Herald Place*

The PressRoom Pub is now open! Located at 220 Herald Place, the pub & restaurant is open Monday – Sunday, 11am to midnight. The decor at the PressRoom Pub pays homage to history and sports. The tables and bars are made from an old basketball court, and there are arcade games and a 21-foot shuffle board. The menu is crafted to read like a newspaper, paying tribute to the building's previous tenant, the Herald Journal. The "daily scoop" section will list the soups of the day, and the "weather report" will list that day's specials. The menu features classic pub fare, including pizza, wings, sandwiches and burgers, including the promised nine-ounce burger!

Opening Soon: The Ice Cream Stand

The Ice Cream Stand is expected to open in The Amos Building right by Clinton Square on West Water Street - and it will be open year-round! The Ice Cream Stand will also serve coffee and other hot beverages. Owner Amanda Hughes plans to feature live music this summer and says the shop will also eventually serve alcohol. The Ice Cream Stand has closed its location on Taft Road in North Syracuse to move to Downtown Syracuse!



The Ice Cream Stand

Coming Soon: Rail Line




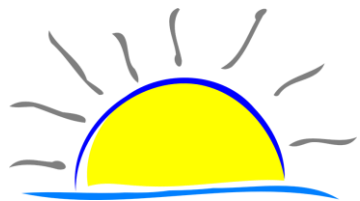
A new indoor and outdoor event venue is coming to Armory Square this summer! The Rail Line, located at 530 South Clinton Street, offers indoor seating, a full service bar, first floor patio, a private exterior courtyard, on-site parking and rooftop access with a garden. The venue is available to rent for private parties, business meetings, office parties, seminars, presentations, receptions, showers and more! Rail Line will also partner with The Evergreen to host special events and parties throughout the year. If you are interested in booking an event at Rail Line, please contact info@raillinesyr.com.

Urban Video Project: "Good Luck" Screening



at the Everson Museum of Art, 401 Harrison Street

Light Work's Urban Video Project (UVP) is currently exhibiting the newly-commissioned work *Good Luck (Portraits)* by filmmaker Ben Russell on the Everson Museum of Art Plaza. The exhibition will be shown on the museum's facade from dusk to 11:00 pm every Thursday, Friday and Saturday through May 26 (Memorial Day weekend).

MAY 2018		1 General Membership Meeting 6pm, San Miguel's	2	3	4 Happy Hour- ?	5 Cinco de Mayo
6 MT. GOAT RUN	7 BOARD GAMES & CARDS	8	9	10 MEET OUT / EAT OUT	11 Happy Hour- ?	12
13 Mother's Day	14	15 Board Meeting 6pm, Bill's	16	17	18 Happy Hour- ?	19 DOWNTOWN LIVING TOUR
20 CREEK FLOAT	21 WALK & TALK	22 MEET OUT / EAT OUT	23	24	25 Happy Hour- ?	26
27	28 MEMORIAL DAY 	29	30	31		

Meet Out / Eat Out

Thursday, May 10th at 6pm
School & Vine Kitchen & Bar
 4621 Barker Hill Rd, Jamesville

Tuesday, May 22nd at 6pm
Joey's (upstairs)
 6594 Thompson Rd, Syracuse
 Contact Diane Knowlton (426-2880) for reservations

Social Opportunities

Monday, May 7th at 6pm
Board Games & Cards
 Wegman's Café, Rt. 57, Liverpool

Monday, May 21st at 5:30pm
Walk & Talk
 Onondaga Lake Park Visitor's Center
 Walk for 45 minutes, turn around & walk back
 Please contact Diane Knowlton (426-2880) for questions

Create a piece of art that floats (less than 3' high & at least 2'-3' wide).

The 8th annual Creek Float will take place at 3 pm on Sunday, May 20, 2018.
 Creek Float is a floating art parade held on Onondaga Creek.
 Viewing will be along the Creekwalk in Franklin Square & downtown Syracuse.