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WELCOME TO
OPEN UP DOWNTOWN!

Thank you for joining us for the inaugural Open Up Downtown event! Downtown Syracuse is rich with history, stunning architecture, and iconic buildings. This event provides you with exclusive behind-the-scenes access to some remarkable structures, along with informative stops as an added bonus!

On-street parking is free in the central business district during the event. If you have any questions throughout the day, please visit our Downtown Committee Information Headquarters located in the Atrium Building at 2 Clinton Square.

The Open Up Downtown event welcomes you to explore eight exciting tour stops. These locations invite you to discover designated areas that are typically not accessible to the public. Tours will be either self-guided or conducted by knowledgeable tour guides; tour stops can be visited in any order. This program guide includes essential information for each stop, such as tour style, timing details, accessibility, and restroom availability.

We are thrilled to feature four information stops, which are strategically placed outside an area to offer historical insights about that location. While these info stops do not grant access to a building, they present a fantastic opportunity to discover more about notable landmarks. It's a wonderful way to deepen your understanding of Downtown Syracuse!

While you enjoy the tour stops and info sites, please also be sure to check out the amazing businesses and restaurants that we have in Downtown Syracuse, many of which have deals and specials (which can be found on page 10), available to tour goers using the 315 Discount Card you received at check-in.

Open Up Downtown is presented by the Downtown Committee of Syracuse, a not-for-profit organization whose mission is to foster the ongoing revitalization and vibrancy of Downtown Syracuse by strengthening its economic base, increasing its attractiveness, and ensuring that it is clean, safe and accessible.

We hope you enjoy your experience!

YOUR WRISTBAND IS YOUR TICKET FOR ENTRY TO EACH STOP.
PLEASE WEAR IT AND PRESENT TO VOLUNTEERS AT EACH STOP.

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ELITE GAMING

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2 S Clinton St

Located in the Atrium, (formerly the Syracuse Mall) ELITE Gaming is a vibrant, high-performance gaming and tournaments space. This E-Sports arena is the largest in the region and boasts STEM and CTE programs and offers podcast, content creator, and live video production studios where the next generation of digital creators and innovators can get their start.

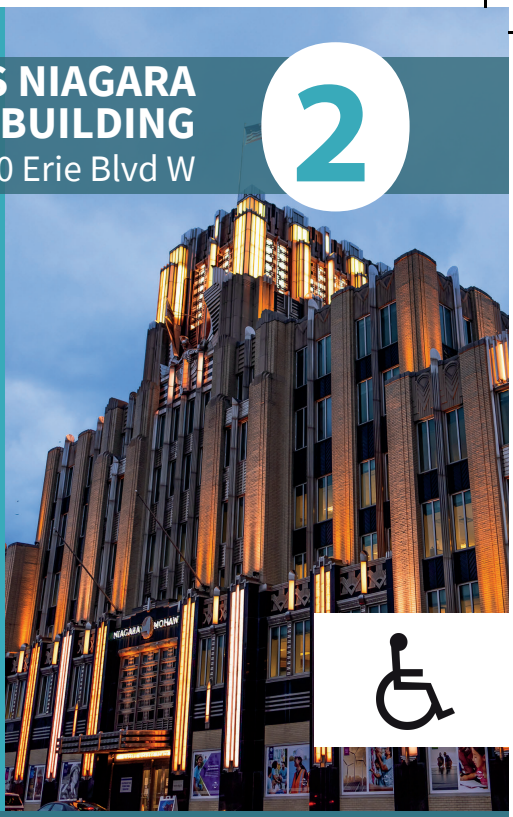
Enter through Atrium Lobby.
Self-guided tour.



NATIONAL GRID'S NIAGARA MOHAWK BUILDING

300 Erie Blvd W

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This 1932 Art Deco masterpiece by architects Bley & Lyman and Melvin King is renowned for its "cathedral of light" design and the 28-foot stainless-steel "Spirit of Light" sculpture by artist Clayton B. Frye that adorns the building. The exterior lighting design has become a key part of the Syracuse skyline, and an updated system was installed in 2024. This landmark exemplifies Art Deco design and was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 2010.

Self-guided tour of the Foyer, Hall, Auditorium, and Boardroom.

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THE TREASURY BUILDING

101 S Salina St



Built in 1897 for the Onondaga County Savings Bank, The Treasury was designed by Robert Gibson and combines the Neo-classical and Renaissance revival styles. The ornate Palladian Hall Ballroom's captivating celestial ceiling and narrative murals were completed in 1931 by William Schwarz as part of a Public Works project. The model apartment features luxury details, soaring ceilings, and oversized windows providing spectacular views of Clinton and Hanover Square.

Self-guided tour of Palladian Hall with option to take elevator to tour model apartment.

4 STATE TOWER ROOFDECK

109 S Warren St



Built in 1927 by New York architects Thompson and Churchill, the State Tower Building soars 22 stories over Downtown Syracuse and still holds the title as the tallest building in Syracuse. Boasting luxury residences and prominent street-level businesses, the State Tower Building is an impressive example of Art Deco design, manifested through its decorative terra-cotta and brick façade and a stylish lobby.

Self-guided tour of roof top terrace accessible by elevator with 2-4 steps to outdoor roofdeck.

SYRACUSE CITY HALL 5

233 E Washington St

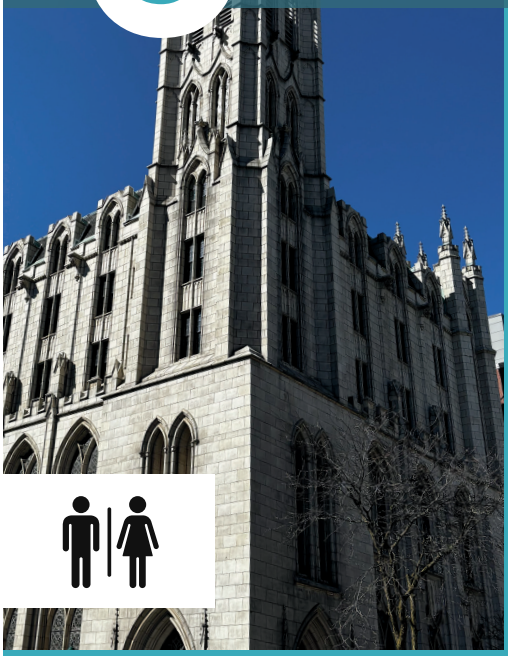
Syracuse's City Hall was built in 1892 and designed by local architect, Charles E. Colton in the Richardsonian Romanesque style. Constructed of rough-faced Onondaga limestone, this civic building once overlooked the junction of the Oswego and Erie canals. It boasts a stately bell tower that once tolled to notify the citizens of Syracuse, though the original bell last rang in 1939. It was replaced in 1987, then updated to a digital system in 2010, that still plays daily.

Self-guided tour.
Entry at 233 E Washington via main stairs.
Accessible entrance on Market St.



6 THE MIZPAH TOWER

215 E Jefferson St



The Mizpah Tower, built in 1914, was originally the former First Baptist Church. It is a stunning expression of the Late-Gothic Revival style and was often referred to as a “church with the hotel over it.” After being vacant for many years, it is now being redeveloped.

The Mizpah Tower Condo is a redeveloped luxury residential space on the 6th floor, with many original details from stained glass windows to Gothic-style arches. Residents have the rare opportunity to call a truly one-of-a-kind space home.

Self-guided tour.
Entry at 205 E. Jefferson Street, with eight steps to building lobby, then elevator to the sixth-floor penthouse. Restrooms on 1st Floor.

The Mizpah is the restored historic sanctuary in the Mizpah Tower, thoughtfully reimagined as a wedding and private event venue, as well as a midweek self-pour wine bar. The space blends preserved architectural character, such as the vaulted sanctuary and other original details, with modern amenities for events. The Mizpah is designed to bring people together, and offers a unique setting for weddings, celebrations, community gatherings, and special events.

Self-guided tour.
Entry at the corner of E. Jefferson and Montgomery St. via stairs from the sidewalk to the main level.



REDHOUSE ARTS CENTER

400 S Salina St

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Redhouse Arts Center opened its doors in 2018 as the founding tenant of City Center. Designed by Schopfer Architects and constructed by Hayner Hoyt Co. on the site of the former 1920s Keith's Theatre and the 1969 Sibley's Department Store. Proudly fronting Salina Street, The Redhouse is a 43,000 SF state-of-the-art facility which is fully wheelchair accessible. Guests can explore both front-of-house spaces and special backstage areas typically reserved for performers and crew.

Guided 15-20 minute tours.

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INSPYRE INNOVATION HUB BY CENTERSTATE CEO

235 Harrison St



CenterState CEO's INSPYRE Innovation Hub is a modern, 90,000 SF facility, earning the title of the largest business incubator in New York State. Updates and expansions to the former 2005 Tech Garden structure were completed in 2025 by architectural firm QPK Design and construction services by Hueber-Breuer, which included a two-story addition, a roof terrace, multiple meeting rooms and coworking spaces, and an expanded space dedicated to prototype and product development.

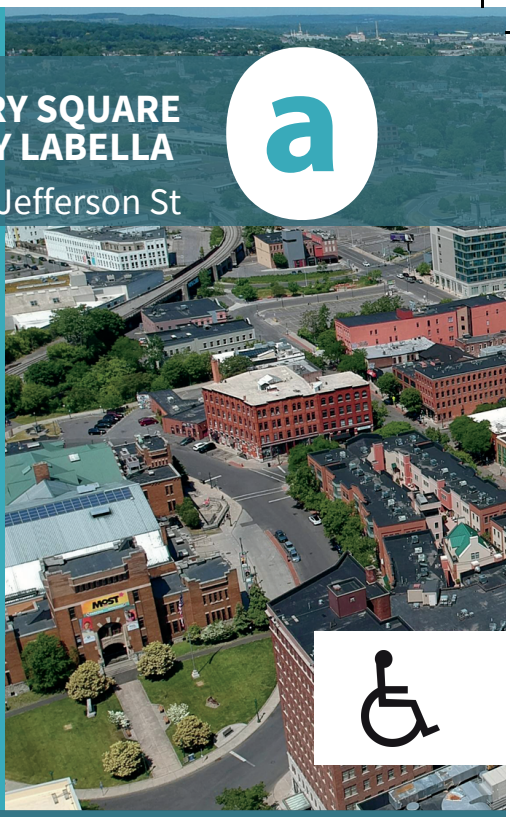
Self-guided tour.

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WHAT PUTS ARMORY IN ARMORY SQUARE PRESENTED BY LABELLA

MOST Lawn, W Jefferson St

LaBella Associates, our Community Sponsor, will provide information into the history of Armory Square. Discover how this area has been shaped over time, its various uses, and its evolution throughout the years. From its start as an industrial and warehouse hub to a destination for dining and nightlife, Armory Square has played a key role in Downtown Syracuse in so many ways. Visit the LaBella Info table located on the front lawn of the MOST at any time during the event to learn more about this district!



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NEAL & HYDE AND DONOHUE BUILDINGS PRESENTED BY LABELLA

316 S Clinton St



LaBella Associates, our Community Sponsor, will share information about these two unique and eye-catching structures on Clinton Street. One of these is a Richardsonian Romanesque-style warehouse, while the other is a brick structure featuring elements of the Queen Anne style, originally constructed as a physician's clinic, office, and residence. Stop by the LaBella Info table in the parking area next to 316 S Clinton at any time during the event to learn more about the history and architectural styles of these buildings, and more!

HISTORY OF CLINTON SQUARE PRESENTED BY ONONDAGA HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

Soldiers & Sailors Monument, Clinton Square

Bob Searing, Curator of History at Onondaga Historical Association (OHA) will speak to the history of Syracuse with a special focus on Clinton Square, the Erie Canal, Jerry Rescue, Soldiers & Sailors Monument, and the incredible buildings and architecture, both standing and long gone. Stop by the OHA table in Clinton Square to learn more about this area's history.

******TALKS TAKE PLACE AT 11 AM, 12 PM & 2PM******



SALINA STREET HISTORY & LANDMARK THEATRE LOBBY PRESENTED BY PACNY

362 S Salina St



The Preservation Association of Central New York (PACNY) shares information on the history of Salina Street, along the retail corridor of Downtown Syracuse, and how the Landmark Theatre was saved from potential demolition in the 70s. Visit the PACNY Info table beneath the Landmark Theatre marquee at any time during the event to learn more. Don't miss the chance to peek inside the historic Landmark lobby!

DOWNTOWN DEALS

Use the 315 Discount Card

318 Erie Blvd E

401 Harrison St

451 Warren St

415 S Clinton St

109 S Warren St, Suite 301

264 W Jefferson St

301 W Fayette St

128 E Jefferson St

122 E Genesee St

For full listing of deals visit DowntownSyracuse.com/Openup

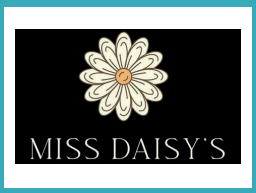


DOWNTOWN DEALS

at these Downtown Businesses



205 S Salina St



406 S Franklin St



215 E Water Street REAR



500 S Franklin St



321 Montgomery St



333 S Salina St



321 W Fayette St



131 E Water St



484 S Salina St



127 W Fayette St



310 S Salina St



208 Walton St



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Site Locations Map



Key

- Building Stop
- Info Stop
- Event Headquarters

Event Headquarters Located at 2 S Clinton Street (Stop #1)

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