



Creekwalk Opening, October 25, 2011

Karibu Community Garden, May 25, 2011

State of the City

Stephanie A. Miner, Mayor

Master of Ceremonies
Craig Wilson
Legislative Aide to the Council President

Welcome
Denise Fresina DiRienzo
Executive Director, Landmark Theatre

Invocation
Pastor Kenneth Reed
Greater Evangelical Church of God in Christ

Pledge of Allegiance
Kaviera Wofford
Prince Karreem Wofford
Iyanna Hester
Grandchildren of Councilor Helen Hudson

Introduction
Councilor Khalid Bey

State of the City Address
Mayor Stephanie A. Miner

Benediction
Father James Mathews
St. Lucy's Roman Catholic Church

Thursday, January 26, 2012
Landmark Theatre

Printed in-house



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State of the City 2012

Mayor Stephanie A. Miner



Loguen's Crossing groundbreaking,
December 1, 2011



First day of school, 2011



Syracuse Police Department

- In collaboration with National Grid, the Department of Public Works and City residents, the Syracuse Police Department focused on **repairing broken street lights**, particularly in high crime areas. More than 9,000 lights were checked, with nearly 800 repairs made.
- Started a **departmental Facebook page** to improve interaction with the community and introduce new lines of communication to the public.
- The **Office of Professional Standards (OPS)** implemented IA Pro, allowing the Chief and the OPS to more efficiently and effectively track and monitor complaints against police officers.
- In April, the **Syracuse Regional Police Academy** began its first police class, hosting recruits from the Syracuse Police Department, Syracuse University Public Safety, the Rome Police Department, the Geneva Police Department, the Ithaca Police Department, the Oswego Police Department and the SUNY Oswego Police Department. 36 recruits graduated in October.
- In April 2011, the first nine **public security cameras** were installed on the Near Westside as part of the Department's COPS pilot project. After six months, data showed that overall crime in the target area was down 25% when compared to the same timeframe in 2010. Incidents of shots fired in the target area were down 14%, loitering was down 45% and reported drug crime was down 57%.
- Overall **Citywide crime decreased 7%** from 2010 to 2011. Property crimes decreased by 21% from 2010 to 2011. Burglaries decreased approximately 23% from 2010 to 2011.

Syracuse Fire Department

- Maintained its status as an **Insurance Service Office "Class One"** fire department.
- Hired a **new class of recruits** to replace retirees.



Department of Neighborhood & Business Development (NBD)

- **City-County economic development office** co-location at Washington Station began in June.
- **Streamlined process to purchase** City-owned and tax delinquent properties from the City of Syracuse and the Syracuse Urban Renewal Agency.
- **New information about the development process is now available on the City website**, including: public hearing application deadlines, agendas and minutes; zoning application guidelines; permit review and submission requirements; financial incentives; and resources for starting a business.
- Absorbed responsibilities of the former Lakefront Development Corp. and issued a request for proposals for **Syracuse's Inner Harbor**.
- Some **development projects completed in the City of Syracuse in 2011**: Landmark Theatre expansion; Hotel Skyler; ESF Student Housing; the Dey Brothers Building, including market-rate residential apartments, Café Kubal and BTI travel; and the Lincoln Supply Building.
- Some **development projects underway in the City of Syracuse in 2012**: the Pike Block; Label Shopper Building; WCNY/Pro-Literacy at the Case Supply Building; Copper Beech Commons; City Electric expansion; SUNY Upstate IHP expansion; Upstate Cancer Center; Townsend Towers; Brooklyn Pickle West expansion; and United Auto Supply expansion.
- In collaboration with several City departments, the Division of Code Enforcement and IS, oversaw the creation of a **new web portal for constituent concerns and service requests, IPS (Integrated Property System)**.



Syracuse named third Most Affordable City to buy a house



Bureau of Planning & Sustainability

- Oversaw the completion of Phase One of the **Creekwalk**, in collaboration with the Department of Engineering.
- Participated in writing a \$10 million winning grant application for federal TIGER funds for the **Connective Corridor**, in collaboration with the City of Syracuse Bureau of Research and Syracuse University.
- In April, Syracuse and Onondaga County were named one of the **EPA's 10 Green Infrastructure Partner Communities**. The Bureau of Planning & Sustainability and the Department of Engineering worked with Onondaga County on Save the Rain's "Project 50."
- Worked with Alliance Bank and Northside UP to create the **Karibu Community Garden** on Lodi Street on the Northside.
- Drafted the **Syracuse Land Use & Development Plan: 2040** and hosted 15 public meetings for community input.
- In coordination with TNT Planning Councils, **six new pieces of public art** were installed in different neighborhoods as part of a community-based public art project.
- Drafted a winning application to make Syracuse one of **IBM's Smarter Cities Challenge** program recipients and hosted IBM in Syracuse in the fall. Syracuse was one of only eight cities in the United States and one of only 24 cities worldwide named an IBM Smarter City.

Syracuse Hancock International Airport

- In August, construction began on the **Passenger Terminal Security and Access Improvements Project**. This nearly \$60 million security project is being paid for by airport passenger facility charges.
- Gov. Cuomo signed legislation providing for the creation of the **Syracuse Regional Airport Authority** in August.

Mayor Miner named Deputy County Executive Bill Fisher Chair of the Syracuse Regional Airport Authority Board.

CITY COAXES \$2.5M FROM TAX-FREE SU. WHO'S NEXT?

UNIVERSITY TO GIVE \$500,000 ANNUALLY FOR 5 YEARS; MAYOR HOPES OTHER BIG NONPROFITS FOLLOW SUIT



MATT JACKSON (right), a construction inspector for the city of Syracuse, looks over the backfill applied over the new steam pipe being installed by Syracuse University beneath the sidewalk Wednesday along Comstock Avenue.

Post-Standard, June 9, 2011



Airport construction underway

Department of Parks, Recreation & Youth Programs

- Substantial completion of **Onondaga Park Fire Barn** renovations.
- Partnered with Save the Rain and the Courts for Kids Foundation to build **new basketball courts at Skiddy Park**.
- **Syrathon 2011**, a six-race series that included 29.2 miles through Syracuse's parks and neighborhoods, attracted 7,500 participants.
- Hosted a **seven-week summer program** that featured free, neighborhood-based, drop-in recreation, along with more than a dozen low-cost sport and experiential learning camps and athletic leagues. This included the Salt City Games, 10 daytime neighborhood recreation sites and popular theme camps, such as Environmental Camp with SUNY ESF.
- Oversaw three large tree planting projects supported by Onondaga County's Save the Rain program.

Department of Engineering

- Division of Design & Construction provided services related to the **Creekwalk, Connective Corridor University Avenue Reconstruction, Connective Corridor Forman Park Reconstruction, Erie Boulevard East, Dr. Weeks Elementary School, Fowler High School, Institute of Technology at Syracuse Central and H.W. Smith Elementary School** projects.

Department of Public Works

- Expanded **Syracuse's bike network** by nearly 40 percent, with the addition of the Creekwalk, new bike infrastructure at Thornden Park, Water Street and North Geddes Street.
- Generating approximately \$200,000 in additional revenues through new **Syracuse Recycling & Recovery** contract.

Department of Water

- Worked with DPW to create **central dispatch operations** at Department of Water facilities.