

April 22, 2026- GSNA Public Meeting Minutes

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- GSNA held an Easter Egg Hunt in March which was very well attended. Thank you to all who came and helped out!
- GSNA recognized the recent efforts of our Park Pickers and thanks them for their excellent work
- Upcoming Events in May
 - Mountain Goat Race- takes place May 3 and will run through the neighborhood. For information on the race course and associated road closings you can visit MountainGoatRun.org
 - Neighborhood Garage Sale- the garage sale will be held May 16. You can sign up for a \$5 fee and will be listed on the official map. For more information you can check out the Strathmore Neighborhood facebook group and search for the garage sale or visit <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdwFqRI-gOgnTTUuNfmnJNoRMBmlHZPbFuPyq9-NAqfjkBE0A/viewform>
 - Pawsitively Strathmore- May 23 in Upper Onondaga Park there will be a pet-centered event from 12-4 PM. More information below
- Pawsitively Strathmore!
 - This is a pet event to be held in Upper Onondaga Park on May 23, from 12-4 PM
 - We will have: Local vendors and artisans, food trucks, professional pet photography by Nancy Kieffer, local author Jaylynn Ross, live music, and various demos and exhibitions
 - We are partnering with local organizations Spay and Neuter Syracuse and Fixing to Help CNY to provide grants for low cost spaying and neutering with the goal of reducing stray and excess animals in the neighborhood and improving the quality of life for our pets! All proceeds go towards the grants with SANS and Fixing to Help
 - Karen Hubby, Event Coordinator at Syracuse Spay and Neuter, gave some great information on the services they provide (averaging 800 surgeries a month and nearly 70,000 since they began!) and explained how the grants we are hoping to build up will impact and help Syracuse residents!
 - We are accepting donations of gently used pet items/ linens to be distributed to local shelters
 - For more information on the event and our partners and donation/sponsorship opportunities you can reach out to pawsitivelystrathmore@gmail.com or check out the events tab on StrathmoreNeighborhood.org
- Art on the Porches is scheduled for September 12 on Ruskin Ave.
 - Event chairperson Emily Tiberio spoke at the meeting to provide an update on the event and let us know that registrations are rolling in, setting this up to be one of the best AOTP events yet!
 - More info available on Facebook and Instagram, or you can reach out at AOTP315@gmail.com

- A Disc Golf course is coming to Upper Onondaga Park!
 - Information on the course was presented by one of the creators, Strathmore neighbor Christian Freeman, Associate Principal at Keplinger Freeman Associates
 - The course was created by local enthusiasts in conjunction with Syracuse City Parks and will provide a cheap and accessible form of fun and exercise without infringing on general use of or the historical aspects of the park. The baskets used for play will be removable by the City and the sport offers excellent second use of the park and stewardship by those who use it!
 - A copy of the proposed map of the disc golf course is included below!

- Updates from Parks Department Commissioner Syeisha Byrd
 - Hiawatha Lake Fish Kill
 - Over the harsh winter we experienced fish kills in our local waters, not just in our park
 - As we saw, a large number of bottom feeder fish were killed by an absence of oxygen caused by the deep freeze
 - Parks has been in constant communication and working with the State DEC to figure out what happened and how it can be avoided in the future
 - Parks had ordered nets to remove the deceased fish from the lake but the nets were ineffective and other methods had to be considered. City workers came and have since removed one ton of dead fish from the lake with efforts continuing as needed
 - Future handling: Parks is looking into new methods of aeration and ways to move all of the water throughout the lake in order to distribute oxygen, mitigate freezing, and providing healthier water for the wildlife
 - Updates from the DEC are routinely posted on the Syracuse Parks facebook page (and are often reshared on Strathmore neighborhood pages)
 - Parks is looking to install habitats such as basking logs in the lake for the turtles who live there
 - Fishing days- following the success of their family fishing event last year Parks is hoping to hold more such events throughout the year with both fishing and information on the activity
 - Kayaks are expected to return this summer!
 - The community pool in Upper Onondaga Park is expected to open again this summer
 - 4H Summer Camp will be holding two sessions in Upper Onondaga Park this summer August 3 to August 7 and August 10 to August 14. Information and registration available at <https://cceonondaga.org/summercamp>
 - City swimming lessons are starting up in July, registration available at <https://syracuse.recdesk.com/>
 - Rollerskating in Clinton Square! Expected to occur over a week with skate rentals available. Look out for updates from Parks & Recreation
 - In response to community requests Parks will be installing a garbage can near the bottom of the hill by the Goat statue
 - If you see garbage in the park, either on the ground or spilling out of cans, make a request through SYRCityLine or the CityLine app and Parks will get on it
 - May 2- I Love My Park Day! Syracuse Parks to provide tools for cleaning local parks, including Upper Onondaga Park. Follow Parks for more details

- Safety Updates
 - Tony Borelli from Neighborhood Watch Groups of Syracuse provided updates on crime

statistics in the area, reporting overall crime was lower than at this time last year

- Statistics and other information can be found at <https://www.syracuseneighborhoodwatch.org/>

- Updates from Common Councilor Donna Moore
 - There are plans to turn portions of Wadsworth Park in the neighborhood into a dog park! This will not affect the existing baseball diamond or playground and will instead utilize existing open space
 - The Syracuse Common Council is considering a bill to restrict the use of biometric information in the City



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