

Tenants Network News

June 2010

Greater Syracuse Tenants Network Annual Meeting

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The Greater Syracuse Tenants Network will be holding its annual meeting for members on Thursday, June 3, 2010 at 6 PM at Park Central Presbyterian Church (504 East Fayette St, the corner of Townsend and E. Fayette). The purpose of the meeting is to elect members of the board and report on the activities of the organization throughout the past year. Special guest, Syracuse Police Chief Frank Fowler will also be on hand for a presentation. If you plan to attend please respond by e-mail to SyracuseTenant@aol.com or call Charlie Frisch in the Tenants Network office at 475-8092.

The Tenants Network would also like to thank several people and organizations for their generous contributions to our agency throughout the past year:

Marsha Snyder	Home Headquarters
Richard Handy	Bill Lee (through United Way)
Margaret Charters	Michael Martone
Ralph Heisler (In Memory of Winnie Salmon)	
Margo Larson (In Memory of Winnie Salmon)	

Thank you for your continued support!

Eyes & Ears in New York City

The Greater Syracuse Tenants Network traveled to Manhattan with several tenants from Syracuse to attend the first "Eyes and Ears" meeting in several years. During our time there, tenants were able to meet with HUD officials including Deputy Secretary Carole Galante, and bring issues specifically unique to our area into discussion.

Tenants from Syracuse's Downtown and Eastside areas shared their stories and provided insight into the conditions of their respective environments for HUD's panel. They were joined by more than 100 tenant leaders and organizers from New York and New Jersey received several commitments from Ms. Galante addressing HUD's



— SARATOGA SPRING, N.Y. — Winifred Lavallee Zawartany Salmon of Embury Apartments, Saratoga Springs, N.Y., passed away Feb. 25, 2010, after a brief illness, two weeks short of her 84th birthday. Winnie was born March 11, 1926, in Mooers Forks, N.Y., the daughter of Henry and Valeda Lavallee. She moved to Syracuse in 1945 and spent most of her life there until moving to Saratoga Springs in 2000.

Winnie was the founder and first chair of the Greater Syracuse Tenants Network. She served as a board member of the New York State Tenants and Neighbors' Coalition and the New York State Tenants and Neighbors Information Service. She was also president of the Fairmount Gardens Tenant Association in Camillus. In November 2000 she received a Certificate of Merit from the New York State Assembly in recognition of her achievements for the rights of low-income tenants. She was an active member for many years of the Democratic Party of Syracuse and Camillus. In the 1960s, Winnie was a member of the St. Lucy's Parish Council in Syracuse.

She is survived by her two daughters, Paula Curtis-Carter (Robert) of Saratoga Springs and Anita Zawartany Anderson (Eric) of Frazier Park, Calif.; three brothers, Bernard Lavallee of Baldwinsville, N.Y., Gilbert Lavallee (Vera) of Plainville, N.Y., and Alfred Gabriel Lavallee of Baldwinsville; one sister, Genevieve O'Connor of Westboro, Mass.; her former husband, Orville Salmon of North Syracuse; three grandchildren, Noah and Natasha Anderson of Frazier Park and Patrick Curtis of Saratoga Springs; and many nieces and grandnieces and nephews and grandnephews.

Contributions in Winnie's name may be sent either to the St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38015 or the Greater Syracuse Tenants Network, Inc., PO Box 6908, Syracuse, NY 13217.

National Alliance of HUD Tenants Save Our Homes Conference June 19th-22nd

In just a few short weeks, the Tenants Network staff will travel to Washington D.C. with Syracuse Residents and join other HUD tenants from across the country in solidarity and fight to save our homes!

There we will participate in more than 20 tenant-run workshops, teach others how to build strong tenant associations and bring your message to Congress on Lobby Day.

In order to raise funds for registration and travel, the Greater Syracuse Tenants Network has organized a number of exciting gifts to raffle at our Annual Meeting.

Prizes include:

Dinosaur BBQ Sauce Gift Box
Wegmans Gift Card
Syracuse Chiefs Tickets
& more!

To be included in this unique opportunity please contact organizer
Charlie Frisch.
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P.O. Box 6908
Syracuse, NY 13217

Raffle tickets are \$1 and will be drawn at our
Annual Meeting:

6pm, June 3rd
Park Central Presbyterian Church
504 E. Fayette Street
Guest Speaker Syracuse Police Chief Frank Fowler

You do not have to be present to win.

Thank You for your support!

BUILDING UPDATES

Parkside Commons

Tenant Leaders continue to hold regular Tenant Association meetings. Last spring, Related Management was awarded \$23 million from a federal stimulus package for energy related improvements. Meetings with management are being held to discuss concerns about the improvements now underway. Several tenants from Parkside traveled to New York City and gave their first-hand accounts of HUD's REAC inspection process and recommendations for improving its system. Parkside's Tenant Leader, Barbara Princeton, remains active in her neighborhood and continues participation at Eastside TNT meetings.

McCarthy Manor

Tenants continue to meet twice a month for regular Tenant Association and Board Meetings. Tenant Leaders traveled to New York City for the Eyes & Ears meeting and explained the need for clearer communication between HUD, management companies, and tenants. The issue raised was that this past fall residents received confusing notices from management regarding the owners' intentions towards renewing the buildings Section 8 contract. The tenants association is beginning to gear up for upcoming board elections in June.

Clinton Plaza

President Janice Jenkins continues to lead tenants in regularly held association meetings. Vice-president John Ryan recently spoke to Assistant HUD Secretary Carole Galante and other HUD officials at the NYC Eyes & Ears meeting regarding harassment from past management and the need for HUD to strictly enforce tenants' rights to organize. Residents from Clinton Plaza attend Downtown TNT meetings keeping in constant contact with Syracuse City officials. Tenants are very concerned about the overall deteriorating physical condition of their building.

Summit Apartments

Tenant Leader Marcia Weaver traveled with the Tenants Network to the annual National Alliance of HUD Tenants Conference last summer in Washington D.C. She again represented Summit Apartments and strengthened relationships with organizers and other tenant leaders while in New York for "Eyes & Ears."

Become a Member

Membership in the Greater Syracuse Tenants Network is \$5.00 for each individual tenant or supporter.

Tenant Associations are encouraged to join the New York State Tenants & Neighbors Coalition (\$25) and the National Alliance of HUD Tenants. (Information is available through the Greater Syracuse Tenants Network on these organizations).

We need your membership and donation! It helps pay for our website and mailings.

An additional donation would be greatly appreciated.

Greater Syracuse Tenants Network Membership Form

Name _____

Building or organization name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

Membership \$5.00 Additional Donation _____

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Syracuse, New York 13217

Greater Syracuse Tenants Network Board Members July 1, 2010-June 30 2011

William Lee	Chair
Barbara Princeton	Vice-Chair
Sharon Sherman	Treasurer
Scott Randall	Member
Rasta Muhammad	Member
Kevin Sodhi	Member
George Humphrey	Member
Mary Ann Ruzekowicz	Member

Thanks to those who are current with their membership dues!

Margaret Charters	Sharon Sherman
Michael Martone	Bernice Atkins
Kevin Sodhi	Barbara Princeton
William Lee	Rasta Muhammad
Marsha Snyder	Richard Handy
Karen Schroeder	John Ryan
Scott Randall	Mary Ann Ruzekowicz