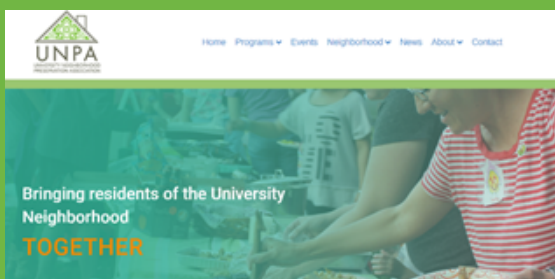


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“We love walking everywhere, we love our parks, we love our restaurants, and we love our library... but most of all we love our neighbors!”

2020 Highlights and Accomplishments

Community Building: In an unprecedented year, UNPA has found new, innovative ways to continue its commitment to community building. In April, UNPA provided supplies for a safe Earth Day cleanup, in which 25 families picked up more than 50 bags of trash. We modified our annual Fun Run, switching from the traditional group kids' race in Barry Park to a socially distanced Run for Fun, where 45 children from 20 families ran a combined 30,000 minutes to win prizes from Westcott-area businesses. UNPA also celebrated homeowners' resilience and creativity during the COVID-19 quarantine by launching a new Pandemic Home Improvement campaign, showcasing before-and-after home improvement photos submitted by more than 20 University Neighborhood residents. We have made the best of a very difficult year by making our homes and our neighborhood a better place to live!

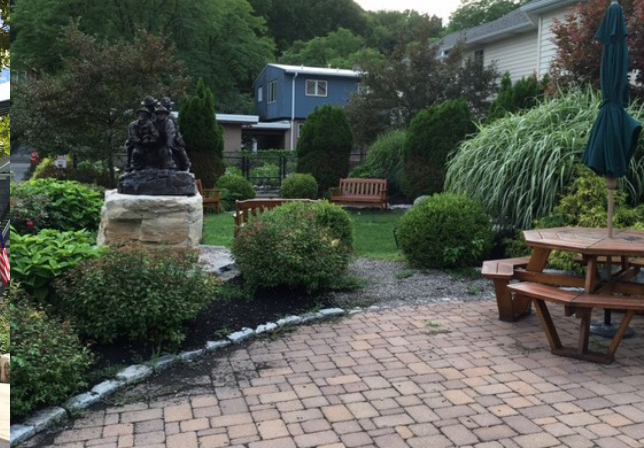
Promoting Homeownership: UNPA's *Grant Program* attracts new homeowners to our neighborhood by providing home improvement grants post-closing. Our *1% Loan Program* provides funds to meet the needs of existing neighborhood homeowners, contributing to improved maintenance and increasing home values. Administered by Home HeadQuarters, the loan program supports interior and exterior improvements with loans up to \$10,000 at only 1% interest.

Of the 11 buyers who participated in FY 2019-2020's Grant Program:

- 30% were first time homebuyers
- 40% work downtown
- 30% are SU/ ESF/Upstate Medical faculty, staff or graduate students
- 40% work at SCSD or local schools
- 30% relocated within the neighborhood

Expanding Collaborations: UNPA partnered with the Outer Comstock Neighborhood Association (OCNA) and Southside TNT's SANKOFA District to expand homeowner access to funding by providing administrative support for grant and loan programs in additional Syracuse neighborhoods. During the pandemic, UNPA supported Syracuse University's community outreach and virus containment efforts by sharing communications with UNPA's listserve. UNPA also collaborated with OCNA to provide food for residents in need by temporarily transforming neighborhood-owned Little Lending Libraries into food pantries.

Preserving Housing Stock: Following its award-winning exterior restoration, UNPA transferred ownership of the Gustav Stickley House to the Greater Syracuse Land Bank in 2020. The Gustav Stickley House Foundation won a \$2 million grant to continue the interior restoration of this craftsman historical gem. After transforming the Babcock Shattuck House into four condominium units, UNPA sold the remaining two units in 2020.



Mission and History

The University Neighborhood Preservation Association (UNPA) is a not-for-profit organization founded in 1991. Our mission is to maintain owner occupancy in the University Neighborhood, and to promote the neighborhood as a great place to live. For almost 30 years, UNPA has assisted more than 895 homebuyers with more than \$3.5 million in grants and loans -- including \$200,000 last year alone!

The UNPA Board of Directors is comprised of an active 15-member Board.

Director	Member since	Occupation
Officers:		
President: Heather Schroeder	2013	Downtown Committee of Syracuse
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Brad Hunt	2012	Mackenzie Hughes
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David Michel:	1989	City of Syracuse, Director of Economic Development (retired)
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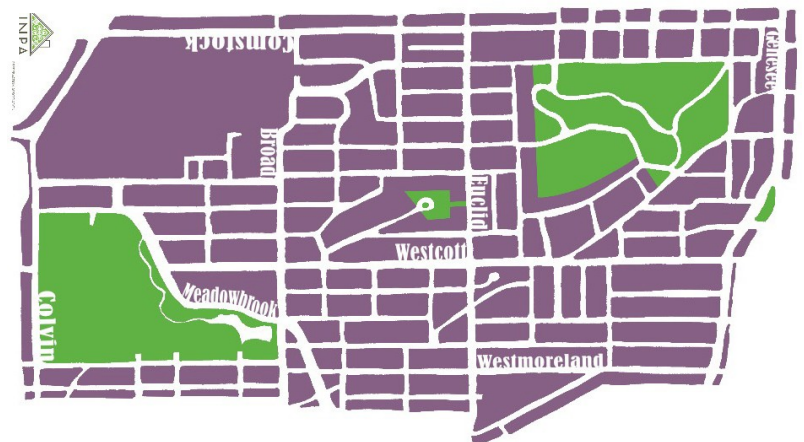
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