

Hotel Syracuse in its glory days (photo gallery)









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A hallway in the Hotel Syracuse during the hotel's glory years. [\(Onondada Historical Association\)](#)
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Syracuse, N.Y. — Countless [Central New York](#) residents can recall attending events at the Hotel Syracuse, the region's grand dame of hotels for most of the 20th century.

Opened in 1924, the hotel was *the* place to hold weddings, conventions, business meetings and big parties of all sorts for decades. As you can see from our [earlier photo gallery](#), the building has fallen onto hard times more recently.

The hotel closed in 2004 following two trips to [bankruptcy court](#). Water damage caused by roof leaks and burst pipes is rapidly destroying the grand old building at South Warren and East Onondaga streets in downtown Syracuse.

See photos of Hotel Syracuse crumbling.

Developer Ed Riley has proposed a **\$57 million renovation** that would result in the reopening of the building as a 261-room Hyatt Hotel. Riley said the renovation would completely rebuild and enlarge the hotel's rooms but restore much of the rest of the hotel to its original appearance.

To remind readers of just what the hotel looked like in its glory days, [syracuse.com](#) asked the **Onondaga Historical Association** to dig through its substantial archives. Above is a gallery of historical photos provided by the association and a few pictures [syracuse.com](#) pulled from its own archives.

The gallery includes shots of the hotel's famed Grand Ballroom, its Persian Terrace room and its lobby, all of which look surprisingly similar to the way they appeared when the hotel opened 90 years ago.

If you have memories of the Hotel Syracuse during its glory days, feel free to share them in the comments section below.

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