

## THE NATIVE & THE NEWCOMER

### NATIVE: Gloria Lamanna

Heritage Area coordinator,  
City of Syracuse; lifelong resident

#### What about your native city means the most to you?

Syracuse played a major role in local history and in the history of New York State. Knowing something about the past of the region where you live provides greater understanding and appreciation of your community today.

I don't believe that life is a spectator sport. I go to the cultural festivals, I sing in a community chorus, I usher at local arts theaters.

#### Your family is Italian. You must have some favorite bakeries.

There is a wonderful Italian bakery, Di Lauro's, on the north side of the city on East Division Street, which has the most incredible bread. When I was little, we had pasta dinners every Sunday and always stopped at Di Lauro's for the bread. Another wonderful bread bakery is Columbus Baking Company on Pearl Street. You could get fresh bread there on Christmas Day.

#### Where would you send people to play?

I spend a lot of time walking at Onondaga Lake Park in Liverpool, where the paths run along the lakeshore. I also like walking in Burnet Park, which has a nice golf course and also Rosamond Gifford Zoo. But my favorite is Johnson Park in Liverpool, which has concerts by local bands.

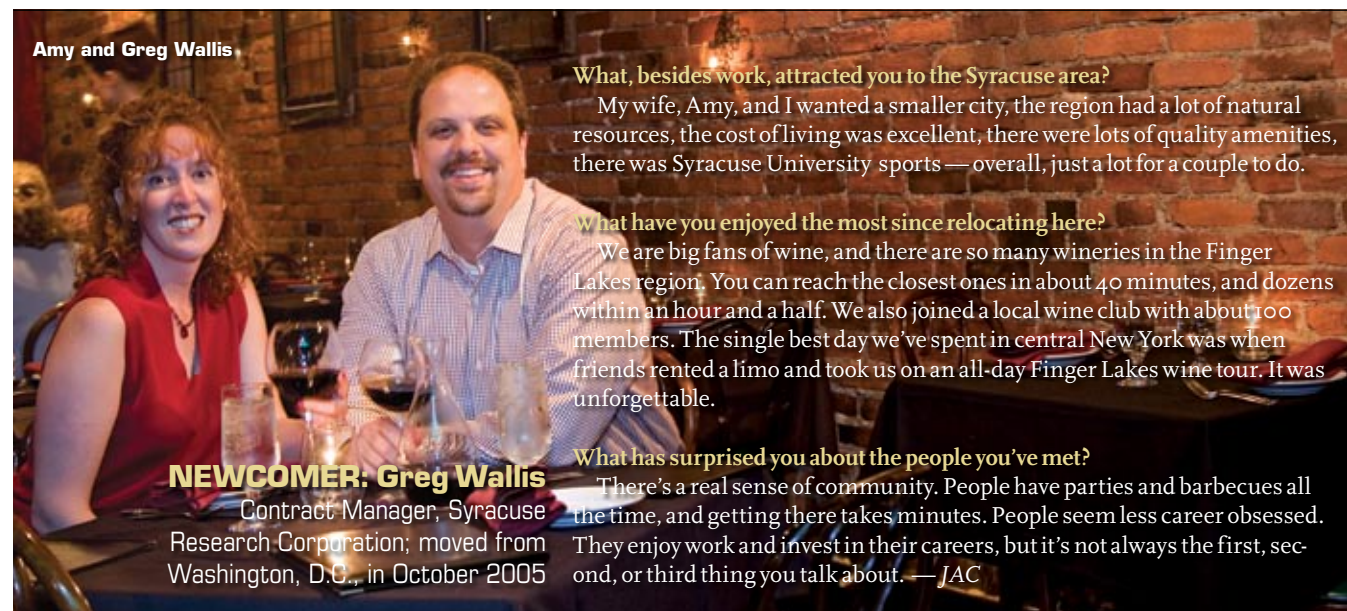


'You can participate in amateur arts, entertainment, sports, and recreation.'

—Gloria Lamanna

#### Other favorites?

Growing up in an Italian family, you came to appreciate fresh food of all kinds, especially vegetables. Our grandparents grew corn in their backyards! So I really like the farmer's market every Tuesday downtown; it's great to be working in an urban area and be able to walk to a market in the city to get fresh produce and flowers. — *Interview by Jeffrey A. Charboneau*



Amy and Greg Wallis

#### What, besides work, attracted you to the Syracuse area?

My wife, Amy, and I wanted a smaller city, the region had a lot of natural resources, the cost of living was excellent, there were lots of quality amenities, there was Syracuse University sports — overall, just a lot for a couple to do.

#### What have you enjoyed the most since relocating here?

We are big fans of wine, and there are so many wineries in the Finger Lakes region. You can reach the closest ones in about 40 minutes, and dozens within an hour and a half. We also joined a local wine club with about 100 members. The single best day we've spent in central New York was when friends rented a limo and took us on an all-day Finger Lakes wine tour. It was unforgettable.

#### What has surprised you about the people you've met?

There's a real sense of community. People have parties and barbecues all the time, and getting there takes minutes. People seem less career obsessed. They enjoy work and invest in their careers, but it's not always the first, second, or third thing you talk about. — *JAC*

### NEWCOMER: Greg Wallis

Contract Manager, Syracuse Research Corporation; moved from Washington, D.C., in October 2005



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