



NEWS **November 2020**

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Moving Ahead in Uncertain Times

November is a month to focus on gratitude. While we are all dealing with unprecedented and uncertain times, we as a community are also making strides to move forward in this time of pandemic.

Organizations are relying on zoom and other digital methods to reach out to the people that rely on them. The need to communicate and reach decisions as a community has not disappeared, rather we are cognizant of communicating in ways that allow us to stay a physically-safe distance apart. Our top priority is protecting each other and keeping ourselves and others healthy – but that doesn't mean that our community is at a standstill. I commend the local agencies for their commitment to our neighborhoods and look forward to continuing to work with them through these methods.

We continue to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic and resulting uncertainties and cancellations. My staff and I are attempting to provide for our communities' needs during this period and we will continue to work with all organizations that serve them.

While this holiday season may seem unusual, and perhaps disturbing, it is uplifting to hear about major advances for a vaccine for COVID-19 being developed. Hopefully, this is the light at the end of the tunnel we have been waiting for.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns about these or any other state issues, please call my office at (315) 428-9651.

Thanking Our Veterans - Virtually

The CNY Veterans Parade and Expo was virtual this year, due to the COVID restrictions. Several features were added to CNYVeteransParade.org to help the community remember the importance of honoring our veterans. A recorded interview with students and local veterans by Spectrum was added to the site. Also new is a slideshow by the Onondaga County Historical Association on the War Memorial. A video of pictures from past years is also on the website.

While unable to have a full event for the 13th Annual CNY Veterans Parade and Expo, a small socially-distant ceremony was held to honor local veterans at the NYS Fairgrounds Veterans Memorial. The ceremony, which included the Tom Dooley Choraliers, a color guard and firing squad from the VFW 7872 in the Town of Manlius, and a presentation to the Grand Marshal Mark Burns, was live streamed and posted to the site. As plans are being made for the 14th Annual CNY Veterans Parade and Expo on Nov. 6, 2021, visit CNYVeteransParade.org for more information.



Grand Marshal Mark Burns accepts a citation from Assemblyman Magnarelli. Mr. Burns is an Army Veteran, Chief of Advertising and Public Affairs at the local Army Recruiting Station and sits on the board of several veterans' organizations. He served as the president of the CNY Veterans Parade Board for the past 5 years.



The VFW 7872 from the Town of Manlius provided a color guard and a 21-gun salute.



Members of the Tom Dooley Choraliers sang the National Anthem and Military Branches Medley while wearing specially designed masks for singing.



Visit www.CNYVeteransParade.org for more information

Solvay Earth Day 2.0

Assemblyman Magnarelli spent time cleaning up the Village of Solvay as part of "Solvay Earth Day 2.0". The original Earth Day event had to be postponed due to COVID restrictions. On the morning of the event, the Assemblyman was met at the Solvay DPW Garage on Milton Ave by Solvay Trustees John Cregg, Bill McVicker, Deb Degilio, Rose McVicker and Charles Spataro. A huge thank you to all who turned out to help clean – many hands made light work.



99th Birthday Celebration

It was my honor to present Manny Martinez a citation for his 99th birthday at the Pennock Post on Charles Ave in Solvay. Mr. Martinez was the longest serving supervisor in Geddes's history, and was a town councilor and a Solvay village Trustee before that as well. Prior to being an elected official, he was a teacher, athletic director and vice principal at West Genesee for over 30 years. He is a decorated WW2 combat veteran and lifelong Solvay/Geddes resident.



Filling the Void by Opening an Intensive Outpatient Psychiatric Program for Adolescents

Upstate Medical University held a ribbon cutting for the Intensive Outpatient Psychiatric Program for Adolescents. The unit is a successful result of the Mental Health Task Force which Assemblyman Magnarelli helped start in 2015 with Congressman John Katko. Upstate Medical University used the results from the task force and has begun to fill the recognized void by creating clinics for both outpatient and inpatient psychiatric care to children and adolescents in Central New York.



Raising the Flag

Assemblyman Magnarelli brought a flag to the Pompei North Apartments for display in their center circle. Anne Visconti, a resident, alerted him to the need. Superintendent Nancy Bryant and Manager Lindsay Warren helped during the flag raising.



Loretto Opens New Facility for Those with Alzheimer's or Dementia

Assemblyman Magnarelli toured the new Borer Memory Life Community - an \$8 million apartment building for people with dementia at The Nottingham in Jamesville. The facility addresses the growing need to serve and provide facilities for people with dementia and Alzheimer's disease.





Northside Infrastructure Renovations

Mayor Ben Walsh and Assemblyman Magnarelli had a chance to look at renovations done to Grant Boulevard from state funding. Renovations of Grant Boulevard from Wheaton Road to Highland Street included resurfacing, new curbs and renovated corners.

A larger project referred to as “Butternut Street- Dig Once” is being planned for the Northside neighborhood. The project, delayed due to COVID restrictions, will include resurfacing, new curbs and sidewalks and replacement of subsurface sewer and water infrastructure. The project is funded through a \$5.25 million state grant.

Maintaining Neighborhoods; Finding a Home for the Men’s Shelter

Assemblyman Magnarelli spoke at a public meeting regarding the proposal to move Catholic Charities men's shelter to 501 W. Genesee St. He spoke against this proposal and on behalf of the residents who have worked so hard to rejuvenate their neighborhood. Having the shelter near Leavenworth Park and residential housing brings risks and challenges that would negate their efforts. Assemblyman Magnarelli is looking to work with Onondaga County Catholic Charities, to help find a suitable location.



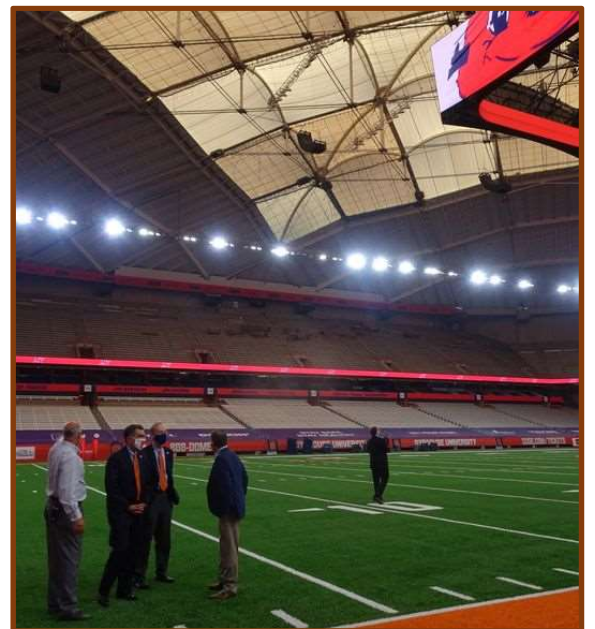
Library Funding

Assemblyman Magnarelli announced that Hazard Branch Library has been allocated \$31,635 in state aid for library construction funds. The funds will enable them to renovate the parking lot. The funds are from \$34 million in capital funds for public library construction and broadband infrastructure projects provided in the State Budget



Dome Renovations

Assemblyman Magnarelli toured the Syracuse University Dome to view the latest renovations, including the new roof and center scoreboard with Chancellor Ken Syverud, Vice President of Facilities Pete Sala and Director of Athletics John Wildhack. The \$118-million dollar investment includes the new crown-truss roof and the biggest center-hung scoreboard in college sports with a six-foot ribbon board that runs around the bottom. The building has new LED lighting systems. Renovations to restrooms, concession stands, and air conditioning units are also being completed ahead of schedule due to crowds being prohibited because of COVID.



About New York State Assemblyman William B. Magnarelli

Assemblyman William Magnarelli represents the 129th Assembly District, which includes the Northside, Westside, Eastwood Valley and Downtown areas of the City of Syracuse, Syracuse University area, Outer Comstock, as well as the towns of Geddes and Van Buren. He first won election in 1998 for an open Assembly seat and has been reelected since then. During his terms in office, Assemblyman Magnarelli has focused his efforts on bringing more jobs to Central New York, lowering taxes, providing our children a better education at every level, improving our healthcare and keeping our families safe. For more information, contact Assemblyman Magnarelli’s District Office at (315) 428-9651 or visit <http://www.assembly.state.ny.us/magnarelli>.