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Summertime in Syracuse

The summertime is a welcome respite from the snow, sleet and freezing rain we endure over the winter months, and a time to enjoy all that nature provides to us: sunshine, flowers, a beautiful landscape, our lakes and beaches---the list seems endless! Yes, I agree that there are many societal issues continuing to impact our area which need to be addressed, and we are working on those. But all in all, I think the vast majority of us enjoy living in Central New York. Some of us have lived here our entire lives, and some of us have moved here from surrounding communities in New York State, and some from other parts of the country and from across the world.

Immigrants from all over the world have settled in our area for generations. That hasn't changed. As a community we are better off for everything that these hard-working newcomers have contributed to our City, surrounding Villages and Towns, and our State and Nation. Whether your great grandparents came from Italy--as mine did, or if you have just arrived in our area from places throughout the world, as a community and a nation, we must ensure that, through hard work and determination, everyone can achieve the American dream.

A good education is a foundation to achieving the American Dream. Over the years I have had the opportunity to speak with students who are planning to go to college in the fall. The students are from all over CNY and many are going to college with the help of OnPoint for College. OnPoint is a local non-profit organization that is a resource for students who might not be able to attend college, but for the guidance and assistance from the staff at OnPoint. They have helped thousands of young adults achieve a college degree and employment. Despite the decades in age difference between the students and me, when I speak to them about starting college, I relive the excitement and angst I felt many years ago and try to convey to them that although it will be difficult, they can do it.

Many OnPoint students volunteered to help with the Shredding event my office sponsored with OCRRA on July 13 at the NYS Fairgrounds. They assisted with removing the countless number of boxes and bags of personal documents from 2,000 cars. We could not have had a successful event without their help. "Thank you" to each of them.

Now, I look forward to the rest of the summer and of course the upcoming NYS Fair!

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

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Shred-O-Rama Success

On July 13, Assemblyman Magnarelli helped sponsor the 2019 Shred-O-Rama with OCRRA at the NYS Fairgrounds. Approximately 2,416 cars came to the event and 88,170 lbs of paper were shredded. Shredding documents that have sensitive personal information is of the utmost importance when trying to protect your credit and identity from being stolen. People who attended the event generously donated \$6,550 to the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Student volunteers from OnPoint for College helped unload cars as part of their community service.





Solvay High School Athletes Thanked for Their Service

Solvay High School Athletic Association received a check from SUNNKING Electronics for helping unload vehicles at the most recent e-recycling event sponsored by Assemblyman Magnarelli. Coach Jim Rolince (Head Coach Girls Track & Field), Haley Muehl (Girls track athlete), and Matt Shutts, (Boys Head Track & Field Coach), attended the check presentation.

5th Anniversary of East Woods Skate Park



Assemblyman Magnarelli presented a Citation for the 5th Anniversary of the East Woods Skate Plaza on June 21st. The Skate Park, behind Huntington School, is maintained with the help of the Eastwood Neighborhood Association. The park is used by skaters, BMXers, scooters, and rollerbladers.

Eastwood Neighborhood Association members, Robert Lopez, Kristen Juliana and Justin Keskin, Co-Chairs of the Skate Park Research Committee for the Eastwood Neighborhood Association, attended the celebration along with a number of young adults who utilize the facility.

Renovations to the Bob Cecile Senior Center

Significant building updates have been completed at the Bob Cecile Senior Center, funded in part by \$115,000 in grant funds secured by Assemblyman Magnarelli. Among the completed renovations are air conditioning upgrades to the 2nd floor, a new roof, an accessible reception counter, a computer lab, kitchen cabinets, stove and counters, screen and projector, and windows. A front entrance is expected to be rebuilt soon.



Advocating for Children in Our Community

Assemblyman Magnarelli recently took a tour of the McMahon Ryan Child Advocacy Center to get an update on the services it provides to the community and its collaboration with law enforcement and other local non-profits. Thank you to Colleen Merced, Executive Director, and Patricia Usherwood, Director of Development and Building Operations, for spending the time to discuss the continuing good work of the center.



Congratulations Graduates

Congratulations to all of the new high school and college graduates. I am grateful to have been a part of the graduation ceremonies for Onondaga Community College, and Henninger, Fowler and Corcoran High Schools in the Syracuse City School District. Best Wishes to all!



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>.