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WORKING FOR THE BETTERMENT OF OUR COMMUNITY

Central New York is a wonderful place to live. Besides being able to enjoy all four seasons, the Central New York community is very vibrant. There are numerous opportunities to become engaged in events and local projects. When Legislative session is not ongoing in Albany, I enjoy traveling throughout the district and meeting the people taking part in the betterment of our community.

As your Assemblyman, I also try to contribute to the community by helping to fund local projects, passing legislation to help those causes and by holding events that support our neighbors.

In early November I am hosting two events: the CNY Veterans Parade and Expo and an Electronics Recycling Event. I look forward to seeing you at these events as we work together to maintain the vibrant community we call home.

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

CNY VETERANS PARADE & EXPO



Saturday, November 6
New York State Fairgrounds

Free Parking ★ Free Admission



EXPO



PARADE



Center of Progress Building 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

A venue to show how valuable veterans and military are to our community

- Local organizations, educational institutions, and companies that provide services to veterans
- Displays of historical military artifacts, including items from the Civil War, WWI, WWII, Vietnam, Korean, and Iraq wars
- Children's Area
- ***Most importantly, the expo includes opportunities for Central New Yorkers to meet and interact with many of our service members and veterans***

Chevy Court Noon

An opportunity to thank the men and women who served our country

- Local veterans and military organizations from throughout Central New York, including Watertown, Utica, Rochester, and Binghamton
- Veterans of all generations and conflicts since and including WWII
- High School Marching Bands
- Active and reserve military from throughout Central New York

www.CNYVeteransParade.org



Special Performance by The West Point Drill Team

as well as the Trombone Choir,
Baldwinsville Community Band, and
Dr. Tom Dooley's Choraliers



HOSTED BY:
**ASSEMBLYMAN
BILL MAGNARELLI**



FREE Electronics Recycling Event

Hosted by Assemblyman
Bill Magnarelli



Saturday, Nov. 13
New York State
Fairgrounds

Please enter Gate 6 on
State Fair Boulevard

Thank you to our co-sponsor:



What can be recycled:

- Computers
- Televisions
- Small-scale servers
- Monitors
- CPUs, Keyboards & Mice
- Fax Machines
- Scanners
- Printers
- VCR & DVD Players
- Digital Music Players
- Typewriters
- Electronic or video game consoles
- Circuit Boards
- Cell Phones
- Audio-Video Equipment



Items not accepted:

- Air Conditioners
- Dehumidifiers
- Alkaline Batteries
- Broken Tube TVs or Monitors
- Fluorescent Lamps/Bulbs
- Some Carbon Monoxide Detectors

REGISTRATION REQUIRED!

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State Funds for New Outlook Deck at Webster Pond



Andy Anderson and John Bertram of the Syracuse Rotary Club, Chad Norton VP of Angler's Association of Onondaga and Assemblyman William Magnarelli cut the ribbon on the new outlook deck at Webster Duck Pond.

Assemblyman William Magnarelli cut the ribbon on a new outlook deck he secured state funds for at Webster Duck Pond in Syracuse. "The idea behind creating the outlook deck was to provide a large area for both disabled and able-bodied visitors to enjoy nature and give small groups the ability to have outdoor meetings," said Chad Norton, Vice President Angler's Association of Onondaga. "I believe this will increase park attendance, club membership and community involvement."

Webster Duck Pond has been operated for over 20 years by the Anglers Association. It features handicapped-accessible walkways and a large pond which is home to hundreds of ducks and geese, and although wild creatures, are fed daily by visitors. The facility is open year-round from sunrise to sunset.

In August, the Webster Duck Pond was vandalized. Overnight, computers and donations were stolen, and bleach was poured over the security technology and feed corn. However, a great community response has mitigated these damages.

"The Webster Duck Pond is a lovely, unique spot in our community, which draws all ages to watch and feed the ducks, as well as to enjoy the lovely trails," said Assemblyman Magnarelli. "Securing the funding for the new outlook deck is a wonderful opportunity to enhance an already popular location and allow our residents a new way of enjoying our local park."

Opening Night with New Seats

The Landmark Theater is ready to welcome live theater back to Syracuse with a renovated showroom and new seats.

Assemblyman Magnarelli secured \$2 million in NYS Grant funding for the Landmark restoration and its long overdue marquee and seat replacement. Prior to this grant, the NYS Assembly also provided \$8.7 million in grant funds for the stage expansions in 2011 and later \$220,000 for the installation of an elevator. The Landmark Theatre reopened with the production of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory in early October.

Andy Breuer, board president, Assemblyman Magnarelli, and Mike Intaglietta, executive director, took a tour of the renovated seats at the Landmark Theater.



Governor Signs into Law 3 Bills Assemblyman Magnarelli Sponsored

Military Personnel Stationed in NYS to Keep Their Home State Driver's License

The new law (A6968) allows military personnel, their spouses and dependents to keep their home state driver's license while stationed in New York.

Until today, anyone who remained in New York after 60-days had to apply for a New York State driver's license. This created a burden on military personnel stationed in the State who wished to keep their home state license for residency purposes. Being forced to change their license jeopardized their voting status and benefits like "in-state" tuition. New York was only one of ten US jurisdictions that had such a requirement.

"Our military members and their family sacrifice much for the safety of our country," said Assemblyman Magnarelli. "As a state, New York should be doing what it can to make their lives easier while stationed here. This bill relieves them of one the burdens that comes with moving to a new station."

Fine Increased for a Purposely Obstructed License Plate

The new law (A6014) increases the maximum fine for intentionally obstructing or defacing a license plate from \$200 to \$300. The object is to stop motorists from intentionally making their license plate hard to read to avoid paying tolls and/or avoiding law enforcement.

"As New York moves to adopt "cashless tolling" on all its toll roads, bridges and tunnels, it is critical that cameras be able to properly read license plate numbers," said Assemblyman Magnarelli. "When a motorist intentionally defaces or obstructs the plate, it makes it difficult or impossible for the Thruway Authority or other entity to send a bill for tolls. This passes additional costs down to all motorists using these thoroughfares."

Additionally, it is a safety threat. If law enforcement or the general public can't read a plate number, they can't identify cars that commit "hit and run" crashes or other traffic offenses. That makes it difficult for motorists to get proper insurance information and harder for law enforcement to get dangerous vehicles and drivers off the road.

Increasing this fine is the first step in cracking down on this dangerous practice.

Speed Cameras in Work Zones

Authorization for a pilot program to install 20 speed enforcement cameras on major interstates and 10 cameras on the Thruway was signed into law.

"The goal is to reduce speeding through some of New York's busiest high-speed highway construction zones and prevent injuries to workers. Worker safety is of paramount importance, especially as the State continues to invest in repaving our roads and highways," said Assemblyman Magnarelli, Chair of the Assembly Transportation Committee. "The use of work zone speed cameras in other states has shown dramatic reductions in violations and injuries."

According to data from the DOT, from 2010-2016 there were 3,450 accidents in work zones on NYS highways that resulted in 50 fatalities and over 1,100 injuries to motorists and workers. In 2018, there were 701 accidents with 329 injuries and 13 fatalities in New York work zones- an increase from 660 accidents, 160 injuries and 10 fatalities in 2017.

This bill authorizes the pilot program and fines for violations. A first offense is \$50, a second within 18 months is a \$75 and three or more is \$100. The bill also requires a 30-day grace period before motorists are fined. It also dedicates 60% of fines collected to fund work zone safety projects.

War Veteran Turns 100 in Solvay



In honor of his 100th birthday, Assemblyman Magnarelli presented Manny Martinez an Assembly Proclamation honoring his lifetime of service. Mr. Martinez is a World War II veteran. Private First Class Martinez went overseas with the 304th Infantry in November, 1944. He was wounded on February 22, 1945 while in Luxembourg. For his service, he was awarded the Purple Heart in a hospital in England on April 27, 1945. He also was awarded two bronze stars. After the war, Martinez went on to have two successful careers, first at West Genesee Central School as a coach, physical education teacher and administrator, and then in politics. He was a Solvay village trustee for eight years, a member of the town of Geddes council for five years and town supervisor for 20 years.

Taking Steps Towards a Cure

Assemblyman Magnarelli presented a NYS Assembly Citation to Mike Casey, Branch Leader of the Syracuse Chapter of the Charcot-Marie-Tooth Association. CMT is a progressive neuromuscular disease that causes deterioration of the peripheral nerves- the long nerves that branch



off the central nervous system to the hands and feet, controlling sensory information and muscle function. The organization held their third annual Walk 4 CMT to raise awareness and generate community support to improve the quality of life for those with CMT.

Honored at Local Conventions

Assemblyman Magnarelli spoke at the annual conference for the Trucking Association of New York. He addressed the membership as Chair of the Assembly Transportation Committee and discussed with them issues important to the trucking industry, including: infrastructure funding, roadway safety and professional development for truckers. This year's conference was held at the Marriott Downtown Syracuse.



Assemblyman Magnarelli was honored by the New York State Snowmobile Association with its Legislator of the Year Award at its annual convention held at the OnCenter in Syracuse. The Assemblyman was honored for sponsoring legislation in support of New York's Snowmobile Clubs, including A.7747. This bill will help New York's Snowmobile clubs raise additional revenue for trail maintenance and safety programming by increasing registration fees on snowmobiles for out-of-state residents and state residents who are not members of a snowmobile club.



Diaper Need Awareness Week

Assemblyman Magnarelli presented a New York State resolution to the CNY Diaper Bank in honor of National Diaper Need Awareness Week. CNY Diaper Bank is a nonprofit created in 2016 to help social service organizations in the Syracuse area distribute diapers to families in need. It is a part of the National Diaper Bank Network. CNY Diaper Bank's mission is to ensure that all Central New York families have access to an adequate supply of diapers, and to build awareness of diaper need in our community. The CNY Diaper Bank distributes an average of 185,000 diapers each month, and distribution doubled after the pandemic started in March 2020.

Executive director of the CNY Diaper Bank Michela Hugo and board president Peggy Liuzzi receive a New York State Resolution from Assemblyman Magnarelli.

State Funds Used for Onondaga Historical Association

Assemblyman Magnarelli took a tour of the Onondaga Historical Association with executive director Gregg Tripoli. The Onondaga Historical Association finished maintenance projects, including replacing lighting and internal renovations, funded through state grants secured by Assemblyman Magnarelli.



50 Years of Serving Baldwinsville

Baldwinsville Meals on Wheels celebrated their 50th Anniversary. The organization provides meals to seniors, the homebound and the disabled in Towns of Lysander and Van Buren and in the Town of Salina north of John Glenn Blvd. It recently has been serving more than 800 meals per week.

Assemblyman Magnarelli presented a proclamation to Baldwinsville Meals on Wheels director Donna Metz and Board of Directors Board Member Mary Hendel to honor its service to the community.



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>.