



# NEWS

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### Safety in the New School Year

Throughout my tenure in the State Legislature, I have been motivated to keep our local communities safe, and a great place to live and raise a family. Each year, after hearing from my constituents, I work with my colleagues introducing legislation that allows state departments to serve the people of the state efficiently and to improve our communities. Sometimes it takes years for the legislation to pass through both houses and be signed into state law.

Safety is a priority as schools prepare to open for the new academic year. As chair of the Assembly Committee on Transportation, I sponsored legislation in 2019 that allows the use of cameras on school buses to enforce against the illegal passing of stopped school buses. While the use of “Stop-Arm” cameras helped lower the occurrences of vehicles illegally passing a school bus, and allowed municipalities to ticket offenders, data showed that we needed to go a step further. This year, I sponsored legislation (A6155) that the Governor signed into law, allowing school districts to place decals on their buses to warn drivers that “stop-arm” cameras are in use. It is important that motorists are put on notice that they will be caught and fined if they illegally pass a stopped bus. Allowing school buses equipped with “Stop-Arm” camera systems to use a sign, placard, or other display also pre-emptively deters offenders from making illegal passes.

As we prepare for the summer and NYS Fair to end, I am preparing for the next session in Albany, and I continue to focus on being able to bring sensible solutions to problems in our community and communities across our state.

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](mailto:magnarw@nyassembly.gov).



### Repaving City Streets

Assemblyman Magnarelli was happy to announce that state funding he secured will allow the City of Syracuse to repave an additional 14 miles of neighborhood roads, almost tripling the miles of roads repaired this construction season.

The State Legislature authorized \$100 million in Touring Routes funds in the state’s 2021-22 budget to go to municipalities to enhance the physical condition of roadways, create jobs and enhance local economic competitiveness. The City of Syracuse received \$7.25 million in New York State Touring Routes funding.

Bad road conditions are not just an annoyance. They are a safety issue that can cause personal injuries and property damage, deterring residents from their daily routes and making life in general more difficult. Investing in our local infrastructure is an excellent way of helping our localities and increasing the flow of goods and people safely. New York State’s investment in the Touring Routes Program will fund reconstruction on our cities, towns and village roads, not just state routes, but also any roads throughout the state to serve the residents better.



**Syracuse Mayor Ben Walsh and Assemblyman Magnarelli announce \$7.25 million in New York State Touring Routes Funding for the city of Syracuse.**

# Ogdensburg Bridge and Port Authority



**Steve Lawrence, Executive Director of the Ogdensburg Bridge and Port Authority, and Assemblyman Magnarelli speak about the facilities of the Ogdensburg Bridge and Port Authority.**

Assemblyman Magnarelli, as Chair of the Transportation Committee, was invited to tour the facilities of the Ogdensburg Bridge and Port Authority. Ogdensburg is an important port on the St. Lawrence Seaway for transporting cargo, and the Bridge is a major entry point between the USA and Canada. The Port Authority also operates an airport that serves both the North Country and Canada. Chair Magnarelli learned of the importance of the Port to the economy of the North Country, improvements being made to the facility and the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on operations, in particular, the impact of the Canadian border closing. Under normal circumstances, the Ogdensburg Airport serves many Canadian travelers that cross over into the US. These travelers often patronize local businesses in their travels.

## Providing for Child Care Providers

Assemblyman Magnarelli stood with now Governor Kathy Hochul as she announced nearly \$1.1 billion in grants for childcare providers - to enable more New Yorkers to return to the workplace.

The purpose of the funding is to stabilize the industry by replenishing losses experienced during the COVID-19 pandemic and enabling parents to return to the workplace full-time. The funding comes from the American Rescue Plan Act and the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act.



**Assemblyman Al Stirpe, Senator Rachel May, Governor Hochul, and Laurie Black, director of the Early Childhood Alliance listen as Assemblyman Magnarelli speaks on the importance of quality childcare providers.**

## A Look at Hancock Field Air National Guard Base



Assemblyman Magnarelli toured the Hancock Field Air National Guard Base. The base is home to the 174<sup>th</sup> Attack Wing, the 152<sup>nd</sup> Air Operations Group, the 108<sup>th</sup> Attack Squadron, the 274<sup>th</sup> Air Support Operations Squadron, among others. The base employs approximately 2,000 personnel consisting of full-time Active Guard and Reserve (AGR), Air Reserve Technicians (ART) and traditional part-time Air National Guardsmen.

**Assemblyman Magnarelli and Assemblywoman Didi Barret, chair of the Veterans' Committee, stand near a MQ-9 at the Hancock Field Air National Base.**

## SUNY Outpatient Pharmacy Ribbon Cutting

Assemblyman Magnarelli attended the SUNY Outpatient Pharmacy Ribbon Cutting. Initially designed for community retail and prescriptions for patients being discharged — the beds-to-meds program—it has expanded into a fully operating specialty pharmacy offering patient management for oncology therapies as well as hematology and other therapeutic categories





# 2021 The Great New York State Fair

It was a pleasure to welcome Governor Kathy Hochul to the NYS Fair (Below). She began the day with the unveiling of the Highway Workers Monument (Right). She also partook in the tradition of eating a sausage sandwich and toured several buildings.



(Above) Assemblyman Magnarelli, Assemblyman Al Stirpe, Senator Rachel May, and Assemblywoman Didi Barrett lead the opening ceremony to Pride Day at the NYS Fair. New York State has been a leader by passing the Marriage Equality Act and GENDA.



Assemblyman Magnarelli hosted the Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie (Above) and some of his Assembly Colleagues (Right) at the NYS Fair.



## About New York State Assemblyman William B. Magnarelli

Assemblyman William Magnarelli represents the 129<sup>th</sup> 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>.