



NEWS From Bill Magnarelli

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Let's keep the momentum going in 2015!

We have experienced unprecedented bi-partisan cooperation in Albany the last four years. Some examples of this are our 4 consecutive on-time budgets, state spending has been held below 2% and the State ended the 2013-14 fiscal year with a net operating surplus of \$625 million. Initiatives created to spur job creation have enabled New York State to now total over 7.6 million private sector jobs, the highest level in its history. I am also proud to announce that for the third year in a row, I have finished the 2014 session as the Assembly member who passed the most legislation signed into law by the Governor, sharing the top spot with my colleague, Assembly Member Amy Paulin from Westchester. These rankings serve only one purpose: to demonstrate what can be done working together, across the aisle to get things done for our constituents at home. I look forward to getting back to Albany, rolling up my sleeves and delivering results for the 129th District.

CNY TO RECEIVE \$80.2 MILLION IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AID

As a voting member of the Central New York Regional Economic Development Council, I was pleased with Governor Cuomo's announcement on December 11, 2014 that Central New York was once again ranked as a top performer in the competition for state financial assistance for projects. This was the fourth round of funding under the initiative, which Cuomo started with support from legislative leaders shortly after he became governor. Central New York received \$264.4 million for 226 projects in the first three rounds. So, adding in this round, CNY Region's total award is \$344.6 million, best in the state. To see the complete list of all projects being funded in the CNY Region and to see all other Regions and their awards, go to:

<http://www.governor.ny.gov>



- Assemblyman Magnarelli recently spoke to Ms. Nancy Toscano's Participation in Government class at Bishop Grimes High School. He spoke to the students about how the Assembly works, his background as an elected official and the importance of being civic minded.

Plan to Attend:

COMMUNITY INFORMATION NIGHTS

Each year Assemblyman Magnarelli schedules Community Information Nights throughout the 129th District so that residents have the opportunity to ask questions and voice concerns directly with the Assemblyman regarding matters of the State. This year, the sessions are scheduled for:

- **Geddes Town Hall, Thursday, February 5th at 6:30 pm**
- **Huntington School, Monday, February 23rd at 7:00 pm**
- **Van Buren Town Hall, Wednesday, March 4th at 6:30 pm**
- **Cecile Center, Thursday, March 12th at 6:30 pm**

129TH District Office 2014 Constituent Service Report

Attention to the needs and concerns of the residents of the 129th District is Assemblyman Magnarelli's top priority. The District office located in downtown Syracuse is open daily from 9am to 5pm and people can contact the office by phone at 428-9651 or email at magnarw@assembly.state.ny.us or making an appointment to visit in person. In 2014, a total of 1,344 people contacted the District office for assistance on matters dealing with a wide range of state agencies, from education to veteran affairs to seniors and social services. Many other calls or contacts are people voicing their concerns and advocacies for issues surrounding the environment, taxes and the economy, just to name a few. Please do not hesitate to contact us if we can be of help or just a source of information on a matter that is important to you.

IN THE NEWS

➤ The announcement on January 13th that FACEBOOK, the New York State Attorney General Eric Schneiderman and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children will launch a new Amber Alert notification system is welcomed news. Going forward, when you are in the area where a child has been abducted, FACEBOOK will send you an Amber Alert to notify you.

➤ In January, a 3-month-old baby boy died of his injuries after he was taken off life support at Upstate University Hospital. The child's father admitted to police that he shook the baby. The boy was transported to Upstate with brain trauma, and he remained there in critical condition for six days. The importance of educating people regarding the dangers of Shaken Baby Syndrome continues.

Assemblyman Bill Magnarelli was the driving force behind two pieces of legislation related to the protection of children in New York State. In 2002, the Assemblyman sponsored and spearheaded the first Amber Alert legislation to become law in New York State. In 2004, the Assemblyman sponsored and spearheaded the first Shaken Baby legislation to become law in New York State.



Assemblyman Magnarelli has partnered with other government officials and agencies and the American Red Cross to launch the public awareness campaign that will educate all Onondaga County residents and businesses about the need to be self-reliant during the first three days of a large-scale disaster.

So are you 3DAYOK? :

- ✓ **Water (one gallon per person, per day)**
- ✓ **Food (non-perishable, easy-to-prepare items)**
- ✓ **First aid kit, medications and medical items**
- ✓ **Flashlight, batteries and battery-powered or hand-crank radio (NOAA Weather Radio, if possible)**

For more information on the 3DAYOK initiative, visit: www.3dayok.org



Assemblyman William B. Magnarelli and Family Court Judge Julie Cecile, then executive director of the McMahon/Ryan Child Advocacy Center, demonstrate how a doll can help teach about the permanent and tragic consequences of Shaken Baby Syndrome. The doll from Realityworks uses lights to simulate brain damage or death from being violently shaken. Magnarelli is a vocal advocate of how education can help prevent Shaken Baby Syndrome. He has introduced three pieces of legislation that have become New York State law allowing for the showing of a video about the dangers of Shaken Baby Syndrome to new parents, high school students and prison inmates.

File photo 2/16/11



Rural Metro asked Assemblyman Magnarelli to participate in their ceremony honoring their employees who are veterans. He presented the employees with a certificate and a coin to honor their military service and continued dedication to their community.



2015 CONSTITUENT SURVEY

Once a year at the beginning of the NYS Assembly legislative session, Assemblyman Bill Magnarelli mails a constituent survey to the residents of the 129th District to gain a perspective on your views, and opinions on issues that matter to you. The surveys will be mailed on 1/28/15. We hope you will take the time to give us your feedback.

- **T**his month Assemblyman Magnarelli highlighted two remarkable happenings in the community:

InterFaith Works of Central New York received a Proclamation on January 15, 2015 for the grand opening of their new headquarters on James Street in Syracuse. InterFaith Works was established in Syracuse in 1976 as a not-for-profit organization by three local Catholic, Protestant and Jewish clergy members to advance interracial understanding in the community.

Robert "Bob" Trachtenberg received a Citation on January 16, 2015 upon his retirement from the Central New York Technology Development Organization (CNYTDO) after 21 years. As CEO, Bob has led CNYTDO's initiatives to introduce service offerings to meet the evolving needs of small to medium size manufacturers and technology oriented entrepreneurs.

About New York State Assemblyman William B. Magnarelli

Assemblyman William Magnarelli represents the 129th Assembly District, which includes the Northside, Westside, Eastwood and Valley areas of the City of Syracuse, as well as the towns of Geddes and Van Buren. He first won election in 1998 for an open Assembly seat and was reelected in 2000, 2002, 2004, 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012 and 2014. During his previous six 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>.