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Enjoying the Summer Months

Like so many Central New Yorkers, I look forward to the summer months when we can enjoy the outdoors and spend time with family and friends. We have so many beautiful parks and places of interest to visit throughout our area. Onondaga County, the City of Syracuse, our towns and villages have beautiful public parks with trails, playgrounds, athletic fields and places for swimming. These public spaces are true assets our communities.

This summer my office is once again sponsoring the “Summer Reading Challenge” in partnership with New York State libraries to promote summer reading for our kids and to make this the summer they read their favorite book. This year’s theme is “Libraries Rock!” encouraging young readers to visit their local library and discover all of the terrific free services these institutions have to offer. Young readers need to complete 15 minutes of reading a day for 40 days during July and August and are awarded with the NYS Assembly Excellence in Reading certificate to recognize their efforts and dedication. I hope that you will have the opportunity to encourage a young person to read.

I would also like to remind you that my office is ready and able to assist you with any problems involving state government agencies, or general concerns about state government. We receive many calls, letters and emails throughout the year with regard to issues and problems which occur and we work hard to respond to each inquiry. My office is here to assist you. Please don’t hesitate to call if you need help.

Finally, with the close of the Legislative Session in Albany on June 20th, I have had the opportunity to visit many people, groups and organizations throughout the 129th District and participate in community events. Whether encouraging students bound for college, recognizing local not-for-profit organizations for their important community work and support, or providing support for economic development projects in our area, I am honored to be working on your behalf throughout our community as your elected representative. This Newsletter includes some of the recent events which I have participated in in the District. I hope you will take a few minutes to read it.

William B. Magnarelli

Bringing Jobs Downtown

Assemblyman Magnarelli attended the July 26th groundbreaking event at the new headquarters of TCGPlayer in the Galleries of Syracuse on Warren Street, along with its founder and CEO Chedy Hampson, a Syracuse native. “Home grown companies, such as TCGPlayer, are critical to driving the future growth and revitalization of downtown Syracuse and Central New York,” said Assemblyman William B. Magnarelli. “I’m very pleased to provide state support for the expansion of such an innovative company and I look forward to the continued turnaround of Warren Street into a true corridor of technology-driven businesses.” Renovations have begun and are expected to be completed in November 2018.



Controlling the Price of Prescriptions

Assemblyman Magnarelli attended an event hosted by Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand at the Crouse Hospital Marley Education Center. The Senator was in Syracuse to advocate for legislation in Washington to control the cost of prescription drugs. The Senator recently introduced the “Stop Price Gouging Act” that would place penalties on pharmaceutical companies that impose excessive, unjustified price increases on their products. The Assemblyman agrees with the Senator that prescription drug prices are out of control and he supports her efforts to tackle this problem on a national level.



Assemblyman Magnarelli is pictured with Senator Gillibrand and County Legislator Peggy Chase, a registered nurse.

Helping Those on Their Way to College



Assemblyman Magnarelli met with representatives of OnPoint for College, as well as soon-to-be college freshman participating in the program. OnPoint for College assists the students by helping with the enrollment process, providing supplies and assisting students with transportation to and from college.



REDC in Oswego

On Tuesday, July 17th, Assemblyman Magnarelli attended a meeting of the Central New York Regional Economic Development Council which took place in Oswego at the Lake Ontario Event and Conference Center. Along with other Council Members, the Assemblyman was updated on state funded economic development projects in our region which includes the following counties: Onondaga, Oswego, Madison, Cortland and Cayuga. This year is the 8th year in which funding for this statewide initiative has been included in the New York State Budget. \$750 million in grant funds and tax credits is available for projects throughout the State.

Summer Tradition

Assemblyman Magnarelli recently attended the opening ceremony of the 85th annual Valley Field Days hosted by the Valley Men's Club, at Meachem Field. Each year, money raised by the club at the annual four-day carnival is donated to local charities and youth sports teams.

Assemblyman Magnarelli joined by Senator Velasky and other officials at the opening day ceremonies.



Honoring Syracuse's Northeast Community Center

Assemblyman Magnarelli (129th District) presents a NYS Assembly resolution to Syracuse Northeast Community Center Executive Director Michael Collins, to mark the center's 40th Anniversary. In 1978, the North East Hawley Development Association (NEHDA) and other community advocates pushed for more community centered services to be located in Syracuse's Northeast Neighborhood, which led to the eventual establishment of Dr. Weeks Elementary School and the adjoining Syracuse Northeast Community Center. This partnership between the Syracuse Northeast Community Center and Dr. Weeks Elementary School was a unique concept and was the first of its kind in New York State. This community based model, as represented by the Center and the School, has provided many social services throughout the past forty years, including youth development, senior support, family stabilization, health and education, and access to community connections.



From Left to Right: SNCC Executive Director Michael Collins, NEHDA Program Director, Sarah Cowles, Assemblyman Magnarelli, Community Advocate Andrea Wandersee.

Encouraging Reading During Summer Vacation

MaryEllen Elia, the New York State Commissioner of Education and President of the University of the State of New York (USNY), kicked off the 2018 NYS Summer Reading Program at the Onondaga County Central Library on South Street. Assemblyman Magnarelli and Syracuse City School District elementary school students attended the event.

The annual Summer Reading Challenge is organized by the New York State Assembly as a way of encouraging reading during school vacation. For more information contact our office at magnarw@nyassembly.gov.



Commissioner of Education MaryEllen Elia was joined by county Legislator Peggy Chase, Syracuse City School District Superintendent Jaime Alicia, Assemblyman Magnarelli, NYS Board of Regents Member Elizabeth Hakanson, Senator David Valesky, Senator John DeFrancisco, Assemblyman Al Stirpe and Onondaga Library Board President Ed Kochian.

World Refugee Day at Schiller Park



Assemblyman Magnarelli with Jeri Gallauresi, RN, of Crouse Hospital.

Assemblyman Magnarelli took part in World Refugee Day at Schiller Park on Saturday, June 23rd. World Refugee Day is a multi-cultural event which celebrates the diversity and cultures refugees continue to bring to our community. The day's events included a soccer and volleyball tournament, vendors serving ethnic dishes, international music, and performances, fashion and games. There were also display tables from local organizations, such as non-profits and hospitals. Assemblyman Magnarelli stopped at the Crouse Hospital table to get his blood pressure checked by Jeri Gallauresi, RN. Schiller Park includes more than 35 acres on the city's northside with a swimming pool, athletic fields and a playground.

Riccelli-Northern Expands Van Buren Plant

Assemblyman Magnarelli attended an open house for Riccelli-Northern's newly expanded Blacktop plant in Van Buren. Riccelli-Northern is an American owned and operated company that provides transportation, mining and material handling throughout the North East. The company sells a wide range of environmentally conscious products, including ready mix, concrete block, aggregates and blacktop. It has been in business since 1971.

Rich Riccelli, President and Chief Operating Officer of Riccelli-Northern, met with Assemblyman Magnarelli at the newly expanded Van Buren Blacktop plant.



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 was reelected in 2000, 2002, 2004, 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012, 2014 and 2016. 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>.