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WORKING FOR THE BETTERMENT OF OUR COMMUNITY

This month I announced two important capital grants which I obtained for two very important historical and iconic landmarks in downtown Syracuse. The first was for the Museum of Science and Technology (The MOST) located in the old Armory, the anchor of the Armory Square area. This historic district is one of the most popular entertainment areas in our City, filled with many small businesses--including retail shops and restaurants. It is also a very popular area to live. The \$500,000 grant will be used to shore up the building including the roof, mechanicals and exterior work. The MOST is home to multiple exhibits which engage children and adults alike in science and technology. Children from all over Central New York go to the MOST and are excited about learning from these hands-on exhibits. Many of our local school districts provide field trips to The MOST, the Syracuse City School District sending 4,500 students annually on field trips to it.

The second was for The Landmark Theatre. The Landmark Theatre opened in 1928 and is one of the most beautiful and historic theatres in all of New York. It was almost demolished in the mid-1970's, but through the determination of a few individuals and community organizations, it was saved from demolition and has become one of the most important artistic venues in Syracuse. I am pleased that I was able to secure \$2 million in funding for the marquee restoration project and the seat replacement project. Both of these important improvements will enable The Landmark to attract even more award-winning shows and events and will help to secure the future of this theatre. Currently, The Landmark estimates that close to 100,000 guests from all over Central New York and also outside of New York State come to The Landmark yearly generating multiple economic benefits. These improvements will enable it to both book more award-winning Broadway shows and also extend the number of shows, thereby creating even more economic vitality for our city and region.

I believe strongly that we have to invest in our historical buildings because if we don't, we will forever lose a part of our past.

Finally, I am pleased to invite you to the **12th Annual CNY Veterans Parade and Expo at the NYS Fairgrounds on Saturday, November 9th**. Once again we have many exhibits at the Expo, which is held in the Center of Progress Building and opens at 8:30 am. These include the "Lest We Forget" World War I Mobile Museum with over 200 artifacts and photographs as well as personal items used by WWI soldiers; the West Point Drill Team performing at 10 am; and a Red Cross Blood Drive from 9 am until 2 pm. The American Legion Valley Post 1469 will be providing breakfast beginning at 8:30 am--adults \$8 and children \$4. Veterans and active military eat for free. **The Parade begins at noon.** I hope to see you there this year so that together, we can thank our Veterans and those serving in the military for the sacrifices they endured and to honor their service to our nation.

As always, please contact my office if you have any questions or concerns at Magnar@nyassembly.gov or 315-428-9651.

Renovating the Landmark Theatre

Assemblyman Magnarelli secured a \$2 million state grant to replace the seats in the auditorium and the marquee at the Landmark Theatre. The Landmark Theatre is an iconic building in our city. In the mid-1970's, a group of citizens saved it from being demolished and becoming a parking garage site. Even back then, the idea of replacing the original seats from the 1920's was mentioned as a needed renovation. The new seats will be more comfortable as the design will allow for more leg room and a wider seat.

The current marquee is broken on one side and more than 30 years old. The new marquee will replicate the original 1928 marquee but with LED displays and programmable lighting. The planned renovations also include restoring the façade window and exterior lighting.

The projects are anticipated to be completed by the start of the 2020-2021 season. The upgraded seats and exterior are part of an effort to attract new top tier shows to the area.



Assemblyman Magnarelli announcing the \$2 million grant funding at the Landmark Theatre.

Focusing on CENTRO



Rick Lee, CENTRO CEO, with Assemblyman Magnarelli at his Syracuse District Office.

Assemblyman Magnarelli met with Rick Lee, CEO of the Central New York Regional Transportation Authority (CENTRO) to discuss CENTRO's financial outlook. CENTRO's area of service includes Onondaga, Oneida, Oswego and Cayuga counties. As Chair of the Assembly Transportation Committee, Assemblyman Magnarelli was able to help to secure an increase in State funding in the 2019-20 Budget to support upstate transit systems, including CENTRO. The upcoming 2020 Session, which will begin on January 8th in Albany, will include analysis of the Governor's Executive Budget and the eventual passage of the 2020-2021 State Budget.

Half-Million Dollars in State Grant Funds for The MOST

Assemblyman Magnarelli secured \$500,000 in NYS grant funding for structural improvements to the Museum of Science and Technology (The MOST). Some of the improvements to be made through the grant will include: roof and façade reconstruction; updating interior mechanicals including the boiler for energy efficiencies; and repairs and upgrades to the building's exterior. These important capital improvements will help to sustain this historical Armory building for years to come. The MOST is the anchor building for the Armory Square Historic District, a very important part of the City of Syracuse's continuing downtown revitalization, which began here in the late 1970s and early 1980's. The MOST is focused on providing science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) education to people of all ages, especially our children. The Syracuse City School District partners with The MOST to host field trips for 4,500 students annually.



Merike Treier, Executive Director of the Downtown Committee, and Lauren Kochian, President of The MOST, joined Assemblyman Magnarelli at the announcement.

Visiting Rochester-Genesee Regional Transportation Authority



Assemblyman Magnarelli listens as representatives explain the challenges at the Rochester-Genesee Regional Transportation Authority.

During a recent visit to the Rochester-Genesee Regional Transportation Authority, Assemblyman Magnarelli was able to see its operations first hand. Since being named Chair of the Assembly Transportation Committee earlier this year, Assemblyman Magnarelli is working hard to look at and evaluate all aspects of the state's transportation systems with an eye on safety and efficiency.



Assemblyman Magnarelli meets workers as he tours the Rochester-Genesee Regional Transportation Authority.

Celebrating 100 years of the Syracuse Polish Home



On Saturday, October 19th, Assemblyman Magnarelli attended the Syracuse Polish Home Centennial Dinner Gala and presented the Polish Home with an Assembly Proclamation. The Syracuse Polish Home was founded by Polish immigrants on Syracuse's Westside and serves a cultural hub of Polish-American activities. The Polish Home strives to uphold and promote Polish culture not only for future generations of Polish-Americans, but also for our American society as a whole. Today, many community groups and societies utilize the Polish Home for events.

Assemblyman Magnarelli enjoyed speaking with and seeing many of his constituents at the Polish Home Centennial Dinner Gala.

Preserving Syracuse's Landmarks

Assemblyman Magnarelli gave opening remarks on the importance of historic preservation in Syracuse to members of the Syracuse Landmark Preservation Board. Members were attending a training session hosted by the Preservation League of NYS and the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions. The session provides local preservation boards with information helpful in their work of preserving historic and landmark buildings.

Assemblyman Magnarelli has long supported preserving historic buildings in Syracuse through the use of the NYS Historic Tax Credit. Some examples of its use were in the Hotel Syracuse, the Landmark Theatre, the Pike Block and the State Tower Building.



Touring Housing Visions Newly Built Apartments



Assemblyman Magnarelli toured the newly built apartments located at 808 Butternut Street in Syracuse, and also the mixed-use property at the corner of E. Laurel and N. Townsend Streets near St. Joseph's Hospital, built by Housing Visions with the help of NYS programs. Replacing blighted properties with new, energy-efficient and affordable housing on the North Side of Syracuse is essential to the area's revitalization.

Michael LaFlair, Director of Marketing and Community Engagement, and Diana Jakimoski, Director of Development, lead the Housing Visions tour.

Recognizing the YWCA

Assemblyman Magnarelli presented an Assembly citation to YWCA of Syracuse Executive Director Fanny Villarreal in honor of the YWCA's Week Without Violence, a campaign to raise awareness as part of the YWCA's efforts to end violence against women and girls. YWCA's across the United States are holding events and information seminars to discuss the realities of domestic violence and educate women on what community resources are available to them. YWCA Syracuse works with Vera House and other advocacy organizations to support women in need of assistance.



Assemblyman Magnarelli with Fanny Villarreal, Executive Director and CEO of YWCA of Syracuse. Vera House's Director Randy Bergman and Senator Bob Antonacci are seated.

Solvay Library Celebrates 115th Anniversary

On Sunday, October 20th, Assemblyman Magnarelli was proud to present an Assembly Proclamation to Solvay Library Director Dan Golden in honor of the Solvay Library's 115th Anniversary. The Solvay library was constructed thanks to a gift of \$10,000 from steel magnate Andrew Carnegie and matching funds from the Solvay Process Company. The Solvay Library continues to serve as the cultural center of the Village of Solvay, and in 2008, completed a 7,500 square foot expansion that included the addition of an elevator and improved handicap accessibility. The Solvay Library remains the only Carnegie library in Onondaga County still in operation today as a public library.

Assemblyman Magnarelli and Solvay Library Director Dan Golden.



Visiting the Port of Oswego

Assemblyman Magnarelli visited the Port of Oswego and met with Executive Director William Scriber to see first-hand the investments the Port is making to improve service. The Port of Oswego is the first U.S. port of call and deepwater port on the Great Lakes from the St. Lawrence Seaway. As an ice free port, the Port of Oswego can receive ships 12 months out of the year, with deep draft vessels arriving from the North shore of Lake Ontario even when the St. Lawrence Seaway is closed to navigation. The Port of Oswego continues to grow, and has seen an increase in the amount of aluminum, corn, wheat, soybeans, and other commodities that are transported through its facilities on an annual basis.

Assemblyman Magnarelli with Port of Oswego Executive Director William Scriber.



Associated General Contractors Annual Meeting



Assemblyman Magnarelli met with and spoke to local members of the Associated General Contractors (AGC) of NY at their annual Region 3 Membership Meeting and Business Roundtable in Syracuse. The AGC represents General Contractors across the State who work on a variety of transportation infrastructure projects. Topics discussed included: the new Department of Transportation 5-year Capital Plan for 2020, the need for additional funds for highway infrastructure and the future of the Thruway Authority and Canal Corporation

Mike Elmendorf, President & CEO of Associated General Contractors of NY, Jim O'Brien, Bothar Construction & current AGC NYS Chairman, and Sarah Hill, Vice President of Transportation Services, spoke with Assemblyman Magnarelli about infrastructure projects.

Onondaga County Traffic Safety Advisory Board

Assemblyman Magnarelli spoke to Members of the Onondaga County Traffic Safety Advisory Board, providing them with an update on topics impacting road safety that were a part of the 2019 Legislative Session. He also spoke about issues that came before the Transportation Committee during his first year as Chair. The Board is made up of representatives of law enforcement, local government agencies and other community members across Onondaga County to promote road and traffic safety.



Assemblyman Magnarelli participating in a roundtable discussion with members of the Onondaga County Traffic Advisory Board.



Fall Traditions- Eastwood 5 Mile Run

Assemblyman Magnarelli was pleased to kickoff the annual Eastwood 5 Mile Run at Henninger High School. The 5 Mile Run highlights the stunning fall colors seen throughout the Eastwood Neighborhood and benefits the Eastwood Neighborhoods Association. The Eastwood Neighborhood Association continues to do tremendous work throughout the neighborhood and serves as a leading advocate for Eastwood. The Eastwood Neighborhood Association operates a community garden, hosts the annual Eastwood Market Day, and actively participates in park cleanup and greenspace beautification efforts throughout the year.

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>.