



# NEWS

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### WHAT KIND OF KIDS ARE WE RAISING TODAY?

Fantastic ones! If you were at the electronics recycling event I sponsored last Saturday at the Baldwinsville School District complex, then you witnessed a group of students that worked in 83-degree heat for six hours – straight, unloading all sorts of electronics, including the heavy old tube TV’s. As a matter of fact, 7 tractor trailers full were collected!

The students were members of the Baldwinsville Marching Band who worked the event as a fundraiser. I was approached originally by a recycling company who donates a portion of the proceeds, based on tonnage, to a community group that I would select. We approached the Baldwinsville School District and it decided to offer the job to the Marching Band. The Band Director and parents accepted and off we went.

As this was the first time any of us were involved in a FREE drop-off recycling event, no one knew what to expect. Well, the result was a success...6 hours of a steady flow of cars with happy participants eager to discard old electronic equipment, filling 7 tractor trailers.

We received many comments on how organized the event was, how smooth it flowed and how the wait to unload wasn’t “long at all.” I have to give credit to the Village of Baldwinsville Police Department which worked with my staff to outline a traffic plan and then oversaw the entire day’s event. Without it, there could have been some serious chaos. Credit also goes to the Baldwinsville School District facilities department which supported the day’s event, remained on the scene and was available to us all day. But the “bulk” of the credit goes to the students of the Marching Band. Their jobs were not easy, by any stretch of the imagination. They never stopped working, they were courteous and they were committed to the task of raising money for their band. They knew that the more tonnage they unloaded, the more money they would make.

You know, the saying “It takes a Village” was never more on display than last Saturday in Baldwinsville. The entire Village rallied around this event and provided the support that the students needed to accomplish their goal. It seems to me that the same support system in every student’s life and such community involvement would go a long way to helping all children succeed. In any case, my hat’s off to the students, parents, teachers and the community of the Baldwinsville Bees. It was a pleasure working with you and we are already starting to plan for next year.

*William H. Magnarelli*



Thanks to Sunnking Recycling and Time Warner Cable for making this event possible.

## Lt. Gov. Hochul visits Central New York Businesses

Assemblyman Magnarelli's staff attended Lt. Governor Kathy Hochul's July 20<sup>th</sup> announcement that Tessa Plastics, which is located on State Fair Blvd. in the Town of Van Buren, will be going forward with a \$31 million, 250,000 square-foot expansion with the help of \$13.5 million in aid and tax credits from the state. Tessa Plastics President Roland Beck and his father, Henry Beck who founded the company, Town Supervisor Claude Sykes, Empire State Development, Centerstate CEO and Onondaga County representatives and many others were also in attendance. The Lt. Governor spoke about the company's decision to stay in Central New York and expand the business here rather than moving jobs to South Carolina. Tessa manufactures plastic components for medical devices and consumer products such as deodorant containers and employs about 1,000 people at its main factory in Elbridge and at its facility in Van Buren. The new expansion is underway and scheduled to be completed in March, 2017 and an



additional 50 people will be hired.

On a second visit to Syracuse, Lieutenant Governor Hochul took a tour of expanded manufacturing operations at Matt Industries in North Syracuse with the Assemblyman, County Executive Joanie Mahoney, and Kemper Matt. The expansion was part of Governor Cuomo's Upstate Economic Development Strategy.



Jacob DePalma of Solvay was a recipient of the \$2,500 New York Italian American State Legislators Scholarship. He was chosen as one of four students across the state to receive the scholarship. He will be attending SUNY Potsdam in the fall to pursue a major in music education.



Assemblyman Magnarelli was able to meet in Albany with several members of the Tuskegee airmen, the first African-American military aviators in the United States Armed Forces during World War II.

## Community Resources Day on the Road



Over 50 organizations were represented at the "Community Resources Day on the Road" held at Ray Middle School on July 13. Organizations offered information about the services they provide to the Baldwinsville and Van Buren communities. Assemblyman Magnarelli was able to meet with the representatives of each organization and the local residents who came to the event. In addition, the American Red Cross held a blood drive during the event to help offset the critical need for blood donations.



Assemblyman Magnarelli was part of an event celebrating the passage of legislation to prevent people from losing their homes through foreclosure and to address the problem of unoccupied and ill-maintained properties. The so called “Zombie Homes” legislation establishes a Consumer Bill of Rights to help people remain in their homes and creates the Community Restoration Fund. It also combats blight created by “zombie” properties by imposing a pre-foreclosure duty on banks and servicers to maintain “zombie” homes, creating an electronic registry of abandoned properties, and expediting foreclosure of vacant and abandoned properties to get them back on the market.



Assemblyman Magnarelli and Staff attended the opening ceremony for the 83<sup>rd</sup> Annual Valley Field Day’s at Meacham field, hosted by members of the Valley Men’s Club. Here he stands with Senator Velasky, City Councilor Boyle and a constituent.



On July 13<sup>th</sup>, Assemblyman Magnarelli visited Van Buren Central Park, along with Town Supervisor Claude Sykes and Parks and Recreation Director Cathleen Perkins to see the completed playground project which he obtained state funding for in the amount of \$75,000. The project was just recently completed and will provide children with a beautiful new playground to enjoy for many years to come.



Assemblyman Magnarelli attended the Central New York Retired Public Employees picnic at Longbranch Park.

To recognize the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Finger Lakes - Lake Ontario Watershed Protection Alliance, local Assembly members Magnarelli and Hunter presented the organization with a proclamation. The Alliance works to encourage watershed partnerships and implementation of action plans to protect and enhance water quality.



During Jim Kelly’s visit to the NYS Assembly, Assemblyman Magnarelli was able to meet the Buffalo Bills football legend.



Assemblyman Magnarelli’s staff was present at City Hall Commons on July 26 to celebrate the 26<sup>th</sup> anniversary for the passing of ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act).

**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, as well as the Towns of Geddes and Van Buren. He first won election in 1998 for an open Assembly seat and was re-elected in 2000, 2002, 2004, 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012 and 2014. 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>.