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As we go into January, it is once again time for the Legislative Session to begin for 2025. After a busy 2024 fall and holiday season for 2024, the New Year brings new promise, renewal and a sense of optimism going forward. Throughout the “off Session”, I have been meeting with various organizations and agencies, discussing important issues that need to be addressed, and prepping for a busy upcoming Legislative Session. As you will see below, this past fall included our 17th Annual CNY Veterans Day Parade and Expo at the New York State Fairgrounds. The Parade and Expo were once again a huge success and I am grateful to everyone who assisted in making it one to remember, as well as a huge thanks to our Veterans Community for all they have sacrificed for ourselves and our nation. I hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday season and wish you a wonderful New Year. I look forward to serving you in 2025!

William B. Magnarelli

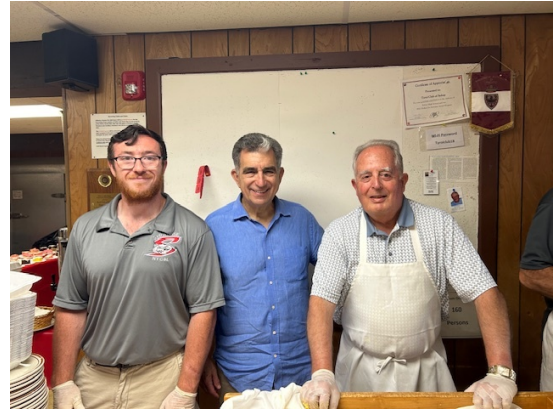
On the Go with CENTRO



In September, Assemblyman Magnarelli was able to take a tour of the Central New York Regional Transportation Authority (CENTRO) and its micro-transit system, CENTRO Move, in the City of Rome. The new on-demand service allows people to get on-demand rides either to their final destination or a fixed route bus line. Pictured with Assemblyman Magnarelli are: Mayor of Rome, Jeffery Lanigan; CENTRO Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Chris Tuff; and Jeremy Tillunger, Local Policy and Government Affairs Principal from the group, VIA.

Popping-In for Polenta

On Sunday, September 22nd, Assemblyman Magnarelli stopped by the Solvay Tyrol Club on Lamont Avenue in Solvay for its monthly Polenta Dinner. The Solvay Tyrol Club hosts its monthly Polenta Dinner on the third Sunday of each month. Assemblyman Magnarelli always enjoys these dinners, where he can meet his constituents and catch up with friends who work to serve each meal by hand. Pictured with Assemblyman Magnarelli are: Solvay 1st Ward Village Trustee, Joe Miczan and former Mayor of Solvay, Ron Benedetti.



A New Vision for the Regional Market



On October 17th, Assemblyman Magnarelli spoke at the CNY Regional Market Summit. Representatives from City, County and State Government, as well as local organizations and market retailers met to plan changes to improve the Regional Market for the community. Assemblyman Magnarelli recently passed legislation, A.7081-B, which would strengthen oversight over the Regional Market, including adding additional seats to the Market's Board of Directors, reporting requirements and ethics rules.

Welcoming the SUNY Chancellor to Upstate

Assemblyman Magnarelli welcomed SUNY Chancellor John B. King, Jr. to tour Upstate University Hospital in December to discuss much needed capital improvements for the Hospital's Emergency Department. Pictured with Assemblyman Magnarelli and Chancellor King are members of the Central New York State Legislative Delegation, as well as Upstate University Hospital Leadership, discussing the important role Upstate University Hospital plays in our community and region.



The 2024 CNY Veterans Parade and Expo



As part of the Parade portion of the CNY Veterans Parade and Expo, members of the 10th Mountain Division Marching Band from Fort Drum marched past the reviewing stand located in front of the Center of Progress Building. The 10th Mountain Division Marching Band was one of many bands, including local high schools, to march in the 2024 Parade.

Before the Parade began at Noon, Assemblyman Magnarelli handed out CNY Parade and Expo challenge coins inside the Center of Progress Building to all active duty service members who attended the Parade and Expo, as gratitude for their continued service to our country.





The Expo featured a free breakfast for all service veterans inside the Center of Progress Building. With the help of sponsor, Tops Markets, the breakfast was served by volunteers from the Valley American Legion Post #1468.

The CNY Veterans Parade Grand Marshal for 2024

On Friday, October 4th, at the Central New York Veterans Parade and Expo Press Conference, inside the Oncenter's Gallagher Hall, Assemblyman Magnarelli introduced the 2024 Parade Grand Marshal, Ret. Lt. Col. Diane GreenPope. Ret. Lt. Col. GreenPope grew up in a military family and then went on to join the Army. She served in the military for 20 years serving as a nurse and as a Civil Affairs Officer in various places in the US and overseas during Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. During her service in Iraq, she was awarded the Bronze Star Medal.

Ret. Lt. Col. GreenPope is currently a member of the Salt City Woman Veterans, Disabled American Veterans, American Legion, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. She also serves on the Onondaga County Executive Veterans Advisory Board, Watchfire Committee, and is also on the Board of Directors with Honor Flight Syracuse. Working with Veteran groups has given her an opportunity to serve fellow Veterans and their families and to continue to advocate for their rights and benefits.



Local Jobs for a Big Project

Assemblyman Magnarelli was in attendance for a press conference in early September hosted by the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) regarding the Local Hire Initiative for the I-81 Reconstruction Project. NYSDOT Commissioner Marie Therese Dominguez came to Syracuse to talk about how NYSDOT is meeting its goals for local hiring through partnering with the area's local trade unions. NYSDOT is working with several workforce partners to provide training through apprenticeships and on-the-job training programs. Persons are eligible for this job initiative if they reside in the City of Syracuse or the Onondaga Nation Territory.



Championing Tourism



On September 19th, Assemblyman Magnarelli was the keynote speaker for the New York State Hospitality and Tourism Association at their annual Legislative Reception at the DestinyUSA Embassy Suites. Assemblyman Magnarelli spoke to the members gathered about the growth of the tourism industry in Syracuse and Central New York and highlighted the important economic impact tourism generates for our region.

Celebrating Westcott

Assemblyman Magnarelli marched in the Westcott Cultural Parade on September 22nd as part of the 2024 Westcott Street Cultural Fair on Syracuse's East side. The annual Westcott Street Cultural Fair brings together local businesses, artists and the community to celebrate the vibrant Westcott Neighborhood and all it has to offer. Pictured marching with Assemblyman Magnarelli is then New York State Senator John Mannion, now Congressman Mannion.



Working to Help

Assemblyman Magnarelli recently took a tour of CNY Works, a local nonprofit organization that partners with the New York State Department of Labor (NYSDOL) to serve as a single point of entry to the workforce system – bringing business, job seekers, and training providers together. CNY Works, co-located with a regional NYSDOL Office at 960 James Street in Syracuse, focuses on providing critical workforce, economic, and educational opportunities to build our local workforce, while also meeting the needs of the local business community.

Pictured with Assemblyman Magnarelli are: Rosemary Avila-Ticio, Executive Director of CNY Works; and Peter Naughton, Manager of the NYSDOL Division of Employment and Workforce Solutions (DEWS) Center in Syracuse.



A Warm Welcome



On September 25th, Assemblyman Magnarelli met with SUNY Oswego's new President, Peter O. Nwosu, at SUNY Oswego's Syracuse Campus inside Downtown Syracuse's Atrium Building. President Nwosu takes over for long-time SUNY Oswego President, Deborah Stanley, and was eager to meet with Assemblyman Magnarelli and discuss higher education with him and the other invited dignitaries. Assemblyman Magnarelli wished President Nwosu well in his new role leading SUNY Oswego and looks forward to working with him in the future.

Exploring Hydrogen Power At Work

Assemblyman Magnarelli visited the Rochester Genesee Regional Transit Authority (RTS) on October 15th to celebrate RTS receiving its first two hydrogen fuel cell, zero-emissions buses. These are the first hydrogen buses to be deployed in all of Upstate New York. Pictured in the photo with Assemblyman Magnarelli are: State Senator Jeremy Cooney, Chair of the NYS Senate Transportation Committee; RTS CEO Miguel Velázquez; NYS DOT Commissioner Marie Therese Dominguez; and Congressman Joe Morelle.



A Peek Into the Future



Assemblyman Magnarelli on October 22nd, met with members of the autonomous vehicle company Waymo. The company is currently testing its autonomous vehicles in Upstate NY. Assemblyman Magnarelli was able to take a seat inside of one of Waymo's vehicles, as the company explained how their driver-less technology works. Pictured with Assemblyman Magnarelli outside the State Office Building is Waymo's Ishtpreet Singh.

Honoring a Solvay Legend



On October 22nd, Assemblyman Magnarelli had the honor of presenting a New York State Assembly citation to longtime Solvay Mayor, William "Bill" Campagnoni, for a lifetime of public service to the Village. Mayor Campagnoni was the longest serving Mayor in the Village of Solvay's history, serving from 1973 until 1993. He has left a lasting legacy to the Village and its residents. Pictured is Assemblyman Magnarelli shaking Mayor Campagnoni's hand after presenting him with the Assembly citation in

front of the Solvay Village Board at their meeting. Sadly, Mayor Campagnoni passed away in January 2025.

Honored Guest Panelist

Assemblyman Magnarelli was invited to serve on a panel for a conference at NYU Law School's Center on Civil Justice. The conference was on the topic of litigation financing. Assemblyman Magnarelli sponsors bill A.115 that would establish registration and regulation of litigation financing to consumers. The bill was a topic for one of the panels.

Consumer litigation financing provides money to plaintiffs in a lawsuit, usually a personal injury case, to provide them with short-term living expenses while the case moves forward. The company is paid back with interest only if the case ends in a recovery. Consumer litigation financing is currently unregulated in NY, and there have been several instances of companies charging exorbitant interest rates, leaving people with little or no recovery from the case.



The conference brought together stakeholders on all sides of the litigation financing debate to discuss how to best regulate this industry going forward.

Pasta Over Politics



On Election Day at Our Lady Pompei on Syracuse's Northside, Assemblyman Magnarelli attended the 75th Annual Election Day Spaghetti Supper. Joined by candidates and elected officials from all parties, Pompei's Election Day Spaghetti Supper is famous for bringing everyone together around a plate of pasta, meatballs, garlic bread and good conversation. Pictured with Assemblyman Magnarelli at the supper is the Hon. Joseph J. Zavaglia, Onondaga County Family Court Judge.

Building Resiliency

In December, Assemblyman Magnarelli attended a press conference at the New York State Fairgrounds in Geddes to announce the winter resiliency road and repaving projects funded through New York State. One of the major projects that was announced is the repaving of State Fair Boulevard in Geddes in front of the Fairgrounds. Joined by Assemblyman Magnarelli at the press conference were: New York State Department of Transportation Commissioner, Maria Therese Dominguez; and former State Senator, now Congressman, John Mannion.



About New York State Assemblyman William B. Magnarelli

Assemblyman William Magnarelli represents the 129th Assembly District, which includes the Northside, Westside, Eastwood, Valley, Outer Comstock and Downtown areas of the City of Syracuse, the Syracuse University area, 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>.

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