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EVERYTHING THAT'S OLD IS NEW AGAIN

"Here I go again, Central New York's biggest cheerleader, but I can't help myself. In July I was fortunate to take three tours to see the progress, the accomplishments, and the future plans of some of our community's most iconic landmarks. I wish you were with me. The excitement, momentum and pride which the workers, owners and community leaders exhibited were infectious. The overall sense at all three of these venues was, 'Wait until people see what we have created together.'

A better word is re-created. First was the Hotel Syracuse redevelopment. When it opens in the spring of 2016, it will be a Marriott 5-star hotel and it is simply superb. The reconstruction has preserved the majesty of the lobby and the Persian Terrace, and has transformed the guest rooms into oversized hotel rooms and added extended stay suites. Adding to the mix will be entertainment rooms, niche dining areas and café accommodations. What a change for the better, without throwing out the old, but instead reinventing the new.

Next was my trip to view the new amphitheater on Onondaga Lake. The nearly complete structure, scheduled to open September 3, 2015, was spectacular rising up at the base of the hillside at the water's edge. The sprawling lush, green, freshly laid turf made you feel welcomed and reassured that this decision was the right one, at the right time, in the right place. The newly constructed and just opened lake trails lead right into the "Amphitheater Park" and invite impromptu picnics and panoramic views of the lake and the city skyline. What a change for the better, in that this new facility ensures that our area will attract the biggest and best entertainment acts and adds a new public park setting on the old and once forgotten west side of Onondaga Lake.

My third trip was sitting down with the Director of the State Fair and listening to ideas and proposals for the newly envisioned New York State Fair in 2016/2017. Again, by preserving the core mission of an agricultural exhibition and including world-class equestrian events and facilities, ice-arenas, an expanded midway, RV parks and much more, the vision filled me with the joy of nostalgia and reaffirmed my belief that our community leaders were making sure that the future would not pass us by because we are afraid to embrace change.

Folks, everything that's old is new again, and that is exactly how we are reinventing ourselves to capitalize on tourism and economic development and providing new and improved venues that will attract new families to our area and keep our grandchildren from moving away. How exciting!"

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County Executive Joanie Mahoney escorts Assemblyman Magnarelli and Senator Valesky through the Amphitheater site. Providing overview on the construction details were representatives from Gilbane Building Company and C&S Engineers, both local companies.

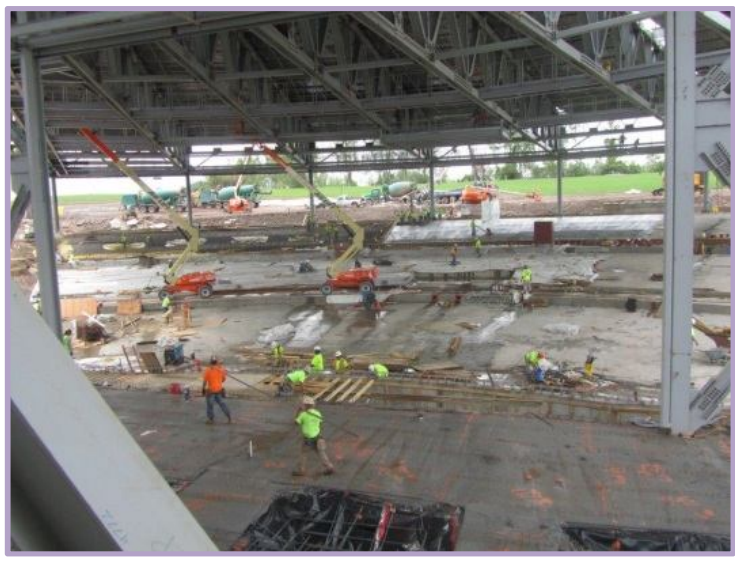


In this photo you can see one of the concession facilities and also the existing lake trail (center right) that leads right into the Amphitheater Park.

Amphitheater Pictures Continued



Photo taken in early July shows Amphitheater construction underway. Construction workforce totaling 200+ workers, working 2 shifts daily.



This is the view of Onondaga Lake from the upper floor events room.



Onondaga County Joanie Mahoney announcing that a major act has been booked for the Onondaga Lake Amphitheater. The County Executive also thanked Assemblyman Magnarelli for passing legislation that allowed the new amphitheater to be built using the "design-build" process. Utilizing the "design-build" process streamlined the design process, shortened construction time, and created additional budget efficiencies.



Assemblyman Magnarelli stands beneath the State Fair billboard displaying Miranda Lambert, as the inaugural Amphitheater concert to be held on Thursday, September 3rd. He addressed the aggressive construction schedule and noted the legislation he sponsored allowing the "design-build" process, which streamlined construction planning, design and implementation. Magnarelli also credited County Executive Mahoney for providing the leadership and assembling a team that "got the job done". He also pointed to the PLA agreement utilizing a union and non-union workforce that worked "seamlessly to finish the project on-time and on-budget."



Assemblyman Magnarelli and his District Office Chief of Staff, Chris Slocum are briefed by NYS Fair Director Troy Waffner regarding the proposed ideas, new attractions and building renovations and fairgrounds redevelopment being considered for the 2016/2017 Fair. State funding totaling \$50 million was directed to update the New York State Fair with world-class exhibitions.

Magnarelli secures \$10 million for City infrastructure

Mayor Stephanie Miner and Assemblyman Bill Magnarelli announced \$10 million in state funding dedicated for infrastructure projects in the City of Syracuse. The funding was secured by Assemblyman Magnarelli in this year's budget from the NYS Assembly's State and Municipal Facilities Program (SAM). The Mayor and Assemblyman made the announcement standing at the site of a water main break repair along East Taylor Street in the City of Syracuse.

Assemblyman Magnarelli said, "Syracuse, like other urban centers throughout New York State and the nation, is experiencing critical needs for infrastructure repairs and upgrades. I feel confident that \$10 million will jump-start some of the most critical areas in the city's infrastructure and I am committed to advocating for additional funds in the future."

Mayor Miner plans to use the new state grant to qualify for other public money available for water and road projects. Miner said she does not expect the work to begin this year because the city will be seeking more money and studying data to decide where to do the repairs. Miner said, "We're going to have our innovation team of experts to determine where we can most efficiently use that money, adding that she wants to use a "dig-once policy" to spend the money most efficiently."

Of the \$10 million, \$2.5 million is earmarked for road repairs, \$6.7 million for water system repairs, and \$800,000 for research to plan the overall project.



25 Years of the Americans with Disabilities Act



During a celebration of the 25th Anniversary of the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act, ARISE recognized Assemblyman William Magnarelli for his support and legislative efforts. The Americans with Disabilities Act guaranteed individuals with disabilities their right to equal access and opportunity. The anniversary celebrates the historical legislation and express the ongoing commitment to full inclusion and access. ARISE, Access CNY, Aurora of CNY, Arc of Onondaga, Deaf Advocacy County of CNY, Disabled in Action, Onondaga Community Living, Self-Advocacy Association of NYS, CNY Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf, City of Syracuse, SU Center on Human Policy participated in the event.

Medicare & Medicaid: Keeping us healthy for 50 years

On July 30, 1965, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed into law legislation that established the Medicare and Medicaid programs. For 50 years, these two programs have been protecting the health and well-being of millions of American families, saving lives, and improving the economic security of our nation.



On July 30th, Assemblyman Magnarelli's staff joined with the Alliance for Retired Americans for a march from City Hall to the Federal Building in downtown Syracuse to commemorate the 50th anniversary.

Lt. Governor Kathy Hochul visits Syracuse



Assemblyman Magnarelli accompanies Lt. Governor Kathy Hochul through the office of Terakeet. Also pictured is Jim Fayle with Empire State Development (Left) and Maclaren Cummings of Terakeet (right).

In July, Assemblyman Magnarelli accompanies Lt. Governor Kathy Hochul on a tour of the Syracuse-based Terakeet's offices with CEO and Founder Maclaren Cummings. The company, located on S. Clinton Street, is a 14 year old company that has tripled its work force in just three years and estimates its revenues in the tens of millions of dollars and has an A-list of national clients. Mr. Cummings explained his company's art of raising client's profiles on Google Internet searches known as SEO, or search engine optimization. A graduate of Manlius Pebble-Hill High School and Cornell University, he boasted to the Lt. Governor that he was proud to be located in Syracuse and having clients from all over the globe.

Hotel Syracuse

Assemblyman Magnarelli was pleased to see first-hand that his work in securing state funds for the Hotel Syracuse restoration project into a full-service Marriott Hotel was coming to fruition. The state's total investment of \$20.15 million provides the foundation for the \$60 million Hotel project. The \$20.6 million is broken down into three \$5 million grants, provided by the Assembly, the Senate and the Governor; a \$3.45 million grant provided through the Regional Economic Development Council; and an additional \$1.7 million provided by a grant from Assemblyman Magnarelli.

Assemblyman Magnarelli praised the leadership, fortitude and passion of Ed Riley, Hotel Syracuse's developer, along with M&T Bank, whose officials recognized the value of this landmark hotel and what its resurrection means to the community. The Assemblyman smiles with appreciation for the "Grand Lady" and looks forward to the future memories yet to be made at the Hotel Syracuse.



Ed Riley, owner and developer of the Hotel Syracuse pointing out design details to Assemblyman Magnarelli



Assemblyman Magnarelli was shown how the guests rooms on each floor have been enlarged.



The Hotel Syracuse lobby will maintain its majestic aura and splendor.



Assemblyman Magnarelli feels strongly that state funds invested in the renovation of the Hotel Syracuse under the direction of Ed Riley will provide CNY with numerous economic benefits.



An artist's sketch of the guests rooms for the soon-to-be renovated Hotel Syracuse. The rooms feature expanded floor plans and thoroughly updated and spacious bathrooms.

Save the Date:



Tuesday, Sept. 22
at DestinyUSA

Non-profit organizations seeking volunteers to help operate their organization.

For more information on any of these events, email abdellad@assemblystate.ny.us

Saturday, Nov. 7
At NYS Fairgrounds
Parade at Noon

Expo 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

www.cnyveteransparade.org



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>.