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Looking Ahead



The holiday season is a time to focus on our families, traditions and the joy of spending time with family and friends. It is with optimism that we look toward the New Year and the hope that it brings a year of happiness and good health.

In preparation for the New Year, I am continuing to work on our shared goals of creating economic prosperity, tolerance in our community and improvements to our quality of life.

As your Assemblymember, these are the things I focus upon while representing the people of the 129th District, whether I am in Albany or Syracuse. Throughout the year, I meet with many people and organizations that presented ideas for bettering our community including dealing with: the education system, access to healthcare, keeping our families safe, promoting economic development, environmental concerns and supporting our veterans. I will use this information in the new legislative session that begins in January to introduce bills where necessary, and to help pass a NYS Budget which will benefit our communities.

It is important that I hear from my constituents in these matters, which is why I annually hold town hall meetings in February and March to hear directly from the people. It's also an opportunity for citizens to hear about potential legislation, the pending budget, and other current topics. In addition to town hall meetings, early next year my office will once again send out a constituent survey containing questions about the budget and other state government issues. By participating in a town hall meeting, returning a completed survey or contacting my office directly, citizens have an opportunity to directly communicate with me.

For more information about this or any other state government issue, please call my office at (315) 428-9651, or email me: magnarw@nyassembly.gov

Again, Happy Holidays to all with wishes for a healthy and happy New Year.

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In Our Community: Arts & Parks

Over the past year, Assemblymember Magnarelli secured funding to help local arts programs and parks.

Everson Museum of Art used funding secured by Assemblymember Magnarelli to bring in Versa-Style, a Los Angeles-based dance troupe that promotes, empowers, and celebrates the artistry of hip-hop through electrifying performances and engagement activities. Funds were also used to have students from Meachem Elementary and Brighton Academy attend the performances.

A renovation at Eastwood Community Garden was funded through monies secured by Assemblymember Magnarelli. A new fence and arbor were built to enclose the Eastwood Community Garden, which consists of 21 garden plots for community members to use. Grant monies will also be used to modernize/fix the basketball courts at the North End of the park.

The Eastwood Neighborhood Association used funds that Assemblymember Magnarelli secured to install new bleachers this summer at the skate park. Skaters came from all over Central New York to show off their moves and enjoy this great neighborhood amenity.



Below: Everson Museum

Right: Eastwood Community Garden

Above: Eastwood Skate Park



Governor Signs Law Creating Commemorative Medals for Korean and Vietnam War Veterans

In time for Veterans Day, Governor Kathy Hochul signed into law legislation sponsored by Assemblyman William Magnarelli (D-Syracuse, Geddes, VanBuren) creating commemorative medals for Vietnam and Korean War veterans.

“Vietnam and Korean War veterans served with uncommon valor and courage,” said Assemblyman Magnarelli. “They did not receive the proper respect or recognition for their honorable service upon their return home. The New York State commemorative medals would offer a form of recognition and appreciation to those who served in these wars.”

The New York State Vietnam War Commemorative Medal (A.357-A) will be available to military veterans who served in Vietnam, Thailand, Laos, Cambodia, or in the contiguous waters or air space during November 1, 1952 through May 7, 1975.

The New York State Korean War Commemorative Medal (A.1310-B) will be available to military veterans who served on the Korean peninsula, its contiguous waters, or its airspace in the Korean War during June 27, 1950 through January 3, 1955.

Veterans must be or have been residents of New York State, and honorably discharged from military service. If the recipient is deceased, the commemorative medal shall be presented to a designated representative.

“Our veterans deserve recognition for their courageous service and sacrifice. In many cases, their reception upon return home was muted, insufficient, and in some unfortunate cases, outright hostile. They deserve proper respect and recognition of their honorable service,” said Assemblyman Magnarelli.

Thanking Our Veterans

Thousands attended the CNY Veterans Parade and Expo on Nov. 5 at the NYS Fairgrounds to say “Thank You” to the men and women who have served our country through military service. The 15th Annual event hosted by Assemblyman Magnarelli included a Parade with more than 80 veterans organizations, high school marching bands and active military units. The Expo was held in the Center of Progress Building and included more than 100 local organizations that serve veterans, displays of military artifacts, a children’s area, and a breakfast by the Valley American Legion.





Service in the Community

In 2022, Assemblymember Magnarelli sponsored two paper shredding events and an electronics recycling event. These events are a way of giving community members an opportunity to recycle materials properly, while also maintaining security for important documents.

The office is looking into dates to hold paper shredding and e-recycling events in 2023.



Above: Solvay High School Football Team volunteered at the Paper Shredding Event

Left: Electronics Recycling event at the New York State Fairgrounds in October.

Diaper Need Awareness



Assemblymember Magnarelli presented Michela Hugo, founder of the CNY Diaper Bank, with a New York State resolution in honor of National Diaper Need Awareness Week. CNY Diaper Bank is a nonprofit created in 2016 to help social service organizations in the Syracuse area distribute diapers to families in need. It is a part of the National Diaper Bank Network. CNY Diaper Bank's mission is to ensure that all Central New York families have access to an adequate supply of diapers, and to build awareness of diaper need in our community. The CNY Diaper Bank distributes an average of 185,000 diapers each month, and distribution doubled after the pandemic started in March 2020.

Tipperary Hill Community Center



Assemblymember Magnarelli attended the grand opening of the Tipperary Hill Community Center on Hamilton St. The Tipperary Hill Community Center is a project of Travis and Nicole Doty, who wanted to open up a public space for youth on the Westside of Syracuse to come play basketball, receive educational after-school tutoring and even meals in order to give them a safe place to be after school and on weekends. Assemblymember Magnarelli stood with City leaders like Councilor Pat Hogan and others to welcome this effort by Travis and Nicole Doty on Syracuse's Westside and to wish them well as they work to renovate local properties adjacent to the Center and build off the momentum from the new Community Center that now occupies the space of the old Hamilton St Boys & Girls Club, which had left a void in the Westside now being filled by the Center.

Manufacturing Day

Assemblymember Magnarelli joined ITC High School Students as they took a tour of Gear Motions as part of MACNY's Manufacturing Day. Assemblymember Magnarelli sponsored and funded a Pre-Apprenticeship Program with the Syracuse City School District (SCSD) and the NYS Department of Labor beginning in 2018. Students need to be aware of the numerous manufacturing jobs in Onondaga County, especially with the recently announced proposed Micron factory.





About New York State Assemblymember William B. Magnarelli

Assemblymember 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, Assemblymember 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 Assemblymember Magnarelli's District Office at (315) 428-9651 or visit <http://www.assembly.state.ny.us/magnarelli>.