



# NEWS

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### Community Outreach

By the end of the month, my office will have hosted three community information nights- one in the Town of Geddes, one in the City of Syracuse and on Feb. 28, one in the Town of Van Buren. Many people attended these events and I was able to hear concerns and answer questions with regard to some of the issues we are discussing in Albany. During these meetings, we review the 2019 Constituent Survey which was sent to all households in the 129<sup>th</sup> Assembly District. There is still time to add your voice to the results of this survey. We will be including all responses in the final survey tabulation until March 8<sup>th</sup>.

I am happy to announce that my office will be sponsoring an electronics recycling drive on March 30 at the NYS Fairgrounds. This is an excellent opportunity to properly dispose of electronic equipment that has been collecting dust in your storage areas. Please mark your calendars for this important community event.

Also, I would like to remind my constituents that my office is available to assist you with any problems you may have with state agencies. If my office can be of assistance, please contact us at 315-428-9651, or via email at [magnarw@nyassembly.gov](mailto:magnarw@nyassembly.gov).

*William B. Magnarelli*

Join Assemblyman Bill Magnarelli for an electronics recycling event



**9 a.m. to noon**  
**Saturday, March 30**  
**Center of Progress Building**  
**NYS Fairgrounds**  
**581 State Fair Boulevard, Syracuse**  
**Enter Gate 6, Exit Gate 2**

Volunteers will unload vehicles



Thank you to co-sponsors  



#### Recyclable items include:

- computers
- televisions
- tablets
- monitors
- cameras
- copiers
- fax machines
- scanners
- printers
- VCRs and DVD players
- cable boxes
- digital music players
- electronic or video game consoles
- cell phones
- audio/video (AV) equipment
- fitness trackers and smartwatches
- GPS devices




#### Items not accepted include:

- large kitchen appliances
- air conditioners
- dehumidifiers
- batteries
- any liquids or powders
- yard equipment
- CDs, DVDs and VHS and cassette tapes
- fluorescent lamps
- smoke detectors

**Assemblyman Bill Magnarelli**

For more information on this or any other community issue, please contact my office.

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### Reading to 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders

Assemblyman Magnarelli had the honor of reading to 3rd graders at Cathedral Academy at Pompei (Our Lady of Pompei School). As a native of the Northside, Assemblyman Magnarelli attended the elementary school. The school now has students and families originating from 5 continents and 17 nations; many are refugees. Most of its children speak and understand two or more languages, including English. In the early 20<sup>th</sup> Century, the Northside was home to newly immigrated Italians, Irish and Germans, then in the 1970s and 1980s Vietnamese, Laotians, Cambodians and other Southeast Asian peoples moved into this sector. Currently, African, Middle Eastern, and South Central Asian populations have joined the Northside neighborhood.



# Vietnamese New Year

Assemblyman Magnarelli was happy to join Tai Shaw and many members of our community on Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at the Vietnamese New Year celebration. The celebration pays respect to ancestors and elders. The Vietnamese Tet Celebration includes traditional Vietnamese cuisine, lion dancing, local singers and performers, carnival games, and many other exciting activities.



Assemblyman Magnarelli met and spoke with Syracuse Police Chief Kenton Buckner and two police officers at the Vietnamese New Year Celebration.



Assemblyman Magnarelli and Tai Shaw at the 2019 Tet Celebration which was held at the F-shed located in the Regional Market.

# ARISE Representatives Talk Funding Issues



Local ARISE members and staff met with Assemblyman Magnarelli to discuss State Budget funding issues for people with disabilities. ARISE is a non-profit Independent Living Center that provides disability services for people of all ages and abilities in Syracuse and Central New York. Each year, ARISE serves more than 7,000 people from offices located in five Central New York counties: Onondaga, Oswego, Madison, Cayuga, and Seneca. All ARISE programs are consumer directed, maximizing choice and opportunities for the people served.

# American Red Cross Meeting

Assemblyman Magnarelli met with Michael Hunter and Alan Turner, Regional Chief Executive Officer for the Western and Central New York Region of the American Red Cross to discuss the ways the State Budget impacts their organization. The American Red Cross, Central New York Chapter serves the counties of Cayuga, Cortland, Madison, Onondaga and Oswego



# State Attorney General Visits

On January 26<sup>th</sup>, Assemblyman Magnarelli welcomed NYS Attorney General Tish James to the Syracuse University College of Law. Prior to being elected NYS Attorney General, Tish James was the Public Advocate for New York City. She is the first woman in New York to be elected Attorney General, the first African-American woman to be elected to statewide office and to serve as Attorney General. The Attorney General spoke to community members, law students and many local elected officials about some of her priorities for 2019.



# Promoting Benefits of Early Education

Assemblyman Magnarelli met with members of the Early Childhood Alliance in Albany to discuss the many benefits of early education and the hurdles yet to overcome so every child is prepared for school. Pictured are Pritzker Fellow Melissa Hidek, Executive Director of Child Care Solutions Lori Schakow, Assemblyman Magnarelli, Childcare provider Fatuma Mohamud, longtime executive director of Child Care Solutions Peggy Liuzzi and Director of Early Childhood Alliance Laurie Black.



# Annual Labor Breakfast

Assemblyman Magnarelli recently held two Labor Breakfasts to meet with and discuss many issues that labor unions are concerned with and that require attention. Building trades representatives spoke with Assemblyman Magnarelli about issues such as Design Build, Project Labor Agreements and the need for the Hybrid option for the I-81 project. Representatives of service labor unions also discussed their concerns regarding the upcoming budget and legislative season.

Holding annual breakfasts with union representatives is a tradition Assemblyman Magnarelli started when he first took office.



# Reports on Community Colleges

Assemblyman Magnarelli attended a legislative breakfast at Onondaga Community College. The local delegation of legislative representatives met with the Community College Presidents from Onondaga, Tompkins-Cortland and Cayuga Counties. They discussed a variety of issues including funding work force development, student enrollment and future plans.



# Motor Truck Association

Local members of the N.Y. Motor Truck Association met with Assemblyman Magnarelli, Chairman of the Assembly's Transportation Committee, on their lobby day in Albany. The N.Y. Motor Truck Association is a part of the International Bridge, Tunnel & Turnpike Association (IBTTA), a worldwide association for the owners and operators of toll facilities and the businesses that serve them. The Association is interested in implementing state-of-the-art, innovative user-based transportation financing solutions to address the critical infrastructure challenges of the 21st Century.



## 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, 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>.