



# NEWS August/September 2018

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## The End of Summer

To many Central New Yorkers, the Great New York State Fair means that summer is soon coming to an end. During my many trips to the Fair this year, I was able to meet and talk with many residents of Central New York, as well as throughout the state. I enjoyed hearing from people living in the 129<sup>th</sup> District and others. Listening not only to concerns, but hearing from people who are the beneficiaries of what New York State provides is important to me.

As an elected official, my main concern is serving the people in my District and working to create government policies that are fair and just for all. This past Legislative Session was productive, and although some bills may not seem very interesting, they affect the businesses, municipalities and residents of our great State and are important to how we operate.

Twelve bills that I sponsored were passed in both the Assembly and the Senate this year. As of today, six of those bills were signed into law by Governor Andrew Cuomo. They include an important new law that will allow the City of Syracuse to crackdown on absentee landlords for unpaid code violations by allowing those fines to be attached to their property tax bill. I am hopeful the Governor will sign the outstanding bills by the end of the year.

The month of August was a very busy one. This newsletter reflects some of the events I participated in, including the visits to the NYS Fair by NYS Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie and some of my Assembly colleagues from across the State. I also attended a special ceremony at White Branch Library for the children who participated in the Assembly's Summer Reading Challenge. The children worked hard over the summer to better prepare themselves for the upcoming school year. I attended a number of other important events at the Fair, including memorial ceremonies for our firefighters, police officers and armed forces.

I am proud to serve our community and look forward to continuing to work on behalf of the residents in the 129<sup>th</sup> Assembly District in the months ahead.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call my office at: 315-428-9651, or email me at: [magnarw@nyassembly.gov](mailto:magnarw@nyassembly.gov).

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## Preservation of Historic Buildings is a Priority

On August 3, Senator Kirsten Gillibrand stopped at the former Hotel Syracuse to announce nearly \$89 million was allocated in the federal budget for the Department of Interiors Historic Preservation Fund. The funds will help protect historic buildings that are so recognizable in the area.

Specifically, funding will help restore historic buildings, including:

- The old West Brothers Knitting Company Factory in Syracuse, which will become affordable housing;
- An old school in Fulton which will become affordable senior apartments; and
- The Historic Courier Building in Syracuse, which will become restaurants and apartments;

The federal historic preservation funds are often used with state tax credits, which the Assembly has fought to extend. Preserving local landmarks serves as an economic engine by generating jobs and driving additional development.

U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand and Assemblyman Magnarelli posed with his granddaughter Nora at the former Hotel Syracuse.



# The Great New York State Fair



Speaking at the Firefighters' Memorial Service.



Meeting Baldwinsville High School Alumni Class of '68



Visiting the League of Women Voters Booth.



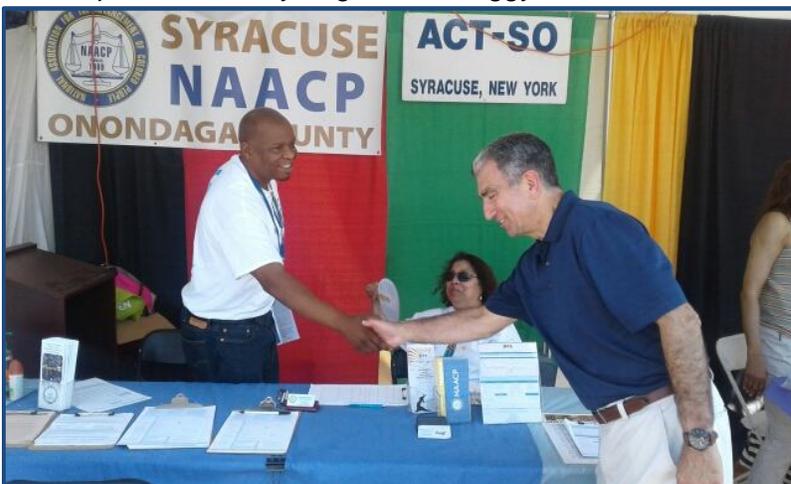
Enjoying a classic sausage sandwich with NYS Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli.



Touring the Fair with NYS Agriculture Commissioner Richard Ball, Assemblywoman Didi Barrett, Lt. Governor Kathy Hochul, Assemblywoman Donna Lupardo, Assemblyman Al Stirpe, and County Legislators Peggy Chase and Linda Ervin.



Speaking with local Fire Department Officials.



Visiting the Syracuse NAACP booth.



Speaking with Acting Attorney General Barbara Underwood after the Law Enforcement Memorial Service.

# The Great New York State Fair



Speaker of the Assembly Carl Heastie and members of the Assembly came to the New York State Fair on Wednesday, August 29<sup>th</sup>. They visited the newly named “Van Robinson Pan-African Village” (picture above left), the Assembly informational booth in the Center of Progress Building (picture above right), the new Expo Building including the Sand Sculpture, and the Butter Sculpture in the Dairy Building (picture below left). Assembly members participating in the tour were-Addie Jenne, Michael DenDekker, Harry Bronson, Bill Jones, Michael Benedetto, Crystal Peoples-Stokes, Al Stirpe, Pamela Hunter, Bill Magee, and Barbara Lifton.



Assemblymembers at the Butter Sculpture.



Assemblyman Magnarelli with newly appointed State Fair Director Troy Waffner.



Assemblyman Magnarelli greeting Vietnam Veteran Gordy Lane after the Armed Forces Day Ceremony.



Assemblyman Magnarelli speaking at the Armed Forces Day Ceremony.



Assemblyman Magnarelli joined Governor Cuomo at the “new” New York State Fair today where the Governor announced that the attendance record for the 2018 fair was broken. Over 1,258,000 people have visited the fair as of 1 p.m. Saturday.

## Encouraging Reading During the Summer

During the summer, Assemblyman Magnarelli encouraged young children to continue reading and learning through the NYS Assembly Reading Challenge. Local libraries distributed pamphlets on which children and their parents could record their reading accomplishments.

In August, Assemblyman Magnarelli visited several libraries, including White Branch Library (pictured), to take part in their celebrations and to distribute NYS Assembly certificates.



## Recent Regional Economic Development Council Meeting

On August 16<sup>th</sup>, Assemblyman Magnarelli attending a meeting of the Central New York Regional Economic Development Council (CNY REDC) which was held at Cazenovia College. The Assemblyman is a voting member of the Council. The meeting included an update from Brian Stratton, Director of the NYS Canal System; an Agriculture Committee update; and a Project update on projects awarded NYS funding in prior years. The Council also began a review of the projects which have been submitted for funding consideration in this 8<sup>th</sup> year of Governor Cuomo's regional approach to NYS economic development.



Assemblyman Magnarelli with CNYREDC members, Tim Penix and Dr. Neil Murphy and Director Brian Stratton.

## King & King Architects' 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Honored

Assemblyman Magnarelli joined Assemblywoman Pamela Hunter, and Assemblyman Stirpe (absent) in celebrating the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of King & King Architects with a proclamation. King & King is the oldest continuously operating architectural firm in New York State, and tied for the third oldest in the nation.

King & King Architects was founded in 1868 by Archimedes Russell, an apprentice of renowned architect Horatio Nelson White, who opened his own firm at age twenty-eight, and designed Holden Observatory and Crouse College at Syracuse University the following year. In 1906, apprentice Melvin L. King took over the firm, and multiple generations of the King family have followed in his footsteps, including Russell King, who was a partner at the firm for more than forty years.

King & King Architects has long maintained a close relationship with Syracuse University, and is responsible for the design of many campus buildings, including the Tolley Humanities Building, Manley Field House, H.B. Crouse Hall, the Physics Building, Link Hall, the Heroy Geology Laboratory, and Bird Library.

King & King Architects have designed numerous landmark buildings in the City of Syracuse, past and present, including the historic Onondaga County Courthouse, the Niagara Mohawk Building, the Madden School of Business at Le Moyne College, and the WCNY Broadcast & Education Center.

The firm moved into its new headquarters on W. Jefferson St in 2009 and received Platinum LEED Certification in 2011.



Assemblyman Magnarelli and Assemblywoman Hunter presented a Peter King, Partner; David Johnson, Partner; Jason Benedict, Partner; Kirk Narbargh, CEO/Managing Partner; and Jim King, Partner with a proclamation to King & King Architects on their 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

## P.E.A.C.E. Recognized on its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



Assemblyman Magnarelli presented P.E.A.C.E., Inc. Executive Director Joe O'Hara with a NYS Assembly Proclamation to celebrate P.E.A.C.E. Inc.'s 50th Anniversary

P.E.A.C.E., Inc. a not-for-profit organization, was incorporated on March 26, 1968, and was formed by people who were dedicated to changing lives by teaching people how to help themselves and support those around them. The organization has continued providing programming and training to equip individuals and families with the necessary tools and skills to help them move from poverty to self-sufficiency.

P.E.A.C.E., Inc. is one of Onondaga County's Federally designated Community Action Agencies, designed to improve the conditions in which people live.



## Meeting Local Union Members

Assemblyman Magnarelli attended the annual SEIU 1199 member picnic at Burnet Park Zoo on July 25th. During his visit, he had an opportunity to speak with many union members about a number of issues including the importance of quality healthcare in our community. Many of the children attending the picnic with their parents were also interested in what an Assembly member does.

## Congress Beer is Once Again Made in Syracuse

Two draft horses delivered Congress Beer to its re-launch party at the Marriott Syracuse Downtown (Hotel Syracuse). From 1892 to 1962, Congress was the most popular "hometown" beer in Syracuse, brewed by the Haberle Brewery at the corner of Butternut and North McBride streets. In the re-launch, the goal was to recreate a beer that could be produced in a modern craft brewery, but that would also honor the tradition of a light colored, light-bodied "pre craft beer" lager. The new Congress Beer has relatively low alcohol beer, at 4.8 percent, that can be described as "approachable," "easy drinking," "light-bodied and crisp" and an "everyday" beer.

The modern re-launch is spearheaded by the Onondaga Historical Association, which acquired the trademark rights to sell Congress Beer merchandise and to brew a beer under the Congress Beer name as a way to raise money for its operations. The last Haberle Brewmaster donated the recipe for Congress Bear to the OHA when it closed.



Ed Riley, owner of Marriott Syracuse Downtown, and Assemblyman Magnarelli attended the re-launch of Congress Beer.

### 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>.

