



NEWS

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AROUND THE DISTRICT

One of the biggest misconceptions of the work of a New York State Assemblyman is that it is a “part-time job”. In continuing to perpetuate this falsehood, one only needs to acknowledge the part of the year – January through June – in which we spend each week in Albany focusing on passing a yearly budget totaling \$156 billion and passing hundreds of legislative bills that concern state and local municipal services, school, health and human service issues, corporate and small business regulations, public safety matters and numerous other topics of importance that affect people’s everyday lives.

However, little attention is given to the rest of the year – July through December. This leaves a gaping hole in the public’s perception of the actual function and duties of each Assemblyperson’s district office. In my case, this is the time of the year that I spend every week going into the neighborhoods and communities of the 129th District, meeting with individuals, businesses, school organizations, and the various agencies that enrich and support our families. In addition, attending the parades, festivals and field days and as many special celebrations as I can, is the most enjoyable part of my job.

A major function of my district office is to coordinate a variety of outreach events that I sponsor each year. They include my four Town Hall Meetings, a Community Resource Day on the Road, a Red Cross Blood Drive, the Volunteer Fair, the CNY Veterans Parade and Expo and new this year our FREE Electronics Recycling Drop-Off Event. We will actually have two FREE recycling events, one in July in Baldwinsville and one in November in Syracuse.

The July through December portion of the year is as important, vital and integral to the job of representing people’s needs, as the January through June portion. I suggest that maybe, just maybe, it is the most important part of my job. It is the time when I get to listen to and observe the quality of life issues that most affect us. I get to interact with our neighbors, talk with the children, walk the neighborhoods, and meet the many workers and businesses who strive every day to provide for their families. I also get to reconnect with the amazing landscape and natural resources we call home.

We live in a truly amazing area of the state and during July through December, I get to see, listen and experience Central New York and its people. By doing so, it reinforces for me what is important and makes me a better legislator during my “part-time job” when I am back in Albany during January through June.

7th Annual CNY Volunteer Fair

Assemblyman Bill Magnarelli hosts the 7th annual CNY Volunteer Fair on Sept. 13 from 3 p.m. till 6:30 p.m. at Destiny USA, on the third floor of the canyon area next to Revolutions. More than 50 organizations are offering a variety of volunteer opportunities, in various areas including animal care, helping the homeless, education organizations, helping domestic violence survivors, to health care fields. Opportunities range from computer work, social media, hands-on-care and much more. This is a perfect opportunity for senior citizens, college or high school students to get involved. Assemblyman Magnarelli will be at the Fair meeting the participants.



Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2016
DestinyUSA
3 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Come See Us at the Community Resources Fair

Assemblyman Magnarelli will have a constituent service booth at State Senator David Valesky’s Community Resources Fair to be held at the Magnarelli Community Center, 2300 Grant Blvd in Syracuse on October 6th from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Also at the Resources Fair, visitors can get information, including social service resources and presentations, health screenings and more in a one-stop shop. Over 50 agencies are expected to have exhibit booths.

Reading Through the Summer



Assemblyman Magnarelli’s staff attended a pizza party at Hazard Branch Library to celebrate the completion of the Summer Reading Program. Awards were presented to the participants.

Stiffer Penalties for Boating While Intoxicated

On August 17, 2016, Assemblyman Bill Magnarelli and Senator John DeFrancisco joined with MaryJo Heitkamp-France to announce that legislation named after Tiffany Heitkamp was signed into law by Gov. Cuomo. Tiffany Heitkamp was a young Syracuse woman who was killed in 2006 while a passenger in a boat driven by an intoxicated person with previous DWI offenses. Because there was no linkage in statute between Boating While Intoxicated (BWI) and Driving While Intoxicated (DWI) laws, the driver of the boat was only charged after the crash as a first-time offender. Tiffany Heitkamp's law will now require a sentencing judge in a BWI case to consider prior DWI convictions. Therefore, by creating this requirement, a judge may to impose stiffer penalties upon sentencing including larger fines and incarceration. Assemblyman Magnarelli and Senator DeFrancisco were the primary sponsors of this legislation that is now the law throughout New York State.



100th Meeting at the East Woods Skate Plaza

On Wednesday, August 18, at the East Woods Skate Plaza located in the Eastwood section of the City, the Eastwood Neighborhood Association (ENA) celebrated its 100th meeting. The celebration included extending a "thank you" to Assemblyman Bill Magnarelli for providing a grant to purchase a shade pavilion, picnic tables and trash receptacles. Thanks were also extended to the Eastwood Rotary Club who provided a drinking fountain for the Skate Plaza. The ceremony was chaired by founding member Judy Lewis who began her advocacy for the creation of the Skate Plaza back in 2005.



On Point for College

On August 16, 2016, Assemblyman Magnarelli was invited to speak with On Point for College students who were getting ready to head off to college. Many of the students will be attending college for their first semester, while others are beginning their second year. The students all are graduates of the On Point for College program, which assists young people in finishing their high school education, helps them with life issues and provides ongoing support enabling them to fulfill their dreams. The students were all accepted to 2- or 4- year colleges and were excited about this next chapter in their lives.

Assemblyman Magnarelli also got a chance to meet with Ginny Donohue, who founded On Point for College and will be retiring September 1st. Samuel Rowser will be assuming the duties of Executive Director. Since 1999, during Ginny's tenure, 7800+ students have been helped by On Point. 1,500 students in total have graduated from college with On Point's help and currently 2,600 students are enrolled in college as of spring 2016.



Ginny Donohue, Assemblyman Magnarelli and Samuel Rowser at On Point for College.



Discussing Housing and Heating Services Assistance

Assemblyman Andrew Hevesi, Chairman of the Assembly Social Services Committee hosted a discussion on a Home Stability Support initiative that would supplement the public assistance shelter and fuel-for-heating allowances, giving low income New Yorkers a fighting chance to meet the costs of housing and heat. This was held on Wednesday August 31, at the Legal Services of Central New York office located in the Financial Plaza Building.

2016 New York State Fair Opens

Thursday, August 25th marked the first day of the 2016 New York State Fair. As is customary, the Governor of New York State presided over the official opening ceremonies. This year's ceremony celebrated the State's investment of \$50 million in new infrastructure and amenities at the Fair; a new expanded midway, new RV park and a new layout. Assemblyman Magnarelli joined his Assembly Colleagues Pam Hunter, Al Stirpe and Bill Magee, County Executive Joanie Mahoney and Senators Dave Velasky and John DeFrancisco in giving opening day remarks as they introduced Governor Andrew Cuomo. The West Genesee Marching Band was on hand to provide their exceptional sounds, while confetti cannons erupted for an exciting ribbon cutting ceremony.



NYS Assembly Speaker and Assembly Members Visit the Fair

New York State Assembly Speaker Carl E. Heastie of the Bronx and a number of Assembly Members spent a day touring the new renovations at the Fair. Joining the Assembly Speaker are Assembly members Bill Magee of Oneida, Michael Blake of the Bronx, Pam Hunter of Syracuse, Al Stirpe of Cicero, Majority Leader Joe Morelle of Rochester, Bill Magnarelli of Syracuse,

Donna Lupardo of Binghamton, Jo Anne Simon of Brooklyn, and Angelo Santabarbara of Amsterdam. (Member Barbara Lifton of Ithaca, not pictured, also attended). The members participated in the annual ceremony at the Veterans Memorial area where a monument honoring the sacrifices of Gold Star Mothers was unveiled. Assemblyman Magnarelli also gave remarks at the ceremony.



World Champions



Members of the Maine-Endwell Little League World Series championship team from Endwell, NY met with Assemblyman Magnarelli and Senator DeFrancisco after being acknowledged at Chevy Court at the NYS Fair.

Law Enforcement Day

Assemblyman Magnarelli's staff attended the 2016 Law Enforcement Day ceremony at the NYS Fair on August 26. The ceremony included representatives from local police departments, sheriff's offices and the New York State Police. The men and women of Law enforcement were thanked for their dedication and service to keeping our communities safe. NYS Attorney General Eric Schneiderman also gave remarks as to their importance and dedication to the communities in New York State.



Unclaimed Funds distributed by the NYS Comptroller's Office

NYS Comptroller Tom DiNapoli presented a check for \$3,096 to Rabbi Jezer and his wife Rhea at his annual State Fair breakfast. The check was from Unclaimed Funds held by the NYS Comptroller's office belonging to the Rabbi. Sharing in the ceremony was Assembly members Pam Hunter and Bill Magnarelli. To see if you have any unclaimed money, go to <http://www.osc.state.ny.us/ouf>.



Lt. Governor visits SU's Center of Excellence



Assemblyman Magnarelli's staff attended the ribbon cutting with Lt. Governor Kathy Hochul at SU's Center of Excellence. The investment of \$8.7 million in state, federal, and private funds created seven new labs and testbeds and launched NYE-RIC, a statewide alliance for energy-efficient building innovations. The new labs included the Comer Lab. The Comer Lab vision is to develop alternative energy technologies that improve current thermal systems while reducing harmful emissions.



Village of Solvay Renovations Funded

Assemblyman Magnarelli viewed capital improvements in the Village of Solvay with Mayor Ron Benedetti and Village of Solvay Trustees. The Assembly grant totaled \$125,000 and provided for new sidewalks near the Library and High School. An additional grant of \$107,000 was given for the construction of a retaining wall and drainage infrastructure for Caroline Ave. Bob Thousand, a resident of Caroline Ave (pictured third from right) told Assemblyman Magnarelli the difference the wall has made in the neighborhood, not only on the water issues but aesthetically as well.



1199 SEIU Annual Picnic

Assemblyman Magnarelli attended the annual picnic held by Local 1199 SEIU which was held at the Rosemond Gifford Zoo in Syracuse. 1199 SEIU members work in many of the healthcare facilities throughout Central New York. The annual picnic enables members and their families to enjoy the Zoo and its great exhibits, and to spend time with fellow union members.



Derrick Carr, political director, William Magnarelli and Ruth Heller, vice president of 1199 attended the event.



SAVE THE DATE

CNY Veterans Parade and Expo

Sat., Nov. 12, 2016 NYS Fairgrounds
Parade at noon Expo 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

- Parade with more than 80 veteran organizations, military groups and high school marching bands
- Veterans of all conflicts since WWII
- Expo has organizations and educational institutions of veteran interest
- Displays of historical military artifacts
- **Free admission & Parking**
- **JOB FAIR**
- **Breakfast for the Brave**



Together we can Thank Our Troops!

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, Valley, and Downtown 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 re-elected in 2000, 2002, 2004, 2006, 2008, 2010, 2012 and 2014. 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>.