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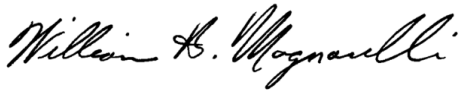
Holiday 2025

My calendar has been filled with happenings in and out of the 129th Assembly District during the fall and into the holiday season. Each event, each meeting, is critical to how I connect with my constituents, listening to their thoughts and concerns, as I prepare to go back to Albany in January to fight for their needs. One of the events I was proud to host again was the 18th Annual Central New York Veterans Parade and Expo at the New York State Fairgrounds on Saturday, November 8th. This annual event honors our veterans and active duty military personnel and says “thank you” to them for all that they've done for our nation. Below, you will see highlights from the Veterans Parade and Expo, as well as other events that I took part in. As always, if you have any questions or want to speak on any state matter, please do not hesitate to contact my office at (315)-428-9651 or by email at magnarw@nyassembly.gov. We are always here to serve you.



Need Help With Unemployment? - Reach Out To Our Office!

My office receives numerous email and phone queries from constituents regarding issues they have reaching the Department of Labor on Unemployment Insurance (UI). If you or someone you know is experiencing issues with the Department of Labor while applying for unemployment, please contact our office, as we are able to assist in connecting constituents directly with agents at the Department of Labor. My office has helped thousands of constituents who have experienced issues with their Unemployment, from dropped calls to missing payments. Please contact our office by phone at (315)-428-9651 or by email at magnarw@nyassembly.gov and speak to John Ferguson or Dan Petrick, who will be able to assist you directly, one-on-one, with your issue. We are always here for you.

Priority Legislation Update - December 2025

The 2025 Legislative Session was very productive, with a number of bills that I carried making it to the Governor's desl and being signed into law. Below you will find my Prime-Sponsored Legislation and the current status of that legislatic as of December 2025. While there were many legislative victories, one very important piece of legislation I carried wa vetoed, A.225-A, which would have authorized the Thruway Authority to offer free travel between the Onondaga County Thruway Exits for all Onondaga County residents for the duration of the I-81 Project. While I was disappointed that A.225-A was vetoed, it does not mean that I won't continue to fight for affordability in our everyday lives.

Signed Into Law:

A.8464: Re-authorizes the Village of Baldwinsville to repurpose their sewer fund after turning over the sewer system Onondaga County (Chapter 352).

A.8612: Allows suburban students transferring to the Syracuse STEAM school to participate in varsity athletics for t STEAM School if they already played varsity sports in 7th or 8th grade (Chapter 366).

A.934-A: Requires that in a multi-defendant criminal case if there is a tie on whether to use a peremptory challenge, t challenge goes through (Chapter 440).

A.8329-A: Authorizes the Village of Baldwinsville to impose an up to 5% hotel occupancy tax (Chapter 473).

A.8116-A: Provides the Syracuse Regional Airport Authority more flexibility in recruitment and retention (Chapter 496

A.7934: Corrects an error allowing 6 Onondaga County Sheriff Deputies to receive the 20-year retirement plan (Chapt 532).

A.3104: Onondaga County Sales Tax Extender (Chapter 208).

Passed in the State Budget:

A.4010: Re-authorization and expansion of work zone speed cameras (Chapter 58).

Sent to the Governor, not yet acted upon:

A.249: Allows the Department of Tax and Finance to accept electronic signatures from holders of powers of attorney f tax purposes.

A.804-C: Consumer litigation financing regulations.

A.7544-A: Regulates “Make Ready” work on utility poles.

To check on the status of Assemblyman Magnarelli's Legislation, please visit the Assembly's bill search look-up at: https://assembly.state.ny.us/leg/ and type in the bill number for further explanation and review.

Truly An Honor

The Landmark Theatre is celebrating its 100th Anniversary and Assemblyman Magnarelli and the Magnarelli family were honored for their work in preserving and restoring the theater with the new marquee being named the 'Magnarelli Marquee', to honor Assemblyman Magnarelli and his late cousin, Armand Magnarelli, whose efforts helped save the theater in the 1970's and lead to the modern expansion and restoration work spearheaded by Assemblyman Magnarelli. Assemblyman Magnarelli was humbled by the honor and is grateful to the entire community for supporting this historic theater as it nears its 100th Anniversary.

A Shared Tradition

My staff members and I attended the 76th Annual Election Day Spaghetti Supper at Our Lady of Pompei Church on the afternoon of Tuesday, November 4th. I wanted to thank the dozens of parish volunteers who rolled 6,000 meatballs, boiled 700 pounds of pasta, wrapped 250 loaves of bread and stirred 200 gallons of homemade marinara sauce for the event. This bi-partisan tradition is something that all enjoy and one that has become an essential part of the CNY Election Day experience.

Supporting Our Veterans

I was invited to speak at a ceremony at the Solvay-Geddes Veterans Memorial at Woods Road Park in Solvay on October 1st. Martin's Point Healthcare gave a $5,000 check to Honor Flight Syracuse to assist Honor Flight Syracuse's mission to fly local veterans to Washington, D.C. to visit the war memorials on the National Mall for the conflicts they served in. Martin's Point Healthcare serves the local veteran community, offering healthcare coverage options for veterans and their families.

Highlights From The 2025 CNY Veterans Parade and Expo

Assemblyman Magnarelli presents an award to the 2025 CNY Veterans Parade Grand Marshal, Ret. Major General Kevin W. Bradley, while on the Parade Viewing Stand in front of the Center of Progress Building. General Bradley, who served 36 years in both the United States Air Force and New York Air National Guard, retiring as the National Guard's Chief Information Officer (CIO), was honored for his service, sacrifice and dedication.

The Veterans Parade featured many local high school marching bands, including: West Genesee; East-Syracuse - Minoa; Syracuse City; Rome Free Academy and Baldwinsville, which was featured at the finale of the Parade. I take pride in including our local high school bands in the Parade every year.

Assemblyman Magnarelli speaks with the owners of JDog Junk Removal and Hauling inside the Center of Progress Building at the Fairgrounds. JDog was one of the many veteran owned businesses and organizations that takes part annually in the Expo.

Honor Flight Syracuse was one of the many veterans organizations that took part in the Parade around Chevy Court. Honor Flight of Syracuse does wonderful work for our local veteran community, flying veterans down to the National Mall in Washington, D.C. to visit the war memorials of conflicts in which they served.

Second E-Recycling Event a Success!

Assemblyman Magnarelli, along with Sunnking, hosted a free, Electronics Recycling Event on Saturday, October 4th, from 8:30am to Noon at the Orange Lot of the New York State Fairgrounds off of 690. It was the second such event hosted by the Assemblyman this year. The event was a huge success, with hundreds of cars showing up with their old electronics in tow. Assemblyman Magnarelli thanks everyone who came to drop off their electronics to be recycled.

Working To Get It Done

Assemblyman Magnarelli and former Solvay Village Trustee, Ray Fougnier, visited the Empire State Trail in Solvay in September to observe the work done to clean up of the trail. Mr. Fougnier had contacted Assemblyman Magnarelli because the portion of the trail running through the Village had not been maintained for some years. After Assemblyman Magnarelli's Office reached out to the appropriate agencies, the trail through Solvay was cleared of brush and debris.

A Successful Second Shredding Event!

This year, a second, free, paper shredding event with Confidata, hosted by Assemblyman Magnarelli, with volunteers from Solvay High School, on Saturday, September 3rd, from 9am to Noon, in the Pink Lot of DestinyUSA off of Solar Street. Hundreds of constituents turned out to have their old paperwork shredded on-site. Assemblyman Magnarelli is grateful to all who made the event such an important success!

Honored By Upstate Medical

Assemblyman Magnarelli received the SUNY Upstate Medical University Award for Exemplary Service with his fellow members of the Central New York State Legislative Delegation in July. This award is given by Upstate Medical University to recognize dedication to those who elevated the visibility, reputation and impact of Upstate. Assemblyman Magnarelli wants to thank SUNY Chancellor John B. King, Jr., Upstate University President, Dr. Mantosh Dewan, and the Upstate Hospital Board for bestowing him with this honor.

Addressing The Convention

Assemblyman Magnarelli was invited to speak at the 107th Annual Department of New York Convention of the American Legion at the Marriott Hotel Syracuse on July 15th. Assemblyman Magnarelli spoke at the Convention's opening session, welcoming the hundreds of American Legion members that have served our country and continue to serve our local communities through the organization.

Passenger Rail Priorities

As Chair of the NYS Assembly Transportation Committee, Assemblyman Magnarelli gave welcoming remarks to attendees of the Conference on NY Passenger Rail Service on November 19th, hosted by the Empire State Passenger Association
(ESPA) at the Marriott Downtown Syracuse. ESPA advocates for passengers and users of Amtrak in New York State. ESPA has worked closely with Assemblyman Magnarelli since he became Assembly Transportation Chair in 2019 on improving passenger rail service across New York.

An Exciting Downtown Venue

I attended the groundbreaking of the new Mizpah Tower Project, which will transform the former First Baptist Church building, also known as Mizpah Tower, in Downtown Syracuse, into office, residential and an event space. The historic building opened on Columbus Circle in 1914 and the restoration continues the revitalization of Downtown Syracuse. I was able to speak to the invited guests about the importance of this building's revitalization for our community. Assemblyman Magnarelli also helped sponsor legislation (Chapter 379 of 2023) to allow the event space to receive a liquor license.

Helping Young Families In Need

Assemblyman Magnarelli welcomed Attorney General Letitia James to the Food Bank of Central New York on December 1st. Attorney General James delivered more than $100,000 worth of baby formula for Central New York families. The donation of more than 7,000 bottles and cans of formulas is part of the $675,000 worth of baby formula that the Attorney General secured as a result of a settlement with Marine Park and its affiliate, Formula Depot, Inc. Pictured behind Assemblyman Magnarelli at the event are: Congressman John Mannion and State Senator Chris Ryan.

Competing on the Gridiron

Assemblyman Magnarelli was given a tour of Syracuse University's new John A. Lally Athletics Complex, which houses the offices, locker room, training and meal facilities for the Syracuse University Football Team. Along with Syracuse University Athletic Director, John Wildhack, Assemblyman Magnarelli was able to see up close the Athletic Department's Investment in the new facility geared towards competing with other Power Four Conference football facilities nationwide.

Speaking to Students

Assemblyman Magnarelli addressed social work students from Syracuse University during their 26th Annual Legislative Policy Day on October 17th. The event was held inside the Onondaga County Legislature Chamber at the Onondaga County Courthouse. Assemblyman Magnarelli addressed the impacts of federal cuts to New York's budget and its social safety net programs.

Classroom of the Future

Assemblyman Magnarelli was given a tour of Onondaga Community College's (OCC) new Micron Cleanroom Simulation Lab. OCC President, Dr. Warren Hilton, led Assemblyman Magnarelli through the lab inside the Whitney Applied Sciences Building, showing him the equipment needed to make computer chips and build the workforce of the future that will be needed with Micron's arrival in Central New York. Assemblyman Magnarelli thanks Dr. Hilton and Sue Tormey from OCC for giving him an up close look into this state-of-the-art program.

Standing Up For Teachers

I attended a rally on November 6th hosted by the Syracuse Teachers Association and NYSUT advocating for reforms to the pension system for state employees and teachers. The goal is to bring parity between the current Tier VI and Tier IV retirement benefits to help attract and retain teachers in a time of a teacher shortage across the state.

Tis the Season!

I enjoy the holiday season when it arrives and the traditions that come with it, like the annual Erie Canal Museum's Gingerbread Gallery, now in its 40th year. My staff and I received a first look at this year's event in the museum and even got to meet the Gingerbread Man himself! The 2025 event runs from Friday, November 21 until Sunday, January 11, 2026 at the Erie Canal Museum in Downtown Syracuse. I recommend stopping by, supporting the museum, and taking in this timeless holiday tradition.

Do You Know Someone Deserving of Recognition?

Assemblyman Magnarelli's Office regularly receives inquiries about honoring local individuals and organizations in the 129th Assembly District that do good work in our community or are celebrating an important milestone. Whether it is for a New York State Assembly Citation or Proclamation, please reach out to our office and we can create a citation or large framed proclamation signed by Assemblyman Magnarelli honoring your deserving individual or organization. As always, to make a request for a citation or proclamation, please contact our office at (315)-428-9651 or by email at magnarw@nyassembly.gov and let our office formally honor them.

About New York State Assemblyman William B. Magnarelli

Assemblyman William Magnarelli represents the 129th Assembly District, which includes the Northside, Eastwood, Valley, Outer Comstock and Downtown areas of the City of Syracuse, the Syracuse University area, the towns of Geddes and Van Buren. He first won election in 1998 for an open Assembly seat and has been reele then. During his terms in office, Assemblyman Magnarelli has focused his efforts on bringing more jobs to Ce York, lowering taxes, providing our children a better education at every level, improving our healthcare and k families safe. For more information, contact Assemblyman Magnarelli's District Office at (315) 428-965 http://www.assembly.state.ny.us/magnarelli.

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