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March 2024

March marks a time of rebirth and growth as it ushers in spring and the longer days and warmer weather that come with it. March is one of the busiest months for both the Legislature and my office, as the budget process heads towards a conclusion at the end of the month. While many things happen in March, from Daylight Savings Time to St. Patrick's Day to NCAA March Madness, my office is busy taking meetings with organizations, hosting Community Information Nights and working to make sure our constituent survey results are tabulated and disseminated to the public. Those survey results are below for your review. With all that is going on, please do not hesitate to reach out to my office, whether it is for a last-minute budget request or an issue with a state agency, my office is always here to assist you.

William B. Magnarelli

Honoring a Legendary Coach



On February 24th at the JMA Dome, Assemblyman Magnarelli and Senator John Mannion presented former Syracuse University Men's Basketball Head Coach Jim Boeheim with a Resolution from the New York State Legislature honoring him for 'Jim Boeheim Day', at the SU vs. Notre Dame game, to celebrate the coaching career of a legend in Syracuse Athletics. Coach Boeheim began his storied career at Syracuse as a player from 1962-1966, playing alongside his friend, and fellow legend, Dave Bing. Boeheim was an assistant coach under Roy Danforth in the mid-1970's before taking over the coaching helm in the fall of 1976 and coaching the next 47 seasons of Syracuse Men's Basketball. With over 1,000 wins, 5 Final Fours and the 2003 National Championship, no other coach has had the success and the longevity in one position continuously for 50+ years as has Jim Boeheim at Syracuse University. Former players, coaches, friends and family were on hand to honor Coach Boeheim, including his lifelong friend, and former Mayor of Detroit, Dave Bing.

Electronics Recycling

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**ELECTRONICS
RECYCLING**

Assemblyman Magnarelli's annual electronics recycling event has been scheduled for Saturday, May 18th, 2024 from 8:30am to 12pm at the Pink Lot at Destiny USA, entrance off of Solar Street (1 Destiny USA Dr, Syracuse, NY 13204). The link for registering for the event and to schedule a drop-off time is now live! Please click the link below to sign up and we will see you there!

<https://www.sunnking.com/events/destiny-usa-05-18-24>

Standing with the Sea of Orange



Assemblyman Bill Magnarelli stood with more than 600 local highway workers representing 1,600 local highway departments who gathered at the state Capitol to request \$250 million in restorations and new funding be included in New York's 2024-25 final budget plan.

Flanked by the perennial “Sea of Orange”—local highway workers from across the state wearing safety orange-colored shirts—the Assemblyman cited an historic 58 percent increase in highway construction costs that have impacted highway departments in just the last 30 months.

Local highway departments maintain 87% of New York’s 97,000 miles of highways and more than half of the state’s 8,600 highway bridges. The Governor’s Executive proposal called for \$100 million in cuts to key funding areas. Assemblyman Magnarelli is calling for those cuts to be restored and for an additional \$150 million to be added as new funds to help address the construction cost increases.

Helping with our Conservation Efforts

Assemblyman Magnarelli met with representatives from the Onondaga County Soil and Water Conservation District visiting Albany for the NYS Association Conservation Districts' lobby day. They were visiting to advocate for additional funding for our soil and water districts to help them with projects to prevent water pollution, protect our soil and keep local farms productive.



2024 Survey Results Are In!

Assemblyman Magnarelli is pleased to provide the survey results mailed out in February to every household in the 129th Assembly District. Below are the tabulated responses from the 1,095 surveys received. The results are tabulated to reflect the overall responses received from constituents residing in the City of Syracuse, Town of Geddes and Town of Van Buren. These percentages may not add up to 100% because some respondents did not answer every question. As always, Assemblyman Magnarelli thanks his constituents for taking the time to answer the survey and share their opinions on these critical matters of importance.

1. Would you support legislation that would increase the use of speed cameras, both locally and on State highways including the Thruway?

Yes 46% No 52%

2. Should the State determine how long a tenant can stay in a private apartment or rental home and how much the landlord may charge for rent?

Yes 15% No 81%

3. There is an affordable housing crisis in New York. Do you support efforts to use State funds to increase the number of housing units available to our citizens?

Yes 56% No 41%

4. Do you want any of your taxes to fund political campaigns?

Yes 10% No 88%

5. Do you support the NY HEAT Act ([A.4592-A](#))? This bill would require the NYS Public Service Commission to adopt policies to winddown the use of natural gas in buildings. It does this by removing the requirement in law that natural gas hookups be provided to every building that requests it and removes subsidies currently provided to cover the cost of new natural gas hookups.

Yes 31% No 65%

6. The Bigger Better Bottle Bill, [A.6353](#), would raise the deposit amount from 5 to 10 cents in New York and expand the types of containers, including sports drinks, wine, and liquor bottles, that fall under the deposit as a way to keep these containers out of landfills. Do you support this legislation?

Yes 68% No 31%

7. Do you support the creation of a permanent “excluded workers” fund ([A.4821](#))? This bill would create a permanent fund to provide unemployment assistance to undocumented workers and other workers (e.g. freelancers, gig workers) not eligible for unemployment benefits.

Yes 25% No 69%

Reporting To The Community



Assemblyman Magnarelli hosted his annual Community Information Night at Syracuse City School District's Lincoln Middle School Cafeteria on March 7th. Citizens from all over the 129th District came to listen to Assemblyman Magnarelli speak on the 2024 Constituent Survey as well as on other state related matters. The public was also able to ask Assemblyman Magnarelli questions and also give feedback on issues of importance to them. Assemblyman Magnarelli thanks everyone who attended this year's Community Information Night, as he looks forward to these events annually.

Marching in the St. Patrick's Day Parade



Assemblyman Magnarelli recently marched in the 2024 Syracuse St. Patrick's Day Parade through Downtown Syracuse on Saturday, March 16th. Assemblyman was accompanied by his fellow elected officials from State, County and City Government. This is the 42nd year that the Parade has taken place down South Salina Street. The first St. Patrick's Day Parade was started in 1983 by the late Nancy Duffy in order to honor the rich Irish cultural heritage of Central New York. To this day, South Salina Street is renamed 'Nancy Duffy Lane' every St. Patrick's season in March in her memory.

Assemblyman Magnarelli marches past the Landmark Theatre in Downtown Syracuse with his fellow State, County and City elected officials for the 2024 Syracuse St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Headed Towards a Conclusion

Assemblyman Magnarelli was Co-Chair of the Transportation Joint Budget Conference Subcommittee. Made up of both Assembly and Senate members, this committee meets after both the Senate and Assembly have released their one-house budget proposals and begin negotiations with the Governor on a final budget agreement. Assemblyman Magnarelli, as Assembly Transportation Chair, led the hearing along with his Senate Transportation Chair colleague, Senator Tim Kennedy of Buffalo.



About New York State Assemblyman William B. Magnarelli

Assemblyman William Magnarelli represents the 129th Assembly District, which includes the Northside, Westside, Eastwood, Valley, Outer Comstock and Downtown areas of the City of Syracuse, the Syracuse University area, 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>.

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