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Preparing for the Holidays and New Year

Every Holiday Season there's a tendency to let the stress of shopping and party planning get the best of us. We need to avoid the trap and focus on this season as a time of families, traditions and joy. It is the time spent together that will create memories to be shared for years to come.

As we plan for the New Year, my hope is for our community to focus on our shared goals of tolerance, good health and economic prosperity in the year ahead.

Within the last few days, Governor Andrew Cuomo unveiled his agenda for the State. He outlined the State's priorities for the upcoming year. Soon, he will present to the Legislature his Executive Budget. The Legislature will review and analyze this for approximately two months, culminating in a balanced budget which continues to fund state agencies, local governments, school districts, non-profits and other groups and organizations, thereby addressing the needs of NYS residents. Creating a balanced budget is no simple matter; there is only a finite amount of revenues available to fund these numerous and worthy services.

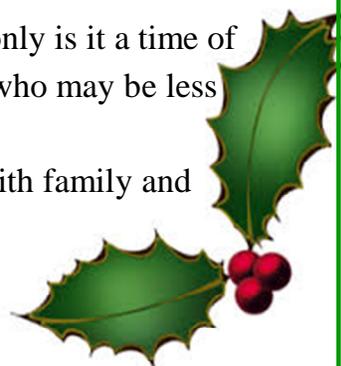
During the budget season, there are two ways in which I reach out to the residents of my district to continue to gauge concerns about issues being debated in the proposed budget. First, I hold four town hall meetings to meet with and hear from constituents. It's an opportunity for citizens to hear about the budget, and for me to hear directly from them on these topics. Second, my office sends out a survey containing questions not only about the budget, but also concerning issues important to my constituents. Both the town hall meetings and the survey help me to determine how my constituents feel about these issues.

During the budget process, I am always cognizant of providing our children with a better education at every level, improving our access to healthcare, keeping our families safe, promoting economic development, and supporting our veterans. Building on the successes of past years, the Assembly will continue to focus on the pressing matters of the day.

Throughout this Holiday Season, as we share time with family and friends, not only is it a time of reflection and preparation for the New Year, but it is also a time to think of others who may be less fortunate or have fallen on hard times.

My wish for all this Holiday Season is to create new and wonderful memories with family and friends. Happy Holidays to all with wishes for a healthy and prosperous New Year.

William B. Magnarelli



Assemblyman Magnarelli Appointed Chair of the NYS Assembly Transportation Committee

Earlier this month, Assembly Speaker Heastie appointed Assemblyman Magnarelli as Chair of the Assembly's Transportation Committee for the 2019-2020 term. Assemblyman Magnarelli was previously Chair of the Local Governments Committee. The Transportation Committee has jurisdiction over a wide variety of laws and issues impacting our State's transportation network. This includes: public transportation, infrastructure spending, the Vehicle and Traffic Law, the State's waterways, the State's port authorities and the Thruway Authority. Assemblyman Magnarelli is excited about this new opportunity and challenge. Transportation issues impact every New Yorker. He looks forward to working with his colleagues in Albany to ensure that New York has a well-funded and first class transportation network.



Chief Fowler Retires

Assemblyman Magnarelli attended the retirement ceremony for Syracuse Police Chief Frank Fowler at the Public Safety Building on November 30 – the Chief’s last day in office. Also attending were other community leaders, fellow police officers and community members. The assemblyman, along with Assemblymember Pam Hunter, presented a NYS Assembly Citation to Chief Fowler in recognition of his 29 years of public service to the Syracuse community.

Chief Fowler served as Chief since 2010, the second longest-serving Syracuse Police Chief in recent history. Originally from St. Louis, Missouri, Chief Fowler served our nation as a member of the U.S. Army at Fort Drum. He later joined the Syracuse Police Department in 1989 and continued to serve in the Army Reserves 403rd Civil Affairs Company, serving in Saudi Arabia during the Gulf War.

While at the Syracuse Police Department, Chief Fowler worked in patrol and as an undercover narcotics investigator for the first 11 years of his career and made sergeant in 2000. In 2005 he was promoted to Deputy Chief of Community Relations before being promoted to Chief.

Police Chief Kenton Buckner, former Chief of Police in Little Rock, Arkansas was chosen to replace Fowler after a nationwide search.



Assemblyman Magnarelli speaks during Chief Fowler's retirement ceremony as Assemblywoman Pam Hunter and Chief Fowler look on.



Celebrating 30 years of Dinosaur Bar-B-Que

Assemblyman Magnarelli presented John Stage, Owner of Dinosaur Bar-B-Que, with a Proclamation honoring the restaurant's 30th Anniversary.

Dinosaur Bar-B-Que started in 1988 as a one-room, cafeteria-style eatery, and in 1990, the restaurant tripled in size, adding a full bar, full service dining, and a permanent stage to feature Syracuse's burgeoning blues scene. Dinosaur has been nationally acclaimed and received numerous honors, including being featured on both the Food Network and the Travel Channel, and in 2009, was named as America's number one barbecue venue on ABC's Good Morning America.

Dinosaur Bar-B-Que's spice rub and full line of specialty sauces are available throughout the United States and in Europe and Japan, and in 2002, Dinosaur Bar-B-Que: An American Roadhouse, was voted as one of the best barbecue cookbooks by the National Barbeque Association.

There are eight Dinosaur Bar-B-Que locations across New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut.



Assemblyman Magnarelli presenting John Stage with the proclamation.



Recently Appointed American Red Cross Regional Representative

Assemblyman Magnarelli met in his Syracuse Office with Alan Turner, recently appointed Regional CEO of the American Red Cross based in Syracuse. Mr. Turner returned to New York State with his family after working in Florida also for the Red Cross. Mr. Turner spoke to the Assemblyman about the many ongoing relief projects throughout the area which the Red Cross supports.

CNY Receives State Grants for Economic and Community Development

The Governor announced this week that the Central New York Region is a "Top Performer Awardee" and will receive \$88.2 million in NYS funding for 91 projects, which were submitted for consideration by the Central New York Regional Economic Development Council (CNYREDC) in early October. This award will be used to help fund additional projects in our area, continuing the important economic and community development activity which was started eight years ago when the regional council approach to creating jobs and economic resilience was initiated.

The CNYREDC area includes the Counties of Onondaga, Oswego, Madison, Cayuga and Cortland. As a member of the CNYREDC, Assemblyman Magnarelli is pleased that our area will once again receive the highest amount of state funding which will further advance the strategic economic development plan for the Region.



Syracuse Airport's Renovations Completed

Gov. Andrew Cuomo attended a celebration at the Syracuse Airport for the completion of \$62.4 million renovations. The renovations which include a new 14,500 square foot terminal were completed in less than two years after the project was first announced in the 2017 State of the State message.

Of the \$62.4 million - \$35.8 million was provided by the state, \$14.9 million was provided by the federal government, and \$11.7 million was provided by the Syracuse Regional Airport Authority and Onondaga County.



In addition to the new, bigger terminal, the airport has the following new features:

- Ticket and baggage services that are "more modern"
- A new exterior facade that allows natural light in
- Two renovated pedestrian bridges that allow passengers with mobile tickets to skip lines
- A kiosk promoting and selling New York-made food and beverages
- A new exterior with perforated steel panels to handle wind and precipitation, energy efficient windows and a rainwater collection system



Vietnamese Community Representatives

Assemblyman Magnarelli recently met with members of the Vietnamese Community of Syracuse Executive Committee to discuss issues important to its members including education, coordination with other local non-profit organizations and upcoming festivals. The Vietnamese community is centered on the Northside and its members have worked and succeeded over the last four decades to become a part of the wonderful fabric of our City.

From Left to Right: Tai Shaw, Assemblyman Magnarelli, Thai Trang, Tracy Nguyen, Ngoc Pham.



Syracuse's Baseball Team Now "The Mets"

In the Spring, the Syracuse Mets will be playing at NBT Bank Stadium. On a recent visit to Syracuse, Governor Andrew Cuomo announced the Syracuse Mets committed to call Syracuse home for at least 25 years - to 2043.

The Minor League Baseball franchise will use the Mets team logo. Millions of dollars in improvements to NBT Bank Stadium will be made with state and local investments.



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, 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>.