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“WISHING YOU A JOYOUS HOLIDAY SEASON AND A NEW YEAR FILLED WITH HEALTH AND HAPPINESS”

When the New York State Assembly is not in session in Albany, I get a chance to spend my time meeting with constituents, attending business and organizational meetings throughout my district and visiting our charitable and service institutions that help families in our CNY region. I wanted to share with you a “Holiday Picture Book” newsletter to highlight the good deeds and sharing spirit that we have in our community year-round. Although these photos only represent a small number of events that take place every month, they still reflect how lucky we are to live in such a great place. From myself, my family and my staff, I wish you all the best in the New Year.

Sincerely, *William A. Magnarelli*



Don't Lose Your BASIC STAR Exemption

One-time re-registration is needed before December 31

If you are a homeowner who currently receives a Basic STAR exemption on property taxes, re-registration is required by December 31. Registration can be done online at www.tax.ny.gov or by calling (518) 457-2036. If you have any questions about the registration process, contact the NYS Department of Taxation and Finance at (518) 457-2036.

The rededication of the Wallie Howard Jr. Playground was held at Van Duyn School's gym on October 30, the 23rd anniversary of his death. The original playground was destroyed by vandals and fire in 2009. Assemblyman Magnarelli provided funding through a grant for rebuilding the playground. Assemblyman Magnarelli, Syracuse City School Superintendent Sharon Contreras and Linda Hartsock, representing Syracuse University, were also honored with Syracuse PBA awards. From l to r: Linda Hartsock representing Syracuse University and Chancellor Nancy Cantor, Sharon Contreras, Assemblyman Magnarelli, Syracuse Police Chief Fowler and Wallie Howard III.



Students in Mrs. Cobello's 3rd Grade Class at Stonehedge Elementary in the West Genesee School District listen as Assemblyman Magnarelli reads them a story.

Assemblyman Magnarelli attended a ceremony to recognize the improvements and new equipment at Schiller Park. Also in attendance were city councilor Jake Barrett, Alex Walsh of Senator Defrancisco's Office, Deputy Commissioner of Parks and Recreation John Walsh, Mayor Stephanie Miner and Syracuse City Commissioner of Parks, Recreation and Youth Programs Baye Muhammad.



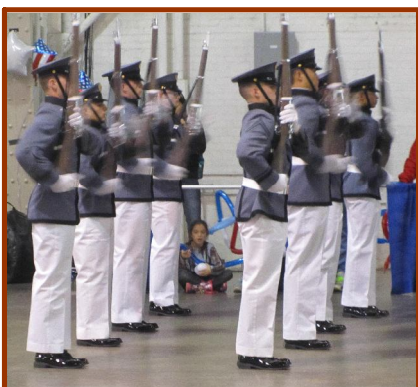
2013 CNY Veterans Parade and Expo



The outpouring of gratitude and support for our military personnel and veterans was overwhelming at the 2013 CNY Veterans Parade and Expo hosted by Assemblyman Magnarelli.

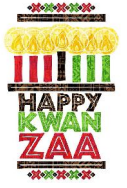
The thousands who turned out for the event were treated to an hour long parade filled with local veterans from all conflicts including and since WWII, military vehicles and music. The Expo featured great displays of interest to our veterans and present military, including informational displays of organizations that help our veterans and military. The highlights this year were the *Show Your Stripes Job Fair*, the recognition ceremony of the “30 Heroes Under 30”, and the display of the *George Washington Inaugural Bible*. We’ve heard a variety of compliments about the organizations that participated and their dedication to serving the military and veterans’ community.

See you at the 2014 CNY Veterans Parade and Expo on Nov. 8 at the NYS Fairgrounds. For more pictures and information visit cnyveteransparade.org.





Assemblyman Magnarelli spoke at the ceremony for SUNY Upstate's new Neuroscience Research Building. He took part in the ribbon cutting with Upstate's Former President Dr. Smith, Senator Dave Valesky, Assemblyman Al Stirpe, Interim President of the University Council Tom Taylor and Interim Upstate head Gregory Eastwood.



Assemblyman Magnarelli took part in the ribbon cutting of the historic preservation of Kasson Place and Hillside/West Park Apartments on Oct. 28. The Kasson Place development of 83 units in two buildings furthers the growth and revitalization of the James Street corridor. The Hillside and West Park Apartments will serve low-income families. Between the two buildings there will be 17 studios, 38 one-bedroom units and 35 two-bedroom apartments. The redevelopment of these buildings will help revitalize core neighborhoods in the City of Syracuse. This revitalization has provided over \$9,500,000 of construction improvements to provide 90 new homes for working families in the City of Syracuse.



Syracuse's Inner Harbor will soon be home to a 130-room Starwood-brand hotel as the first part of the larger, 350-million dollar mixed-use waterfront development project. COR Development of Fayetteville is overseeing the entire harbor project, and was awarded 4.5 million dollars for site remediation and infrastructure development under the state's regional economic development council initiative.

From Left to Right: Assemblyman Al Stirpe, Starwood Hotels Senior Director of Development John Salvatore, Assemblyman Magnarelli, COR Development's Steve Aiello, and executive director of Centerstate CEO Rob Simpson.



Leavenworth Park has a new gathering place. Assemblyman Magnarelli provided a grant for the new gazebo at Leavenworth Park. He attended the ribbon cutting ceremony with neighborhood resident Shawn Fiato, Jeff Romano, Syracuse City Commissioner of Parks, Recreation and Youth programs Baye Muhammad, Deputy Commissioner of Parks, Recreation and Youth Programs John Walsh and Mayor Stephanie Miner.



About New York State Assemblyman William B. Magnarelli

Assemblyman William Magnarelli represents the 129th Assembly District, which includes the Northside, Westside, Eastwood and Valley 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 reelected in 2000, 2002, 2004, 2006, 2008, 2010 and 2012. 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>.