



# NEWS

## From Bill Magnarelli

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*The summer and fall months were filled with a number of events and activities throughout the district. I had the opportunity to meet with many of you. Though this newsletter does not include information on all events that took place, I am happy to share with you some of the highlights. As we head into the 2012 New York State Assembly session, I would like to wish all of you a very happy and healthy holiday season and my best wishes for the New Year*

*William H. Magnarelli*

### Lakeside Fire Department Rescue Vehicle

Members of the Lakeside Fire Department launched their new water rescue boat in August 2011. Members of the Fire Department joined Assemblyman Magnarelli in the 20 foot boat that will provide a much quicker response time and allow several divers in the department to perform rescue operations that before were impossible. Funds were secured by Assemblyman Magnarelli in 2007.



### 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of September 11

In memory of our fellow citizens who lost their lives, Assemblyman Magnarelli joined City of Syracuse Firefighters and Syracuse Police Officers in commemorating the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the September 11 terrorist attacks. The ceremony was held at the Most Holy Rosary School.



### Landmark Theatre Stagehouse Expansion

Assemblyman Magnarelli helped secure \$6.5 million to modernize the back-stage areas such as an expanded stage, upgraded dressing rooms and increased electrical power capacity, in order to attract and book larger Broadway touring shows, concerts and celebrity performances.

Assemblyman Magnarelli toured the Landmark's expanded stage with Executive Director Denise DiRienzo and Aaron Walter, Project Manager from Hueber Breuer Construction Company, Inc.

### Summer Reading Challenge in cooperation with Libraries and Schools

To encourage our children to read more and become excited about reading, Assemblyman Magnarelli challenged students throughout the 120<sup>th</sup> District to achieve a goal of reading every day. Children were asked to read with their parents, with someone else or alone, for 40 or more days throughout the summer months. Once this goal was achieved and documented, the child earned a New York State Assembly Excellence in Reading Certificate.

At Salem Hyde Elementary, 110 students were recognized for their reading. Students from Solvay Elementary and Middle School, Onondaga Road Elementary, and Roberts Elementary also participated in the reading challenge.

Assemblyman Magnarelli recognized the 110 Salem Hyde Elementary students who participated.



Assemblyman Magnarelli toured the completed renovation of **Walberta Road** in the Town of Geddes, having secured a grant for the complete reconstruction of its 200 block, covering an area approximately 910 feet long. Work also included the installation of drainage inlets, four drywells and storm sewer pipe. The road was excavated and rebuilt with a two-layer asphalt paving course.



Assemblyman Magnarelli joined with Lt. Governor Robert Duffy and other dignitaries to pause and remember the events of 9/11 on the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Syracuse's M.O.S.T. was one of 30 locations across the state that hosted the "New York Remembers" exhibition. The exhibition featured historical artifacts from the collections of the State Museum and the National September 11 Memorial & Museum.



Assemblyman Magnarelli provided funding for a generator and the improved use of the Town of Van Buren Municipal building as an American Red Cross Emergency Management Facility for the area. In the photo are Town of Van Buren Supervisor Claude Sykes and Jason Hoy, Town Engineer.



Assemblyman Magnarelli congratulated Dr. David Smith, president of Upstate Medical University, upon Upstate's merger with Community General Hospital, saving approximately 900 local, good-paying health care jobs.

## Onondaga Lake Restoration Progress Tour

In August 2011, Assemblyman Magnarelli toured the Onondaga Lake Restoration project. Craig Milburn of Honeywell was the host with engineers and workers representing each section of the massive project, which included: the Onondaga Lakeshore staging area, the LCP wetlands, the Geddes pipeline operations and the Camillus consolidation area.



## 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Lifesaver Blood Drive

It has become one of the biggest blood drives in Central New York and this year was no exception. The blood drive held July 19<sup>th</sup> at Gillette Road Middle School, sponsored by Assemblyman Magnarelli, exceeded our blood donation goal of 93. The American Red Cross



commended Assemblyman Magnarelli's leadership in sponsoring and promoting a summer blood drive when there is always a shortage of blood on hand. This year's drive produced: 100 donors scheduled, 97 donations collected and 19 first time donors resulting in 291 patients helped!

## Alzheimer's Association Celebrates Activation of Missing Vulnerable Adult Alert

Assemblyman Magnarelli and Senator DeFrancisco presented the Alzheimer's Association a pen certificate signed by Governor Cuomo commemorating the Missing Vulnerable Adult Alert law. When enacted, the alert, similar to the Amber Alert, would use federal, state, and local resources to assist families in searching for missing adults who have cognitive impairments. The legislation also requires law enforcement agencies to conduct training and education for all personnel regarding the recognition and management of missing vulnerable adults.



Pictured left to right, Eileen Krupka from Baldwinsville who is a caregiver for her dad, Matthew Donaghey, who has been diagnosed with Alzheimers; Assemblyman Bill Magnarelli; Catherine James Co-Chair of the Coalition of NYS Alzheimer's Association Chapters; Senator John DeFrancisco; and Keith Rung, Alzheimer's Board President.



The 2011 CNY Volunteer Fair held at the Carousel Center Skydeck on September 20, sponsored by Assemblyman Magnarelli, was the most successful one to date. With over 50 non-profit and volunteer organizations available, this was a great opportunity for people to see how they can use their abilities to help meet the needs of our community.

The CNY Volunteer Fair is also a great opportunity for students looking to fulfill service requirements or searching for career connections.

Among those represented this year were hospitals, literacy advocacy sites, senior citizen centers, community centers, recreation/rehabilitation centers and organizations advocating for those with specific diseases, ailments or support services.



## Legislation sponsored or supported by Assemblyman Magnarelli and signed into law during the 2011 session:

- **Caps Property Taxes (A.8518)** Caps property tax growth at 2% a year, unless the municipality votes to override
- **Ethics Reform Legislation (A.8307)** New ethics law requires greater financial disclosure for public officials, and lobbyists, creation of the new Joint Commission on Public Ethics, and increased penalties for violations.
- **Land Banks Legislation (A.373-A)** Allows municipalities to establish “Land Banks” for the purposes of redeveloping abandoned, tax delinquent or blighted properties.
- **Program Bill EFC Bonding Chapter 41 (A.6307)** Extends for the 3 years the ability of municipalities to issue grid bonds or authorize installment loans to the NY State Environmental Facilities Corp. to obtain assistance from the Clean Water and Drinking Water Revolving Funds.
- **Program Bill DHCR Bonding Chapter 71 (A.6306)** Continues the orderly flow of Private Activity Bonds for the development of affordable housing and other economic activity in New York.
- **Missing Vulnerable Adults Alert Chapter 222 (A.676-B)** Creates an ‘Amber Alert’ type system for adults with medical or mental illnesses who go missing
- **Syracuse Airport Authority (A.2166-A)** Creates the Syracuse Regional Airport Authority to manage Hancock International Airport.
- **Bioscience Curriculum Funding Chapter 467 (A.7156-A)** Authorizes the Empire State Development Corp. to fund bioscience curriculum and workforce training, to educate individuals to work in bioscience based industries
- **PLLC Merger Bill (A.678)** When a PLLC and PC merge they can chose the appropriate corporate structure for the new company, instead of automatically becoming a PC.
- **School Tax Payment Flex Bill (A.6719)** Gives school districts flexibility in setting a first installment of a property tax payment lower than 50% for those who pay by installments.

## Cuomo & WBM Tax Cap Legislation signing with family in Solvay

Assemblyman Magnarelli attended Governor Cuomo’s signing of the historic property tax cap legislation at the Maroney family home in Lakeland.



# 2011 CNY Veterans Parade & Expo held at the NYS Fairgrounds on November 5th sponsored by Assemblyman Magnarelli

This year's parade was moved to the New York State Fairgrounds and an indoor venue Expo was added. The Expo highlighted military support organizations, and included a special award ceremony for soldiers and organizations.

Thousands of spectators watched 90 organizations put on an hour and a half long parade filled with performances, music, and local veterans from all conflicts since WWII. The Expo featured great displays of military and veterans' interests, and informational displays of organizations that help veterans and soldiers. A special performance by the West Point Drill Team was extremely well-received by the crowd.

We want to acknowledge our sponsors who put so much time and effort into helping organize and make this event possible: 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division at Fort Drum; Clear Channel; Lockheed Martin; SRC; Anaren; C&S Companies; AmeriCU, O'Brien and Gere, TDK Engineering, Otis Technology, American Food and Vending, Dunkin Donuts, Tim Hortons and the CNY Veterans Parade Board of Directors.

The feedback we are receiving is overwhelmingly positive and we hope to be returning to the New York State Fairgrounds in 2012 with an even more memorable event to say "Thank You" to all the Central New York soldiers and veterans who have sacrificed so much for our freedoms.



Syracuse University  
Pride of the  
Orange  
Marching Band

West Point Black Knight Drill Team performed in the parade and at the Expo



Henninger High School Marching Band



Veterans from various organizations riding on the tram



Patriot Guard Riders of NY



Grand Marshal Spc. Matthew Hayes



Cicero-North Syracuse Military Support Group



Members of the 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division at Fort Drum

## About New York State Assemblyman William B. Magnarelli

Assemblyman William Magnarelli represents the 120<sup>th</sup> 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 and 2010. During his previous six 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>.