



# NEWS

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## New York State Fair Opening Approaching Quickly

Central New Yorkers associate the end of summer with the New York State Fair. This annual event draws both local residents and many throughout the state and elsewhere. This historic and prized-tourism event is ever-changing and evolving to best represent the State and all of the wonderful things that make our State great. Once again this year, fair-goers will be met with many changes at the Fair:

- The event has been expanded to 13 days to allow additional time for more people to experience the thrills and joys of our state's premier showcase.
- There will be four Baby Care Centers around the grounds. The Centers are supervised and air-conditioned, providing private spaces for nursing mothers and an area for quick diaper changes.
- The New York State Police exhibit area has expanded to provide more room for shows and informational presentations.
- Improvements have been made to Indian Village, including a revitalized Turtle Mound stage.
- The Wade Show Midway returns featuring a new Skyride with more than 100 double passenger seats which will give passengers an unmatched view of Syracuse and the surrounding area.
- The Taste NY Store and the Taste NY Market will join other vendors in the Horticulture Building, including more than 30 local companies.
- A first-ever drone video competition, which will be professionally judged, will feature videos that were mostly shot using a drone or another unmanned aerial vehicle.
- The milk bar returns, remaining at 25 cents per cup, thanks to the sponsorship of Tully's Good Times.
- The American Dairy Association's Butter Sculpture will also return and is sponsored by Wegmans Food Markets.
- An exhibit in the Science and Engineering Building featuring STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) hands-on activities, workshops and demonstrations will allow young people to explore careers in related fields.

These improvements are part of a multi-year investment plan initiated by Governor Cuomo to revitalize the 127-year-old fairgrounds. The first implementation for the 2016 Fair consisted of a new main gate, an RV-park and a new midway area, totalling \$50 million in investment and leading to record-setting attendance.

There are more exciting changes planned for the New York State Fair, funded by \$50 million included in the 2017-2018 State budget and \$20 million from the Upstate Revitalization Initiative Investment, including an 80,000 square foot hybrid building and Expo Center available for year-round use, which is expected to be built by the opening of the 2018 NYS Fair. Also expected to be completed by the 2018 NYS Fair is a new on-ramp to I-690 West and more improvements to the Orange lot to improve parking and traffic congestion.

As the Assemblyman for the area which includes the State Fairgrounds, I am very proud of how the New York State Fair showcases our wonderful and unique State.

*William H. Magnarelli*

## Tessy Plastics Cuts Ribbon on Van Buren Expansion

### 163 New Jobs Created



Assemblyman Magnarelli attended the opening of Tessy Plastics new 248,000 square-foot expansion of its production facility on State Fair Boulevard in Van Buren. The company received a \$10 million grant and \$3.5 million in tax credits from New York State and is retaining 808 jobs and creating 163 new jobs as a result of the expansion. Tessy Plastics was founded in 1973. Governor Andrew Cuomo, Empire State Development CEO Howard Zemsky, Onondaga County Executive Joanie Mahoney, Van Buren Supervisor Claude Sykes, and Tessy Plastics CEO Roland Beck and his mom, Helga, attended the ceremonial opening.

# Anheuser-Busch Highlights its Baldwinsville Brewery



Assemblyman Magnarelli and his granddaughter joined Anheuser-Busch Baldwinsville Employees, CNY legislators, Senator John DeFrancisco and Assemblyman William Barclay, and many others, at the open house for the community earlier this month. Community members were able to learn more about the brewing process. More importantly to many, the famous Budweiser Clydesdale Horses were at the event.

The Baldwinsville Anheuser-Busch plant opened in 1979 and produces beers including Budweiser and Bud Light, as well as 60 other products, from Goose Island and Blue Point "craft" beers, to Lime-A-Ritas, Spiked Seltzers and the non-alcoholic Teavana teas. Budweiser Beer produced here until September 1<sup>st</sup> will have "New York" on its label.



# E-Recycling Event Helps the Environment and Community Groups

Assemblyman Magnarelli sponsored a Free Electronics Recycling Event on July 29 at DestinyUSA. The event attracted thousands of people who wanted to properly dispose of out-of-date electronics. More than 70 volunteers from the Butternut Community Police Center and InterFaith Works were on hand to help unload vehicles. Both community groups will receive a portion of the proceeds from SunnKing. Assemblyman Magnarelli's office also partnered with the Syracuse Police Department. Police Chief Frank Fowler joined with the Assemblyman at the event.



**Volunteers helped organize the collected electronics during the Electronics Recycling Event.**



**Refugees volunteering through Interfaith Works spent the morning lifting heavy electronics out of cars as part of the event.**



**Tube televisions are among the most popular items left at the E-Recycling Event. Most stores charge a fee to properly dispose of tube televisions.**

## Groundbreaking of Affordable Apartments in Town of Geddes

Christopher Community, Inc., in conjunction with the Centers at St. Camillus and other partners, recently broke ground on a \$12.6 million development. Harborbrook Apartments will include 60 affordable apartments for low to moderate income individuals 55 and older. This project received a grant under the Governor's Empire State Supportive Housing Initiative to create comprehensive support services for seniors, some at risk of homelessness. Harborbrook Apartments was designed to promote aging in place to help individuals remain independent at home. The three-story building will contain 60 one-bedroom rental apartments, a community room, wellness room, laundry facilities, computer lab, bike storage, outdoor patio and garden space. All apartments are energy efficient and meet New York State Energy Research Development Agency (NYSERDA) new construction program requirements.



## Students Ready for Classes with OnPoint for College

Assemblyman Magnarelli met with representatives of OnPoint For College (OPFC), as well as soon-to-be college freshman, who are participating in OPFC programs to assist them as they prepare for and begin their classes in the fall of 2017.

OnPoint for College assists area students by providing supplies for college and helping with the enrollment process and financial aid options. OPFC also helps students with transportation to and from college.



## PEF President Visits Syracuse

Assemblyman Magnarelli met with New York State Public Employees Federation (PEF) President Wayne Spence and other members of PEF at the Senator Hughes State Office Bldg. in Syracuse earlier this month. Mr. Spence has worked for 24 years as a parole officer and has held various leadership positions in the union before becoming president in June 2015. He also serves as a member of NYS Comptroller DiNapoli's Advisory Council (NYSLRS) and on the AFT Nurses & Health Professionals Program Policy Council.



## Save the Date

### Events Sponsored by Assemblyman Magnarelli

CNY Volunteer Fair

**Tuesday, Sept. 19,**

**Destiny USA**

(third floor Canyon area)

CNY Veterans Parade & Expo

9 a.m.- 3 p.m.

**Saturday, Nov. 4**

**NYS Fairgrounds**

**Center of Progress building**

### About New York State Assemblyman William B. Magnarelli

Assemblyman William Magnarelli represents the 129<sup>th</sup> Assembly District, which includes the Northside, Westside, Eastwood Valley and Downtown 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, 2012, 2014 and 2016. 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>.