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• **T**he Bob Cecile Community Center bought supplies to help senior citizens stay active and engaged in social events, thanks to a \$5,000 grant secured by Assemblyman William B. Magnarelli.

“I am glad that the funds were put to use to make the Bob Cecile Community Center more inviting to local residents,” said Assemblyman Magnarelli. “Senior citizens have contributed substantially to our community. This is one small way of continuing to contribute to their well-being.”

The center bought card tables, exercise equipment, a Wii system and flat screen television with the grant.

The center is open five days a week to accommodate about 250 senior citizens’ needs for socialization, recreation and nutrition. An exercise program, a lunch program, bingo games, parties, and sing-a-longs are among the activities the center offers regularly.

Seniors who regularly visit the center appreciate the new Wii system. A 93-year-old man who used to love bowling until medical conditions kept him from playing has shown a talent for winning on the Wii system’s game, said Terry Losty, director of the Bob Cecile Community Center.

“This helped improve the quality of programs at the Cecile Center for the senior community,” Losty said. “We are having so much fun with the equipment.”

Patrick Driscoll, commissioner of the Department of Parks and Recreation for the City of Syracuse; Terry Losty, director of the Bob Cecile Community Center; and Assemblyman Magnarelli pose for a photo during a recent tour of the center.



Joe Fielding, Carol Carl, Ray Perkins, and Assemblyman Magnarelli watch Joe Papaiani use the new Wii system at the Bob Cecile Community Center. The center purchased the gaming system, and other supplies, to help the senior citizens stay active and engaged.



• **S**yracuse City School District Students received second place out of 35 teams in the international robotics competition sponsored by the National Society of Black Engineers. The district-wide high school team and the team from Blodgett Middle School spent hours learning advanced math, science and engineering in preparation for this competition. The teams built a robot, prepared an oral presentation about the robot and manipulated the robot’s movements as part of the competition.

Team members were Saidyyah Muhammad, Carliegh Raeford, Jamesha Williams, Cecilia Rodriguez, Demerace Moore, Xiomara Salam, Naphateria Torrence and Lauren Robinson. The team coaches were Mark Mason, Robert Mallory and Neil Prince.



• Assemblyman Magnarelli greeted the crowds that lined the streets in Baldwinsville to view the Memorial Day Parade.



• Assemblyman Magnarelli was a guest server at Crouse Hospital's employee appreciation picnic.



Left, Assemblyman Magnarelli greets veterans at the Memorial Day Watchfire held at the New York State Fairgrounds. In addition to the Watchfire (pictured right) and the Baldwinsville parade and ceremony at the cemetery, Assemblyman Magnarelli also attended the Eastwood American Legion Parade, the Solvay-Geddes Veterans Memorial Day Service, the Stanley Pennock VFW Post lunch, services at the Korean Vietnam Memorial in Syracuse and a ceremony at the Onondaga County Veterans Cemetery on Memorial Day Weekend.

Save the Date

CNY Volunteer Fair

A volunteer fair will be held from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. **September 21** at the Skydeck of Carousel Center. Organizations in need of volunteers will have tables with information. People wishing to volunteer will find dozens of organizations in need of help. To sign up or for more information call 428-9651 or email abdelld@assembly.state.ny.us



The 2010 CNY Veterans Parade will be held at noon, Saturday, **November 6** on Salina Street in Downtown Syracuse. Any veterans organization and military unit is invited to participate. To sign up or for more information call 428-9651 or email abdelld@assembly.state.ny.us

About New York State Assemblyman William B. Magnarelli

Assemblyman William Magnarelli represents the 120th 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, and 2008. During his previous five 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>.