



# NEWS

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### COMMUNITY INFORMATION NIGHTS

I scheduled four community information nights in the 120<sup>th</sup> Assembly District. These are opportunities for my constituents to ask questions about matters that affect and concern them, including the upcoming New York State budget process, and any other topics that may impact their economic well being and quality of life in Central New York.

I recently held one at Lincoln Middle School on February 9. It was a nice opportunity to hear concerns from residents.

All sites have free parking and are handicap accessible.

I hope you will take the time to attend one of these events so that you may receive factual information regarding your state government. This also allows me to hear directly from my constituents, the issues that are most important to their families. I look forward to receiving feedback and input from my constituents in the 120<sup>th</sup> Assembly District.

*William B. Magnarelli*

The Community Information Nights are 6:30 pm to 8 pm as follows:  
**March 1<sup>th</sup> (Thursday) at:**  
Clary Middle School, 100 Amidon Drive  
**March 7<sup>rd</sup> (Wednesday) at:**  
Geddes Town Hall, 1000 Woods Road  
**March 8<sup>th</sup> (Thursday) at:**  
Van Buren Town Hall, 7575 Van Buren Rd.

• **F**ive local companies recently received Commercialization Assistance Program (CAP) awards, totaling \$248,300, which promote the commercialization of innovative green and clean technologies. The five companies recognized were Ephesus Technologies of Syracuse; GreenView Energy Management Systems of New Harford, N.Y; Rapid Cure Technologies of Syracuse; Synairco of Ithaca; and Synex, of Pulaski.

The Commercialization Assistance Program was first initiated in 2001 to encourage innovation, product development and entrepreneurship in the field of indoor environmental quality.

“We were confident that this matching fund program would fuel technology development, job creation and thereby strengthen our local economy,” said Assemblyman Magnarelli.

“I am pleased that we are able to point to this program and see so many successes. I congratulate all the recipients in this round of CAP awards.”

Combined, the projects being commercialized by these companies, thanks to funding secured by Assemblyman Magnarelli, have the potential to create 21 new jobs and retain an additional 13 jobs. Over six rounds, the Commercialization Assistance Program awarded more than \$1.3 million and supported the growth and success of 26 Upstate companies.



• **A** Nano-chip manufacturer from Los Angeles, California recently announced its decision to move to Electronics Park and create 200 jobs in the Syracuse area. Assemblyman Magnarelli joined Senator Schumer, Assemblyman Sam Roberts, CEO Rob Simpson of Centerstate CEO, and Dr. Birendra Raj Dutt, CEO /CTO of Apix Corporation at the announcement.

This is one more step in paving the way for CNY to become a hub for high tech businesses. The Assembly announced in 2010 that the state would invest \$28 million in the Electronics Park Facility.

# Legislative Update

Below are several bills Assemblyman Magnarelli is sponsoring this legislative session.

## **A.3964-A Sale of Embalming Fluid**

Embalming fluid, used legally by funeral directors and undertakers, is being sold illegally to drug dealers who mix it with PCP to form “water.” “Water” creates an intense psychedelic high with hallucinations and other effects that cause users to act violently.

The legislation would penalize funeral directors and undertakers if embalming fluid is sold for purposes not related to funerals. The bill has been passed onto the Senate where it is sponsored by Senator Valesky.

## **A7541-A Boating While Intoxicated**

This legislation would link Driving While Intoxicated to convictions for operating vehicles other than cars (such as ATVs, boats, or snowmobiles) while intoxicated. The bill is named after Tiffany Heitkamp who was killed in 2006 in a boating crash with a drunk driver. In a constituent survey sent to residents in this district, 73% of respondents said they favored the passage of this law. The bill is currently being sponsored by Senator DeFrancisco in the Senate.

## **A7845-A Hygienic Dress Code**

The NYS Department of Health would create guidelines to help hospitals and health practitioners adopt a hygienic dress code restricting jewelry and certain clothing in operating rooms and medical settings. Studies have shown that ties, jewelry and other clothing carry bacteria and inadvertently pass infections to patients.



- **A**ssemblyman Magnarelli brought together representatives of the City of Syracuse, the Town of Geddes and the Project Engineer CH2M Hill to discuss the landscaping and other aesthetic issues involved in the final stages of the Westcott Reservoir project. Assemblyman Magnarelli provided an additional \$200,000 enabling the City of Syracuse to enhance and improve the existing storm water basins design, upgrade some of the fencing and landscaping to include decorative style fencing and additional greenery site work. Shown here attending the meeting to discuss the improvements are: Bill Morse, Town of Geddes Engineer; Deborah Somers, City of Syracuse Commissioner of Water; Matt Marko and Zack Knight, Engineers with CH2M Hill and Assemblyman Magnarelli.



**Pictured in the studio is Host Frederick Zimmerman; Show Assistant Gina Fortino; Program Sponsor State Farm representative Matt Roe and Assemblyman Magnarelli**

- **A**ssemblyman Magnarelli was the guest on the “Whose Highway Is It Anyway” program produced by Radio Disney. The show aired on February 5<sup>th</sup> at 8pm on AM1490/FM1340. The program is teen orientated and focuses on highway safety. Assemblyman Magnarelli discussed the new “Move Over Law” and his newly sponsored “DWI Boating Law”.



**S**tudents from Liberty Partnerships and CSTEP programs at LeMoyne College recently met with Assemblyman Magnarelli to discuss increasing State money to higher education and student aid programs.

**Assemblyman Magnarelli recently met with the SUNY Upstate and NYS Society of Perfusionists, represented by Dan Hurley, Bruce Searles (Pres.-Elect, NYSSP), Hugh Bonner, and Nick Moore.**



## **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>.