



# NEWS

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## Magnarelli Scores for the Town of Van Buren

• **H**arbour Heights Park residents have a new half-court to practice on, thanks in part to a grant from Assemblyman Magnarelli. The \$15,000 grant funded the construction of a half basketball court, which consisted of removal of topsoil and subgrade materials, placement of six inches of stone base, placement of 3.5 inches of asphalt for the court surface, procurement and installation of basketball pole, backboard and rim and court stripping. Residents of all ages have taken to the court to practice their skills.



Above: Four residents of the Harbour Heights Tract pose on the new basketball court with Assemblyman Magnarelli; Claude Sykes, Van Buren Town supervisor; Bob Crandall, area resident; Pat Dickman, Deputy Supervisor and Jason Hoy, town engineer.



Left: Assemblyman Magnarelli demonstrates his basketball form, in a shirt and tie, to the young kids at the court.

• **T**he Rescue Mission has been serving the Syracuse area for the past 125 years. As part of their celebration, Assemblyman Magnarelli took a tour of the Rescue Mission and was briefed on the new and long-standing programs to help serve the needy, homeless and underserved in the Syracuse area.

The tour of the Syracuse campus showcased a compassionate, professional staff dedicated to treating those in need with dignity, respect and love. Some of the facilities that the campus includes are:

- *Food Services Center* where more than 600 meals are served every day;
- *Clothing Outreach Program* provides free clothing and household items in a clean, bright store setting;
- *Gifford Place* residence provides assistance to formerly homeless and addicted men.
- *Transformations* emergency shelter provides beds for more than 100 men each night.
- *Employment Resource Center* help individuals overcome hiring obstacles, obtain job skills and find meaningful work.
- *Homeless Intervention Service* is a mobile service delivering meals and supplies to people living on the streets and transports the homeless to and from area shelters, to legal, medical and job appointments.



Assemblyman Magnarelli poses with Carolyn Hendrickson, Director of Organizational Advancement, Board member Laura Horian (of Tully) and Alan Thornton, executive director and CEO.

• **I**t's back to school time. Assemblyman Magnarelli met with students at *OnPoint for College* to talk to them a little about the importance of a college education.

For more than 10 years, OnPoint for College has helped over 2000 youth to get into college, stay there, and succeed afterwards. OnPoint staff and mentors help the college students through the enrollment process and college with tutoring, transportation, housing and supplies. Staff members also drive the students to colleges, visit them to help them stay on track, and go to their graduations. And since 2008, OnPoint has helped many graduates secure jobs afterward. On Point for College started from the trunk of executive director Ginny Donohue's car, in 1999.



- A bipartisan coalition of state, local and community leaders in Syracuse initiated a comprehensive effort to remove litter from city highways. The new local effort is the result of a meeting convened by State Senators John DeFrancisco and David Valesky and Assemblyman William Magnarelli, which included representatives from the New York State Department of Transportation, City of Syracuse, Onondaga County, Downtown Committee, Sierra Club, OCRRA and Syracuse University.

The initial meeting resulted in an agreement between the State, City, and County DOTs to work together to pick up litter along a two-mile section of 690 between the



Thompson Road and Teal Avenue exits during the week of July 9. Twenty-four members of the City and County public works departments and state DOT traffic control personnel used three city street sweepers and a half dozen other trucks to clear three tons of litter and debris from this single section of highway.

The coalition partners will also roll out an awareness campaign about the litter problem and associated short- and long-term costs to the community. There will be more scheduled cleanups along sections of the interstates.

“All parties pulling in the same direction and with the same focus and goal have made all the difference. The NYS DOT, City, County and concerned community partners have put in place a model that can be replicated to clean up our community,” Assemblyman Magnarelli said. “Collaborative efforts between my office and Senators DeFrancisco’s and Valesky’s Offices supported the efforts of the City, County and State workers who collected an extraordinary amount of litter this past week. Now we need the collaborative efforts of everyone in our community to stop the littering.”



- Assemblyman Magnarelli recently took a tour of the Dupli Envelope and Graphics Company on Dupli Park Dr. in Franklin Square. Kemper Matt, Chairman and CEO of Dupli, discussed with Assemblyman Magnarelli issues regarding the printing industry in Central New York. Dupli is an industry leader in corporate identity products. In the photo above, Mr. Matt shows Assemblyman Magnarelli the actual printing manufacturing area in bottom floor of the building.



- Thank you to everyone who attended and donated at the Summer Blood Drive held July 31 at Ray Middle School in Van Buren. More than 70 people attended. The American Red Cross was very pleased with the first time event and was happy to announce that the 50 pints of blood collected will help 150 patients. Of those who donated, 8 were first time donors. The Baldwinsville and Van Buren Community’s response made this a very successful event at a time when the blood supply in our area is critically low.

## SAVE THE DATE



CNY Volunteer Fair will be held from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. **Sept. 18** at DestiNY USA, in the 1<sup>st</sup> floor Canyon area. Over fifty local non-profits and volunteer organizations will be there offering information about opportunities to volunteer within the community.

To sign up or for more information call 428-9651 or email [abdellid@assembly.state.ny.us](mailto:abdellid@assembly.state.ny.us)

## CNY Veterans Parade and Expo

The 2012 CNY Veterans Parade and Expo will be held at noon, Saturday, **Nov. 10** at the NYS Fairgrounds. An Expo will be held from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. in the Center of Progress Building.

Veterans, veterans’ organizations and military units are invited to participate. Join us as we say “Thank You” to our soldiers and veterans for their service.



### 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>.