



# NEWS

## From Bill Magnarelli

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**Assemblyman Bill Magnarelli's Summer Blood Drive**

The Red Cross is experiencing an *urgent* need of blood during the summer.

Tuesday, July 31  
noon till 6 p.m.  
at  
Ray Middle School  
7650 Van Buren Road  
Baldwinsville, NY 13027

**When you give, others live!**  
Whether you've donated blood several times or are considering donating for the first time, remember that it's easy and only takes about 45 minutes.  
A mini-medical exam will be given to ensure the donor's safety.  
Your single donation can save up to three lives!

**First-time donors welcome.**

**DONATE BLOOD. SAVE A LIFE.**

The American Red Cross is experiencing a critical need for blood. The supply this summer is at dangerously low levels, putting those who suffer an emergency in our community at risk. To help the American Red Cross, I am hosting a

**Summer Blood Drive** on  
**Tuesday, July 31** from  
**noon until 6 p.m.** at

**Ray Middle School, 7650 Van Buren Road, Baldwinsville.**

Blood donations truly save lives and help our community. A typical donation of one-pint of blood can be used to save the lives of up to three people. Statistically, someone in the United States needs blood every two seconds. I hope to see you at the event!

*William H. Magnarelli*

Assemblyman Magnarelli took a tour of the Landmark Theatre's newly renovated stagehouse. Assemblyman Magnarelli was instrumental in securing funding to make this long-awaited Stage House Expansion project a reality. It involved the demolition of the existing backstage area and reconstruction of a new larger stage house that can now accommodate a greater variety of performance activities. The project has transformed the Landmark Theatre into the premiere performing arts center in our region. Its new state-of-the-art facilities will attract a variety of shows and provide a diverse array of entertainment options for the Central New York community and theatre goes throughout the Northeast. The long-awaited dream of touring Broadway becomes a reality in October with a three week run – 24 shows – of the Tony award winning musical Jersey Boys. The Theatre anticipates receiving 400,000 patrons through the doors each year with an economic impact to the community of approximately \$25 million annually.



**Assemblyman Magnarelli listens as Denise Fresina DiRienzo, Executive Director of the Landmark Theatre, gives a tour of the stage and renovations.**

Assemblyman Magnarelli greeted members of the Northeast Community Center at the Center on June 29th. He secured funding for the center to buy a van to transport seniors to services in the community, doctor's appointments, and field trips with the center. In requesting the van, the Northeast Community Center stated, "critical enhancements to the senior program at the community center were needed. Foremost will be a new van to ensure that elderly neighborhood residents will be able to participate in the senior activities offered at the community center and that they continue to have access to key services in the community. For reasons of health, infirmity, safety or economics, many seniors no longer have their own vehicle for transportation and the lack of mobility can erode their ability to live independently in the community."

Assemblyman Bill Magnarelli said, "The more I can help our seniors enjoy a quality of life where they are independent, can enjoy social interaction and at the same time get access to quality healthcare, I will lend my support."

Founded in 1978, the Syracuse Northeast Community Center addresses a wide range of social, youth development, economic, recreational, educational, health, senior independent living, and crisis intervention needs of area residents and their families. Its programs and services span the entire age spectrum from elementary students to teens, adults and senior citizens.



**Above: Assemblyman Magnarelli greets members visiting the Northeast Community Center. Below: Assemblyman Magnarelli poses with staff and board members from the Northeast Community Center in front of the van bought with funding he secured.**



- Assemblyman Magnarelli watched as the rear wall of the Bond Building was demolished to make space for a public court yard. The Bond Building, which sits at the intersection of Walton and South Clinton Streets, is part of the Pike Block Project, a \$25 million project designed to bring new residential and retail space to Downtown Syracuse. When the project is finished next year, four historic buildings in the heart of downtown will feature 78



residential units and 25,000 square feet of retail space. The Pike Block Project will provide a new pedestrian connection from Salina Street to Armory Square. The Assemblyman helped secure grants for the project.

**Andy Breuer, Hueber-Breuer Construction Co., Inc.; Charlie Wallace, VIP Structures; Assemblyman Magnarelli; Robert Simpson, President of CenterState CEO; David Nutting, President of VIP Structures; Merike Treier, Executive Director of Downtown Committee of Syracuse; David Mankiewicz, Senior Vice President of CenterState CEO; Nicholas Petragani, Senior Vice President and Regional Director of Syracuse, Central & Western New York of The Community Preservation Corp.**



**Assemblyman Magnarelli speaks with David Nutting, President, VIP Structures, after part of the Bond Building was demolished.**

- Assemblyman Magnarelli attended and spoke at the event celebrating the revitalization of the Kasson Apartments and Leavenworth Apartments on June 26.

The Kasson Apartments, located at 622 James St., and the Leavenworth Apartments, located at 615 James St., will be renovated by the real estate development and management company, Conifer, to feature 65 market rate apartments and 18 apartments for low to moderate income families. When completed, Kasson will feature one-bedroom and two-bedroom apartments available at market value with rent set at about \$800 to \$1,000 per month. The building will also feature six two-bedroom units for lower income families with rent set at \$681 per month. The project will be completed in 2013.



**Assemblyman Magnarelli joined other elected officials in celebrating the revitalization of the Kasson Apartments and Leavenworth Apartments.**



Assemblyman Magnarelli met with Solvay-Geddes Veterans and Veterans from the Stanley B. Pennock VFW Post 2893 to give them a new flag for the Geddes Veterans Memorial. From Left to Right, Richard Lurricella, Mike Pederzoli, Jim Pirro, Michael Masterpole, Assemblyman Magnarelli, Bob Mancabelli, Peter Doyle, John Gosson, Pat Simiele, and John Rittell.



Assemblyman Magnarelli took a tour of Solvay School and Katie DeStefano's class to see how the district is benefiting from their Universal Pre-K program. The students showed him how they use technology in the classroom.

**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>.