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Having a Say in State Government

During the Legislative Session, the New York State Assembly will be introducing and debating important issues that will directly impact the lives of residents living in the 129th Assembly District. To best represent your interests, I am asking that you take the time to share with me your opinions on some of the important matters that will be discussed in Albany over the next few months.

There are two ways for you to participate: (1). Complete the 2018 Constituent Survey; and, (2). Attend one of the scheduled "Community Information Nights" which are scheduled for February and March.

The 2018 Constituent Survey was mailed to every household in my Legislative District last month. It features 10 questions ranging from the proposed Tip Credit to continuing meetings regarding shared municipal services to the Compassionate Care Act. If you did not receive one, the survey is available online at: nyassembly.gov/mem/William-B-Magnarelli. My office will be collecting these surveys until March 9th. My staff has been busy tallying the survey responses that we have already received and for many of the issues, my constituents' opinions have begun to emerge. If possible, please add your opinion to this important endeavor.

Also, each year I hold four Community Information Nights throughout the 129th Assembly District so that residents have the opportunity to ask questions and voice their opinions and concerns directly with me. I sincerely feel that meeting directly with my constituents and listening to their concerns and priorities is the best way for me to represent you in Albany. This year, at each of these meetings, I will present the 2018 Constituent Survey questions which will be the basis of our discussions. There is also an opportunity for constituents to ask questions and provide concerns or comments regarding other issues they feel are important. I am holding Community Information Nights to hear directly from you. See this year's schedule below.

My office handles hundreds of constituent calls per year regarding numerous issues including: education, health, environment, jobs, economic development, senior issues, housing, children and families, workers compensation, veteran affairs, agriculture, mental health and accessing state agencies. In each case, my staff responded, logged the results of the interaction and briefed me on each matter.

If you have any questions or comments on this, or any other state issue, or if you would like to be added to my e-mail list to receive my monthly e-newsletter, please contact my office as follows: by mail: 333 E. Washington St. Room 840, Syracuse, NY 13202; by e-mail:

magnarw@nyassembly.gov; or by phone: (315) 428-9651. I look forward to seeing you at one of these Community Information Nights.

William B. Magnarelli

Save the Date

CNY
**VOLUNTEER
FAIR**

**Thursday, May 17
at DestinyUSA**

Non-profit organizations seeking volunteers to help in their operations will be on hand at DestinyUSA to talk to people who are looking for opportunities.

This event has been moved from September to the Spring giving students an opportunity to partner with an organization during the summer months.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION NIGHTS

Each year Assemblyman Magnarelli schedules Community Information Nights throughout the 129th District so that residents have the opportunity to ask questions and voice concerns directly with the Assemblyman regarding matters of the State. This year, the sessions are scheduled for:

- **Van Buren Town Hall, Wednesday, February 14th at 6:30 p.m.**
- **Geddes Town Hall, Thursday, February 15th at 6:30 p.m.**
- **Cecile Center, Thursday, March 1st at 6:30 p.m.**
- **Henninger High School, Thursday March 8th at 6:30 p.m.**

Recycling Old Electronics



Assemblyman Magnarelli sponsored a Free Electronics Recycling Event on Jan. 27 at the New York State Fairgrounds. The event attracted thousands of people who wanted to properly dispose of out-of-date electronics. More than 30 volunteers from the Solvay Central School District Track and Field Team were on hand to help unload vehicles. The team will receive a portion of the proceeds from SunnKing.

Assemblyman Magnarelli stands in front of CRT Televisions that have been wrapped in preparation for recycling.



Members of the Solvay Central School District's Track and Field Team posed for a photo with Assemblyman Magnarelli after the recycling event.



Volunteers organize electronics unloaded from the vehicles.

Baldwinsville Soccer Recognized



Baldwinsville's Girls Soccer team visited the State Legislature to be acknowledged for winning the State Class AA title. Assemblyman Magnarelli and Assemblyman Will Barclay, whose districts include the Baldwinsville Central School District, greeted the team and announced them on the floor of the Assembly.

Students Visit Albany to Meet with Legislators



Assemblyman Magnarelli met with students, parents and administrators from the Syracuse Academy of Science in Albany to talk about issues important to Charter schools.

Meeting with the Syracuse Teachers Association

Assemblyman Magnarelli attended the annual Legislative Breakfast held by the Syracuse Teachers Association ("STA"). The event provided the Assemblyman with an opportunity to meet with Syracuse City School District Superintendent Jaime Alicea, school board members, teachers, administrators and other state and local leaders. During the event the Assemblyman was briefed on the District's budgetary needs for the year.



Assemblyman Magnarelli with Superintendent Alicea, Board member Rita Paniagua, and Suzanne Slack, CFO at Syracuse City School District.

Annual Labor Breakfast

Each year Assemblyman Magnarelli hosts a Labor Breakfast meeting to discuss priority union issues. This year over 28 unions representatives chose to attend the roundtable discussion: including the carpenters, painters, bricklayers, roofers, ironworkers, and laborers from the Bricklayers Local 2, CNY Area Labor Federation, CNY ALF-UniteHere 150, CSEA Central Region, CSEA Local 834, CWA Local 1123, IBEW Local 1249, Laborers Local 633, Carpenters Local 277, PEF, Plumbers & Steam Fitters Local 267, Roofers Local 195, Syracuse Teachers Association, and Upstate NY Operating Engineers Local 158.



Berkana Crisis Respite Home Opens



Assemblyman Magnarelli took a tour of the newly opened Berkana Crisis Respite Home, a respite home designed as an alternative to hospital emergency rooms for adults with mental health and drug abuse problems.

AccessCNY opened the house on James St. in Syracuse, for up to 6 people, who need help but not emergency care. Individuals can stay for up to 7 days. The home is run by peer support staff who help the guests create recovery plans. The service is currently free, but the program may eventually seek health insurance reimbursement.

State funds and a grant from the Central New York Care Collaborative were used to create a partnership to improve and coordinate health care in the region.

Welcoming St. Joseph Health Care Centers' New CEO



Assemblyman Magnarelli met with Leslie Paul Luke, the new President and CEO of St. Joseph's Health and Hospital Center. Luke replaced Kathryn Ruscitto who retired last year.

Luke is the 14th President of the 148-year-old Hospital and the first one hired since St. Joe's was taken over in 2015 by Trinity Health, a Michigan-based Catholic health system that operates more than 90 hospitals in 22 states.

Assemblyman Magnarelli and St. Joseph's President and CEO Leslie Paul Luke.

About New York State Assemblyman William B. Magnarelli

Assemblyman William Magnarelli represents the 129th Assembly District, which includes the Northside, Westside, Eastwood Valley and Downtown areas of the City of Syracuse, Syracuse University area, Outer Comstock, 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>.

