



# NEWS From Bill Magnarelli

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## The Common Thread

*This newsletter has something for everyone. Last month's events showcased the many diverse communities and organizations that make up our city and county. I and my staff were privileged to be invited to participate in the numerous meetings, ceremonies and special events. As I reflected on the many people I meet, it struck me that we are more alike than different. Our common thread is the love and dreams we have for our children and grandchildren. No matter the cultural differences, we all want our children's lives to be better than our own. We want a healthy and safe environment in which to raise our children, we want them to have a quality education, we want to live our lives and customs in a community free of prejudice and intolerance and we want our children to have the opportunity for a good job that provides them a decent quality of life. Central New York comes close to fulfilling our dreams for our children, but we must all work to ensure that all people have the ability to share in that dream.*

*Bill Magnarelli*

- **T**his year marks the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ascioti's Market on Milton Avenue in the village of Solvay. The family-owned business has remained in the same location throughout.

Last month I presented a NYS Assembly proclamation to Philomena Ascioti and her two sisters, Frances Quattrone and Rose Spagnoletti, the last survivors of a family of 10 children. The three sisters run the day to day operation of the business along with extended family consisting of 30 to 40 cousins.

Ascioti's Market was founded in 1914 by Antonio and Caterina Ascioti, Italian immigrants who came to Solvay by way of Philadelphia.

The Ascioti family story gives testimony to the American Dream: coming as immigrants, investing in their craft and running a small business, raising a family, and dedication and commitment to their neighbors and community. Congratulations and best wishes for the next 100 years!



- **A**ssemblyman Magnarelli's staff attended the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the recognition of the Heritage and Freedom Flag as the official symbol of the Vietnamese Community on the steps of City Hall in Syracuse on May 1<sup>st</sup>. The ceremony honored the many men and women of South Vietnam and the United States who fought for democracy in the Vietnam War, along with acknowledging the Vietnamese community who have enriched Syracuse and Onondaga County with their heritage and culture.

- **O**n Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, the Lakeside Fire Department celebrated their 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. I attended the event to present a NYS Assembly proclamation and to congratulate the firefighters, the Auxiliary, and their families on the past successes and their future endeavors. Over the past 65 years, the Lakeside Fire Department has become an integral part of the Lakeside-Lakeland communities not only providing lifesaving protection, but in sponsoring the Lakeside Rangers Drum and Bugle Corp, a boy scout troop, a cub scout pack, a Little League baseball team and an Explorers post to name only a few.



## Solvay Fire Department and Assemblyman Magnarelli sponsor 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Blood Drive

Assemblyman Magnarelli's Annual Summer Blood Drive will be held from **noon until 6 p.m. Tuesday, June 3, at the Solvay-Geddes Youth Community Center.**

"Summer is a challenging time for the American Red Cross. My hope is that by sponsoring a blood drive right in our local community, we'll be able to encourage residents to participate," said Assemblyman Magnarelli.

To ensure an adequate blood supply, approximately 1,200 donors are required each day in the American Red Cross New York- Penn Blood Region, according to the American Red Cross.

"Let's do our part to help them reach this goal," Magnarelli said. To schedule an appointment or for more information, please contact 428-9651 or email [abdellad@assembly.state.ny.us](mailto:abdellad@assembly.state.ny.us).



**American  
Red Cross**

## 3rd Annual Veterans' Fishing Day at Webster Pond

Assemblyman Magnarelli helps sponsor event for VA Hospital patients

Dozens of veterans and their families will spend Tuesday, June 3 fishing at Webster Pond, 2004 Valley Drive in Syracuse.

"The event is quite inspirational," said Chad Norton, vice president of the Anglers Association of Onondaga. "Last year we had a gentleman with full prosthetic limbs fly fishing."

The event is put on by the Webster Pond Association as a way of thanking our veterans for their service. About 20 to 30 VA Hospital residents are expected to partake in the event, usually with the help of an aide or a family member.

"I'm happy to be helping to support such a wonderful event which gives local veterans the opportunity to enjoy the beautiful resources we have in our community," said Assemblyman William Magnarelli, D-Syracuse. "Fishing is a pastime many veterans enjoy but are unable to schedule as they are recovering from their physical ailments. I applaud the Anglers Association for their effort to bring veterans to Webster Pond to enjoy a day of fishing and picnicking."

**For more information, call 727-2922 Webster Pond or Diana Abdella at 428-9651 or [abdelld@assembly.state.ny.us](mailto:abdelld@assembly.state.ny.us).**



Veterans participating in the 2013 Veterans' Fishing Day at Webster Pond.

• On Saturday night, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, at the Liverpool Holiday Inn, Senator John "Pit Bull" DeFrancisco duked it out with "Sugar" Ray Rinaldi, to raise money for the youth centers run by Rinaldi located at 507 Pond Street and 307 S. Geddes Street. Assemblyman Bill Magnarelli was an assistant in Ray Rinaldi's corner and Common Council President Van Robinson assisted in Senator DeFrancisco's corner. Syracuse Police Department Chief Frank Fowler officiated the boxing match. More than 250 people attended the event and approximately \$25,000 was raised for the youth centers. The consensus of the crowd was that the match ended in a draw.



## Assemblyman Magnarelli co-sponsors the Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Business Act

Assemblyman Magnarelli announced that a bipartisan agreement has been reached by the Assembly, Senate and Governor to implement the “Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Business Act.” The act sets a 6-percent participation goal in the awarding of state contracts to service-disabled veteran-owned businesses.

New York is home to more than 900,000 veterans, 72 percent of whom have served during periods of conflict. Approximately 88,000 New Yorkers served in Afghanistan or Iraq. Additionally, the state is home to approximately 30,000 active duty military personnel, as well as 30,000 National Guard and Reserve personnel. In addition, 1 in 7 veterans are self-employed or small-business owners. With passage of the Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Business Act, New York will join 44 other states and the federal government in implementing a program to help self-employed service-disabled veterans gain more state contracts.

Assemblyman Magnarelli said, “The leadership qualities and specialized skills our troops learn help make them successful business owners stateside. The beauty of this program is we’re spurring job creation while helping veterans and their families get ahead and honoring the sacrifice these brave men and women have made for our country and our state.”



**The Annual CNY Veterans Parade and Expo, hosted by Assemblyman Magnarelli, to be held Nov. 8, 2014, hosts a job fair for veterans and service members. For more information on the job fair, please call Diana Abdella at 428-9651 or email [cnyveteransparadeandexpo@yahoo.com](mailto:cnyveteransparadeandexpo@yahoo.com).**

## Silver and Gold Gala

Assemblyman Magnarelli’s office was represented at the City of Syracuse Department of Parks, Recreation & Youth Programs celebration of Older Americans Month. The Silver and Gold Gala held May 8<sup>th</sup> at the Valley American Legion brought out a large number of participants in the Magnarelli Community Center, the Bob Cecile Community Center and the Westside Community Center. Everyone enjoyed entertainment provided by The Monterays.



**Westside Center**



**Bob Cecile Center**



**Magnarelli Center**

### Mayor Miner thanks NYS legislative delegation

Mayor Stephanie A. Miner thanked members of Syracuse’s New York State legislative delegation for their efforts in securing \$234,995 in additional Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement funding (CHIPS) in the state budget. The funding will be used to support fixing potholes and other street improvements after the recent challenging winter.

“I want to thank Senator DeFrancisco, Senator Valesky, Assemblyman Magnarelli and Assemblyman Roberts for delivering this important funding for our community,” said Mayor Miner. “Everyone who drives on city roadways understands potholes are a serious problem. The delegation has assured me there is more funding available and we will be partners in securing that money for Syracuse.”

## Assemblyman Magnarelli helped launch Governor Cuomo's Citizen Preparedness Corps Training Program

The Citizen Preparedness Training session was held at Onondaga Community College on April 12<sup>th</sup>. The training program will train approximately 100,000 New Yorkers during 2014 in the proper preparation for emergencies or disasters. The program seeks to provide citizens with the tools and resources to respond to emergencies and recover as quickly as possible to pre-disaster conditions. The training was led by the New York National Guard who worked with experts from the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services' Office of Emergency Management and the Office of Fire Prevention and Control, and local county emergency management personnel. A big thank you for a great turnout!



Assemblyman Magnarelli spoke with Major Douglas Baker at the Citizen Preparedness Training Session.

## Assemblyman Magnarelli a supporter of the Central New York's Stewards of Children Campaign

"If you're an adult in Central New York, you need to take this course," said Linda Cleary, Executive Director of the McMahon/Ryan Advocacy Center. This includes you if you are a parent, or if you work with kids, or if you're just a responsible person who cares about our community. You have the power to save a child – maybe your own – from the lifetime of pain that child sexual abuse can cause."

One in 10 children in Central New York will become a victim of sexual abuse before they turn 18. It's a shocking statistic that holds true regardless of the child's race, neighborhood, family income level. Every child is at risk. Most victims never report the abuse. Most abusers go out of their way to appear trustworthy. That means you probably know a child who is being victimized.

*Darkness to Light*, a national nonprofit, has developed an award-winning, evidence-informed course, *Stewards of Children*, to educate adults about the steps they can take to prevent, recognize and react responsibly to the reality of child sexual abuse. It emphasizes that preventing child sexual abuse is an adult responsibility, because young children aren't equipped to fend off sexual advances from a relative or family friend.

The *CNY Darkness to Light Collaboration* plans to ignite behavior change by training a critical mass of 18,000 adults – 5 percent of the adult population – in Onondaga County by 2020. To reach that tipping point, the collaboration is asking local companies, agencies and non-profits to dedicate resources to provide Steward of Children training. For information call Janice Timmons, at McMahon/Ryan Child Advocacy Center at 315-701-2985 or [jtimmmons@mcmahonryan.org](mailto:jtimmmons@mcmahonryan.org)

Anyone who suspects that a child is being abused should immediately call the Child Abuse Hotline at 1800-342-3720.



## Assemblyman Magnarelli helps pass legislation to protect the environment and our health

Assemblyman Magnarelli announced the Assembly passed multiple measures to help clean up the environment and further protect public health. The legislative package comes in recognition of Earth Day and addresses several major issues, including climate change, clean drinking water, recycling and sustainability.

The separate legislative bills are: A.3729; A.3569; A.6327-A; A.6558-A; A.6046; A.3754; A.4973-A; A.1040; A.8744-A; A.6557; A.6328; and A.2048-A

To see information on each bill, please visit [assembly.state.ny.us/magnarelli](http://assembly.state.ny.us/magnarelli).



### About New York State Assemblyman William B. Magnarelli

Assemblyman William Magnarelli represents the 129<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, 2010 and 2012. 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>.