



# NEWS

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## Summer in Our Communities

Summers in Central New York are a wonderful time to spend time with family and friends in the many beautiful parks and places of interest in our communities. Onondaga County, the City of Syracuse, our towns and villages have beautiful public parks with trails, playgrounds, athletic fields and places for swimming. These public spaces are true assets in our communities.

This summer my office is once again sponsoring the “Summer Reading Challenge” in partnership with New York State libraries to promote summer reading for our children. Young readers need to complete 15 minutes of reading a day for 40 days during July and August to receive the NYS Assembly Excellence in Reading certificate.

As always, I am interested in visiting the wonderful organizations operating in our community that provide support and opportunities for our residents. Included in this newsletter are pictures of a few of the places I recently visited to learn more about these organizations and their needs as they continue to serve the local community.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns about these or any other state issues, please call my office at (315) 428-9651.

*William B. Magnarelli*

## Landmark Theatre Contributes to Local Economy



Landmark theater announced that upcoming performances and tech tours will bring a projected \$10 million into the local economy. Cast and crews will be representing more than 2,500 hotel room nights and meals every day for 9 weeks. The Empire State Music and Theatrical Production Tax Credit is serving the purpose it was intended to – program credits of \$4 million per year to be allocated and used to encourage companies to perform and conduct technical rehearsals and other pre-tour activities in Upstate New York to help stimulate the Upstate Economy. Investing in local historical buildings protects the landmarks in the community. Assembly Magnarelli recently secured \$2 million in NYS Grant funding for the Landmark restoration and its long overdue marquee and seat replacement. Prior to this grant, the NYS Assembly also provided \$8.7 million in grant funds for the stage expansions in 2011 and later \$220,000 for the installation of an elevator. The Landmark Theatre will reopen in the fall renovated with new seats and a grand new marquee.

## Salt City Summerfest

Pop-up concerts and street performances will be part of this year's summer in Syracuse, thanks to the Central New York Jazz Arts Foundation. The Salt City Summerfest was funded in part by Assemblyman Magnarelli, Assemblyman Al Stirpe and Assemblywoman Pamela Hunter. Lingering pandemic concerns combined with numerous street closures due to construction means thinking differently about how we normally put on large events. More information can be found at <https://www.saltcitysummerfest.org>



## Canton Street Bridge to be Rebuilt

The Canton Street Bridge over the I-90 Thruway is scheduled to be replaced in 2022. After meetings with the Assemblyman and town Supervisor, the NY Thruway Authority recently announced its intention to replace the 70-year-old bridge with a larger and taller structure to meet current standards. Residents had expressed concerns that removing the bridge would negatively impact the local communities and emergency response services.



## Schiller Park Renovations

Assemblyman Magnarelli took a tour of Schiller Park recently to receive an update on how remediation and reforestation work financed by the \$250,000 grant he secured in state funding was progressing. Steve Harris, city arborist, and members of ESF spoke with Assemblyman Magnarelli about their reforestation efforts which will make more of the park visible and accessible to visitors. "Ever since I was a child, I've been visiting the park and I look forward to efforts to preserve this treasure for our next generations," said Assemblyman Magnarelli.

## Veterans Center at SU

Dr. Mike Haynie, Syracuse University's Vice Chancellor for Strategic Initiatives and Innovation, lead Assemblyman Magnarelli on a tour of the newly built National Veterans Resource Center. The building houses the Institute for Veteran and Military Families, Office of Veteran Success, Veteran Career Services, Army ROTC and Air Force ROTC. Having been a Syracuse University Army ROTC graduate himself, the Assemblyman appreciated the new facilities, which he said were "fantastic."



### 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 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 has been reelected since then. 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>.