

NEWS

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WELCOMING OUR HEROES

On Saturday, October 3rd, the National Honor Flight Network welcomed over 75 World War II Veterans who participated in Syracuse's Honor Flight Mission #6 back from their trip to Washington, DC at Hancock International Airport with a "heroes" celebration.

I was honored to be asked to deliver the keynote address at the event and was reminded of the Will Rogers quote: "We cannot all be heroes. Some of us have to stand on the curb and clap as they go by." And this was truly the case Saturday when hundreds of people stood applauding our Veterans as they paraded through the airport upon their flight's arrival.

As I stood with Senator John DeFrancisco and Assemblyman Will Barclay applauding these men and women, I reflected on the enormous sacrifices they endured on behalf of all of us which will never be forgotten. The monuments they saw in Washington, DC are dedicated permanent places of remembrance, thankfulness and honor for all those who are our nation's true treasures.

I read Tom Brokaw's 'The Greatest Generation' a few years ago. In it he writes: "*At a time in their lives when their days and nights would have been filled with innocent adventure, love, and the lessons of the workaday world, they were fighting in the most primitive conditions possible across the bloodied landscape of France, Belgium, Italy, Austria, and the coral islands of the Pacific. They answered the call to save the world from the two most powerful and ruthless military machines ever assembled, instruments of conquest in the hands of fascist maniacs. They faced great odds and a late start, but they did not protest. They succeeded on every front. They won the war; saved the world. They came home to joyous and short-lived celebrations and immediately began the task of rebuilding their lives and the world they wanted.*"

It is that world that was saved and then rebuilt that we all benefit from today. Our freedoms were preserved. Veterans of WWII returned to civilian life and contributed to notable achievements in every field imaginable. In our own CNY communities, veterans have made huge contributions. These contributions are noteworthy because they show us we can achieve many things when we rely on the important values of duty, honor, economy, courage, service, love of family and country, and, above all, responsibility for oneself and our community.

Brokaw goes on to mention, "*As they now reach the twilight of their adventurous and productive lives, they remain, for the most part, exceptionally modest. They have so many stories to tell, stories that in many cases they have never told before...*"

We need to hear these stories; we need to listen to what veterans of all generations have to say about their experiences, as they are a living part of our history. It is because of our admiration and respect that we honor veterans and thank them for their service.

The Syracuse Honor Flight chapter pays the total cost in providing the day-trip to Washington, DC for our CNY Veterans to visit the national memorials erected in their honor. To apply for the next scheduled Flight Mission in April 2016, or if you are interested in finding out more about this group, please contact honorflightsyracuse.org or call 855-433-5633.

The Syracuse Honor Flight is a private, not-for-profit organization supported through donations and contributions from corporate sponsors such as SRC, M&T Bank, AXA, and the LeMoyne College Department of Nursing and volunteer nurses. Please refer to the website for a full list of small and large local companies, VFW and American Legion groups which make these trips possible.



In keeping with honoring our Veterans, I would like to invite you to attend and participate in the 8th Annual CNY Veterans Parade and Expo on November 7th at the NYS Fairgrounds. The event admission and parking is free. Veterans of all generations and conflicts since WWII will be highlighted throughout the day. The parade starts at noon and has more than 80 Veteran organizations, military groups and high school marching bands. The Expo is held from 9am – 3pm and includes a Veterans job fair, G.I. Joe Exhibit, displays of historical military artifacts, a performance of the West Point Drill Team and a special celebration honoring the 70th Anniversary of the end of WWII to name only some of the attractions. For additional information call my office at 315-428-9651 or visit CNYVeteransParade.org

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Inaugural Concert at the Amphitheater

My wife Karen and I attended the inaugural concert at the new Lakeview Amphitheater, along with approximately 15,000 other people on September 3rd. The venue was magnificent, the evening weather was perfect, Miranda Lambert gave an outstanding concert, the fireworks after the show were a great finale and the boats on the lake provided a picturesque setting that made you say, "How Sweet It Is To Be In Syracuse!"



Stage and Video Background.



View of the pavilion and lawn seating.

2015 NYS Fair

I spent many days at this year's New York State Fair in my capacity as Assemblyman touring the fairgrounds with Governor Cuomo and Senator John DeFrancisco; with Attorney General Eric Schneiderman and Comptroller Tom DiNapoli; and, attending the Women's Luncheon with guest speaker Senator Kirsten Gillibrand. Also attending the luncheon were Congressman John Katko, Assemblywoman Addie Russell and Assemblyman Al Stirpe. I met Miss New York State Fair Pre-Teen Maria DeCaro and Miss New York State Fair Emma Silen and they agreed to take a photo with me. My favorite day was Veteran's Day and having the opportunity to thank our Veterans. I must admit, however, that I did indulge in my share of sausage sandwiches, pizza fritte and ice cream, like most fairgoers.



Governor Announced Sweeping \$50 Million Redesign of New York State Fairgrounds

TIMELINE	
This fall	Demolition begins
March 2016	Construction begins
July 2016	Chevy Court, entryway, midway, RV park, and NY Experience open
July 2017	Expo Center and equestrian facility open

New Exposition Center, Equestrian Facilities and Expanded Concert Area will Transform the Fairgrounds into Year-Round, Multi-Use Facility

The New York State Fairgrounds have remained essentially the same for a century – no major redesign has been undertaken and investments have been for basic rehabilitation such as repairs of roofing systems, electrical systems, water and sewer mains and roadways. The current lack of green areas, storm water infrastructure and rain collection systems causes severe flooding during rainstorms.

COST BREAKDOWN	
Expand midway	\$2.5
Demolition of grandstand and track	\$3.0
RV park	\$3.8
New Chevy Court	\$4.0
New entryway, streetscape and NY Experience	\$7.7
Equestrian facility	\$9.0
Exposition center	\$20.0
\$50 million	

“The State Fair is one of Central New York’s greatest economic engines, but the grounds have needed major upgrades for years. That’s why we’re redesigning the Fairgrounds from the bottom up,” said Governor Cuomo.

“This plan transforms the Fairgrounds into a world-class set of facilities that can generate economic activity and jobs all year long. This is the first step towards a new Fair, a new regional economy, and its part of the new Upstate New York.”

Onondaga County Executive Joanie Mahoney said: “With the Governor’s support, we’ve seen some of the best State Fairs in history recently – but we also need to make big investments to keep the Fair strong in the years

ahead. That’s what this plan does, and I am thrilled to see the new construction and renovations get underway.”

Senator John DeFrancisco said: “This is a plan that positions Syracuse and Onondaga County as major competitors for some of the largest and most exciting trade shows, concerts and other mega events in the nation. With this redesign and the Governor’s support, the Fairgrounds will become a source of economic activity for Syracuse and Central New York not just during the Fair, or during the summer, but throughout all 12 months of the year. I’m excited to see this redesign get underway- it truly is one-of-a-kind plan, unlike any Fairgrounds investment we’ve seen in decades, and it will be a boon to the region’s economy.”

Assemblyman Bill Magnarelli said: “I am proud to say that the New York State Fairgrounds are in my 129th Assembly District. That is why I am glad to see millions of dollars’ worth of upgrades being invested that will create construction jobs. Once the renovations are completed our Fair will be the home of a premier facility that will attract larger shows, events and conventions all year long. That means more tourism for our region, more attention for our region and more jobs for our region. I’m thrilled to see this redesign of the State Fair becoming a reality thanks to the Governor’s support.”

Chevy Court

- New seating and landscaping.
- New stage built to performance industry standards.
- 30,000-person capacity seated and standing for free concerts.



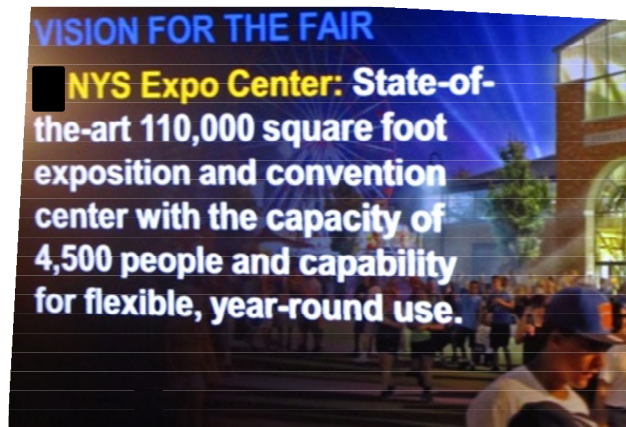
New Midway: Remove the old grandstand and track.

- Open area for a new 400-space RV park.
- Expanded midway – from 12.5 acres to nearly 16 with new layout and design – the biggest and best midway in the country.



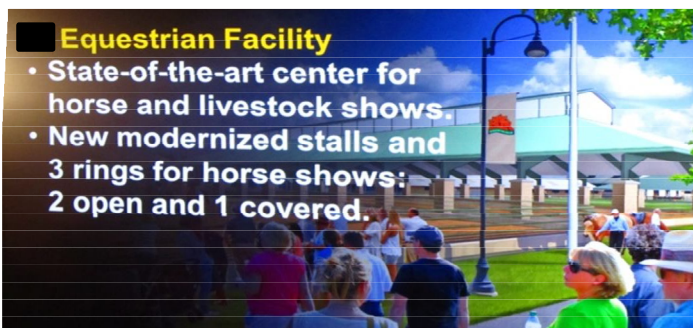

VISION FOR THE FAIR

NYS Expo Center: State-of-the-art 110,000 square foot exposition and convention center with the capacity of 4,500 people and capability for flexible, year-round use.




Equestrian Facility

- State-of-the-art center for horse and livestock shows.
- New modernized stalls and 3 rings for horse shows: 2 open and 1 covered.



New Entryway

- Major facelift for the Fairgrounds.
- New electronic ticket entry to meet modern demands.
- Attractive streetscape along State Fair Blvd.



Ann Marie Taliercio re-elected President of CNY AFL-CIO

Assemblyman Bill Magnarelli, a staunch supporter of New York's working men and women, had the honor of swearing in Ann Marie as she was re-elected to her 3rd term as President of the Federation. Ann Marie also is President of UNITEHERE Local 150. Assemblyman Magnarelli said, "Our working men and women have a trusted, committed and steadfast supporter of workers' rights with Ann Marie representing their interests. I look forward to continuing my relationship with Ann Marie, working with her to ensure good paying job opportunities here in Central New York."

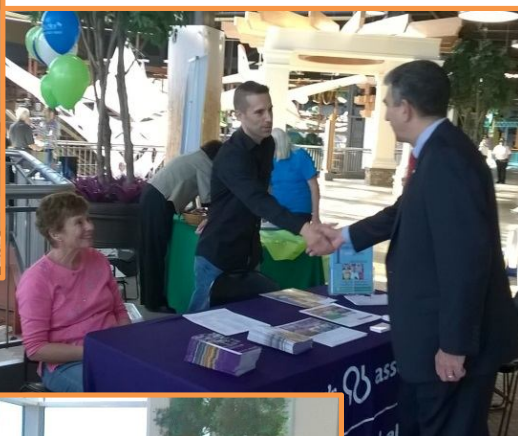
A longstanding leader in labor and community issues, President Taliercio serves on the Governor's CNY Regional Economic Development Council and on the NYS Department of Labor Hazard Abatement Board, and is active in local animal rescue. President Taliercio said, "I am grateful to have the opportunity to continue to work for our affiliates and their members, and proud to serve with the dedicated officers of our Board. We will continue to advance the rights and interests of all workers in Central New York, and toward a community that values fairness and dignity in the workplace and a shared prosperity and high quality of life for all our working families."



Assemblyman Bill Magnarelli swears in Ann Marie Taliercio to her 3rd term as President of the Central New York Area Labor Federation, AFL-CIO.



More than 50 organizations participated in the 6th Annual CNY Volunteer Fair at DestinyUSA on Sept. 22. Hundreds of people from the community came to the event looking for ways to use their talents and time to help the organizations.



Participating Organizations:

- ACR HEALTH
- Alzheimer's Association
- American Cancer Society
- American Foundation for Suicide Prevention
- American Red Cross
- ARISE Child & Family Service, Inc
- Astride
- Boys & Girls Clubs of Syracuse
- Catholic Charities Elderly Services
- Chadwick Residence, Inc.
- Christian Health Service of Syracuse
- CNY Fair Housing
- CNY SPCA
- Contact Community Services
- Dream Factory of Syracuse
- Dunbar Community Center
- Exceptional Family Resources
- Food Bank of Central New York
- GiGi's Playhouse
- Gregory J. Harris Military Courtesy Room
- Guiding Eyes for the Blind
- Helping Hounds Dog Rescue
- Hope for Heather
- Hope for the Bereaved
- JDRF of CNY
- Literacy CNY
- Lyman Frank Baum Foundation, Inc.
- Mainstream Green, Inc.
- Make A Wish CNY
- Meals On Wheels
- Move Along Inc
- Multiple Sclerosis
- Onondaga County Health Department
- OnPoint for College
- PACE CNY
- Person to Person
- Positively Pink Packages
- Prevention Network - OCAA
- Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing, Inc.
- Rescue Mission
- Salvation Army
- Spanish Action League
- SUNY Upstate Medical University
- Syracuse Silver Knight Foundation
- Syracuse Sounds of Music Association, Inc
- The Keys Program
- The Newland Center
- United Way of CNY Volunteer CNY
- Upstate University Hospital
- VA Medical Center
- Van Duyn Center
- Vera House
- Wanders Rest Humane Association
- Wayward Paws, Inc.
- WCNY
- WSPJ (Syracuse Community Radio)

SCHOOLS OPEN SAFETY CAMPAIGN IN EFFECT

I was happy to attend the Onondaga County Traffic Safety Advisory Board press conference this past month as schools opened. The focus of the press conference each year is a reminder to “slow down”, “be on the alert”, and “*stop* for school buses with flashing red lights”. It seems to me that this should be engrained in our minds, as this is for the safety of our children, but yet, some people persist in ignoring vehicle safety rules around school zones.

So this year, once again, law enforcement agencies county-wide will be increasing their efforts to monitor the motoring public in ensuring school children safety. Law enforcement will be patrolling school zones

throughout the city and county, ticketing those that pass the flashing red lights, speed through school zones, or neglect to follow the orders of the crossing guards. Motorist have had a few months without school speed zones being in effect so here are some things to remember: drivers must stop for the flashing red lights of stopped school buses, even on divided and multiple lane highways; drivers need to watch out for children walking or riding their bicycles to and from school; motorists must slowdown in school zones which are in effect from 7:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m., on the days schools are in session. Motorists must also be aware that CENTRO buses transport students to and from school.

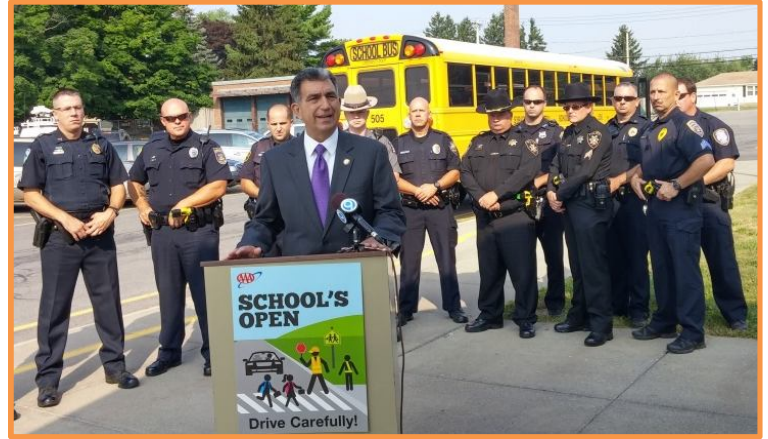
Obeying the traffic laws concerning school zones, stopped school buses, school crossing guards and pedestrian crossing is critical. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, there are on average 134 people of all ages killed in school transportation-related crashes per year in the U.S. Data also shows more school-age pedestrians were killed from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. and from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., than any other hours of the day.

I feel passionately about the safety of our children going to and coming from school. In an effort to increase the surveillance of people putting our children in harms-way, I have sponsored legislation A.1520-B, “Bus Camera Bill”, which is designed to combat the continuing safety issue of motorists illegally passing stopped school buses.

The main provision of this bill would allow school districts and bus operators to install cameras on the “stop-arm” of the bus. These cameras would be used to capture the license plates of violators, and send them a ticket. Currently, someone can only be given a ticket if a police officer witnesses the illegal pass. If a driver is caught on camera, the penalty for a violation would be \$250. In the legislation, there are provisions to protect the privacy of recordings, protect car owners whose car may have been driven without permission, and allows the car owner to bring an indemnification action against another operator of their car.

Furthermore, the bill allows school districts to be reimbursed for the cost of the cameras utilizing transportation aid. Additionally, the legislation allows school districts to enter into agreements with local law enforcement agencies to enforce violations using the cameras.

Seven other states have implemented similar laws. Our law enforcement officials cannot be everywhere, so this legislation will give school districts and law enforcement officials important new tools to identify and prosecute drivers who endanger our children by illegally passing stopped school buses. Children’s lives are my priority.



Save the Date:

Saturday, Nov. 7
At NYS Fairgrounds
Parade at Noon
Expo 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.



- *Larger Children’s area
- *WWII Recognition Ceremony
- *West Point Drill Team Performance
- *Job Fair
- *Breakfast
- *G.I. Joe Exhibit
- *Obstacle Course

www.cnyveteransparade.org



About New York State Assemblyman William B. Magnarelli

Assemblyman William Magnarelli represents the 129th 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, 2012 and 2014. 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>.

