



# NEWS

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### Unprecedented Times Continue

To say these are trying times is an understatement. We are dealing with the unprecedented circumstances of a global pandemic. While trying to “flatten the curve” by wearing masks and social distancing, the county is also slowly reopening from New York being on “Pause”. While “normal” life may have been altered, slowly the usual is returning.

My office continues to be open to help. Staff continue to advocate for constituents having trouble contacting the Department of Labor regarding the unemployment system. I have been visiting local charitable organizations distributing New York State made hand sanitizer, so the organizations can continue to serve our community.

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Sincerely,



Assemblyman Magnarelli speaks at the podium surrounded by Assemblywoman Pam Hunter, Assemblyman Al Stirpe, Onondaga County Deputy Executive Brian Donnelly, City of Syracuse Deputy Commissioner of Department of Neighborhood + Business Development Jennifer Tift, owner of University Sports Shop, Mike Theiss, and owner of World of Beer, Neil Patel.

### Advocating for Indoor Malls to Open

Assemblyman Magnarelli and local elected officials held a press conference on June 16 calling for the state to allow indoor malls to open as part of their phased recovery from New York on Pause due to the spread of the coronavirus. Unlike their free-standing industry counterparts, almost 250 stores and restaurants in the mall are forced to remain shut, leaving almost 5,000 employees out of work. This is a situation echoed at the approximately 50 malls throughout the state.

DestinyUSA has created safety and health protocols for preventing the spread of the coronavirus and protecting their employees and customers.

### Advocating for Police Reform

Assemblyman Magnarelli took part in the "Let Us Breathe Press Conference" in Forman Park, organized by Assemblywoman Pam Hunter. The event was sponsored by the Assembly's Black and Hispanic Legislative Caucus to listen to the community's concerns about policing. In response to this, and protests throughout the state, New York passed several pieces of policing reform legislation:

- repealed section 50-a to make police disciplinary records public
- Affirmed New Yorker's right to film the police
- Required body cameras for state troopers
- Required reports after weapon discharge
- Made it illegal to call 911 when the call is motivated by bias
- Pushed to end racial and ethnic profiling
- Banned chokeholds and similar restraints
- Mandated recording demographic data in lower-level offenses
- Created the Office of Special Investigation to review wrongful death cases involving police officers
- Created the Law Enforcement Misconduct Investigative Office



## Helping Others Help Our Community

Assemblyman Magnarelli distributed gallons of the “New York State Clean” hand sanitizer to local organizations which could use the product to help their clientele. “New York State Clean” hand sanitizer is a 75% alcohol hand sanitizer manufactured by the state in light of the pandemic. Below are pictures from local organizations Assemblyman Magnarelli visited:



Clear Path for Veterans

Blessed Sacrament



Syracuse Polish Home

Sacred Heart Church

Samaritan Center

Tyrol Club

## Sprucing Up The Garden

The Eastwood Community Garden recently got an upgrade with a fence and an arbor due to funding secured by Assemblyman Magnarelli. The Eastwood Community Garden has 21 garden plots and is supported by members of the Eastwood Neighborhood Association (ENA) to provide garden space for families living in Eastwood. Its is located at the corner of Sunnycrest Road and Mosley Drive.



## Solvay Student-Athletes Thanked For Their Service

Solvay High School Athletic Association received a check from SUNNKING Electronics for helping unload vehicles at the January e-recycling event sponsored by Assemblyman Magnarelli.

Assemblyman Magnarelli presented the check to Matt Shutts, head coach at Solvay High School. With him are his daughter Lulu Shutts, son Hannon Shutts, and Solvay Girls Head Coach Michael Acchione.

## Legislation to Have More Grand Jury Stenographers Awaits Governor’s Signature

Legislation that Assemblyman Magnarelli sponsored (A.10040) increasing the number of grand jury stenographers the Onondaga County District Attorney may appoint from 3 to 5 passed the Assembly and the Senate. It was introduced at the request of the District Attorney’s Office and will help that Office provide timely grand jury transcripts to defense attorneys in compliance with New York’s new discovery laws, ensuring criminal defendants have timely access to the grand jury testimony in their cases. The bill now goes to the Governor for review.

### 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>.