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African American History Month is a time to reflect and celebrate the contributions of African Americans

For over 35 years, February has served as African American History Month. As a nation, we celebrate the accomplishments of influential people of color such as Harriet Tubman, who worked tirelessly leading slaves to freedom using the Underground Railroad which extended through Central New York, and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., who fought against racial intolerance and segregation. And Rosa Parks, who showed strength and courage in the face of appalling discrimination, is truly an inspiration.

While these historical figures still inspire us, African Americans today continue to break down barriers and make history. Nearly eight years ago, President Barack Obama became the first African-American man to be elected President of the United States. As his presidency comes to an end, the legacy he leaves behind will continue to inspire future generations.

New York State has served as home to many prominent black history icons. Born in Brooklyn, Shirley Chisholm served as a member of the New York State Assembly until 1968. She then became the first black woman elected to Congress and went on to be the first female African-American candidate to run for president in 1972. A Harlem native, Colin Powell became the United States' first African-American Secretary of State in 2001. Liberation leaders such as Marcus Garvey and Malcolm X both lived and worked in New York.

Throughout our nation's history, we have seen African Americans rise, breaking through barriers that limited freedom, education and wealth. African American History Month is a time to honor that perseverance and strength. As we celebrate this year, it's important to recognize that the fight for equality is not over. New York will continue to lead the way to ensure justice and equality for all.

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SAVE THE DATE

- Feb. 29 – **Constituent Surveys Due**
- TBA – **Progress Report**
- July 13 – **Social Services on the Road Day**, Ray Middle School
- July 13 – **Blood Drive**, Ray Middle School
- July 30 – **Electronics Recycling Event**
- Sept. 13 – **CNY Volunteer Fair** –
DestinyUSA – 3p.m.- 6:30p.m.
- Nov. 12 – **CNY Veterans Parade and Expo** –
NYS Fairgrounds

COMMUNITY INFORMATION NIGHTS

6:30 p.m.

- Feb. 25** – Van Buren Town Hall, 7575 Van Buren Rd, Baldwinsville, NY 13027
- March 2** – Blessed Sacrament Church 3127 James St, Syracuse, NY 13206
- March 10** – Cecile Center, 174 W Seneca Turnpike, Syracuse, NY 13205
- March 17** – Geddes Town Hall, 1000 Woods Rd, Solvay, NY 13209

Labor Breakfast

Each year Assemblyman Magnarelli hosts a Labor Breakfast meeting to discuss priority union issues. This year over 28 different unions sent representatives to the roundtable discussion: including the carpenters, painters, bricklayers, roofers, ironworkers, and laborers from the Syracuse Building Trades; the CNY Area Labor Federation; Syracuse Teachers Association; Syracuse PBA; Syracuse Fire Fighters Assoc.; Physician Teamsters Alliance; UUP-SUNY Upstate; CSEA; 1199 SEIU Upstate; PEF; CWA; UNITE HERE; Operating Engineers; United Steel Workers; Elevator Constructors and the IBT Local.



Crouse Hospital Meeting



Kimberly Boynton, CEO of Crouse Hospital and Bob Allen, Director of Communications for Crouse met with Assemblyman Bill Magnarelli, Senator David Valesky and Senator John DeFrancisco in the Assemblyman's office to update them on the healthcare services offered by Crouse Hospital and to review fiscal issues pertinent to the NYS Budget hearings now going on in Albany.

Legislative Breakfasts



Assemblyman Magnarelli recently spoke at several legislative breakfasts he attended, including the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) (pictured above left) and the Syracuse Visitors and Tourism Bureau (pictured above right). Legislative breakfasts are gatherings of people in a profession who use the time to bring issues of concern to their elective officials before the state budget is approved.

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 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>.