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Two Events Illustrated The True Meaning Of The United States of America

It has been a very busy November for my office. I proudly sponsored the CNY Veterans Parade and Expo on November 12th at the NYS Fairgrounds and this year marked the 9th year of this annual event.

I also added an additional community service event. It was a FREE Electronics Recycling Drop Off event held on November 19th at the Destiny USA Solar Street parking lot in the City of Syracuse with volunteers from the Butternut Community Police Center and InterFaith Works.

Although these events, when originally planned, had nothing in common except that they were held on back to back weekends in November, it became very evident to me, that I was witnessing the “best of America” and the “promise of America” playing out in front of me. I hope the photos below convey some of the emotion and pride and hope and dreams that we share as people of our great nation.

The United States has always stood as the beacon of freedom, opportunity and justice. On November 12th, in honor of Veterans Day, I saw and was reminded again of the courage, sacrifice and valor given by the men and women of our Armed Forces through all of our history’s wars and conflicts. I watched this parade as we honored our fellow men and women who fought and died to uphold our beacon of freedom. I thought, “What could be more American than this?”

On November 19th, I watched and was inspired by our American born citizens, our Somalian and Bhutanese refugees and other newly sworn-in Americans volunteering side by side in the truest sense of our American ideals. No one was paid for this back-breaking work of unloading hundreds and hundreds of cars for four hours, in order to share in a portion of the proceeds which would be donated to their community centers. I thought, “What could be more American than this?”

My message to all during this holiday season, with all of our different customs, cultures and religious traditions, is that these differences are exactly what the true meaning of the United States of America is: the first, last and best beacon of freedom, opportunity and justice.

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2016 CNY Veterans Parade and Expo

Fort Drum Soldiers walked around the expo before the parade.



The 2016 CNY Veterans Parade was comprised of more than 90 local groups including veterans organizations, active military, and high school marching bands.



Free Electronics Recycling Drop Off



Over 70 volunteers handled the unloading of cars.

Assemblyman Bill Magnarelli and Chief Frank Fowler greeted and thanked cars as they exited.



More Photos from the Free Electronic Recycling Event

The Free Electronics Recycling event was sponsored by Syracuse Police Department and DestinyUSA. Sunnking Recycling estimated that more than 14 tractor trailers with 250,000 pounds were collected in the four hour event held on Nov. 19th. Special thanks to the volunteers from Butternut Community Police Center and Interfaith Works.



Assemblyman Magnarelli Hosted the 6th Annual



More than 50 local organizations participated in the 6th Annual CNY Volunteer Fair held at DestinyUSA. The organizations were looking for people to volunteer in a variety of capacities. More than 400 people came to the event to see how they could help the non-profit organizations in our community. Among the many who came were high school and college students looking for community service opportunities.



Baldwinsville Marching Band Presented with Check from Spring Electronics Recycling Event

Assemblyman Magnarelli presented the Baldwinsville Marching Band with a check for \$1,003.56 for their participation in the FREE Electronics Recycling Event held at the Baldwinsville School District complex in the Village of Baldwinsville. The Marching Band students and parents unloaded 7.5 tractor-trailer loads of electronics during the drop off event held in July 2016. The check presentation was made during a Baldwinsville School Board meeting on Nov. 7, where the Marching Band gave a “mini” concert for the Board members. Also present was Acting Superintendent Matthew McDonald and Band Director Casey Vanderstouw.



Housing Visions Holds Ribbon Cutting

Assemblyman Magnarelli helped to cut the ribbon at the grand opening of the Salina Crossing, a \$14.8 million neighborhood revitalization project, built by Housing Visions, on the northside of the City of Syracuse. The project consists of 49 affordable housing units and nearly 6,000 square feet of commercial space for local businesses.

Community Resource Fair

Assemblyman Magnarelli’s staff participated in Senator David Valesky’s resource fair held on the City’s Northside. Assemblyman Magnarelli visited each table and acquainted himself with the services provided by each of the agencies. Here he stopped at the Liberty Resources table.



Local Resident Named Student of the Year



Wilnisha Sholtz Breland received a citation from Assemblyman Magnarelli upon her being named New York Association of Continuing/Community Education Student of the Year 2016. Standing with her is her husband and representatives of Onondaga County College, where Wilnisha started classes in August 2016. Wilnisha’s story is an inspiring one of a person determined to succeed despite numerous hardships.



Daughters of Columbus Luncheon

Assemblyman Magnarelli was the featured guest at the Daughters of Columbus luncheon held in October. Over 50 women were present and enjoyed interacting with the Assemblyman. Many of the women knew the Magnarelli family and also enjoyed reminiscing about the “old” neighborhood.

More Photos from CNY Veterans Parade and Expo



Thank you to all who attended the 9th Annual CNY Veterans Parade and Expo which I hosted on Nov. 12 at the NYS Fairgrounds.

The outpouring of gratitude and support for our military and veterans at the CNY Veterans Parade and Expo was overwhelming. The 90 organizations put on an hour-long parade filled with local veterans from all conflicts since WWII, Fort Drum and local high school marching bands. The Expo featured many displays of interest to our veterans and present military personnel, including informational displays of organizations that help veterans and soldiers.

It was an honor to be the first host of the National Archives Exhibit "Picturing Nam." The photographs will now be on display at Onondaga Community College until January 7.

Also, new this year, was an extensive display of G.I. Joes by Tearle Ashby of Saratoga. The rare and historical G.I. Joes were arranged in battle scenes.

More than 8,000 community members came to the NYS Fairgrounds to watch the parade and tour the Expo.

The CNY Veterans Parade and Expo Board is already at work planning the 2017 event. We are looking forward to creating an even more memorable event to say "Thank You" to all the Central New York soldiers and veterans who have sacrificed so much for our freedoms.



About New York State Assemblyman William B. Magnarelli

Assemblyman William Magnarelli represents the 129th Assembly District, which includes the Northside, Westside, Eastwood Valley and Downtown 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, 2014 and 2016. 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>.