



## February 2024

While February may be the shortest month of the year on our calendars, it is by far one of the Assembly's busiest months. From Budget Committees and Hearings to meetings with advocacy groups and organizations, there is always a lot that must be done. Also, February is when my office sends out our annual constituent survey request. While I am advocating for my constituents in Albany this time of year, it is important that I hear from you directly on the issues and matters most important to you. The survey helps me get a pulse on what my constituents in the 129th District are thinking and feeling. It is mailed to all residents of the 129th as well as made available on my website at this address: <https://assembly.state.ny.us/mem/William-B-Magnarelli/story/108885> . I ask that you please fill your 2024 survey out and return it by Feb. 29. Your voice matters and I look forward to hearing from you!

*William B. Magnarelli*

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### **Transportation Hearing Kicks Off 2024 Budget Season**

On Wednesday, January 24th, Assemblyman Magnarelli along with his Assembly and Senate colleagues, held their 2024 Transportation Budget Hearing. Among those testifying before the committee at this hearing was Commissioner of Transportation, Marie Therese Dominguez.

As Chair of the Assembly's Transportation Committee, Assemblyman Magnarelli uses the testimony provided to him from relevant speakers, like Commissioner Dominguez, to understand the current state of New York's transportation infrastructure, transportation projects and the future funding needed by the State to properly execute these projects.

The Assemblyman also uses these hearings to advocate for funding for various road, bridge and infrastructure



**Assemblyman Magnarelli leads the Transportation Committee Budget Hearing on January 24th, 2024 in Albany**

projects in the 129th District and the rest of Central New York. While these hearings kick off the start of budget season in New York State, they are by no means the only time Assemblyman Magnarelli will have to advocate for the transportation needs of his district. Negotiations on the Transportation Budget will continue throughout the month of February and into March, with meetings and negotiations continuing daily during this time.



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## **Meeting With the Men and Women of Labor**

Assemblyman Magnarelli recently met with local labor unions as part of his annual Labor Breakfast Event. This annual breakfast gives Assemblyman an opportunity to listen to the thoughts and concerns of labor leaders directly and the issues affecting their members. The Assemblyman is honored to host this annual event for the members of our area's local unions.



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## **The Importance of Public Transit**



Assembly Transportation Chair Magnarelli met with representatives of the NYS Public Transit Association (NYPTA) in Albany. NYPTA represents the public transportation authorities from across New York State. In the meeting were representatives from CENTRO, the Capital District Transit Authority, the Rochester Transit Authority, the Niagara Frontier Transit Authority (Buffalo) and the Dutchess County Transit Authority. The purpose of the meeting was to advocate for increased funding in the 2024-25 State Budget for our public transit systems.

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### **Fighting for Medicaid Funding for Our Most Vulnerable**

Assemblyman Magnarelli recently met with members of 1199SEIU Healthcare Union at their Legislative Advocacy Day in Albany to discuss additional Medicaid funding for hospitals and nursing homes. These institutions and their employees care for our most vulnerable and the Assemblyman listened to the members thoughts and concerns on this important matter.



### **Taking Flight with Our Airports**

Assemblyman Magnarelli recently met with the New York Aviation Management Association (NYAMA) regarding funding for our airports. New York's airports serve as an important driver

of economic development in our state and the Assemblyman supports their mission to grow our aviation industry.



**Assemblyman Magnarelli with Assemblywoman Marianne Buttenschon and Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther meeting with NYAMA members in Albany**

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### **Standing Up For Local Libraries**

Assemblyman Magnarelli was at the formal launch of the Baldwinsville Public Library's canal boat, located in the Maryella and Elizabeth's Children's Corner at the Library. Assemblyman secured funding for the new boat, carpeting in the area and murals.



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### **Honoring Black History Month**

Assemblyman Magnarelli was honored to view the original Emancipation Proclamation signed by President Abraham Lincoln as part of an exhibit for Black History Month at the New York State Capitol.



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### **Taking a Tour of the Crouse NICU**

Assemblyman Magnarelli recently took a tour of Crouse Health's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU). On the tour given by Crouse Health CEO Dr. Seth Kronenberg, Assemblyman Magnarelli met the nurses and student nurses who save the lives of pre-mature babies in our region. The Assemblyman thanked the nurses for the important work they do daily to save the



lives of these babies.



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## **Reminder - Community Information Nights Ahead!**

Assemblyman Magnarelli's two Community Information Nights, open to the public, are coming up. The dates and times are:

**Geddes and Van Buren - Thursday, February 29th, 6-8pm, Lakeside Fire Department Hall, 1002 State Fair Boulevard, Syracuse, 13209**

**City of Syracuse - Thursday, March 7th, 6-8pm, Lincoln Middle School Cafeteria, 1613 James Street, Syracuse, 13203**

A question and answer session will follow the formal presentation. We look forward to seeing you there!



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## **Save the Date! Electronics Recycling and Paper Shredding Events This Spring**

Assemblyman Magnarelli is excited to announce the return of both his Electronics Recycling Event and Paper Shredding Event for Spring 2024. The dates and location of both events will be:

- **Electronics Recycling Event - Saturday, May 18th, 2024 at the Destiny USA Pink Lot (across from the mall on Solar St)**
- **Paper Shredding Event - Saturday, June 1st, 2024 at the Destiny USA Pink Lot**

Sign-up Information will be released shortly, stay tuned!

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**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, Outer Comstock and Downtown areas of the City of Syracuse, the Syracuse University area, 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>.