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Dear Friends,

As you're enjoying the NYS Fair, and summer comes to an end, I wanted to keep you updated on some happenings I've been involved in during the past month.

Also, I'd like to offer a reminder to homeowners under the age of 65 to re-register for the Basic STAR exemption. This program offers a savings on property taxes.

Sincerely,

Basic STAR exemption re-registration will begin August 19th and continue through December 31, 2013. Residents will be mailed letters that include a STAR code that homeowners will need to register. The fastest and easiest way for homeowners to register is through the Tax Department Web site, www.tax.ny.gov. Seniors who receive Enhanced STAR are not affected by the new registration requirements. However, these seniors must continue to apply annually with their local assessor or participate in the income verification program.

• **A**ssemblyman Bill Magnarelli provided \$100,000 for the addition of 7 new police cameras along the Park St. and Butternut St. corridors. At the request of the Mayor and Police Chief Fowler, Assemblyman Magnarelli secured the \$100,000 for surveillance cameras for the City of Syracuse through the Assembly's share of capital programs allocated in the 2012-13 NYS budget. Also attending the announcement were a diverse group of neighborhood organizations and residents.

• **T**he VFW Stanley B. Pennock Post 2893 in Solvay received a \$25,000 capital grant from Assemblyman Bill Magnarelli that will be put towards the new VFW Post building fund. The site of the new facility will be just off State Fair Blvd and construction is scheduled to begin in the fall of 2013. Standing with the Assemblyman is: Bob Mancabelli, Post Commander; and Board of Directors Mike Masterpole, Jim Pirro, Ray Schumacher, Tony Lamanna and Archie DeJohn.



• Assemblyman Magnarelli continues to monitor the facts surrounding the case of murderer David Renz, who exploited the federal probation system, allowing him to circumvent surveillance and kill Liverpool school librarian Lori Bresnahan and sexually abuse a 10-year old girl on March 14, 2013. Congressman Dan Maffei announced at the July 2nd press conference that he will be drafting legislation that will:

- ✓ Make it a federal crime, possibly a felony, for someone on probation to tamper with an electronic monitoring device;
- ✓ Establish an independent watchdog such as an inspector general to oversee all federal probation offices;
- ✓ Establish a nationwide standard for federal probation offices, when it comes to responding to alerts of tampering with monitoring devices.

“These events that led up to the brutal slaying of Ms. Bresnahan were completely preventable, that is what makes this crime so tragic. Something like this must never happen again,” Assemblyman Magnarelli said. “That is why Congressman Maffei’s safeguards make sense. I want to thank the Congressman for immediately taking action when I called him for help upon hearing of the deficiencies found in the local federal probation office.



• Assemblyman Bill Magnarelli provided the support from Albany that was needed to create an additional 80 new call-center and management jobs at the Syracuse headquarters of Medical Answering Services (MAS). Russ Maxwell, President and Owner of MAS, announced the new state contract enabling his company to manage Non-Emergency Medicaid Medical Transportation (NEMMT) in 27 counties from the Hudson Valley to Western New York. MAS will have a total of 250 employees at their West Onondaga Street HQ and call-center when this new contract is fully implemented. This contract award is part of Governor Cuomo’s Medicaid Re-Design Initiative.

• Assemblyman Magnarelli presented three libraries within his 129th District with grants from \$14 million in capital funding for public library construction. The three awardees are:
Baldwinsville Public Library, \$6,675: *this project will implement the final building envelope energy conservation improvements recommended in the library’s “2010 Energy Conservation Study”.*
Robert B. Kinchen Central Library of Onondaga County, \$307,935: *this project will replace an outdated, 25-year old HVAC system with a new energy efficient system to increase overall operational efficiency and enhance energy conservation.*
Solvay Public Library, \$19,800: *the energy efficiency project will replace the 1979 windows in the Fiction and Hazard Rooms with like design, but more energy efficient custom windows to both increase patron comfort and reduce energy consumption.*



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 and 2012. 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>.