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## 4 IN 5 NEW YORKERS: CUT TAXES

All across Upstate New York, residents, like you and me, have had to make tough financial decisions knowing that we cannot spend more money than we have. Yet ignoring this, **New York City Democrats continue to spend money that New York State does not have**, and introduced billions of dollars in tax and fee increases to cover their uncontrollable spending habits.

A recent Rasmussen Reports survey indicates nearly 80% of New Yorkers believe the best way to reduce the state's budget deficit is to cut state spending, not raise taxes. The same percentage of New Yorker's believe the state is already over-taxed. I will continue to fight for Upstate New York, especially since every new program and tax increase to cover benefits Downstate interests at the expense of Upstate taxpayers.

## LOCAL BOY SCOUT LEADERS RECEIVE HIGH HONORS

It is quite common to recognize the young men in our communities that achieve the distinguished rank of Eagle Scout, Boy Scout's highest honor, with great fanfare. Unfortunately, all too often, the adult leaders and volunteers instrumental in guiding scouts through the ranks go unnoticed.

However, 11 adult leaders of the Seneca Waterways Council, which includes all scout troops in Monroe, Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates counties, recently received the Silver Beaver Award, the highest honor the Council can bestow on an adult leader.

Of the 11 honorees, I am proud to congratulate the five Silver Beaver Award recipients that live in my Senate district -- Daniel Bickel of Perinton, Jeffrey Halik of Fairport, Dale McIntyre of Honeoye Falls, Dave Richards of Penfield, and Daniel Scurlock of Henrietta -- for their ongoing devotion to scouting, and for committing so much time and energy to assisting young men through the program.

## CORN HILL FESTIVAL: JULY 10TH AND 11TH



The 2010 Corn Hill Arts Festival poster was designed by Rochester native, Cordell Cordaro

This weekend, Saturday, July 10th and Sunday, July 11th, one of Rochester's most anticipated, annual festivals will take place in the historic Corn Hill neighborhood. Located south of the center city, between Ford Street and Exchange Boulevard, the Corn Hill Arts festival will entertain thousands of residents and visitors for the 42nd year!

As is customary, this year's Festival will feature more than 400 artists, the Emerging Artists Exposition, several stages for live music, food and more.

While Corn Hill has become synonymous with the Arts Festival, the neighborhood's beginnings -- and rapid growth during the 19th Century -- is linked with Rochester's early prosperity after the opening of the Erie Canal. Wealthy flour millers and merchants, and the city's first civic and community leaders, lived in large, impressive homes along the Genesee River.

Though the neighborhood has changed much since its beginnings, much of its original charm, from the tree-lined streets to the architecture and colorful homes, still welcomes hundreds of artists, entertainers, vendors, and thousands of visitors to the Corn Hill Arts Festival every year.

For more information on this year's Corn Hill Arts Festival, I encourage you to visit the Festival's web site online at [www.cornhill.org](http://www.cornhill.org).

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