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Penn Yan, N.Y., December 5—New York State Senator Tom O'Mara (R-C, Big Flats) and Assemblyman Phil Palmesano (R-C-I, Corning) will hold a community meeting in Penn Yan (Yates County) on Monday, December 5, 2011.

Today's meeting is scheduled to begin at 5:30 p.m. at the Penn Yan Village Hall (111 Elm Street).

The local lawmakers said that the meetings are informal and open to the public. They're aimed at giving local residents an opportunity to directly share their concerns, opinions and suggestions for better government. This year's meetings will also provide a valuable opportunity to assess the local impact of this year's session of the state Legislature and to look ahead at some of the key regional issues that need to be addressed in the 2012 session beginning in January.

"The best ideas come from individuals at the grassroots level -- residents, small business owners and other employers, local government officials. So we hope our constituents will take advantage of these community meetings to contribute to the debates over taxes, economic development, health care, budget reform, Medicaid reform and other key issues," O'Mara and Palmesano said in a joint statement. "Community meetings offer the kind of direct give-and-take that's fundamental to effective government."

The legislators stressed that any local residents unable to attend the December 5th meeting can contact them directly to share specific concerns and suggestions.

O'Mara and Palmesano share a district office in Bath (105 E. Steuben Street, Bath, N.Y., 14810) where O'Mara can be contacted at 607-776-3201 and Palmesano at 607-776-9691.

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