



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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## Community Update: Week Ending 5/28/10

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Fund and impose millions of dollars in new taxes and fees on businesses and residents. I vehemently opposed this legislation – masquerading as a parks-opening bill – which, in fact, will be a business-closing, job-killing bill. What our state cannot afford is the continuing tax-and-spend mentality that Governor Paterson and his fellow Democrats have espoused for nearly eighteen months. For the second straight week, the Governor and his colleagues have raided an outside source of dedicated funds – last week, more than \$65 million from the New York Power Authority was siphoned – due to their inability to negotiate a budget in public, in good faith, and for the benefit of all New Yorkers.

### **ERIE CANAL OPEN AND READY FOR SUMMER ACTIVITIES**

Memorial Day marks the unofficial start of summer, and businesses, residents and visitors along the Erie Canal are preparing for the extended hours and many festivals that begin this weekend. In Monroe County, we are extremely fortunate to have the Erie Canal wind its way

stand in defense of our American way of life. There is no greater satisfaction in my job as a legislator than when I am able to honor men and women who have served in the military. It is important that citizens, young and old, understand the significance of the sacrifices these individuals make every day.

The first observance of Memorial Day was in Waterloo, New York on May 5, 1866 when the area conducted the nation's first formal observance of veterans who had died in war. In May of 1966, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed a Presidential Proclamation that recognized Waterloo as the birthplace of the holiday. It is important that on a day often associated with the start of summer, family gatherings and picnics, we recognize the individuals who have made this day possible.