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## Community Update: Week Ending 7/8/11

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was designed by Western NY native, James Greenwald.

The 43rd annual Corn Hill Arts Festival will take place this weekend, July 9th and 10th in the historic Corn Hill neighborhood. The festival runs from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. on Saturday and again from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. on Sunday. The free family-friendly event will host more than 400 artists, dozens of food vendors, live music and more. The Corn Hill district is located between Ford Street and Exchange Boulevard. For more information on this year's festival including a list of this year's artists, please visit <http://festival.cornhill.org/>.



Earlier this week, I joined Governor Andrew Cuomo and other state and local officials for the governor's ceremonial signing of the state's property tax cap legislation. The law caps school and local government taxes to less than a two percent increase or two percent of the Consumer Price Index (CPI), whichever is lower. The bill, which I originally co-sponsored, also includes mandate relief, with \$127 million in savings to local governments, in addition to the creation of a Mandate Relief Council to identify and repeal unsound, burdensome laws and regulations.