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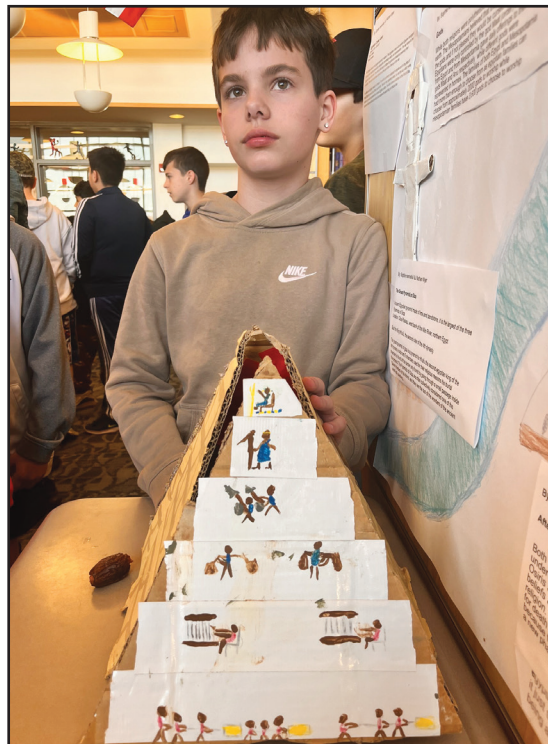
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## Brewster Students Study Ancient Civilizations



In a project called River Valleys Culture Project Exhibition, sixth-graders at Henry H. Wells Middle School in Brewster built dioramas as part of a unit of study on ancient civilizations that depended upon rivers, such as Egypt, Mesopotamia and Inis Valley. The unit started with in-class lessons and culminated with physical projects shared amongst their peers.



The displays, which were set up in the library, included maps and clay tablets, posters, pyramids, camels, monuments and river scenes. Students stood by to present, and answer questions from their peers who walked from group to group.

## County Considers New Dept. of General Services Merge IT & Purchasing

By Holly Crocco

While Putnam County Executive Kevin Byrne has proposed creating a Department of General Services, merging the departments of purchasing, information technology and other central services, members of the Legislature say they need a few clarifications made before they can sign off on the Charter change.

"This is something we've been working on for quite some time – probably a good portion of the new term of the new administration," said Purchasing Director John Tully at the Legislature's March 21 Rules Committee meeting.

He explained that having a Department of General Services is not a new concept. The federal government has the General Services Administration, New York State has the Office of General Services, and nearby Dutchess County has the Office of General and Information Services, for example.

"So, we're not really treading on new water," said Tully.

The new department would "provide a long-term solution using technology to process data," providing greater oversight that will cut costs, improve efficiencies, streamline business practices, reduce overhead, and maximize existing resources by providing coordinated procurement, according to the county executive's proposal.

The Department of General Services would be headed by a commissioner, with a director of information technology within that department to lead the IT division.

"This proposal, I believe, sets the county up for long-term success, and being able to take advantage of future savings, and it's very fiscally responsible to

move this forward," said Tully.

He said that since taking over the role of purchasing director last year, it has become apparent there's a relationship between these departments, and merging and combining their efforts only makes sense.

Senior Deputy County Attorney Conrad Pasquale explained that the role of commissioner of the Department of General Services is going to assume the responsibility of the current director of purchasing, which is Tully.

"If at some point in the future, the commissioner decided it's appropriate to appoint a director, essentially a deputy-type position, and it's within budget appropriations – meaning the Legislature funds that position – it can then be created," he said. "At this point it hasn't been funded, so it hasn't been created."

Legislator Ginny Nacerino, R-Patterson, said it seems the language in the proposal is paving the way for the creation of a deputy position in the near future. "That's just my speculation," she said.

Tully said that, regardless of the plan to form a new department, a need for additional IT staff has been articulated to the Legislature in the past. "Those are the types of things I believe need to be addressed first," he said, noting that the proposal addresses those issues. "We want to do it right, we want to build this for the future, so whoever succeeds Tom (Lannon, director of IT) and myself will be set up for success."

"IT is a big undertaking," said Nacerino. "We need to have the right people in the right positions to keep up with it and keep up with cybersecurity and all the facets of changing technology, so I am very supportive of that."

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## 'Move Over Law' Now Includes All Stopped Vehicles

New York's Move Over Law has expanded to include all vehicles, with the aim to improve highway safety for everyone. As of March 27, drivers are now required to take precautions, including slowing down and moving over, to avoid a crash with all vehicles stopped along the roadway.

"The expansion of New York's Move Over Law to include disabled and stopped ve-

hicles in the roadway is critical to achieving the goal of eliminating fatalities on the roadways," said New York State Department of Transportation Commissioner Marie Therese Dominguez.

From 2016 to 2020, 37 individuals were killed outside disabled vehicles in New York. Nationally, nearly 300 drivers are struck and killed roadside every year.

The law first became effec-

tive in 2010 to prevent collisions with emergency vehicles that were stopped on the roadway. The law has been expanded several times to also cover hazard vehicles, highway worker vehicles, and tow trucks. In 2023, Gov. Kathy Hochul signed a bill to further strengthen the law by including this protection for all vehicles stopped on the roadway.

Under the law, when a driver is approaching a vehicle stopped

along either shoulder of the road, they should change into a lane not immediately adjacent to the vehicle, or slow down to a reasonable speed if unable to safely make a lane change.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, all 50 states have Move Over laws to protect law enforcement officers and other first responders, yet one-third of Americans are not aware of

them.

"The New York State Police remains committed to keeping our roadways safe – for those who travel them, and for those who work on them," said NYSP Acting Superintendent Steven James. "By expanding the Move Over Law and vigorously enforcing its provisions, we will be able to further improve safety for all who utilize our roads throughout the state."

# Brewster Students Complete in Hispanic Youth Leadership Program

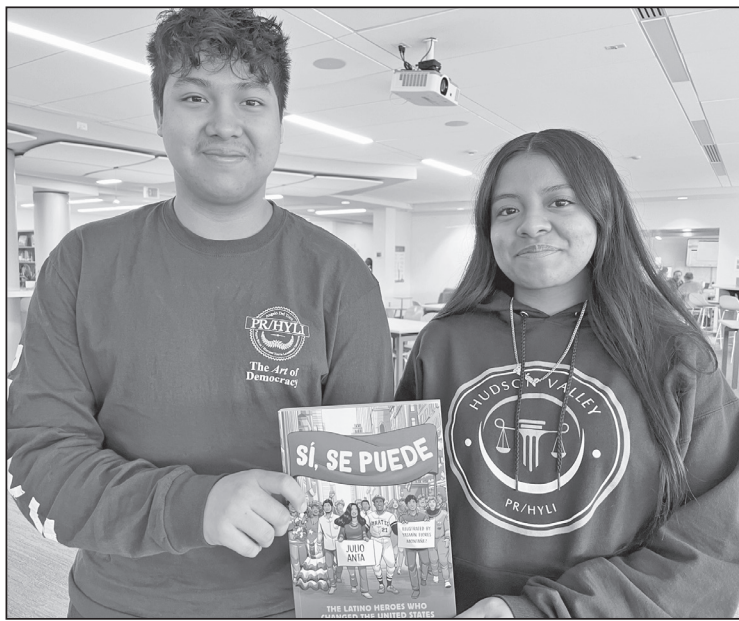
Jayron Sandoval Sola and Mariana Miguel Mendez, juniors at Brewster High School, recently completed the state's prestigious Puerto Rican/Hispanic Youth Leadership Program. The yearlong leadership and civic development initiative, meant to empower and develop student leaders, recently culminated in Albany.

A total of 250 students representing 136 high schools from all over New York State went to Albany to participate in the 33rd annual event, which included team-building exercises in English and Spanish, and leadership workshops that involved forms of art and expression, including poetry, dance and acting.

It ended in a mock assembly held in the State Capital. The theme was "the art of democracy."

We are "first generation everything," said Sandoval Sola. "So, of course our parents are proud of us. I feel like this was a way for us to express ourselves and pay forward everything our ancestors did for us and sacrificed for us."

The program started with day trips to Manhattanville, Vassar and SUNY New Paltz colleges, where students from the Hudson Valley delegation



Brewster High School juniors Jayron Sandoval Sola and Mariana Miguel Mendez show off a book written by U.S. Congressman Joaquin Castro about Latin heroes.

got together to debate bills as if they were the representatives from their district. They were asked to research bills, write statements, and make arguments following parliamentary procedure. They also got an inside peek into college life with tours, admissions sessions, and meals in the cafeteria.

"If we spoke out of turn or didn't address the speaker in

the proper manner, someone might say 'out of order' and that would be it," explained Mendez. "I am a shy person and it was definitely hard for me to get out of my comfort zone. One of the highlights was in a group session when we had to argue what democracy meant to us. There were so many different students but we felt so united and strong when we all came together to define democracy."

Albany was not a foregone conclusion, as only a select group of students went based upon participation and involvement in the group sessions. Sola and Mendez were two of only 40 students selected from the Hudson Valley to attend the all-expenses-paid three-day weekend in Albany.

"We listened to inspirational speakers, including U.S. Congressman Joaquin Castro who wrote a book about Latin heroes, which he gave to us," said Sandoval Sola. "He told us to speak up and act. No one expects Hispanics to achieve – just look at the statistics. But he said to prove everyone wrong by succeeding. We can do it if we want it and if we are good people."

Students spent two and a half hours on the floor of the Assembly debating a bill on detention centers. They sat in their representative's chair and made arguments for and against. The speeches that were the most compelling had a personal twist.

"Some students had seen firsthand the conditions at detention centers, so they could speak personally," said Mendez. "Those were the most persuasive arguments."

Brewster English language learners and bilingual specialist Jaimie Dini accompanied the students.

"The goal was always to get to Albany, and Jayron and Marianna did it," she said. "They were always participating and involved. It was awesome to be able to see them do so well. After a gap due to COVID, we are lucky and thankful to Principal Horler for supporting this program."

"The program taught me to be proud of my heritage," said Sandoval Sola. "That having a last name like Vasquez, Sanchez and Sandoval is a gift and something to be proud of."



## Working Mom By Holly Crocco

### Privacy 101

I know there are plenty of families with kids Mikey's age that still bathe together or get dressed in front of their little ones, but in our household, that ship sailed a long time ago.

I remember the day.

Mikey had to be younger than 2, and at that point I was getting in the bath with him. In the condo we had a glass sliding door on the tub with a metal lip that was uncomfortable when you were trying to lean in and keep your toddler from drowning. It was just easier to get in with him.

Anyway... We would get in together. We played. We washed. We passed the time. It worked well.

Until one day I simply saw his eyes roaming differently and it was like flicking the light switch in his little brain, and I could see him thinking, "Oh, wait, that's different." When he reached out like he was going to touch I immediately called for my husband.

"Mike! Mike, come get your son. NOW!"

From that point on I pulled a chair up to the tub to give the child a bath.

Again, I know many moms who just bring all the kids into the shower with them and they all wash together, and they let the kids see that bodies come in all shapes and sizes and genders – and with multiple kids I'm sure it's a big time-saver.

No judgement here. It just isn't for me.

The concept of privacy is also something we apply to using the restroom – that you close the door when you're going to the bathroom and you knock when someone else is in there. And you don't look when someone else is doing something private like using the toilet or getting dressed, and no one should look at you when you're doing it, either.

This is a bit of a gray area right now because Mikey still obviously needs help taking a bath, and, since we're being transparent here, I'll just go ahead and tell you that my husband and I still hear the "I need a wipe!" call from the bathroom on a nightly basis.

Fortunately for me, my husband hasn't quite nailed down Mikey's "schedule." But I have – so I conveniently find myself occupied when that call comes in.

We also haven't quite crossed the threshold into allowing the 6-year-old to go into public bathrooms on his own. Again, when

he was little, he just came into the women's restroom with me, which I always called the "family" bathroom, because I knew what was coming down the pike – him saying he wants to go into the bathroom for boys, not girls.

Folks, we have arrived.

So, when we are at the grocery, McDonalds, the library – wherever – and he says he needs to go to the bathroom, we end up doing the pee-pee dance outside the facilities while we negotiate which room he's going to enter.

If it's a single-occupancy room – boys' bathroom, girls' bathroom, litterbox – he can go in on his own. Fine. Whatever. Knock yourself out.

If it's got multiple stalls, and – gulp – urinals, no way. And, gentlemen, I'm not just looking out for my own child. According to my husband, who takes Mikey into the men's room and lets him use the urinal if he wants to, the kid stares.

I mean, he's 6... What do you expect?

So, recently I took Mikey to the pediatrician's office for his 6-year-old wellness check. While we were waiting (and waiting, and waiting) for the doctor to come into the exam room, Mikey said he had to go to the bathroom. We stepped out and found the restroom a few doors down. It was single occupancy, so he said he wanted to go in alone.

He was relatively quick, and afterward I dipped in real quick like I normally do, to make sure he didn't leave a mess behind. I came out and Mikey said, "Momma, did you get a coffee?"

"What? A coffee? Where?"

"In there," he says, and pointed to the bathroom.

"Where would I get coffee in there, bud?"

Mikey brushed past me and headed right for the little table holding the pee sample cups. He picked one up and brought it over to me. "Look, they have coffee cups. You must take it to the front desk to pay. Look – they even have lids!"

I don't know what's more upsetting: that he thinks I can't go an hour without a coffee, or that he thinks they serve it in the doctor's office restroom.

Until next time ...

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### Improv Acting for Teens

Tompkins Corners Cultural Center will offer its first acting improvisation workshop for teens April 20 at 11 a.m., led by actor, director, professional coach, teacher and playwright Charise Greene.

Greene has helped young people prepare monologues for bachelor of fine arts programs, high school theater auditions and professional auditions, and has taught acting and voice/speech at universities and training programs across the U.S. She has worked as a voice/dialect coach on sets for Showtime, Amazon, Hulu, HBO, Netflix, Apple TV, NBC, CBS and

many films.

In this hour-and-a-half workshop, students will work with Greene to open the voice and body for playful improv. Relaxation, listening, responding, saying "yes" and building the blocks of story are all taught and practiced as a group in this fun and energetic class.

Whether you're new to short or long-form improvisation or practiced at it, this class will be like a gym for the creative mind and body.

The cost is \$30 per student, and pre-registration is required at [Eventbrite.com](http://Eventbrite.com). Siblings will receive a 20 percent discount.

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# Putnam County DPW Project Portal Open for Residents

With spring's arrival, several road construction projects will be going online throughout the county, and as such Putnam County Executive Kevin Byrne highlighted the new Road Construction Project Portal on the county website, providing residents with easy access to regular updates and information regarding county road projects. This initiative aims to enhance transparency, accountability, and accessibility of information to the public, while promoting greater awareness and understanding of ongoing construction activities throughout the county.

The Road Construction Project Portal was highlighted by County Executive Byrne during his 2024 State of the County presentation earlier this month. The webpage offers a user-friendly interface where residents can view regular updates on county road projects. Each project is assigned a color code—green, yellow, or red—to easily indicate its status. Green signifies that the project is on track, yellow indicates a potential delay, and red confirms a delay.

"We are excited to launch the Road Construction Project Portal as part of our ongoing commitment to transparency and accountability in government,"

said County Executive Kevin Byrne. "By providing residents with access to timely and accurate information about county road projects, we are empowering our community to stay informed and engaged in the development and progress of critical infrastructure projects."

The portal includes essential project details such as the expected completion date, traffic impact, and the name of the contractor that is working on the project. This comprehensive information enables residents to better understand the scope and timeline of each project and plan accordingly for any potential disruptions.

"This is a great product for our residents. We want to make sure residents have access to the information they need to navigate construction activities in our communities," said Department of Public Works Commissioner Tommy Feighery. "By centralizing project updates and status reports on a single webpage, we are streamlining communication and making it easier than ever for residents to have an idea of what's going on."

"I commend DPW and the County Executive for taking this proactive step towards greater transparency," said Legislator Greg Ellner, Chairman of the

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View the portal at [putnamcountyny.com/public-works/projects](http://putnamcountyny.com/public-works/projects).

Physical Services Committee. "Providing taxpayers with access to these bi-weekly updates is valuable, admirable, and absolutely the right thing to do."

The Road Construction Project Portal underscores the county's commitment to improving public access to government information and fostering

greater community engagement in infrastructure planning and development.

Residents are encouraged to visit the Road Construction

Project Portal at [www.putnam-countyny.com/public-works/projects](http://www.putnam-countyny.com/public-works/projects) on the county website to stay informed about ongoing road projects and track their progress.

## Bill to Help SPCA Fight Animal Cruelty Passes Senate

Bipartisan legislation to aid the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals in its longstanding efforts in bringing people to justice who deliberately maim and kill animals was recently passed unanimously in the Senate.

Legislation S.1182 would permit SPCA officers statewide to have access to the live scan fingerprinting system used by law enforcement agencies following an arrest. This would allow SPCA officers to complete the arrest procedures without the assistance of any other law enforcement personnel or agencies, which will save time and ensure accused individuals do not evade justice.

Currently, most SPCA officers in New York must process their arrests through other law enforcement agencies.

"SPCA police officers need to have the full resources that will help them in their mission to protect defenseless pets and other animals from cruelty and neglect," said State Sen. Pete Harchkham, D-Peekskill, who sponsored the legislation. "With live scan fingerprinting technology at their ready, these officers can know immediately if accused individuals have a history of animal abuse or are wanted for other violent crimes. This streamlining of the policing process will benefit our communities in countless ways while bringing greater justice to animals everywhere."

Harchkham noted that the idea for the legislation was spurred by experiences Putnam County SPCA officers shared about having to find a law enforcement agency to help with fingerprinting individuals suspected of animal cruelty and abuse. In some cases, delays in

obtaining fingerprints allowed suspects to stay free when they should have been fully booked and held for other outstanding warrants.

"Animal cruelty crimes are especially heinous in that they are done to the weakest of the weak – animals," said Chief Ken Ross of the Putnam County SPCA. "These are gateway crimes to violent crimes against humans and have close ties to child abuse, adult abuse and domestic violence."

Ross said that when he approached Harchkham about this legislation, the senator understood its importance.

"Our ability to streamline the process during an arrest allows us to identify the person committing these crimes," said Ross. "We are truly grateful to Sen. Harchkham and his staff for their perseverance in getting this legislation to the governor's desk."

The number of animal cruelty cases in New York each year is impossible to calculate, as most instances of abuse and violence against animals are not reported, according to Harchkham's office.

Neglect is the most common form of animal cruelty, followed by hoarding of animals and actual physical abuse and violence. SPCAs across New York noted a rise of animal cruelty because of problems relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, including cost-of-living increases, behavioral health issues and the expiration of eviction moratoriums.

According to Humane Society International, 85 percent of people arrested for animal abuse or cruelty have had multiple past arrests – an overwhelming majority of them felonies. Also, 70 percent of those who committed domestic violence were also

found to be animal abusers.

Harchkham's bill passed in the Senate 60-0. A companion bill is in committee in the Assembly.



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# Italian American Club Hosting Wine Contest & Dinner Fundraisers

The Italian American Club of Mahopac will hold its eighth annual Homemade Wine Tasting Festival & Competition on Sunday, April 21 at 3 p.m., at its clubhouse, 141 Buckshollow Road.

Admission is \$40 and includes a four-course dinner, music and Italian hospitality.

The top three scorers in the contest will be declared winners, and the top wine maker will be crowned "Mastro del Vino." In addition to the official judging, guests will select their favorite wines for the Taster's Choice Award.

Only IAC members can submit wines for the competition, but everyone is invited to sip and enjoy the wines and dinner.

RSVP is required. For information, contact Linda Cefaloni at 914-582-4373 or Sandra Cefaloni Henderson at 845-745-0762.

The Italian American Club of Mahopac will also host Monday night dinner fundraisers for Relay for Life on two separate dates. Savor an authentic four-course Italian meal, accompanied by music, from 5 to 9 p.m. Mondays, April 29 and/or May 20, at the clubhouse.

Admission is \$40 for non-members or \$30 for members and seniors, and \$20 for youth age 15 and younger. Each adult reservation includes a complimentary glass of wine. There will also be a cash bar.

Payment and reservation are due no later than April 23.

Make reservations at the Freight House Café, 609 Route 6, Mahopac, between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. seven days a week; mail a check to the club at P.O. Box 931, Mahopac, NY 10541; or call Linda Cefaloni at 914-582-4373 or



One of last year's wine contest winners.

Donna Massaro at 845-628-1872. For more information, visit [italianamericanclubofmahopac.org](http://italianamericanclubofmahopac.org) or Facebook.

## Nutrition Corner

By Allison J. Stowell  
MS, RD, CDN



### Brunch Dishes

Hosting brunch is a beautiful way to spend an afternoon. It usually means a relaxing time with friends and family, snuck in among often busy weekends. It's also easy to put together when the right approach is used.

Overnight recipes that turn into warm, satisfying souffles and casseroles in the morning make for an effortless brunch menu. There are many variations and recipes, with sweet or savory ingredients, that are prepared at night (so that bread can soak in egg) and baked in the morning. The result is a warm brunch dish that's ready when your guests arrive without any morning cooking. Simply search online for "overnight breakfast casserole" to find a recipe.

Prepare recipes that come together with a simple assembly like the delicious dish below and your brunch will be easy and stress-free. These make ahead dishes allow you to prepare all the ingredients the day before so that in the morning you only need to arrange a beautiful platter.

A colorful fruit salad is a must for an inviting brunch spread and the perfect balance to warm dishes. Cut and prepare a fruit salad the night before. Or simply wash a bowl of berries in the morning. Visit [Hannaford.com](http://Hannaford.com) for some unique recipes and dressings for fruit salads to create something unexpected and unique.

Lastly, I recommend brewing a fruit forward herbal tea and chilling it overnight. Serve "as is" or mixed with sparkling water for a refreshing calorie and sugar-free beverage.

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#### Everything Bagel Brunch Salad [Hannaford.com](http://Hannaford.com)

Visit [Hannaford.com](http://Hannaford.com) for a beautiful picture of this unique brunch dish that brings the flavor

of an everything bagel, but with barely any bread.

- Ingredients:**  
 4 Tbsp. olive oil  
 1 1/2 Tbsp. everything bagel seasoning, plus more for serving  
 1 Tbsp. unsalted butter, softened  
 Salt and pepper  
 4 oz. sourdough bread, cut into 3/4" cubes  
 4 large eggs  
 2 Tbsp. Dijon mustard  
 2 Tbsp. minced fresh dill  
 2 Tbsp. lemon juice  
 6 cups torn romaine lettuce  
 1/2 English cucumber, sliced  
 1/2 small red onion, thinly sliced  
 4 oz. hot-smoked salmon, broken into 1" pieces  
 1 ripe avocado, pitted, peeled, and sliced

- Directions:**  
 1. Center a rack in oven and heat to 375 degrees. In a large bowl, mix 1 tablespoon oil, the seasoning, butter, and 1/4 teaspoon each salt and pepper until smooth. Add bread and toss to coat, pressing seasoning mixture into bread to adhere. Spread onto a parchment-lined baking sheet and bake until golden brown, 15 to 20 minutes, tossing halfway through. Let cool completely.  
 2. Meanwhile, bring a medium saucepan of water to a boil; fill a bowl with ice water and set aside. Gently add eggs to saucepan and cook 8 minutes, then transfer to ice bath to cool. Peel and halve eggs, then set aside.  
 3. In a large bowl, whisk mustard, dill, lemon juice, and remaining 3 tablespoons oil until blended, then season with salt and pepper to taste. Transfer half of the dressing to a small bowl, then add lettuce, cucumber, and onion and toss to coat.  
 4. Transfer salad to a serving platter and top with salmon, avocado, eggs, and croutons. Drizzle with reserved dressing and sprinkle with more seasoning before serving.

### Feta Roasted Salmon

(Family Features)  
**Feta Roasted Salmon and Tomatoes**



- Ingredients:**  
 Nonstick cooking spray  
 3 cups halved cherry tomatoes  
 2 tsp olive oil  
 1 tsp minced garlic  
 1/2 tsp dried oregano or dill  
 1/4 tsp salt  
 1/2 tsp coarsely ground black pepper, divided  
 1 1/2 pounds salmon or halibut fillets, cut into 4 serving-size pieces  
 1 cup (4 ounces) crumbled feta cheese

**Directions:**  
 Preheat oven to 425 F. Line 18-by-13-by-1-inch (half sheet) baking pan with foil. Lightly spray foil with nonstick cooking spray. Set aside.

In medium bowl, toss toma-

toes, olive oil, garlic, oregano, salt and 1/4 teaspoon pepper.  
 Place fish pieces, skin side down, on one side of prepared pan. Sprinkle with remaining pepper. Lightly press feta cheese on top of fish. Pour tomato mixture on other side of prepared pan. Bake, uncovered, 12-15 minutes, or until fish flakes easily with fork.  
 Place salmon on serving plates. Spoon tomato mixture over top.  
*Servings: 4*  
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# Carmel Students Read the Words Around Us

One way to teach reading is to work with the words all around us, and second-grade teachers at Matthew Paterson Elementary School in Carmel/Kent figured, what could be more fun than to have students read the words and phrases that decorate each other's T-shirts?

On T-shirt Day, the lesson in Catherine Degloria's class was on phonemes, which are the sounds of speech. While there are only 26 letters in the alphabet, there are 44 phonemes, which include the sounds made by "ph," "oo," "qu," and many other pairings.

"We are learning phonemes and we're going to be reading words by pieces – or phonemes," said Degloria. "We are going to take a look at the words on our shirts."

Every child in the class was wearing a shirt decorated with a phrase, brand or slogan, including "Choose Happy," "Space Rocks," "Waffle House," "Paris," "Star Wars," "Never Stop Dreaming" and "Daddy's Princess."

And, of course, plenty wore shirts reading "Matthew Paterson Elementary School."

The teacher wore a shirt perfect for the lesson: "Changing the World One Phoneme at a Time," it read.

The class focused on the many ways the pair of letters "ea" can sound.

At one point, the class read the words on a pink T-shirt, which read, "Create and Learn." "The 'a' in 'create' belongs to the consonant, it does not belong to the 'e,'" said student Aubrey. "They



Photo provided by Carmel Central School District.

are two separate syllables."

"That's right," said Degloria. "Now look at the word 'Learn.' The bossy 'r' can control two vowels. It is telling the 'e' and 'a' – 'You are not long vowels here.'"

The lesson was a creative way to deliver the school's new reading curriculum, Core Knowledge Language Arts, a science-of-reading based program that spells out the rules of language.



Alex Prizzintas will perform April 6 at Reed Memorial Library in Carmel.

## 'Bach to Rock' Coming to Reed Library

The unique sound of Alex Prizzintas and his amplified cello will fill the Reed Memorial Library in Carmel on Saturday, April 6 at 11 a.m. Classically trained, he employs non-classical tools like distortion, delay, and the iconic "wah-wah" guitar pedals symbolic of 1960s rock'n'roll bands – all in conjunction with a looping station.

Equally comfortable with intimate and stadium settings, Prizzintas is able to craft his own wall-of-sound through his 1,000-watt amp. Accompanied with narration that reveals some of the backstories of baroque, jazz, folk and rock'n'roll classics, he immerses his audience in a journey through musical history.

Prizzintas offered this concert at the Newburgh Free Library in June of last year.

"In addition to being an extremely talented performer, Alex also was very engaging and held the attention of a large outdoor crowd," said Christopher Morgan, head of programming at Newburgh Free Library. "Our audience included families with young children, teens and seniors, all of whom thoroughly enjoyed the performance and ambiance, and many of whom passed along their compliments afterward."

Prizzintas' maiden voyage of electric cello concerts last year started with a program called "Bach to Rock" – now shortened

to "B-2-R." It apparently hit a nerve and resulted in more than 70 bookings that first year – a number that has since grown to an average of 130 yearly.

Some of his favorite additions include the Baroque cello suites of J.S. Bach, Latin tangos such as Astor Piazzolla's "Libertango," and opera selections like Donizetti's "Una Furtiva Lagrima" and Verdi's "La Donna Mobile."

"I enjoy the lyricism of opera, especially when contrasted by the counterpoint of jazz by masters like Miles Davis, John Coltrane, Dizzy Gillespie and Dave Brubeck," said Prizzintas. "And then, there are times where I stray toward the rebellion of the mid-to-late 60s British Invasion with groups like Cream, Led Zepelin, The Beatles, Procol Harum, The Kinks and The Zombies."

With each performance, Prizzintas said he strives to communicate, not only with the cello but with the backstories that reveal interesting facts about each selection.

"I have three rock selections with personal ties to Jimi Hendrix, an explanation about Bach's preludes to each cello suite, and where Dave Brubeck found inspiration for 'Blue Rondo a la Turk,' just to name a few," he said. "Along with the tunes, my goal is to build a better understanding and a deeper relationship with my audiences."

### We Will Miss

#### Brewster

Frances I. Crighton, 85, March 20, Beecher Funeral Home, Brewster, NY, (845) 279-3615.

#### Mahopac

Dennis A. Giovinazzi, 78, March 16, Cargain Funeral Homes

Inc., Mahopac, (845) 225-5655.

Barbara Lagatella, 76, March 22, Cargain Funeral Homes Inc., Mahopac, (845) 225-5655.

Philip W. L. Hotchkiss, 68, March 24, Cargain Funeral Homes Inc., Mahopac, (845) 225-5655.

#### Cold Spring

Luchrezia Sgro, 95, March 19, Clinton Inc Funeral Homes, Cold Spring, (845) 265-3333.

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# Women Lead the Mid-Hudson Friends of the NRA

While having female members of the National Rifle Association is nothing new, having an all-woman executive board of the Friends of the NRA Mid-Hudson Chapter is something that is being celebrated by local gun enthusiasts.

Marilyn Miller, president of the Putnam/Northern Westchester Fire Police Association, is the new chairperson. Miller is an emergency management technician and a volunteer for the Brewster Fire Department. She also serves as the membership secretary for the Putnam County Firearms Owners' Association.

Cindy Trimble is the new vice chairperson. She has a master of public administration degree and is retired from the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services, where she served as a master trainer in areas that include firearms, chemical agents, use of force, indemnification, Public Officers Law, Criminal Procedure Law and Penal Law. She was also a



Vice Chairperson Cindy Trimble

senior investigator for the NYS Attorney General's Office.

Trimble is the recording secretary for the Putnam County Firearms Owners' Association.

Helen Moss is the new treasurer of the chapter. She has spent 35 years in investments and finance, mostly as an accountant for various mutual funds and hedge funds. She has a master of business administra-



Chairperson Marilyn Miller

tion degree.

Kristen Matteo, who is a minister, is the new registrar. She is certified by the NRA as a chief range safety officer, shotgun and pistol instructor and a "Refuse To Be a Victim" program instructor. She is an advocate for the elderly, disabled and women, and is a member of the local Elks Lodge, VFW auxiliary, and former committee



Treasurer Helen Moss

member of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society-Southern New York Chapter.

According to Trimble, having female members of the NRA is not new, as Harvard research shows that about half of new gun owners are women who cite self-defense as their reason for purchasing a firearm.

"Women serve as members, lobbyists, club officers, board



Registrar Kristen Matteo

members, committee members, instructors, competitors, hunters, target practice and range participants, volunteers and NRA presidents," she said, noting that the NRA has a Women's Leadership Forum within its organization.

"The many women who are members of the NRA come from very different backgrounds, are from different age groups, races, religions and cultures, but they share at least one goal – personal freedoms, including protection of the Second Amendment for themselves, their children and their grandchildren," said Trimble.

## Putnam County Department of Health RESIDENTIAL HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP-OFF DAY

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Pre-Registration Required

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- Stains & Varnishes
- Paint Thinners & Strippers
- Wood Preservatives
- Mothballs
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- Flea powders & collars
- Bug spray
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- Chemical Fertilizers
- Adhesives, Resins, Solvents
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- Mercury containing products
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## Hutchinson's 'Cadenza' to Preview at AotL

Can one minute of music change a life? That's the question "Cadenza," the new play by Ron Hutchinson and Alisa Taylor, asks.

"Cadenza" will receive its first public hearing at Arts on the Lake in Lake Carmel on Saturday, April 13 at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, April 14 at 3 p.m.

The story starts when a young man who earns a living erecting party tents shows up at a concert pianist's West Side apartment asking to be taught piano. At first, the teacher resists. Then she agrees.

When the student returns after eight years, it's clear the piece of music she taught him has altered the course of his life.

Maia Guest, who played Mary Philipse in Putnam Theatre Alliance's "Dirt" last month, plays the piano teacher; while Nixon Cesar, whose recent film credits include "Brooklyn Gangster" and Barack Obama in the "Reigniting Hope" short, will play her pupil.

Kym Moore, who is co-founder of the Antigravity Performance Project and professor of theatre Arts at Brown University, will direct.

Hutchinson, known at AotL for "Tango Diaries," "Brooklyn Carol," "Ghosts of the Titanic" and "Breaking Heads," is an Emmy Award-winning writer known for the mini-series "Traffic" and the screenplays "The Simon Wiesenthal Story" with Ben Kinsley, "Against the Wall" with Samuel L. Jackson, and his re-write of "The Island of Doctor Moreau" with Marlon Brando.

Tickets range from \$10 to \$35 and should be secured in advance at [www.artsonthelake.org](http://www.artsonthelake.org) or by calling 845-228-2685.

# Putnam County Community Events

## ZBA Openings

The Town of Kent is accepting resumes for the Zoning Board of Appeals. All interested residents should submit a resume to Kent Town Clerk Yolanda Cappelli at 25 Sybil's Crossing, Kent Lakes, NY 10512; or [lcappelli@townofkentny.gov](mailto:lcappelli@townofkentny.gov).

## Seed Library

The Mahopac Public Library is partnering with Cornell Cooperative Extension's Seed Library initiative. Stop by the library and check out a selection of different seeds available for free.

## Tuesday, April 2

### 'Asteroid City'

On April 2 at noon, Mahopac Public Library will screen "Asteroid City," a Wes Anderson Film where a junior stargazer group is disrupted by a series of world changing events while attending their annual meeting in a small desert town. Rated PG-13. Register at [www.mahopacpubliclibrary.org](http://www.mahopacpubliclibrary.org), or call 845-628-2009, ext. 100.

### Thrift Shop Sales

Drew Thrift Shop, 26 Gleneida Ave., Carmel, will hold a grand re-opening sale April 2 and 4, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

### 'Avengers' Bingo

Youth age 7 to 13 are invited to Brewster Public Library on Tuesday, April 2 from 3 to 4 p.m. for some themed bingo fun. Play several rounds for the chance to win prizes. Registration is required at [brewsterlibrary.org](http://brewsterlibrary.org).

### Garden Club Meets

The monthly meeting of the Lake Mahopac Garden Club will be held Tuesday, April 2 at Airport Park in Mahopac. Participants are welcome and asked to bring their own lunch. The meeting begins at 11:30 a.m., and the program presentation, beginning at 1 p.m., will be "petite design in a teacup." The presenter is member Lois Chanofsky. Bring a teacup; flowers will be provided. For information, visit [www.lakemahopacgc.com](http://www.lakemahopacgc.com) or email [lakemahopacgarclub@gmail.com](mailto:lakemahopacgarclub@gmail.com).

## Wednesday, April 3

### StarLab

The StarLab Portable Planetarium, in collaboration with the Museum of Innovation & Science, will be at Putnam Valley Library on Wednesday, April 3 for children 7 years of age and older. "Story Time with the Constellations" at 3 p.m. is geared toward the youngest budding astronomers, to find out how ancient cultures connected their mythology to the stars. "Moon Phases" at 4:30 p.m. features the dance between the earth and moon that has been going on for about 4.5 billion years. Register at <https://putnamvalleylibrary.org/calendar>.

### Carmel Town Board

The Carmel Town Board will meet at 7 p.m. at Town Hall on the following Wednesdays: April 3, 10 and 17; May 1, 8 and 15; June 5, 12 and 19; July 3; Aug. 7; Sept. 4 and 18; Oct. 9 and 16; Nov. 6, 13 and 20; and Dec. 4 and 11. The March 6 and Oct. 9 meeting will be held at the Carmel firehouse.

### Email Etiquette

Do you want to feel more comfortable using email on your phone or computer? Join Mahopac Public Library on April 3 at 12:30 p.m. to

learn how to navigate email platforms on your phone and computer along with etiquette guidelines for using email. Register at [www.mahopacpubliclibrary.org](http://www.mahopacpubliclibrary.org), or call 845-628-2009, ext. 100.

## Thursday, April 4

### Foundation Directory

Looking for grants for your non-profit? On April 4 at 10 a.m. at Mahopac Public Library, learn how to use Foundation Directory, the most comprehensive prospect research tool for fundraisers, with more than 239,000 Grantmaker profiles. Learn how to search for Grantmakers who have funded organizations working on causes and with communities similar to those you serve. Register at [www.mahopacpubliclibrary.org](http://www.mahopacpubliclibrary.org), or call 845-628-2009, ext. 100.

### Game Challenge

Head to Mahopac Public Library between 1:30 and 3 p.m. April 4 and challenge a kid or teen at a board game, chess and checkers, card games, electronic games and more. You can even bring one of your own games. For children entering kindergarten through grade five. Register at [www.mahopacpubliclibrary.org](http://www.mahopacpubliclibrary.org), or call 845-628-2009, ext. 139.

### Teen Movie

Youth/teens age 12 to 18 may watch the newly released "Aquaman" on the big screen at Brewster Public Library on Thursday, April 4 from 4 to 6:30 p.m. Pizza and snacks will be provided. Rated PG-13. Registration is required at [brewsterlibrary.org](http://brewsterlibrary.org).

## Friday, April 5

### UFT Gala

United For the Troops will hold its annual gala Friday, April 5 from 7 to 11 p.m. at Villa Barone Hilltop Manor in Mahopac. Tickets are \$100 and include open bar and buffet dinner. Raffles and 50/50. Adults only. Register at <https://secure.givelively.org/event/united-for-the-troops/annual-gala-2024>.

### Disney Trivia

Brewster Public Library will host family Disney trivia Friday, April 5 from 2 to 3 p.m. All ages. Snacks will be served, and winners will receive a prize. Registration is required at [brewsterlibrary.org](http://brewsterlibrary.org).

### House of Hamill

House of Hamill will perform Friday, April 5 at 7:30 p.m. at Tompkins Corners Cultural Center, 729 Peekskill Hollow Road, Putnam Valley. Traditional folk ballads, stories from the road and more. Tickets are \$25 and available at [Eventbrite.com](http://Eventbrite.com).

## Saturday, April 6

### Blood Drive

The Community Engagement & Police Advisory Board, in partnership with Local 60 Training Center and the American Red Cross, will host a blood drive Saturday, April 6 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. at 50 Prospect Hill Road, Brewster. Donors will receive a T-shirt (limited quantities). Donors can sign up on location to receive free smoke detectors. Prior registration is encouraged at [www.Redcrossblood.org](http://www.Redcrossblood.org) (use sponsor code CEPAB).

### Moments in Travel

Discover unique and extraordinary travel experiences with Diana Hechler, president of D. Tours Trav-

el, on Saturday, April 6 at 1 p.m. at Patterson Library. Delve into the nearly 80 captivating adventures featured in her book "Strolling with Your Elephants: Perfect Moments in Travel." Books will be available for cash purchases. Adults only. Register at 845-878-6121 or [www.pattersonlibrary.org](http://www.pattersonlibrary.org).

## Sunday, April 7

### Clearwater Gala

Hudson River Sloop Clearwater will honor Dr. Stuart Findlay, Manna Jo Greene and Xiell Owens at its annual Spirit of the Hudson Gala on April 7 at the Garrison. The gala will celebrate 55 years of inspiring lifelong stewards of the Hudson River and its tributaries and will raise funds for the continuation of Clearwater's education and advocacy programs. Live and silent auction, and live music by the Judith Tulloch Band. [www.clearwater.org/gala](http://www.clearwater.org/gala).

## Monday, April 8

### Ukulele Workshop

Kids and teens age 10 and older are welcomed at Kent Public Library on Monday, April 8 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. for a ukulele workshop. In just an hour or so, learn to play simple tunes. Learn some basic chords and techniques on a loaned ukulele. Performer and teacher Wendy Matthews leads this workshop. Register online.

## Tuesday, April 9

### Kent Town Board

The Kent Town Board will meet at 7 p.m. at Town Hall on the following Tuesdays: April 9 and 16, May 7 and 21, June 4 and 18, July 2 and 16, Aug. 6 and 20 (daytime), Sept. 3 and 17, Oct. 1 and 15, Nov. 12 and 19, and Dec. 3 and 17.

## Wednesday, April 10

### Crafty Storytime

Kids age 3 to 5 and their caregivers may join the one and only Ms. Anna for a morning of stories and crafts for the spring season at Brewster Public Library on Wednesdays from 10 to 10:30 a.m., starting April 10. Registration is required at [brewsterlibrary.org](http://brewsterlibrary.org).

### Poetry Celebration

Local author and wordsmith Tony Howarth will read from his latest work, "The Grieffs That Fate Assigns," on Tuesday, April 10 at 6:30 p.m. at Patterson Library. Then, high school poetry contest winners will share their winning works. The contest is open to area students who may submit up to two poems for judging by Howarth. Submissions can be sent to [apa@pattersonlibrary.org](mailto:apa@pattersonlibrary.org) through April 1. Three winners selected. To register, call 845-878-6121 or go to [www.pattersonlibrary.org](http://www.pattersonlibrary.org).

### Patterson Town Board

The Patterson Town Board will meet the following Wednesdays at 7 p.m. at Town Hall: April 10 and 24, May 8 and 22, June 12 and 26, July 10 and 24, Aug. 14 and 28, Sept. 11, Oct. 9 and 23, Nov. 6 and 20, and Dec. 4 and 18.

## Thursday, April 11

### Veterans' Job Fair

A job fair for veterans seeking employment is scheduled Thursday, April 11 from 1 to 4 p.m. at FDR Montrose VA Medical

Center, 2094 Albany Post Road, Montrose (building 15, room16). Attending employers include Amazon, Spectrum, VA Police, Department of Labor, T. Webber, NuVance, US Mint, ARC Greater Hudson Valley, Access Supports for Living, Helmets to Hardhats and more.

### Southeast Town Board

The Southeast Town Board will meet at 7 p.m. at Town Hall on the following Thursdays: April 11 and 25, May 9 and 30, June 13 and 27, July 11 and 25, Aug. 8 and 29, Sept. 12 and 26, Oct. 10 and 24, Nov. 7 and 21, and Dec. 5 and 19.

### Spring Coffeehouse

The Town of Southeast Cultural Arts Coalition will present a spring coffeehouse Thursday, April 11 at Studio Around the Corner, 67 Main St., Brewster. Signups to perform start at 7 p.m. Admission is a suggested donation of \$5 at the door, and refreshments will be served.

### CAP Luncheon

Putnam Community Action Partnership will host its 38th annual luncheon and silent auction April 11 at noon at St. James the Apostle Church, Doherty Hall, in Carmel. Honor former Putnam CAP Advisory Board member Michael Ingber, posthumously, and Stop & Shop's Mahopac store for their contributions to the organization. Tickets are \$50 at [www.putnam-cap.org](http://www.putnam-cap.org).

## Friday, April 12

### 'JoJo Rabbit'

Teens in grades eight through 12 will meet in the Community Room on the third floor of Mahopac Public Library on April 12 at 5 p.m. to watch "JoJo Rabbit." Pizza will be served and a short discussion will follow the movie. Register at [www.mahopacpubliclibrary.org](http://www.mahopacpubliclibrary.org), or call 845-628-2009, ext. 139. Food will be ordered based on head count. Email [teens@mahopacpubliclibrary.org](mailto:teens@mahopacpubliclibrary.org) for food preferences/allergies.

### Comedy Show

CAREERS Support Solutions will host a comedy show April 12 from 6:30 to 10 p.m., at Travelers Rest, 25 Route 100, Ossining, to raise money to support its programs and services that help people with disabilities. Tickets are \$75 and include a lineup of nine comedians, as well as appetizers, a buffet dinner, dessert and an open wine/beer bar. Tickets may be purchased at [www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/b832fde8-d716-4a4f-af98-c73a84064a2a](http://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/b832fde8-d716-4a4f-af98-c73a84064a2a).

## Saturday, April 13

### Passport Saturday

The Putnam County Clerk's Office will host Passport Saturday on April 13 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 40 Gleneida Ave., Carmel, to provide passport information to U.S. citizens and to accept passport applications. Appointments are required and can be made at [www.putnamcountyny.com/county-clerk](http://www.putnamcountyny.com/county-clerk). For more information, call County Clerk Michael Bartolotti's office at 845-808-1142, ext. 49301.

### 'Mike + Ruthy'

Tompkins Corners Cultural Center will welcome Mike + Ruthy back to its stage Saturday, April 13 at 7:30 p.m. Mike Merenda and

Ruthy Ungar are a Hudson Valley-based husband-and-wife duo that play fiddle and banjo tunes. Tickets are \$25 and available at [Eventbrite.com](http://Eventbrite.com) or at the door.

### Jazz Concert

The Joe Natale Jazz Quartet will perform April 13 at 2 p.m. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church in-the-Highlands, 1 Chestnut St., Cold Spring. Free.

## Sunday, April 14

### Blood Drive

A blood drive is scheduled April 14 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in Doherty Hall at St. James the Apostle, 14 Gleneida Ave., Carmel. Walk-ins welcome.

### Poets' Corner

Tompkins Corners Cultural Center will present a Poets' Corner featuring Kathryn Weld on Sunday, April 14 at 3 p.m., at 729 Peekskill Hollow Road, Putnam Valley. Followed by an open mic. Admission is \$10.

### Breakfast

Brewster VFW Post 672 will host a breakfast fundraiser the second Sunday of every month from October to May, from 9 to 11 a.m., at 262 Peaceable Hill Road. Coffee, juice, waffles, pancakes, bacon, sausage, eggs, omelet station, home fries, tater tots, biscuits and gravy, and more. \$15 for adults, \$10 for teens, age 12 and younger eat for free.

### Blues Concert

The Hudson Valley Blues Society will continue its Sunday Concert Series on Sunday, April 14 from 2 to 4 p.m. at Studio Around the Corner, 67 Main St., Brewster, with The 3Bs of Ossining. \$15 for members; \$20 for non-members. Get tickets at [www.thehvbs.org/sunday-concert-series.html](http://www.thehvbs.org/sunday-concert-series.html).

## Monday, April 15

### Story Time

#### With Teachers

The Kent Public Library will host a special story time with teachers from Matthew Paterson Elementary School on Monday, April 15 at 4:30 p.m., to read some great stories and do crafts. Register online.

## Tuesday, April 16

### Carmel School Board

The Carmel School Board will host a budget presentation April 16 at 6:30 p.m. at the George Fischer Middle School auditorium. The annual budget hearing is May 7 at 6:30 p.m. at the CHS library, with the vote May 21. Visit [carmelschools.org](http://carmelschools.org), click "District Information" and then "Budgets & Audits," for more.

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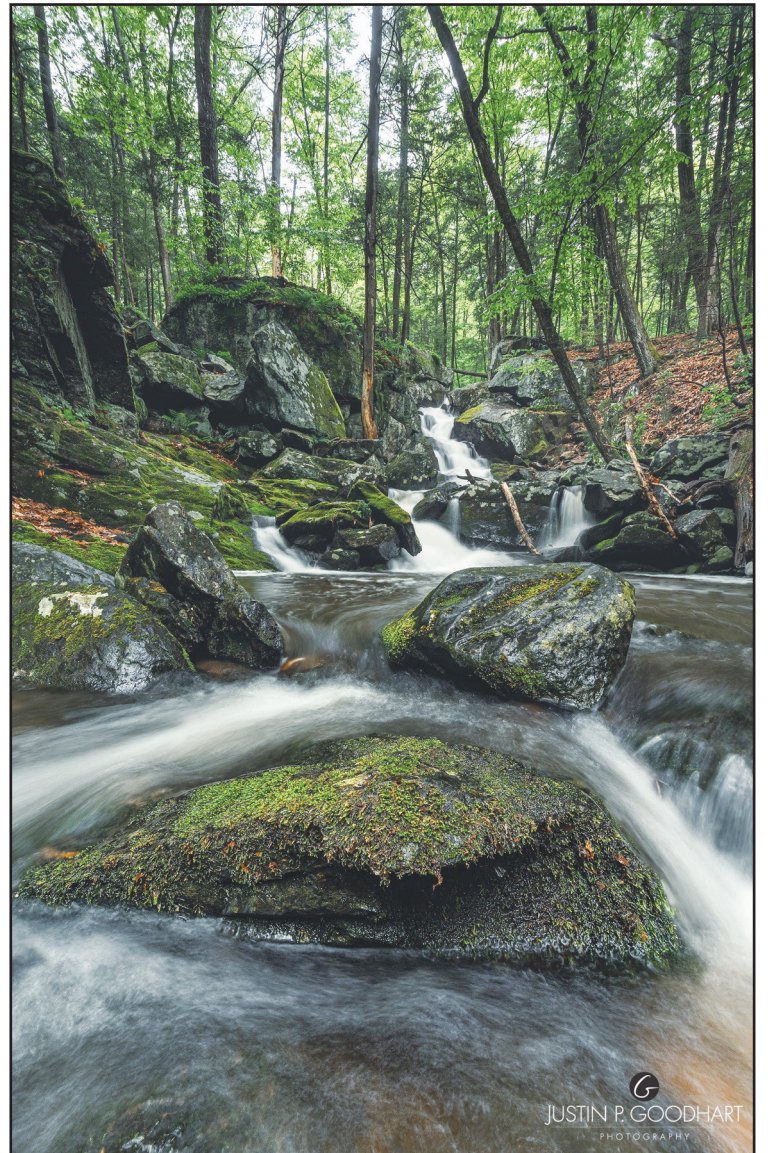
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## Paint Party at Kent Library!

Kent Public Library's third annual paint night was a splattering success. Paintastic Parties did a great job with the middle-schoolers who recently showed up and made their own masterpieces.



"Wedge," a photograph by Justin Goodhart, who is one of the judges for the upcoming show.

## Great Hollow Art Show Seeks Painting & Photo Submissions

Painters and photographers who love nature are invited to participate in the seventh annual Great Hollow Photographers Club Juried Painting & Photography Show, which, over the past six years, has raised more than \$8,500 for Great Hollow Nature Preserve.

An opening reception is scheduled Friday, May 17 from 6 to 8 p.m. in the barn at Great Hollow Nature Preserve & Ecological Research Center, 225 Route 37, New Fairfield, Conn. The show will continue for viewing and sales Saturday and Sunday, May 18 and 19, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The show may also be viewed online from May 17 to June 30.

The deadline for submission is midnight Monday, April 15.

Artists are invited to submit up to four digital images of two-dimensional work. Accepted media includes photography, painting, collage, drawing and digitally-augmented art. There is no fee to submit work.

The hanging fee for the show is \$15 for each accepted piece, and the club will retain a 25 percent commission on all works sold during the show. All works must be for sale, as the profits from the show support Great Hollow Nature Preserve's mission of environmental education, research and conservation.

The artwork should highlight the Great Hollow Nature Center or, more broadly, the richness of nature and/or the rural life of America's northeastern states. Prizes will be in the form of donations from local

businesses.

Linda Puiatti will judge the paintings and Justin Goodhart will judge photography.


Puiatti is a full-time artist who paints atmospheric landscapes inspired by the many places she has traveled and lived. She said her favorite locales are the beaches and marshes of the northeast, Hudson River Valley fields and mountains, and the big sky flatlands and farms of Belgium, Netherlands and France – where she lived for 10 years.

Puiatti's paintings hang in private and public collections throughout the U.S., Europe, Australia and Africa, and can also be found in several local galleries. For more information, visit [www.lindapuiatti.com](http://www.lindapuiatti.com).


Goodhart grew up in New York's Adirondack region and has always had a strong connection to the land and the beauty of the world around us. After having been a casual photographer for many years, it was the beauty of the Hudson Valley that served as inspiration for Goodhart to start taking photography more seriously.

Focusing primarily on long-exposure landscape and nighttime photography, he often works to capture not just the momentary scene, but also the feeling of movement through time. For more information, visit [www.justinpgoodhart.com](http://www.justinpgoodhart.com).

For information on the Great Hollow Photographers Club, visit Facebook, or email [GHPhotoC@gmail.com](mailto:GHPhotoC@gmail.com). For a prospectus and more information on the show, visit [bit.ly/ghpc](http://bit.ly/ghpc).



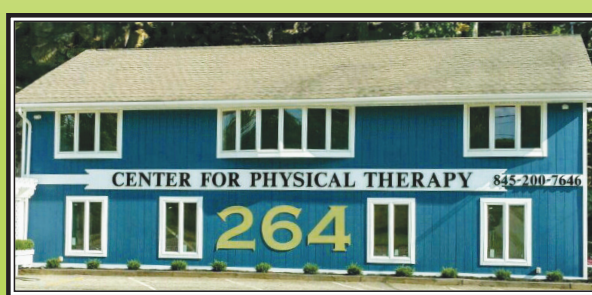
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# Creativity Flows at 'Sip & Paint' in Patterson



Patterson Fire Department hosted a "Sip & Paint" event March 23 at the firehouse, which drew a crowd of "artists" who painted nature photos while sipping on their favorite libations! Photos courtesy of PFD's Facebook page.



Samantha Rizzo has joined the University of Oklahoma twirling team.

## Putnam Native Joins The Pride of Oklahoma

A Putnam County native has joined the renowned marching band of the University of Oklahoma, known as the Pride of Oklahoma.

Samantha Rizzo is the team's newest feature twirler, and joins the esteemed ranks of the Pride following a rigorous national search and audition process.

Rizzo brings with her a wealth of experience and a dedication to excellence in twirling. A standout performer in the world of competitive twirling, she has achieved numerous accolades, including being crowned Junior Miss Majorette of New York

and securing titles such as junior women's solo champion, junior women's two-baton champion, junior women's three-baton champion and junior women's X-strut champion of the North Atlantic.

Notably, Rizzo represented Team USA at the International Baton Twirling Federation's Nations Cup in Liverpool, England, in 2023, where she showcased her talent on a global stage, earning fourth place in junior women's solo and contributing to Team USA's success with third-place finishes in junior advanced (small team), and second place in junior

advanced (large team) categories.

Despite her remarkable achievements, Rizzo remains humble and committed to furthering her skills and passion for twirling. As an incoming freshman at the University of Oklahoma, she plans to pursue studies in biology/pre-med while continuing to elevate the standard of excellence for which OU's feature twirlers are known.

Rizzo's inaugural performance with the Pride of Oklahoma will be at Gaylord Family Oklahoma Memorial Stadium during the OU vs. Temple Football game Aug. 31.

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# Advocates Lead Call for Full Cleanup of PCBs in the Hudson

A coalition of environmental groups led by the Friends of a Clean Hudson, and the Black, Puerto Rican, Hispanic & Asian Legislative Caucus recently joined state lawmakers in calling on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to oversee a full PCB cleanup in the Hudson River.

This month, the EPA is set to release its third five-year review of the polychlorinated biphenyls cleanup effort in the Hudson River, where General Electric dumped 1.3 million pounds of the toxic “for-

ever” chemical between 1947 and 1977. The cleanup ended in 2015, yet the spread of PCBs has continued and is found in unsafe levels in the Hudson River as far south as New York Harbor, according to the office of State Sen. Pete Harkham, D-Peekskill.

The call for the cleanup was made at a special press conference held at the State Capitol, attended by 17 senators and 26 assemblymembers. The lawmakers recently sent a letter to the EPA asking for the adoption of a “not protective

determination” for the site, and that the federal agency acknowledge the failure of the upper Hudson River dredging, undertaken between 2009 and 2015, to meet the goals of ridding the river of PCBs.

“Until a significant amount of PCBs, laden in the river’s sediment, can be removed and this environmental travesty mostly remediated, the contamination of the Hudson will continue to impact public health and hinder economic promise in the region,” said Harkham, who is chairman of the Senate Environmental Conservation Committee. “It’s time for the EPA to stand up to General Electric and require it to clean up the PCBs it dumped into the river for three decades.”

Tracy Brown, president of Riverkeeper, said the EPA’s data confirm that the PCBs General Electric discharged are still found at dangerous levels throughout the Hudson River ecosystem.

“Without additional cleanup, General Electric’s toxic pollution will continue to be absorbed by plants and ingested by wildlife,” she said. “People living, working and



State Sen. Pete Harkham with legislative colleagues and environmental advocates at the State Capitol. Credit. Photo by Tom Staudter/Harkham’s office.

playing near the Hudson River will continue to face negative health impacts for decades to come. The EPA has an ethical obligation to make a ‘not protective’ determination in the forthcoming five-year review to protect the health of the Hudson and our communities.”

The letter to the EPA states, in part: “The complex nature of PCBs ensures that General Electric’s toxic waste will continue to travel throughout the Hudson River, resisting degradation, biomagnifying in food chains, and bioaccumulating in

human and animal tissue. At the current rate, and without additional actions, the health risks and impacts of those living, working, and playing within a heavily polluted Superfund site along a nearly 200-mile stretch of the Hudson River will persist for future generations.”

Noting that the “health and beauty of the Hudson River is critical to the economic vitality of the communities surrounding it,” the letter adds that the remaining PCB contamination means the EPA must “begin the process of assessing additional remedial actions to protect the environment and our vulnerable communities.”

A “wonder” chemical invented in the 1920s, PCBs were perfect for insulating electrical equipment and used widely at GE’s two capacitor manufacturing plants on the Hudson north of Saratoga Springs, according to Harkham’s office. Because PCBs are not water soluble, they linger in soil and water for decades; and because they are fat soluble, they remain in human and animal body tissue forever. Exposure to PCBs leads to a number of health issues, including skin irritation, damage to the immune system and cancers.

“The evidence is clear: The dredging remedy has not been successful in removing PCBs from the Hudson River Superfund Site,” said Assemblymember Dana Levenberg, D-Ossining. “The EPA must acknowledge this fact by issuing a ‘not protective’ determination in its upcoming five-year review. To do otherwise would further compound the harm that has already been done to communities along the river. I also call for the EPA to hold corporate polluters responsible as cleanup continues and additional remedies are sought. Corporations should not feel free to pollute our shared home while taxpayers pick up the tab for the damages.”

Pete Lopez, executive director of policy, advocacy and science at Scenic Hudson, said that, as the former EPA Region 2 administrator, he was able to bring EPA and DEC staff together during the second five-year review to jointly assess thousands of post-dredge sediment samples taken from the upper Hudson.

“Based on this joint analysis, EPA staff were compelled to acknowledge that the remedy was not on track and that more data was needed to determine if its mitigation efforts would ultimately be protective of public health and the environment,” he said. “Alarmingly, the data collected for this third five-year review reveals that EPA’s efforts are even more off target than before. The agency must conclude that the remedy is ‘not protective’ and step back to determine how it can put the river on the path to real recovery in our lifetime.”

As of March 19, General Electric had a net worth of \$184.6 billion.

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# 'I Bird NY Challenge' Underway

The 2024 "I BIRD NY Challenge" for birders of all ages and abilities in New York State has begun.

The challenge provides opportunities to identify birds and learn about birdlife, and awards program finishers with a commemorative I BIRD NY Challenge patch and the chance to win birding equipment.

"New York State's wide-ranging habitat types – from the Atlantic Ocean's sandy beaches to majestic Catskill and Adirondack peaks, Great Lakes shorelines, and everything in between – create a birder's paradise for residents and visitors year-round," said NYS Department of Environmental Conservation Commissioner Basil Seggos. "I encourage birdwatchers to get outside and check out the 450 different bird species that call New York home."

New York has more than 350 Birding Trail locations, and new sites are added often, making it even easier for New Yorkers to get started.

Birdwatching is one of the fastest-growing outdoor recreational activities in the U.S. According to the 2022 National Survey of Hunting, Fishing & Wildlife-Associated Recreation, 7.4 million wildlife watchers generated \$10.8 billion in New York in 2022. This is up from an estimated 4 million New York resident wildlife viewers spending more than \$6.4 billion annually in 2016.

Backyard birding, or watching birds close to home, is the most common way people engage in birding. As a birder's skill and interest develop, there are several opportunities to contribute to scientific knowledge about birds and the natural world.

The I BIRD NY program was launched in 2017 to build on the state's efforts to increase access to New York's vast natural resources



Photo courtesy of the Central Park Conservancy.

and promote no- and low-cost opportunities to enjoy the outdoors and connect with nature. The annual birding challenge saw a 745 percent increase in participation in 2023, with 1,226 birding enthusiasts completing the challenge.

"Early spring is an exciting time to observe birds as they engage in fascinating behavior like establishing territories, finding a mate and gathering nest materials," said Michael Burger, executive director of the Audubon Connecticut & New York.

"Others are just starting to arrive from their wintering grounds, and some will only be passing through," he said. "By staying quiet and moving slowly, you'll maximize your chances of seeing the birds that are around you. We recommend visiting the New York State Birding Trail for its unique and accessible settings."

The 2024 I BIRD NY Challenge is open to all ages, and ends Nov. 1. To complete the challenge, participants must identify 10 bird species of their choosing and submit a challenge sheet to DEC. All participants will be awarded

a commemorative patch, given a completion certificate and entered into a drawing for prizes. Two youth and two adult winners will be chosen.

Participants will also receive an extra prize entry for providing a photo documenting their challenge experience. As an extra bonus, the first 50 participants will receive a special goodie bag of birding swag items.

Birding enthusiasts can visit [dec.ny.gov/nature/animals-fish-plants/birds/birding](http://dec.ny.gov/nature/animals-fish-plants/birds/birding) to access this year's challenge sheet, as well as find information on where and how to watch birds, upcoming birding events, a downloadable "Beginner's Guide to Birding" (also available in Spanish), and additional resources.

# Funds Available to Support Hudson Estuary Communities

Approximately \$600,000 is now available to help communities in the Hudson River Estuary watershed increase shoreline resiliency, conserve natural resources and reduce localized flooding.

"New York is bolstering sustained efforts to help flood-risk communities adapt to climate change-driven extreme weather while protecting the state's natural resources," said New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Commissioner Basil Seggos. "The \$600,000 announced to support efforts in Hudson River Estuary communities will advance the implementation of projects that will improve waterfront and tributary resiliency in the watershed for years to come."

Two requests for proposals are available.

Approximately \$400,000 is available for qualified consultants to partner with eligible municipalities to use existing community-supported, preliminary shoreline resiliency designs to prepare "shovel ready" plans and permitting materials. The design must be technically feasible and appropriate for the location, supported by the community, cost-effective, and permitable. Eligible projects will

build on existing conceptual waterfront plans developed with inclusive outreach efforts.

Approximately \$200,000 is available for projects that will help communities restore aquatic organism passage and habitat connectivity, reduce localized flood risks, and improve water quality in and along Hudson River Estuary tributaries. The road-stream crossing must be at a location that is a barrier to habitat for river herring or American eel.

This RFP includes two project types: final engineering design plans to replace or retrofit a road-stream crossing, and road-stream crossing replacement and retrofit projects.

Both RFPs and applications are available at [neiwpc.org/about-us/working-with-neiwpc](http://neiwpc.org/about-us/working-with-neiwpc). The deadline for proposals is April 12 at noon.

Funding for these projects is provided by the state's Environmental Protection Fund.

The Hudson River Estuary Program helps people enjoy, protect and revitalize the Hudson River and its valley. Created in 1987, the DEC program focuses on the tidal Hudson and its adjacent watershed from the dam at Troy to the Verrazano Narrows in New York City.

# Planned Carmel Development Awarded \$4.6M

More than \$260 million has been awarded through tax credits and subsidies to create or preserve 1,852 affordable, supportive and sustainable homes in 29 developments across New York State, announced Gov. Kathy Hochul recently.

Projects selected for funding will expand or protect the housing supply in every region, upgrade and modernize public housing, further local economic development initiatives, and include sustainable features that advance the state's climate goals.

About \$4.6 million has been awarded to Reservoir Place in Carmel. The five-building, 75-unit development is planned to be built on vacant land adjacent to the Hamlet at Carmel project currently in construction. The complex is being developed by Kearney Realty & Development Group, Inc., and Housing Action Council. The project will receive \$412,500 in CEI funds to pursue stretch certification goals.

Financing is allocated by New York State Homes & Community Renewal, which provided

\$56 million in federal and state low-income housing tax credits and \$204 million in subsidy. When coupled with additional private funding and resources, the projects receiving funding are expected to create more than \$840 million in overall investment.

All projects meet HCR's sustainability standards, which promote healthier living environments and support the goals set by the NYS Climate Leadership & Community Protection Act. The majority of awarded projects will use a total of \$11 million from the Clean Energy Initiative, a partnership with HCR and the New York State Energy Research & Development Authority, to achieve even higher levels of sustainability and carbon reduction.

In addition, the developments offer free broadband services to residents, building on the governor's ConnectALL initiative, which has made historic investments to deliver highspeed internet in underserved communities and close the digital divide for lower-income New Yorkers.

# Adoptable Pet of the Week



## Oreo

The Putnam Humane Society has dozens of animal friends in need of homes. Oreo is a 4-year-old lab mix who is waiting patiently for a forever home, as his family could not take him when they had to move. He's a good boy that just needs to be properly introduced – and then he will love you forever. To learn more, contact Putnam Humane Society, 68 Old Route 6, Carmel, at 845-225-7777.



The 2024 Yorktown Grange Fair will take place Sept. 6, 7 and 8.



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## Spring Cleaning for Your Legacy

Spring has arrived, and with the chirping birds and emerging buds, thoughts of spring cleaning fill our souls. OK, maybe not all of our souls, but throwing some things out is not a bad idea. In other words, it's time for our legacies to hit the refresh button.

I used to think a legacy in estate planning terms was simply a dollar and cents entry. It is much more. What loved ones leave behind or fail to leave behind includes so many facets.

There are financial resources, hopefully set-up with beneficiaries or placed in trusts that will stay out of the courts and go quickly and efficiently to the right people. And there are personal effects and heirlooms, which will be lifetime reminders of what you collected.

But one of the most important and least discussed legacies is your voice.

After all of your beneficiary forms, Powers of Attorney, trusts, Pour Over Wills and Health Care Proxies are updated, what is left?

How about you? Papers end up in a file cabinet. A father's voice and smile or a mother's laugh should be captured and remain close.

Digital estate planning is a catch-all term for preserving our digital lives – including social media profiles and remnants of your online existence. Preservation is fine, but true digital estate planning

should organize images, sounds, ideas and messages for your loved ones that distill the essence of you for the rest of their lives.

The reason this is so important is that we leave a lot of stuff, but very little of who we are. To hear my grandpa talk about his life or laugh at his own jokes one more time is way more valuable than a bookcase. All that remains of Grandpa Harry are a few dozen photographs and a couple of video tapes with him cutting the Challah.

Today, we have the technology to record messages and conversations that our loved ones can replay on a whim. We can be the DJ of our favorite music and the Roger Ebert of our favorite movies.

Maybe most of us are better remembered in a hazy, sweet nostalgia than the unedited, multi-dimensional ramblings of our real selves. I do not agree.

A complete estate plan provides the practical, the essential and the personal. Think about your favorite topics, have a loved one record you and save it to the Cloud. Share the file with the people who matter and it will be there when they want to hear your voice on some early spring day far in the future.

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## Yorktown Grange Fair Turns 100

It's hard to believe it, but the Yorktown Grange Fair has been bringing the community together for 100 years. That's right – since 1924, the fair has been consistently and joyfully saluting the contributions of local farmers and artisans.

This year, the time has come to recognize the Grange Fair and what it means to generations of residents in and around Putnam and Westchester counties. It's an event that has been the setting for many memories, and in commemoration, the Grange Agricultural Society has announced that this

year's theme will be "Centennial Celebration – 100 Years of Family Fun."

Every year in September, the fair sets up – rain or shine – at the Yorktown Grange Fairgrounds. Over three days, there are livestock exhibits, art shows, rides, food, live music and an atmosphere of excitement and delight.

"We would like to thank all our volunteers throughout the years, as well as everyone who has participated in and attended the Grange Fair," said Grange Master Mark Franks. "The fair is a reflection of who we are as

a community: We applaud hard work and dedication, we show up for one another, and we love to have a good time. We can't wait to celebrate 100 years with everyone."

Preparations for the centennial celebration are under way. Visit [www.yorktowngrangefair.org](http://www.yorktowngrangefair.org) to check out volunteer opportunities, see contest rules, find vendor information, or to be updated on fair news.

The 2024 Yorktown Grange Fair will take place Sept. 6, 7 and 8 at the fairgrounds, 99 Moseman Road, Yorktown Heights.

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## Child Abuse Prevention Month Kicks Off

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month, and the Child Advocacy Center of Putnam County encourages all individuals and organizations to play a role in making Putnam a better place for children and families – not just this month, but all year long.

The CAC and Friends of Putnam Child Advocacy Center will promote child abuse awareness with various activities, including the eighth annual Champions for Children Breakfast on Tuesday, April 30 at 8 a.m., at the Putnam County Golf Course, 187 Hill St., Mahopac.

This year's breakfast will feature survivor, advocate and former New York State Police Investigator Sayeh Rivazfar, and the 2024 Champion for Children Award will be presented to Chief Putnam County Assistant District Attorney Chana Krauss, who has more than 30 years as a prosecutor – 16 with the D.A.'s Office.

Admission to the breakfast is \$30. Tickets and additional information are available at [friendsofputnamcac.org](http://friendsofputnamcac.org).

Putnam County Wear Blue Day in support of preventing child abuse will be held Friday, April 5. Also on that day, the Putnam County Courthouse will be lit blue.

In addition, the CAC's "Pinwheels for Prevention" campaign will run throughout the month.

"Pinwheels are a happy and

uplifting token of childhood," said CAC Program Director Marla Behler. "They are meant to convey that every child deserves the chance to be raised in a healthy, safe and nurturing environment."

CAC will continue its tradition of planting a large community pinwheel garden Wednesday, April 3 at noon in front of the Sybil Ludington Statue at Lake Gleneida on Route 6 in Carmel. Putnam schools will join the campaign for the third year – look for pinwheel gardens on their campuses.

The Child Advocacy Center is a program of the Putnam County Department of Social Services and has long advocated that education is imperative to preventing child abuse, and continues to partner with Child Protective Services, Child Welfare Services and local agencies to implement innovative programs to ensure the physical, mental and emotional health and well-being of the children of Putnam County, according to Commissioner of Mental Health, Social Services & Youth Bureau Sara Servadio.

"Awareness and education programs promote the importance of early and comprehensive prevention of abuse, not just response after it occurs," she said.

For more information on child abuse prevention programs, call the CAC of Putnam County at 845-808-1400.

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## Carmel LEGAL NOTICE ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

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Bid envelope shall be marked "**BID**" plus bid title and number.

The Town Board of the Town of Carmel reserves the right to reject any and all bids and abandon the proposal or may reject all bids and re-advertise at a future date.

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## Supreme Court

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK - COUNTY OF PUTNAM

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC D/B/A MR. COOPER,

V.

LAURIE MARIGLIANO, ET AL.

### NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated September 26, 2023, and entered in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Putnam, wherein NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC D/B/A MR. COOPER is the Plaintiff and LAURIE MARIGLIANO, ET AL. are the Defendant(s). I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the PUTNAM COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 20 COUNTY CENTER, CARMEL, NY 10512, on April 15, 2024 at 9:30AM, premises known as 495 EAST MOUNTAIN ROAD NORTH, COLD SPRING, NY 10516: Section 8, Block 2, Lot 2.22:

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK  
COUNTY OF PUTNAM  
INDEX # 501052/2023  
Filed Date: 7/14/2023  
Summons

Plaintiff designates Putnam County as the place of trial based on the location of the mortgaged premises in this action Mortgaged Premises: 601 Holly Stream Court a/k/a 601 Holly Stream Court 601, Brewster, New York 10509, Plaintiff's principal place of business is c/o Cenlar FSB, 425 Phillips Boulevard, Ewing, New Jersey 08618.

**UNITED SHORE FINANCIAL SERVICES, LLC D/B/A UNITED WHOLESALE MORTGAGE,** Plaintiff, against **TAR SIDA CASTILLO POSSIBLE HEIR AT LAW AND NEXT OF KIN TO CARMEN J. GARCIA A/K/A CARMEN GARCIA; EILEEN SANTOS POSSIBLE HEIR AT LAW AND NEXT OF KIN TO CARMEN J. GARCIA A/K/A CARMEN GARCIA; WASHINGTON ALVARADO POSSIBLE HEIR AT LAW AND NEXT OF KIN TO CARMEN J. GARCIA A/K/A CARMEN GARCIA; ROSA M. GARCIA POSSIBLE HEIR AT LAW AND NEXT OF KIN TO CARMEN J. GARCIA A/K/A CARMEN GARCIA; WASHINGTON A. ALVARADO POSSIBLE HEIR AT LAW AND NEXT OF KIN TO CARMEN J. GARCIA A/K/A CARMEN GARCIA; JOHN DOE AND JANE DOE 1 THROUGH 50,** INTENDING TO BE THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DISTRIBUTEEES, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, TRUSTEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, AND ASSIGNEES OF THE ESTATE OF CARMEN J. GARCIA A/K/A CARMEN GARCIA, WHO WAS BORN IN 1959 AND DIED ON AUGUST 6, 2020, A RESIDENT OF PUTNAM COUNTY, WHOSE LAST KNOWN ADDRESS WAS 601 HOLLY STREAM COURT A/K/A 601 HOLLY STREAM COURT 601, BREWSTER, NEW YORK 10509, THEIR SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST IF ANY OF THE AFORESAID DEFENDANTS BE DECEASED, THEIR RESPECTIVE HEIRS AT LAW, NEXT OF KIN, AND SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST OF THE AFORESAID CLASSES OF PERSON, IF THEY OR ANY OF THEM BE DEAD, AND THEIR RESPECTIVE HUSBANDS, WIVES OR WIDOWS, IF ANY, ALL OF WHOM AND WHOSE NAMES AND PLACES, ARE UNKNOWN TO PLAINTIFF; BOARD OF MANAGERS OF HOLLY STREAM CONDOMINIUM; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA O/B/O INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; "JOHN DOE #1" to "JOHN DOE #10," the last 10 names being fictitious and unknown to plaintiff, the persons or parties intended being the persons or parties, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the mortgaged premises described in the complaint, Defendants. To the above-named defendants: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the complaint is not served with this summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the plaintiff's attorneys within twenty (20) days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within thirty (30) days after the service is complete if this summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York); and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the com-

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plaint. NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME IF YOU DO NOT RESPOND TO THIS SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE MORTGAGE COMPANY WHO FILED THIS FORECLOSURE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT, A DEFAULT JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED AND YOU CAN LOSE YOUR HOME. SPEAK TO AN ATTORNEY OR GO TO THE COURT WHERE YOUR CASE IS PENDING FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON HOW TO ANSWER THE SUMMONS AND PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY. SENDING A PAYMENT TO YOUR MORTGAGE COMPANY WILL NOT STOP THIS FORECLOSURE ACTION. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (CITIZENS BANK, N.A.) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. MCCABE, WEISBERG & CONWAY, LLC Attorneys for Plaintiff 1 Huntington Quadrangle, Suite 4N25 Melville, NY 11747 631-812-4084 855-845-2584 facsimile. HELP FOR HOMEOWNERS IN FORECLOSURE NEW YORK STATE LAW REQUIRES THAT WE SEND YOU THIS NOTICE ABOUT THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY. SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME. IF YOU FAIL TO RESPOND TO THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT IN THIS FORECLOSURE ACTION, YOU MAY LOSE YOUR HOME. PLEASE READ THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT CAREFULLY. YOU SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CONTACT AN ATTORNEY OR YOUR LOCAL LEGAL AID OFFICE TO OBTAIN ADVICE ON HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF. SOURCES OF INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE The State encourages you to become informed about your options in foreclosure. In addition to seeking assistance from an attorney or legal aid office, there are government agencies and non-profit organizations that you may contact for information about possible options, including trying to work with your lender during this process. To locate an entity near you, you may call the toll-free helpline maintained by the New York State Department of Financial Services at 1-800-342-3736 or visit the Department's website at www.dfs.ny.gov RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO LEAVE YOUR HOME AT THIS TIME. You have the right to stay in your home during the foreclosure process. You are not required to leave your home unless and until your property is sold at auction pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale. Regardless of whether you choose to remain in your home, YOU ARE REQUIRED TO TAKE CARE OF YOUR PROPERTY and pay property taxes in accordance with state and local law. FORECLOSURE RESCUE SCAMS Be careful of people who approach you with offers to "save" your home. There are individuals who watch for notices of foreclosure actions in order to unfairly profit from a homeowner's distress. You should be extremely careful about any such promises and any suggestions that you pay them a fee or sign over your deed. State law requires anyone offering such services for profit to enter into a contract which fully describes the services they will perform and fees they will charge, and which prohibits them from taking any money from you until they have completed all such promised services. § 1303 NOTICE. File # 22-300838

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REFEREE'S NOTICE OF SALE IN FORECLOSURE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF PUTNAM

**BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.,** Plaintiff - against - **CAROL FURCI A/K/A CAROL B. FURCI,** et al Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on January 22, 2024, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Putnam Supreme Courthouse located at 20 County Center, Carmel, NY 10512 on the 22nd day of April, 2024 at 9:30 AM. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Town of Patterson, Putnam County, New York.

Premises known as 11 Rhinecliff Road, Brewster, (Town of Patterson) NY 10509.

(SBL#: 36.48-2-31)

Approximate amount of lien \$94,390.22 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale.

Index No. 501314/2022.

Raymond A. Cote, Esq., Referee. Davidson Fink LLP Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 400 Meridian Centre Blvd, Ste 200

Rochester, NY 14618

Tel. 585/760-8218

For sale information, please visit Auction.com at www.Auction.com or call (800) 280-2832

Dated: February 21, 2024

During the COVID-19 health emergency, bidders are required to comply with all governmental health requirements in effect at the time of sale including but not limited to, wearing face coverings and maintaining social distancing (at least 6-feet apart) during the auction, while tendering deposit and at any subsequent closing. Bidders are also required to comply with the Foreclosure Auction Rules and COVID-19 Health Emergency Rules issued by the Supreme Court of this County in addition to the conditions set forth in the Terms of Sale.

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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT PUTNAM COUNTY

**WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.** AS TRUSTEE FOR WAMU MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2004-PR2 TRUST, Plaintiff against

**NANCY MARINACCIO A/K/A NANCY A. MARINACCIO,** et al Defendant(s)

Attorney for Plaintiff(s) Fein Such & Crane, LLP, 28 East Main Street, Suite 1800, Rochester, NY 14614.

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered July 14, 2023, I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder at the Putnam County Courthouse, Courtroom 209, 20 County Center, Carmel, NY 10512 on April 22, 2024 at 10:30 AM. Premises known as 2 Mountain Brook Drive, Brewster, NY 10509. Sec 58.5 Block 1 Lot 1. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Town of Southeast, County of Putnam and State of New York. Approximate Amount of Judgment is \$426,579.49 plus interest, fees, and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No 500967/2022.

The foreclosure sale will be conducted in accordance with 9th Judicial District's Covid-19 Policies and foreclosure auction rules. The Referee shall enforce any rules in place regarding facial coverings and social distancing.

Andrew Walter Szczesniak, Esq., Referee File # SP-SNY667

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### NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF PUTNAM, US BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR VRMTG ASSET TRUST, Plaintiff, vs. THE UNKNOWN HEIRS-AT-LAW, NEXT-OF-KIN, DISTRIBUTEEES, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, TRUSTEES, DEVISEES, LEGATEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, AND SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST, AND GENERALLY ALL PERSONS HAVING OR CLAIMING, UNDER BY OR THROUGH THE DECEDENT **JEFFREY STORMS, ET AL.,** Defendant(s).

Pursuant to an Order Discharging Guardian Ad Litem and Military Attorney; Confirming Referee's Report and Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered on February 20, 2024, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at courtroom 209 of the Putnam Supreme Courthouse, 20 County Center, Carmel, NY 10512 on April 29, 2024 at 9:30 a.m., premises known as 18 Geneva Drive, Carmel, NY 10512. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of Kent, County of Putnam and State of New York, Section 22.58, Block 1 and Lot 38. Approximate amount of judgment is \$262,252.66 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index #500142/2023. Cash will not be accepted. COVID-19 safety protocols will be followed at the foreclosure sale.

Adolph A. Buonamici, Esq., Referee

Knuckles, Komosinski & Manfro, LLP, 120 White Plains Road, Suite 215, Tarrytown, New York 10591, Attorneys for Plaintiff

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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF PUTNAM

**U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR STRUCTURED ASSET SECURITIES CORPORATION MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-BC3,**

Plaintiff,

Against

**GLORIA F. FAVREAU A/K/A GLORIA FAVREAU, JON E. FAVREAU, ET AL,**

Defendant(s)

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale, duly entered 01/29/2024, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction, courtroom 209 in the Putnam Supreme Courthouse, 20 County Center, Carmel, NY 10512 on 4/29/2024 at 10:30AM, premises known as 507 Farmers Mills Road, Carmel, New York 10512, And Described As Follows:

ALL that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Town Of Kent, County Of Putnam And State Of New York.

Section 11.13 Block 1 Lot 11

The approximate amount of the current Judgment lien is \$865,894.17 plus interest and costs. The Premises will be sold subject to provisions of the aforesaid Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale; Index # 500339/2021

Christopher York, Esq., Referee.

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MCCABE, WEISBERG & CONWAY, LLC, 10 Midland Avenue, Suite 205, Port Chester, NY 10573

Dated: 2/16/2024 File Number: 17-300345 CA

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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT PUTNAM COUNTY

PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, S/B/M NATIONAL CITY BANK, Plaintiff against

PAUL L. BENBEN, et al Defendant(s)

Attorney for Plaintiff(s) Fein, Such & Crane, LLP, 28 East Main Street, Suite 1800, Rochester, NY 14614.

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered February 26, 2024, I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder at the Putnam County Courthouse, Courtroom 209, 20 County Center, Carmel, NY 10512 on April 29, 2024 at 3:30 PM. Premises known as

31 Starview Avenue, Putnam Valley, NY 10579. Sec 62.17 Block 3 Lot 5. All that certain parcel of land situated in the Town of Putnam Valley, County of Putnam and State of New York. Approximate Amount of Judgment is \$296,772.66 plus interest, fees, and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No 500038/2023.

The foreclosure sale will be conducted in accordance with 9th Judicial District's Covid-19 Policies and foreclosure auction rules. The Referee shall enforce any rules in place regarding facial coverings and social distancing.

Joseph Charbonneau, Esq., Referee File # YPNNC030

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SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF PUTNAM, CARINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICES, LLC, Plaintiff, vs. RAYMOND R. GERATY, ET AL., Defendant(s).

Pursuant to an Order Confirming Referee Report and Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered on November 1, 2023, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at courtroom 209 of the Putnam Supreme Courthouse, 20 County Center, Carmel, NY 10512 on May 6, 2024 at 9:30 a.m., premises known as 251 Route 301, Cold Springs a/k/a Cold Spring, NY 10516. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of Philipstown, County of Putnam and State of New York, Section 38, Block 3 and Lot 74. Approximate amount of judgment is \$389,656.57 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index #501230/2022. COVID-19 safety protocols will be followed at the foreclosure sale.

Anthony J. Centone, Esq., Referee

Greenspoon Marder, 1345 Avenue of the Americas, Suite 2200, New York, NY 10105, Attorneys for Plaintiff  
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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF PUTNAM

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NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING,

Plaintiff,  
Against

UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF GAIL A. LATAS, ET AL.

Defendant(s)

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale, duly entered 02/07/2024, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction, Putnam Supreme Courthouse, 20 County Center, Carmel, NY 10512 on 5/6/2024 at 11:30AM, premises known as 77 Friendly Road, Mahopac, NY 10541, And Described As Follows:

ALL that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Being Town Of Carmel In The County Of Putnam And State Of New York.

Section 85.8 Block 2 Lot 26 The approximate amount of the current Judgment lien is \$505,273.61 plus interest and costs. The Premises will be sold subject to provisions of the aforesaid Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale; Index # 501451/2022

Christopher York, Esq., Referee.

Leopold & Associates, PLLC, 80 Business Park Drive, Suite 110, Armonk, NY 10504

Dated: 2/27/24 File Number: 10598685 SH

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SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF PUTNAM, OWNER-SCHOICE FUNDING, INCORPORATED F/K/A CUC MORTGAGE CORPORATION, Plaintiff, vs. KEITH R. PUHEK-KER, ET AL., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on February 6, 2024, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction in accordance with the New Auction Rules for the Ninth Judicial District Effective February 28, 2022 at the Auction Calendar Room 209, Putnam County Supreme Court Courthouse, 20 County Center, Carmel, NY 10512 at on May 6, 2024 at 10:30am, premises known as 61 WALNUT DRIVE, MAHOPAC, NY 10541. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Town of Carmel, County of PUTNAM, State of New York, known and designated as Section: 74.11; Block: 1; Lot: 1 will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 500885/2022. All bidders should read and familiarize themselves with the judgment of foreclosure and sale including schedule B annexed thereto.

ARLENE GOLD WEXLER, Esq., Referee

Terenzi & Confusione, P.C., 401 Franklin Avenue, Suite 304, Garden City, NY 11530, Attorneys for Plaintiff.

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF PUTNAM

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC,

-against-

PAUL SYSKA, ET AL.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of

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Foreclosure and entered in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Putnam on October 25, 2023, wherein NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC is the Plaintiff and PAUL SYSKA, ET AL. are the Defendant(s). I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the PUTNAM COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 20 COUNTY CENTER, CARMEL, NY 10512, on May 06, 2024 at 2:30PM, premises known as 276 MILLER HILL ROAD, CARMEL, NY 10512; and the following tax map identification, 10-1-24.

**ALL THAT CERTAIN LOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE TOWN OF KENT, COUNTY OF PUTNAM AND STATE OF NEW YORK**

Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No.: 501225/2022. Cirino M. Bruno, Esq. - Referee. Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 310, Westbury, New York 11590, Attorneys for Plaintiff. All foreclosure sales will be conducted in accordance with Covid-19 guidelines including, but not limited to, social distancing and mask wearing. \*LOCATION OF SALE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DAY OF IN ACCORDANCE WITH COURT/CLERK DIRECTIVES.

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### LLC

Notice of Qualification of PECKHAM RENSSLAER, LLC Appl. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 03/14/24. Office location: Putnam County, LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 01/08/24. Princ. office of LLC: 172 Prospect Hill Rd., Brewster, NY 10509. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Corporation Service Co. (CSC), 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207-2543. DE addr. of LLC: c/o CSC, 251 Little Falls Dr., Wilmington, DE 19808. Cert. of Form. filed with Secy. of State of DE, 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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BLAIR & SAMI, LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 3/18/24. Office in Putnam Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 34 Mudry Farm Rd., Brookfield, CT 06804. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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CENTURION BRANDS LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/20/2024. Office loc: Putnam County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 8 Lookout Pass, Putnam Valley, NY 10579. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

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199TH WARING LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 1/23/24. Office in Putnam Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to PO Box 477, Brewster, NY 10509. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF PUTNAM

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In the matter of the foreclosure of tax liens Index No. by proceeding in rem pursuant to Article Eleven

Consolidating Index No.: 819/2017

of Real Property Tax Law by the County of Putnam affecting parcels located in the Towns of Carmel, Kent, Patterson, Philipstown, Putnam Valley and Southeast **NOTICE OF PETITION AND NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE**

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TO THE PARTY TO WHOM THE ENCLOSED IS ADDRESSED:

You are presumed to have, own, or have a legal interest in one or more the parcels of real property described in the attached PETITION AND NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE, and the relevant pages of the List of Delinquent Taxes (In Rem List) attached as Schedule A.

A proceeding to foreclose on such property based upon the failure to pay real property taxes has been commenced. Foreclosure will result in the loss of ownership of such property and all rights in that property.

To avoid loss of ownership or any other rights in the property, all unpaid taxes and other legal charges must be PAID ON OR BEFORE JUNE 7, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. or you must interpose a duly verified Answer in the proceeding. You must make payment by sending a certified check, cashier's check or money order (no personal checks will be accepted) to:

Putnam County Department of Finance  
40 Gleneida Avenue  
Carmel, New York 10512

Checks should be made payable to the Putnam County Commissioner of Finance.

You may wish to contact an attorney to protect your rights.

After JUNE 7, 2024 the Court will enter judgment authorizing the transfer of the property to the County of Putnam.

Should you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact the undersigned.

Dated: February 22, 2024  
Mahopac, New York

JENNIFER M. HERODES, ESQUIRE

Herodes Law, P.C.  
Attorney for Tax District  
888 Route Six  
Mahopac, New York 10541  
(845) 628-1100

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF PUTNAM

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In the matter of the foreclosure of tax liens Index No.

by proceeding in rem pursuant to Article Eleven Consolidating Index No. 819/2017 of Real Property Tax Law by the County of Putnam affecting parcels located in the Towns of Carmel, Kent, Patterson, Philip-

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stown, Putnam Valley and Southeast **PETITION AND NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE**

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The above-captioned proceeding is hereby commenced to enforce the payment of delinquent taxes or other lawful charges, which have accumulated and become liens against certain property. The parcels to which this proceeding applies are identified on the attached List of Delinquent Taxes (hereinafter referred to as the "In Rem List"), which is annexed hereto and made a part hereof as Schedule A. This document serves both as a Petition of Foreclosure and a Notice of Foreclosure for purposes of this proceeding.

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT ON THE 22nd DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2024. THE PUTNAM COUNTY COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE (SOMETIMES HEREAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE "ENFORCEMENT OFFICER") OF THE COUNTY OF PUTNAM (HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE "TAX DISTRICT"), PURSUANT TO LAW, FILED THIS PETITION OF FORECLOSURE WITH THE CLERK OF THE COUNTY OF PUTNAM.**

Effect of Filing: All persons having or claiming to have an interest in the real property described on the In Rem List, attached hereto as Schedule A, are hereby notified that the filing of this Petition constitutes the commencement by the Tax District of a proceeding in the Court specified in the caption above to foreclose each of the tax liens therein described by a foreclosure proceeding in rem.

Nature of Proceeding: This proceeding is brought against the real property only and is to foreclose the tax liens described on the In Rem List, attached hereto as Schedule A. No personal judgment will be entered herein for such taxes or other legal charges or any party thereof.

Persons Affected: This notice is directed to all persons owning or having or claiming to have an interest in the real property described on the In Rem List, attached hereto as Schedule A. Such persons are hereby notified further that a duplicate of this Petition has been filed in the office of the Enforcement Officer of the Tax District and will remain open for public inspection up to and including the date specified below as the last day for redemption.

Right of Redemption: Any person having or claiming to have an interest in any such real property, and the legal right thereto, may on or before June 7, 2024 redeem the same by paying the amount of all such unpaid tax liens thereon, including all interest and penalties, and other legal charges which are included in the lien against such real property, computed to and including the date of redemption. Such payments should be made payable to the Putnam County Commissioner of Finance and mailed to:

Putnam County Department of Finance  
40 Gleneida Avenue  
Carmel, New York 10512

Payment must be made by certified check, cashier's check or money order. Personal checks will not be accepted. In the event that such taxes are paid by a person other than the record owner of such real property, the person so paying shall be entitled to have the tax liens affected thereby satisfied of record.

Last Day for Redemption: The last day for redemption is

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hereby fixed as the 7th day of June, 2024.

**Service of Answer:** Every person having any right, title or interest in or lien upon any parcel of real property described on the attached In Rem List may serve a duly verified Answer upon the Putnam County Attorney, the attorney for the Tax District, setting forth in detail the nature and amount of his or her interest and any defense or objection to the foreclosure. Such Answer must be filed in the Office of the Putnam County Clerk and served upon the attorney for the Tax District on or before the date above mentioned as the last day for redemption.

**Failure to Redeem or Answer:** In the event of failure to redeem or answer by any person having the right to redeem or answer, such person shall be forever barred or foreclosed of all his or her right, title and interest and equity of redemption in and to the parcels described on the In Rem List, attached hereto as Schedule A, and a judgment in foreclosure may be taken by default.

Dated: February 22, 2024  
Mahopac, New York

Enforcement Officer: Michael Lewis  
County Commissioner of Finance

JENNIFER M. HERODES, ESQUIRE  
Herodes Law, P.C.  
Attorney for Tax District  
888 Route Six  
Mahopac, New York 10541  
(845) 628-1100

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK  
COUNTY OF PUTNAM  
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In the Matter of the Foreclosure of Tax Liens Index No. \_\_\_\_\_ by Proceeding in rem pursuant to Article Eleven Consolidating Index No. 819/2017 of Real Property Tax Law by the County of Putnam affecting parcels located in the Towns of Carmel, Kent, Patterson, Philipstown, Putnam Valley and Southeast

**VERIFICATION**

STATE OF NEW YORK )  
SS:

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COUNTY OF PUTNAM)

MICHAEL LEWIS, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is the Commissioner of Finance for the County of Putnam and the enforcement officer herein, and that the foregoing Petition is true to his own knowledge, except as to matters therein stated to be alleged on information and belief, and as

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to those matters he believes them to be true.

MICHAEL LEWIS  
Sworn to before me this 22nd day of February, 2024.

Notary Public

**SCHEDULE A  
2017 ACTION**

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Exam Title & No: Probation Assistant 85-530  
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Salary: \$43,950-\$53,146  
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Exam Title & No: Youth Program Specialist 61-200  
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## Hear Americana Music at Tompkins Corners

Tompkins Corners Cultural Center will welcome Mike + Ruthy back to its stage Saturday, April 13 at 7:30 p.m.

Mike Merenda and Ruthy Ungar, perhaps best known as the husband-and-wife duo that is a cornerstone of the quintet The Mammals, are Hudson Valley-based songwriters who have set the indie-folk scene ablaze.

Singers and storytellers, poets and parents, the two tour with their children in tow, embodying a down-home approach to Americana that is honest, beautiful and raw. Bouncing between festivals and

intimate venues, these troubadours bring harmony-driven fiddle and banjo tunes to more than 100 shows annually.

Merenda's poignant songs paint pictures of the world we want to live in, inspired in great part by his favorite author, Daniel Quinn. His crowd-pleasing piece "Sunshiner" is an ode to clean living and was nominated for an International Folk Music Award for song of the year.

Ungar's unique vocal style ranges from a capella balladry to earthy soul and country. She was raised in a folk music family and learned the fiddle at a young age.

Her father is fiddler/composer Jay Ungar, best known for his composition "Ashokan Farewell," which she also enjoys performing.

Mike + Ruthy concerts blend artistry and authenticity with fiery fiddle and banjo, emotionally potent harmonies and dynamic stories that deepen the experience. Tap your toes, dance, or sit back and sing along as Mike + Ruthy "roam effortlessly through the whole span that is Americana, from alt-country to folk to bluegrass" (The Bluegrass Situation).

Tickets to the April 13 performance are \$25 and may be



Mike + Ruthy (of the Mammals) will perform April 13 in Putnam Valley.

purchased at Eventbrite.com or at the door.

Tompkins Corners Cultural Center is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization located in the historic church at 729 Peekskill Hollow Road, Putnam Valley. For more information, visit TompkinsCorners.org or Facebook, or email info@tompkinscorners.org.

## Spring Coffeehouse

The Town of Southeast Cultural Arts Coalition will present a spring coffeehouse Thursday, April 11 at Studio Around the Corner, 67 Main St., Brewster. Signups to perform start at 7 p.m.

Poet and DJ Brittany Carrasco will host this unpredictable open mic evening of poetry, acoustic music, comedy and stories shared in a supportive, cabaret-style environment.

Admission is a suggested donation of \$5 at the door, and refreshments will be served.

Other upcoming coffeehouses in the series are scheduled Aug. 22 and Nov. 7.

For more information about TOSAC, to volunteer or to sign up for the coalition's mailing list to learn about other events and performances scheduled this year, visit [www.culturalartsco.com](http://www.culturalartsco.com).

## County Considers New Dept. of General Services *Continued from Page 1*

Legislator Greg Ellner, R-Carmel, pointed out that the proposal states that the future IT director position will be an appointment made by the commissioner. "I would like to see the county executive make that appointment, as opposed to the commissioner of general services," he said.

Legislator Paul Jonke, R-Brewster, agreed.

"I'm opposed to the way this is set up now because if the commissioner of general services appoints the IT director, you're only answerable to the county executive," he said. "This is truly an important position... I would prefer to see the county executive make that appointment so the Legislature can then approve it."

Tully noted that the "commissioner serves at the pleasure of the county executive," so if the administration doesn't agree with the appointment, "that would require a real healthy debate."

The matter was tabled, with discussion expected to continue.

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## Second Chance Foods Moving To New Home in Brewster



Advocates and lawmakers toured Second Chance Foods' new location in Brewster on March 22.



Staff and board members at Second Chance Foods, Inc., recently provided a tour of its soon-to-be new home in Brewster with a small group of advocates. The organization is moving from its current home on Federal Hill Road, into the Village of Brewster.

Putnam County Executive Kevin Byrne, Assemblyman Matt Slater, Brewster Village Mayor Jim Schoenig, State Sen. Pete Harkham's Chief of Staff Brian Pugh and others learned about the organization's mission and history, walked through the new facility, and discussed the financial challenges of the move, the critical need for services to continue and grow, and how local

government can help secure support and funding.

Second Chance Foods collects food from grocery stores, local farms, orchards and other organizations that have a surplus, then uses its commercial kitchen to cook or process items that need a longer shelf life, and connects the fresh groceries and prepared meals with those in need through local hunger relief organizations, food pantries and through weekly distribution.

Recently celebrating its eighth birthday, the organization has provided more than 300,000 pounds of fresh groceries via 11,400 volunteer hours to people in need.

"Providing close to 93,000 meals last year, we are looking forward to continuing to support their mission of helping our neighbors in need," said Slater.

The new space brings Second Chance Foods closer to its long-time hunger relief partners from Putnam Community Action Partnership. For seven years now, CAP has shared food donor partnerships with Second Chance Foods, which has in turn provided CAP with cooked meals for both their pantry and soup kitchen.

More information about the new space, and upcoming walk-through opportunities for supporters and volunteers, will be announced soon.

## A Spotlight on Volunteer Firefighter Recruitment

Volunteer fire departments across New York State – and Putnam County – will open their doors to residents Saturday and Sunday, April 13 and 14, as part of the 15th annual RecruitNY weekend. This event is a major initiative of the Firefighters Association of the State of New York, designed to help increase volunteer membership in local fire departments.

The Kent Fire Department will hold an open house Sunday, April 14 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at 2490 Route 301, rain or shine. There will be live demonstrations, children's activities, tours of the vehicles and firehouse, and more. Supporter T-shirts, mugs and challenge coins will be available for purchase, and there will be giveaways for kids.

In addition, PawSafe Animal Rescue will be present with adoptable dogs. Adoptions are done by appointment; fill out the application at Pawsafe.org so that one can be scheduled.

Lake Carmel Fire Department will also hold its open

house Sunday, April 14 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at 851 Route 52, Carmel. There will be K-9 demonstrations, a rollover simulator, pet adoptions, clothing drive, touch-a-truck and more.

Coinciding with RecruitNY this year, FASNY is adding a little color into the mix. To publicize the need and increase staffing at the state's volunteer departments, the association will launch the "Fire Up NY Red" (#FireUpNYRed) campaign through April 14. During this time, FASNY is asking that residents, businesses, landmarks and government buildings turn their lights red to spotlight the need for volunteer firefighters across the Empire State.

"We are excited to 'fire up' the state red this April for firefighter recruitment," said FASNY President Edward Tase Jr. "We're working with state and local officials to get some of our biggest landmarks involved. But we are also hoping that all New Yorkers will join us and turn

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## Relay for Life Forms Eastern Putnam Event

The Brewster and Patterson Relay For Life events have merged to form the Eastern Putnam Relay for the 2024 season, announced the American Cancer Society recently.

"Our newly formed Eastern Putnam Relay committee is excited to cast a wider net and bring these and other communities in Putnam together in working toward a future free from cancer," said ACS Senior Development Manager Kate Corsitto. "All are welcome. It is together with our survivors, caregivers, volunteers and participants that we can raise awareness and FUNdraise to support our mission to end cancer as we know it, for everyone."

Relay For Life of Eastern Putnam will take place Saturday, June 8 from 3 to 10 p.m. at the Brewster High School. The day will showcase a complimentary survivor dinner donated by Aversano's Restaurant, as well as a DJ, local entertainment and bands, Zumba, vendors, a silent auction, handbag bingo and other various activities.

Reflect and remember those lost as you walk the track, and commence the evening with the signature luminaria ceremony as participants pay tribute and remember all who have previously fought, and those who continue the fight cancer.

Anyone and everyone is invited to start a fundraising team – survivors, caregiverw, teachers, students, businesses, local officials, families, churches and other faith organizations, etc. Get started at [relayforlife.org/EasternPutnamNY](http://relayforlife.org/EasternPutnamNY).

For more information, contact Corsitto at [Kate.Corsitto@cancer.org](mailto:Kate.Corsitto@cancer.org) or 203-956-3035.

In addition, Relay For Life of Greater Danbury is scheduled May 4, Relay For Life of Mahopac is scheduled June 1, and Relay For Life of Yorktown is scheduled June 14.

In 2024, more than 1.9 million new cancer cases will be diagnosed in the U.S., and more than 600,000 Americans will die from cancer. Relay For Life has raised

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## Free Seedlings Available to Qualified Landowners

The application period for the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's Buffer in a Bag program remains open through April 17.

Buffer in a Bag supports Gov. Kathy Hochul's 2024 State of the State commitment to plant 25 million trees by 2033, to invigorate the state's tree planting efforts, advance steps to meet the Climate Leadership & Community Protection Act's net-zero goal, and grow the state's vital forest products industry.

"Planting along streams creates woodland buffers that are critically important for keeping soil in place,

slowing floodwaters, intercepting pollution, and providing food and shelter for wildlife," said DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos. "Buffer in a Bag participants are helping to advance New York State's efforts to achieve our statewide 25 million tree planting commitment and reforest riparian areas, making these areas more resilient to severe weather impacts."

Qualifying private and public landowners may apply for a free bag of 25 tree and shrub seedlings for planting near streams, rivers or lakes to help stabilize banks, protect water quality, combat cli-

mate change and improve wildlife habitat.

To qualify, landowners must have property in New York State with at least 50 feet bordering a stream, river or lake. Previous recipients are encouraged to reapply to continue to build riparian buffers. Applicants are eligible for one bag of 25 seedlings and recipients are chosen on a first-come, first-served basis.

A total of 250 bags will be available statewide during this round of applications.

The application period closes at 3 p.m. April 17, or when supply

runs out – whichever comes first. Visit [dec.ny.gov/nature/forests-trees/saratoga-tree-nursery/trees-for-tribs](https://dec.ny.gov/nature/forests-trees/saratoga-tree-nursery/trees-for-tribs) for more information about the Buffer in a Bag application process and requirements.

Landowners in the Hudson River Estuary watershed may be eligible for additional free trees and planting assistance through the Hudson Estuary Trees for Tribes Program. The next application due date for the Hudson River Estuary program is Aug. 1. Visit [dec.ny.gov/nature/waterbodies/oceans-estuaries/hudson-river-estuary-program/watershed](https://dec.ny.gov/nature/waterbodies/oceans-estuaries/hudson-river-estuary-program/watershed) for more information.

## Relay for Life Forms Eastern Putnam Event

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more than \$6.8 billion to support efforts to find a cure since 1985, and the Relay for Life events in the lower Hudson Valley, and Fairfield County, Conn., aim to add to that figure.

The American Cancer Society is a leading cancer-fighting organization with a vision to end cancer as we know it, for everyone. For more than 100 years, it has been improving the lives of people with cancer and their families as the only organization combating cancer through advocacy, research and patient support. To learn more, visit [cancer.org](https://cancer.org) or call the 24/7 helpline at 1-800-227-2345.

## A Spotlight on Volunteer Firefighter Recruitment

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their lights red in support of this initiative."

Some partners include JMA Wireless Dome at Syracuse University, which will be turning red for the entire weekend of FASNY's RecruitNY; and Nassau County, which will support firefighter recruitment by lighting the dome red on the Theodore Roosevelt Executive & Legislative Building in Mineola.

"The lights symbolize our commitment to a tradition of community help and the need for more volunteers," said Tase.

The past several years have been challenging for volunteer fire departments throughout the state, with many facing decreased membership but an increasing call volume. It has been estimated that there are 40,000 fewer volunteer firefighters than there were two decades ago.

Departments have found it increasingly challenging to recruit new firefighters and retain existing volunteers due to the turbulent economy, busy lives and schedules, and other lifestyle factors.

In communities across the state, volunteer firefighters answer calls for medical emergencies, home emergencies including flooded basements, lithium battery fires, downed power lines, automobile accidents and, of course fires – both residential and commercial. More firefighters are needed to help meet these 21st-century challenges, and bolstering their ranks is critical to providing optimum and necessary levels of protection for residents.

FASNY would like to showcase the state's "Fire Up NY Red" efforts, both in the magazine and on social media with the hashtag #FireUpNYRed. Send your photos with a short caption to [photos@fasny.com](mailto:photos@fasny.com).

Founded in 1872, the Firefighters Association of the State of New York represents the interests of the 80,000 volunteer firefighters in New York. For more information, visit [www.fasny.com](https://www.fasny.com).

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