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A rendering of Brewster Crossing, provided by National Resources and iPark Brewster, which shows how project managers envision the future of the village.

## Brewster Revitalization Revived *Demolition to Begin in the Spring*



The proposal calls for the demolition of every building between Main Street and Marvin Avenue, from – and including – local landmark Bob's Diner, to the decaying Cameo Theater and beyond, jumping over Old Town Hall, to occupy much of the parking lot adjacent the Brewster Public Library.

By John Alcott

Brewster's massive urban renewal project is very much alive – and moving forward.

Eleven years in the making, the downtown redevelopment known as Brewster Crossing sprang from dormancy Nov. 8, when the Brewster Village Board was joined by the

president of the company behind the proposal to provide a public update on its progress to about 50 residents who gathered at St. Lawrence O'Toole gymnasium on Prospect Street in the village.

If things stay on schedule, National Resources and iPark Brewster, the corporate entities behind

the project, will begin "acquiring" village properties at fair-market value in March and April. Completion of the first construction phase is expected by 2027.

Joseph Cotter, president of National Resources, said iPark is on track to finalize outstanding ap-

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## Election Results: Addonizio, Gouldman Retain County Seats *Stern Wins Carmel Hwy. Vote*

By Holly Crocco

Incumbents swept the local election last week, with many Republicans seeing success with the help of the Conservative line.

In Putnam County Legislature District 3, which represents the Town of Kent, Legislator Toni Addonizio retained her seat with a combined 1,243 Republican and Conservative line votes, compared to challenger Kathy Kahng's 1,042 Democratic votes (55 to 45 percent).

"I would like to thank my constituents for supporting me for my re-election," Addonizio wrote on social media following her victory. "It's an honor and a privilege to continue serving Putnam County."

In Putnam County Legislature District 2, which represents Putnam Valley, Legislator William Gouldman retained his seat with a combined 1,390 Republican and Conservative line votes, compared to challenger Maggie Ploener's combined 1,059 Democrat and Working Families line votes (57 to 43 percent).

"Thank you to the citizens of Putnam Valley who tonight have spoken to continue the course of good, strong and positive county government," said Gouldman. "There are people who don't agree with every decision or vote I make as a legislator, and we all know that government can't solve every problem. But I will always be honest with you about the challenges we face. I will always listen to you, especially when we disagree... We have a

bright future, and I will continue to fight to keep it that way."

For Carmel highway superintendent, Michael Stern claimed victory with 3,521 voters writing his name on the ballot, defeating Gerard Ahler Jr., who received a combined 2,735 Republican and Conservative votes (56 to 44 percent).

For Carmel Town Board, Robert Kearns and incumbent Frank Lombardi were the top vote-getters, with a combined 4,639 and 4,416 Republican and Conservative votes, respectively. Challengers Kathleen Valletta and Jerome Mitchell received 2,020 and 2,069 Democratic votes, respectively.

For Southeast town supervisor, Nicholas Durante claimed victory with 1,744 Republican line votes, compared to Robert Cullen's 468 Conservative line votes.

In Patterson, Town Supervisor Richard Williams kept his seat with 1,123 votes on the Conservative line, defeating challenger Michael Sudol, who received 946 votes on the Republican line (54 to 46 percent).

For Patterson Town Board, incumbent Shawn Rogan and Peter Muentener received 1,128 and 1,112 votes on the Conservative line, respectively, defeating Laura Russo and Joseph Capasso, who each earned 880 and 898 votes on the Republican line.

For Kent Town Board, incumbents Shaun Boyd and Christopher Ruthven retained their

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## Putnam Thanks Veterans with Annual Chow Down



More than 85 volunteers supported Guardian Revival's ninth annual Veterans Chow Down on Nov. 5 at the Putnam County Golf Course in Mahopac. The appreciation dinner honored 176 veterans who each brought a guest, for a total of 352 individuals in attendance for a free meal.

Meals were served by groups of youth volunteers, including the U.S. Naval Sea Cadets Corps, Iwo Jima (LHD 7) Division, and the Putnam County Sheriff's Cadets. Photos courtesy of Guardian Revival.





## Drewville Road Bridge Reopens in Carmel

The Drewville Road Bridge reopened Nov. 6 following a complete tear down and replacement of the old bridge.

According to Putnam County Executive Kevin Byrne, the former bridge was in a severe state of disrepair and was the worst-rated bridge in the county. Its replacement was completed a full month ahead of schedule, while coming in under budget.

The project also included

adjacent intersection widening and site-line safety improvements. The new bridge is both longer and wider than the previous structure, conforming to modern highway standards while providing a safer driving, cycling and walking experience, according to Byrne's office.

The cost to Putnam County for the bridge replacement amounted to 5 percent of the construction costs, with 80 per-

cent being federally-funded and 15 percent funded by the New York State Department of Transportation.

"Our friends in labor, including Local 60 LIUNA, were instrumental in making this happen," said Byrne. "Their hard work helped get this project completed nearly a month early. We recognize it's been disruptive for residents and we thank them for their patience and bearing with us."

## Holiday Pottery Show & Sale in Garrison

Garrison Art Center's annual Holiday Pottery Show & Sale, featuring ceramics by more than 30 regional artists, as well as jewelers and other artisans, will take place from Nov. 18 to 26 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., at 23 Garrison's Landing.

Art center members will receive a 10 percent discount during a members-only preview Friday, Nov. 17 from 1 to 5 p.m., which will be followed by an opening reception from 5 to 7 p.m. To become a member, visit [garrisonartcenter.org](http://garrisonartcenter.org).

The Holiday Pottery Show & Sale is an opportunity to purchase one-of-a-kind pieces that range from the whimsical to sophisticated. Proceeds from the sale benefit the artists, and the center's acclaimed education programs.

GAC has partnered with Putnam Community Action Partnership to collect donations during the event for its food pantry. Patrons are asked to bring juice, cereal, pasta, pasta sauce, canned protein such as tuna, canned fruit and canned soup. If bringing multiple items, a reusable bag would be appreciated.

For more information, visit [www.garrisonartcenter.org/holiday-pottersale](http://www.garrisonartcenter.org/holiday-pottersale) or call 845-424-3960.

The Garrison Art Center is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit arts and education organization founded in 1964. It is committed to making a difference by providing access to the visual arts to a diverse audience of learners, professional artists, community members, collectors, families and friends from varied ethnic, cultural, geographic and economic backgrounds.



## Working Mom

By Holly Crocco

## The Beat Goes On

I've always been a lover of music and the concept that music is timeless.

For example, the Red Hot Chili Peppers released their debut album the year I was born. Seven years later the band released "Blood Sugar Sex Magik" which, at 7 years old, I should definitely have been too young to appreciate, but now - 33 years later - not only do I know most of the words on the album, but so do people a generation younger than me.

Just the other day I heard "Under the Bridge Downtown" on the radio.

For some reason, until late, I kind of assumed that music playing in the car or at home is just background noise for Mikey. Obviously he knows nursery rhyme songs and music from certain movies, but I guess I just thought he wasn't really listening.

However, Mikey suddenly now knows the words to many popular songs on the radio and I can only assume it's because the kids listen to the radio on the bus. I will often hear him humming a tune or mumbling some words that sound familiar, and when I hone in on it, I can identify it as Taylor Swift, Coldplay or Justin Bieber.

The reason I blame the bus ride is that these artists aren't exactly on my Spotify playlist. Don't get me wrong, Selena Gomez seems like a wonderful young lady, but it's not like we're playing her music at home.

But at least those artists are ones he probably hears every morning and afternoon on his bus ride.

However, last week he started singing R. Kelly's "I Believe I Can Fly." According to Google, that song was released in 1996 - a full 22 years before Mikey was even born. I asked my 5-year-old, "Where did you hear that song?"

"Gio sings it."

"Who's Gio?" (I'm assum-

ing it's short for Giovanni?)

"He rides my bus," my child informs me.

Huh. Is it really possible that my child is learning the lyrics to songs that came out before the "new millennium" from other kids whose parents may be listening to or singing those songs? For some reason, I find this absolutely fascinating.

But something truly crazy happened at a recent Halloween dance party. The DJ was playing all the current popular songs which, again, Mikey and all the kids knew the lyrics and rhythms to, and were getting down to those beats. They were "flossing," lasso-ing and break dancing. It was adorable.

Then the DJ announced that he was going to play a song "for all the parents out there," and we heard the unmistakable start to Montell Jordan's "This is How We Do It," and all us middle-agers started gyrating and raising the roof until we were out of breath and our joints hurt.

And I looked over at my son and he was SINGING THE WORDS! How? When?

When on earth could my 5-year-old have heard that song? First, it's pretty inappropriate. Second, it's old. Third, it's not even really a classic, in the way that Billy Joel or Jon Bon Jovi are classics. It's a song my friends and I used to jive to at the roller rink. You know... those places that don't even exist anymore!

I can't deny that I was a little proud to be tearing up the dance floor to the sound of 90s music with my little guy, but my mind was definitely blown.

However, when "YMCA" started, my little guy just looked at me, perplexed, as I threw my hands up in the air. Clearly, we still have work to do.

*Holly Crocco is editor of the Putnam County Times/Press and mother of a 5-year-old. She can be reached at [editorial@putnampresstimes.com](mailto:editorial@putnampresstimes.com).*

Why is the Town Board always in executive session? There are only seven allowable reasons for executive session. Why are they assisting a land flipper who does not live in Kent with an easement and possible spot zoning change?

I am sure you, the Town of Kent residents, have more questions.

People were tired of hearing the excuses. Whether you have been on the board one year or eight years, the voters thought you were the right choice, so work to prove them correct. Those of you who, like me, used to sit at home and watch the board meetings, now get out and go to the meetings. Ask your questions. We can educate each other. Get involved.

Thank you again for the great honor you gave me and keep asking questions. As Albert Einstein said, "The important thing is not to stop questioning."

*Julie Boyd  
Kent*

## Letters to the Editor

### Humbled by Your Votes

Dear Editor:

Thank you to those who thought so highly of me to write in my name for Kent town supervisor. It was quite a surprise and made me feel at home in Kent. From my perspective, I see this spontaneous and unsolicited write-in campaign occurred for two reasons: One was that voters do not like to see people run unopposed, as you can tell from the undervote numbers; and secondly, I hope I was starting to ask the questions that are on other people's minds, as well.

Why are our properties underassessed? How much will they go up or down with the reassessment? How much will our taxes

go up with the 2024 town budget increase?

Why did it take over four years to write a soil and excavation code?

Why is Lake Carmel still without a community center? Why do we not have a qualified recreation director? Why are our kids going to Patterson and East Fishkill to participate in rec activities?

Why did it take so many years for the walking bridge/culvert in Lake Carmel to be repaired? And at what cost? How much money have we bonded for the highway department? Do we get reimbursed for shared services?

Why did the Town Board pay a law firm over \$3,900 to harass local citizens?

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# Social Services Commissioner Honored at CoveCare Center Gala



Commissioner Michal Piazza accepts the Imagine Award at the recent gala.



CoveCare Center CEO Eric Toth, fourth from the left, with members of the CoveCare Center Board of Directors. Photos by Justin Horacio.

Supporters of CoveCare Center joined together Nov. 3 to honor the legacy and career of Michael Piazza, Putnam County commissioner of mental health, social services and youth bureau, during its annual Imagine Gala at Salem Golf Club. The event included dinner, dancing to the music of Tony T. Entertainment featuring The City Express Band, and a silent auction.

Proceeds from the event directly support CoveCare Center's wide range of services and its ability to continue to offer accessible and affordable care to all in need in the lower Hudson Valley.

The esteemed Sid Gibson Imagine Award was presented to Piazza by Joseph DeMarzo, former deputy commissioner of mental health, social services and youth bureau, and a member of the CoveCare Center Board of Directors.

"The Imagine Award envisions a community free from stigma and honors those who strive to positively impact the lives of our neighbors facing mental health and substance use issues," said Stacey Gibson, chairperson for CoveCare Center's Board of Directors. "We were thrilled to honor Michael Piazza with this award. Throughout his entire career, Mike demonstrated the courage to make change and the meaning of the Imagine Award. On behalf of the Board of Directors of CoveCare Center, we are eternally thankful for the kindness and generosity of all our supporters, and we look

forward to continuing to meet the needs of our community in the years ahead."

Piazza has been commissioner of the department since April 1994. He began his career in Putnam County in 1979 with the department of mental health as a substance abuse counselor. Over the years he has taken on successive responsibilities as director of alcohol and substance abuse services and director of mental health services, prior to being appointed commissioner.

"CoveCare Center's Imagine Gala is always a fun and meaningful event, and this year was no exception," said Eric Toth, chief executive officer of CoveCare Center. "Throughout his long career serving the communities of Putnam County, Michael Piazza embodied the spirit of the Sid Gibson Imagine Award and consistently promoted the values of our agency. We thank him for his tireless commitment to our field, and we thank all our supporters and attendees for their dedication to our mission."

CoveCare Center is the only private, non-profit agency providing recovery-based mental health and substance use treatment and prevention services in Putnam County. It offers hope and healing to people of all ages through a range of services including individual and group counseling, care coordination, family advocacy, parenting education, community outreach and medication management. For more information, visit [www.CoveCareCenter.org](http://www.CoveCareCenter.org).

# Free Breakfast & Lunch at Carmel Schools

Starting Dec. 1, breakfast and lunch will be free for all students in all schools within the Carmel Central School District, thanks to a New York State Education Department grant.

The program will save families \$1,130 per child, per year, according to Interim Superintendent Joseph McGrath. Families with two children will save \$2,260 per year, three-child families will save \$3,390 per year; and so on.

These savings are based on a grant that allows Carmel schools to provide students with a free breakfast and lunch every school day through June 2027.

Additional meals may be purchased at prices ranging from \$1.50 to \$3.65, depending on the school. There is still an additional cost to purchase à la carte items such as snacks, bottled water, extra portions and secondary beverages.

Previously, only certain families qualified for free meals through the state.

"I want to thank Director of School Food Services Patrick Rodia and his assistant, Christine Foltmer, for ensuring that every child who was previously eligible for free meals was enrolled," said McGrath. "Their efforts made our entire school district qualify under the Community Eligibility Provision and receive the funding granted by the New York State Education Department. Now, what was once limited to a few students is available to all."

The no-cost breakfast and lunch program is not retroactive. Any negative debt incurred prior to Dec. 1 will remain on the student's account until payment is received.

For more information, email [carmelfoodservices@carmel-schools.org](mailto:carmelfoodservices@carmel-schools.org).

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## Brewster Students Tour Patterson Wastewater Treatment Plant

Brewster High School students recently toured a wastewater treatment plant in Patterson to learn how raw sewage is treated and cleaned. Students from Susan Boehm's advanced placement environmental class met with Patterson Town Supervisor Richard Williams, John and Ben Muro from Allied Pollution Control, and Dennis Mayes, head of buildings and maintenance, on their excursion.

## Nutrition Corner

By Allison J. Stowell  
MS, RD, CDN



## The Perfect Friendsgiving Menu

Every November my friends and I bring our families together for a memorable Friendsgiving. It's an opportunity for us to celebrate the season and to give thanks for one another. A Friendsgiving meal is also a chance to share and learn about each other's favorite Thanksgiving dishes. Most importantly, it's an opportunity to connect with dear friends before beginning the busy holiday season.

Your family's traditional Thanksgiving menu likely includes well-loved recipes that can't be altered and must make an appearance every year. Friendsgiving, however, is an opportunity to try something different (there is no better focus group for new dishes!). You can also have fun with the menu. I recommend checking out the recipe for Retro Cranberry Fluff (Hannaford.com). It's the perfect addition to your Friendsgiving table (especially in honor of this year that's all about pink!).

My friends and I make our meal potluck to take the pressure off the host (and we rotate houses every year). We prepare a few dishes together too, which is part of the fun. To ensure you have a well-rounded menu, assign each guest a dish. The ideal menu won't just include the expected dishes, but also a variety of color and texture.

I've been blessed to celebrate Friendsgiving with the same group of friends for several years. We've watched our kids grow from a rowdy table of small children to a loving group of young adults. We've captured their development, and other family changes, with "gratitude trees". These small trees adorn our tables. Every year we add leaves with that what we're grateful for. Small traditions like this add to the warmth of the evening.

Allison Stowell is a registered dietitian for Hannaford Supermarkets. For more information on free, virtual nutrition classes and more, email: [astowell@hannaford.com](mailto:astowell@hannaford.com).

### Brown Sugar Sweet Potatoes with Walnuts (1 Guiding Stars) Hannaford.com

Butter and brown sugar caramelize between sweet potato slices and crunchy nuts in this old favorite. This version is prepared with just enough sweet to not be too decadent. Tip: To make this ahead, prepare recipe through the fourth step and refrigerate up to 1 day. When ready to serve, continue with the fifth step to bake.

**Ingredients:**  
3 lbs. medium sweet potatoes  
Cooking spray  
1 cup chopped walnuts  
1/2 cup (1 stick) butter  
1/2 cup brown sugar  
2 tsp. pumpkin pie spice

**Directions:**  
Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Heat a large pot of salted water to a boil. Peel the potatoes and add to pot. Cook 20-30 minutes, until mostly tender. Remove potatoes with a slotted spoon and let cool.

Meanwhile, coat a 9x13-inch baking dish with cooking spray. In a 10-inch skillet, add the walnuts and toast on medium 1-2 minutes, until golden, stirring constantly. Remove from pan and reserve nuts. Wipe off the skillet.

In same skillet, melt the butter on medium. Stir in the sugar, pumpkin pie spice, 1/2 cup water and salt, to taste, stirring until sugar is dissolved. Remove from heat.

When cool enough to handle, cut potatoes into 1/2-inch slices. Arrange half of potato slices in baking dish, overlapping slightly, and drizzle with half of spiced butter. Repeat layering and drizzle with remaining potato slices and butter.

Cover with foil and bake 20 minutes, until potatoes are tender. Uncover, top with walnuts, and bake another 5 minutes.

## Parmesan Chicken and Rice with Spinach and Artichoke

(Family Features)  
**Parmesan Chicken and Rice with Spinach and Artichoke**

**Ingredients:**  
1 Minute Chicken & Herb Seasoned Rice Cup  
1 tablespoon olive oil  
1 cup spinach, stems removed  
2 ounces chicken, cooked and shredded  
1/4 cup canned artichokes, drained and quartered  
1/4 cup shredded Parmesan cheese

**Directions:**  
Heat rice according to package directions.  
In medium saute pan over medium heat, heat olive oil. Add



spinach and saute 1 minute.  
Add chicken and artichokes; saute 2 minutes, or until heated through.  
Add cheese and rice; stir to combine until heated through.

Servings: 1  
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From left are Putnam County Veterans Service Agency Director Karl Rohde, State Sen. Robert Rolison, State Sen. Pete Harckham, Diego Ortiz, Penny-Lynn Pagliaro and Betty Williams. Photo by Tom Staudter/Harckham's office.



## Car Fire in Carmel

Members of the Carmel Fire Department received a call just before 9 a.m. Nov. 4 regarding a vehicle fire in the ShopRite plaza. Assistant Chief 12-1-3 and Engine 12-2-2 arrived in less than 2 minutes to discover flames coming from a vehicle's engine in the parking lot. The fire was quickly extinguished and CFD units cleared the scene in about 30 minutes.

## We Will Miss

November 1, Yorktown Funeral Home, Shrub Oak, (914) 962-0700.

### Brewster

**Nellie T. Lowry**, 92, October 27, Beecher Funeral Home, Brewster, NY, (845) 279-3615.

**Thomas B. Smith**, 97, October 30, Beecher Funeral Home, Brewster, NY, (845) 279-3615.

**Gaetano Cilenti**, 82, November 1, Beecher Funeral Home, Brewster, NY, (845) 279-3615.

### Mahopac

**Christopher J. O'Toole**, 93, November 5, Cargain Funeral Homes Inc., Mahopac, (845) 225-5655.

**Peggy McDevitt**, 85, October 27, Joseph J. Smith Funeral Home, Mahopac, (845) 621-1992.

**Carmel T. Geoghegan**, 77,

### Carmel

**Lucia Annunziata**, 85, November 5, Cargain Funeral Home, Carmel, (845) 225-3672.

**Arthur Anthony Roitero**, 71, November 4, Balsamo-Cordovano Funeral Home, Carmel, (845) 225-2144

### Cold Spring

**Robert Simpson**, 64, October 31, Clinton Inc Funeral Homes, Cold Spring, (845) 265-3333.

### Putnam Valley

**Joseph Patrick Seiler**, 85, October 26, Heritage Funeral Home, Putnam Valley, (845) 526-3000.

## New Law Would Allow Adults With Disabilities to 'Travel with Dignity'

State Sen. Pete Harckham, D-Peekskill, last week introduced the Traveling with Dignity Act at a special press conference in Brewster with leaders from Constructive Partnerships Unlimited and members of the disability community.

The Traveling with Dignity Act (S.7697) would provide for adult changing facilities to be placed within an enclosed restroom facility or other similar private facility to be made available for persons with disabilities, veterans, seniors or other individuals in public rest areas, museums, libraries and government-owned facilities throughout the state.

"People with differing abilities should be able to participate in the same activities, day trips and excursions that are available to everybody, and the best way to effectuate this is to provide as many adult changing areas and disability-friendly rest areas as possible," said Harckham. "This common-sense legislation simply focuses on these accommodations, which will benefit residents and visitors alike. By providing safer, more sanitary spaces for caregivers and family members to aid adults in need of assistance, we are also elevating the respect and dignity these community members are well deserving of."

Harckham said the legislation would impact people born with disabilities, seniors and veterans with traumatic injuries. It was informed and prompted by conversations with CP Unlimited advocates and direct support professionals on issues around dignity, access and inclusion that people with intellectual and developmental disabilities experience when attending large gatherings and events at public facilities.

CP Unlimited is a nonprofit organization that grew out of Cerebral Palsy Associations of New York State, which provides a wide range of programs and support for people with disabilities. The agency related to Harckham that many of their clients with disabilities are unable to make a trip to Albany because of restricted access to changing tables along the New York State Thruway and

in the State Capitol.

"Frankly, I was saddened and ashamed to learn of this," said Harckham.

Penny-Lynn Pagliaro, executive director of CP Unlimited Hudson Valley Division, said the organization was founded to help people with disabilities achieve fulfilling lives.

"The Traveling with Dignity Act advances that vision by ensuring that the people we support, and others throughout New York, can more fully access and enjoy public events and programs," she said. "We thank Sen. Harckham for his initiative putting forth this important, inclusive legislation."

Too often, caregivers and family members experience the reality of having to provide personal care of an adult with disabilities on the floor of a public restroom or some other inconvenient and unsanitary space because an adequate changing station is not available. This leads to circumstances and conditions often lacking privacy and cleanliness that are also embarrassing.

Adult-size changing tables and hoists in family restrooms can usually accommodate individuals weighing upwards of 400 pounds, allowing people with disabilities to travel more freely. Harckham added that once his legislation is enacted and public spaces make adult changing facilities available, then businesses and other private facilities will follow suit.

Currently, other states with laws similar to the Traveling with Dignity Act include Arizona, California, Michigan and Pennsylvania.

"Veterans who cannot travel without certain accommodations due to injuries they received during their service will benefit from this legislation," said Karl Rohde, director of the Putnam County Veterans Service Agency. "We have events here in the Hudson Valley that, unfortunately, we are not able to bring some of our veterans to because of a lack of changing stations along the way."

State Sen. Robert Rolison, R-Poughkeepsie, said, as a society, we need to do everything we can

to provide access to changing stations so that adults with disabilities have an opportunity to travel everywhere possible and lead full lives.

"When we learned of the challenges preventing district residents and others from traveling to Albany to meet with their elected representatives face to face, we knew something had to be done," he said. "I intend to continue to work in a bipartisan way to get this measure passed in the Legislature and enacted into law."



# Seven Inducted into Veterans Hall of Fame

By Holly Crocco

Assemblyman Matt Slater, R-Yorktown, hosted his inaugural Veterans Hall of Fame ceremony for the 94th Assembly District on Nov. 4 at Carmel Town Hall, where he honored members of the local veteran community.

"It's a true honor to host this event, not just as your state assemblyman, but also as an officer in the U.S. Navy Reserves," he said.

Slater reached out to each municipality in his district, asking them to each nominate a veteran from their community who answered the nation's call by serving in the military.

"Today, less than 1 percent of the American population wears the uniform that is a symbol of hope, a symbol of justice, and a symbol of freedom around the world," he said. "This is the same uniform that liberated Europe from tyranny in two world wars, the same uniform that persevered in the Pacific during WWII and Korean, the same

uniform that crawled through the jungles of Vietnam and the deserts of the Middle East.

"The art of war has changed tremendously over those years, but the level of courage, dedication and sacrifice of America's soldiers has never wavered."

Recognized were Steven Seid of Putnam Valley, U.S. Army; Harry Gonzalez of Patterson, N.Y. Army National Guard; Lou Gasparini of Southeast, U.S. Army; Alex Othmer of Kent, U.S. Merchant Marine/U.S. Navy; Frederick Wennberg of Mahopac, U.S. Navy; Joe Manna of Somers, U.S. Navy; and Brian Sillik of Yorktown.

"I'm a proud American," said Gasparini. "This is the greatest country in the world. We have our freedoms and we have our defense forces that take care of us each and every day. God bless them, and God bless America."

Slater concluded the ceremony by once again thanking the honorees, and all who have served.

"Every day that we are free



Steven Seid of Putnam Valley, Harry Gonzalez of Patterson, Lou Gasparini of Southeast, Frederick Wennberg of Mahopac, Joe Manna of Somers and Brian Sillik of Yorktown were recently honored by Assemblyman Matt Slater. Missing from the photo is Alex Othmer of Kent, who was also honored.

should be Veterans Day," he said. He also quoting Ronald Rea-

gan: "Some people live an entire life and wonder if they made a

difference in this world. A veteran doesn't have that problem."

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## New Laws Support Veterans

Gov. Kathy Hochul recently signed seven pieces of legislation that aim to provide resources and support to veterans and their families.

S.7461/A.3381A clarifies the definition of "veteran" to include career members of the armed forces for tax exemption purposes. This bill updates the law to reflect current military practices and to create an incentive to keep career members of the military in New York.

S.3309A/A.6084A will allow, beginning April 1, residents who are veterans and members of a Gold Star family free access to state parks, historic sites and recreational facilities in New York.

S.1671A/A.6140A requires the small business revolving loan fund within New York's Empire State Development Corporation to market to veteran-owned enterprises and service-disabled veteran-owned enterprises.

S.2372/A.1084 requires that the number of applicants applying as veterans, or a surviving spouse of a veteran, be made available on the Mitchell-Lama application waitlist so that those applying have a clear indication of whether there are other veterans applying for the same housing.

S.454A/A.3116A directs counties and the City of New York to contact a veterans' organization to collect any unclaimed remains of a deceased veteran if they do not have any next of kin or other designee to provide for their disposition.

S.7378/A.7379 eliminates the "wartime service" requirement that prohibits a large number of interested veterans from seeking employment in certain civil service roles, expanding the application pool.

S.291/A.1347 establishes VIP NY, a veteran internship program that will award 10 percent of available internships in the Assembly Youth Participation program and the Senate Student Program to eligible honorably discharged veterans.



# Putnam County Community Events

## Food for Fines

During the month of November, the Kent Library will once again be accepting "food for fines" to benefit the local food pantry. Bring in canned goods and other non-perishable food to pay off your overdue fines (not available for lost items.)

## Adult Art Project

Adults, drop in at Kent Public Library any day in November to participate in its "Little Art" project. Pick up a 4-inch-by-4-inch canvas and paint to create a small painting at home, then bring your creation back before Dec. 1 to have it displayed as a part of a larger exhibit. Registration is required at <https://kentlibrary.org>.

## Coat Drive

Carmel Rotary Club's annual new and gently-used coat drive will continue through Nov. 17, with drop boxes at Putnam County National Bank, 43 Gleneida Ave., Carmel; and Cornell Cooperative Extension-Putnam County, 1 Geneva Road, Brewster.

## Vendors Wanted

Arts on the Lake is seeking cookie bakers and craft, gift and art vendors for its annual holiday cookie and craft sale Dec. 9 and 10. Email Ed at [office@artsonthelake.org](mailto:office@artsonthelake.org).

## Tuesday, Nov. 14

### IDA Meeting

The Putnam County Industrial Development Agency will hold a board meeting Tuesday, Nov. 14 at 6 p.m., at 2 Route 164, Patterson. View the meeting at [www.facebook.com/putnamida](http://www.facebook.com/putnamida). The minutes and a recording will be posted to [www.putnamida.com](http://www.putnamida.com) as soon as possible after the meeting has been adjourned.

### Hello Robots!

Reed Memorial Library in Carmel will hold a STEM workshop robots for ages 6 and older Tuesday, Nov. 14 at 4:30 p.m. Explore the robot challenge. Includes a craft and a snack. Online registration is required.

### Lenape Storytime

The Julia L. Butterfield Memorial Library and the Putnam History Museum will present a storytime, game and craft event Tuesday, Nov. 14 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. at PHM, 63 Chestnut St., Cold Spring. Children age 3 to 7 will learn about the Lenape people. Advanced registration is required at [www.butterfieldlibrary.org](http://www.butterfieldlibrary.org).

### Journey Through the Chakras

Join Ann Byrne from Hudson Valley Meditation and Reiki for a workshop at Reed Memorial Library in Carmel on Nov. 14 from 11 a.m. to noon that will explore the Chakra System. Registration is required at [carmellibrary.org/calendar](http://carmellibrary.org/calendar).

### Watercolor

Tuesdays from Nov. 14 through Dec. 19, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., explore watercolor painting from the comfort of your own home. Instructor Janine Spittle from Reed Memorial Library in Carmel will teach this class over Zoom. Registration is required at [carmellibrary.org/calendar](http://carmellibrary.org/calendar).

### Sons & Daughters of Italy

If you are interested in discovering your Italian heritage and love

Italian culture, join the Sons & Daughters of Italy on Nov. 14 at the VFW of Carmel, 32 Gleneida Ave., at 7 p.m. Meet people who share your passion for Italian music, art, language and history.

### Garden Club

Lake Mahopac Garden Club will meet Tuesday, Nov. 14 at Airport Park. Members will bring their own lunch. The meeting begins at 11:30 a.m. Guest may join at 1 p.m. for a program of dried plant material wreaths. The grapevine wreath will be provided; bring your own wire, glue gun and dried materials. For more information, email Anne Gagliardi at [annegagliardi@hotmail.com](mailto:annegagliardi@hotmail.com) or visit [www.lakemahopacgc.com](http://www.lakemahopacgc.com).

## Wednesday, Nov. 15

### Book Donations Sought

Brewster Public Library's Friends group is starting to accept donations for its upcoming book sale. Bring donations of new and very gently-used books and DVDs (no textbooks) to the library (parking lot entrance) between 2 and 4 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 15 or 4 and 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 16. A volunteer will meet you to accept your donations. Stay tuned for more information about the book sale coming up in December.

### 'Planes, Trains, and Automobiles'

Patterson Library will screen "Planes, Trains, and Automobiles" on Wednesday, Nov. 15 at 1 p.m. Follow the hilarious and heartwarming story of two strangers with nothing in common, who find themselves crossing paths as they try to make their way home to Chicago for Thanksgiving in the midst of a major snowstorm. To register, call 845-878-6121 or go to [www.pattersonlibrary.org](http://www.pattersonlibrary.org).

### Medicare 101

Maggie Flynn of Advocate Health Advisors will help attendees decipher Medicare eligibility and the many options involved in enrolling and choosing a plan during an overview of Medicare with answers to general questions, Wednesday, Nov. 15 at 6:30 p.m. at Patterson Library. To register, call 845-878-6121 or go to [www.pattersonlibrary.org](http://www.pattersonlibrary.org).

## Thursday, Nov. 16

### Wine Tasting

The Friends of the Mahopac Public Library invite everyone to a free wine tasting at Sterling Cellars, Route 6 (near Acme), on Thursday, Nov. 16 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Enjoy food and music and enter a 50/50 raffle while sampling wines.

### Adult Craft

This month's adult craft at Reed Memorial Library in Carmel is beaded napkin rings to make your Thanksgiving table extra festive. Join the fun Nov. 16 from 2 to 3 p.m. Registration is required at [carmellibrary.org/calendar](http://carmellibrary.org/calendar).

## Friday, Nov. 17

### Clean-Energy Consultations

Schedule a free 30 minute, one-on-one clean energy consultation at Reed Memorial Library in Carmel with Sustainable Putnam's Energy Coach Joe Montuori, sometime between 3 and 5 p.m. Nov. 17 or 29. Registration is required at [carmellibrary.org/calendar](http://carmellibrary.org/calendar).

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### SPCA Dinner

The Putnam County SPCA will hold a fundraiser Friday, Nov. 17 beginning at 6:30 p.m. at Putnam County Golf Course, 187 Hill St., Mahopac. \$70 includes a buffet dinner, awards and raffles, and a cash bar. Purchase tickets at <https://ticketstripe.com/events/1036924>.

## Saturday, Nov. 18

### Spaghetti Dinner

Brewster Fire Department will hold a spaghetti dinner fundraiser Saturday, Nov. 18 from 6 to 9 p.m. at 501 N. Main St., Brewster. \$10 for adults, \$5 for kids younger than 10.

### Land Trust

#### Ribbon Cutting

Putnam County Land Trust invites the community to the official grand opening of its recent addition of 70 acres of ecologically sensitive and recreationally important land that is now permanently protected at the Ice Pond Conservation Area on Saturday, Nov. 18 at 9:30 a.m., at 268 Ice Pond Road, Brewster. Refreshments will be served and a guided hike led by naturalist Jim Nordgren will take place following a ribbon cutting ceremony.

### Pocketbook Bingo

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus 6318 will hold a designer bag (pocketbook) and cash Bingo event Nov. 18 at 6 p.m. at 10 Fair St., Carmel. Doors open at 5. \$60 at the door, or \$55 in advance at [Eventbrite.com](http://Eventbrite.com). Proceeds benefit the SPCA and VonWolfeneels K9. Basket raffles, 50/50 and bell jar.

### Wreath-Making

#### Workshop

Cornell Cooperative Extension-Putnam County's Master Gardener volunteers will host a wreath-making workshop Nov. 18 (rain date Nov. 19) from 10 a.m. to noon at the Putnam Valley Grange, 128 Mill St., Putnam Valley, for adults. Supplies such as a grapevine wreath base, dried plants, ribbon and seasonal and holiday accents will be provided. Feel free to bring more materials. \$40. Register at <https://cceputnamcounty.org/events>.

### Down Hill Strugglers

The Down Hill Strugglers will perform Saturday, Nov. 18 at 7:30 p.m. at Tompkins Corners Cultural Center in Putnam Valley. Tickets to hear this old-time string band are \$20 and available at [Eventbrite.com](http://Eventbrite.com).

### Rabies Vaccine Clinic

Bring your dogs, cats and ferrets to a free rabies vaccination clinic Saturday, Nov. 18 from 10 a.m. to noon at Veterans Memorial Park (Upper Park), 201 Gipsy Trail Road, Carmel. Bring a photo ID as proof of Putnam residency, as well as proof of prior vaccination. Tags not acceptable. If you do not have proof of prior vaccination, your pet will receive a one-year vaccine. Pets must be at least 12 weeks old. All dogs must be leashed and controlled. Cats and ferrets must be in carriers.

### CPR Course

A basic CPR AED course (non-certification) is scheduled Nov. 18 from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Reed Memorial Library in Carmel. Led

by an instructor from Nuvance Health, it course will teach various CPR and choking relief skills for people who want to learn but do not require a certification. Registration is required at [carmellibrary.org/calendar](http://carmellibrary.org/calendar).

## Sunday, Nov. 19

### Arctic Warming & Great Swamp

Noted Arctic researcher Moki Kokoris will give a talk on "Connecting the Arctic and The Great Swamp" from 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 19 at the Trinity-Pawling School (Gardiner Theater). She will explain how all global systems and peoples, from the Arctic to our local watershed, are interconnected. Free. Hosted by FrOGS.

### Chamber Ensemble

The Boston-based Elm Chamber Ensemble will perform Mozart's "Piano Quartet in E-flat Major, K493," and Schumann's "Piano Quartet in E-flat Major, Op. 47," on Sunday, Nov. 19 at 4 p.m. at the Chapel Restoration, 45 Market St., Cold Spring. The concert is free and open to all.

### Poets' Corner

Tompkins Corners Cultural Center in Putnam Valley will host a Poets' Corner on Sunday, Nov. 19 at 3 p.m., featuring Lucia Cherciu. An open mic will follow. Tickets are \$10 and may be purchased at [Eventbrite.com](http://Eventbrite.com) or at the door.

### Pickle Making Workshop

Learn how to make the great American Kosher dill while discovering the pickle's amazing history Sunday, Nov. 19 at 11 a.m. at the Carmel VFW, 32 Gleneida Ave. Learn the secrets of the age-old art of making kosher pickles, and take home a jar of freshly made pickles. \$18 per family. Open to the entire community. RSVP at [www.PutnamChabad.org/Pickle](http://www.PutnamChabad.org/Pickle) or call 845-225-4770.

### Annual Gala

The Putnam History Museum Board of Trustees will hold its annual gala honoring Marjorie Tarter and Brendan McAlpine on Nov. 19 at The Garrison, beginning at 5 p.m. It will include cocktails and dinner, as well as live jazz music, a silent auction and trivia. Early registration is \$175 per person by Nov. 1, or \$215 per person afterward. Tickets available at [www.putnamhistorymuseum.org](http://www.putnamhistorymuseum.org).

### Symphony Orchestra

Putnam Symphony Orchestra will present "Symphony of Snowflakes" on Sunday, Nov. 19 at 3 p.m. at Brewster High School Performing Arts Center. \$40 for the family, \$15 for adults, \$10 for students and seniors. Meet Frosty and Santa. Visit [putnamsymphonyorchestra.org](http://putnamsymphonyorchestra.org).

## Tuesday, Nov. 21

### Kent Town Board

The Kent Town Board will meet the following Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at Kent Town Hall: Nov. 21, and Dec. 5 and 19.

## Saturday, Nov. 25

### Chamber Trio

The Doansburg Chamber Ensemble's trio of harp, viola and flute will perform Saturday, Nov. 25 at 7 p.m. at St. Mary in the Highlands Church, 1 Chestnut Street in Cold Spring; and Sunday, Nov. 26 at 4

p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 2103 Route 6, Brewster. The Nov. 26 performance will be broadcast via link to be provided at <https://doansburgchamberensemble.org>. Tickets are \$17 for general admission or \$14 for seniors and students, at the door.

### Gnome Craft

Come to the Kent Library on Saturday, November 25 at 11 am to Paint a festive ceramic gnome friend to take home Saturday, Nov. 25 at 11 a.m. at Kent Public Library. This program is ideal for middle- and high-schoolers in grades five through 12. Light refreshments will be served. Register at [kentlibrary.org](http://kentlibrary.org).

### Holidays in the Park

The Mahopac-Carmel Chamber of Commerce will present Holidays in the Park on Saturday, Nov. 25 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Mahopac Chamber Park. Lighting of Christmas tree and menorah, caroling, refreshments, Santa visit and more. Free.

## Thursday, Nov. 30

### Holiday Crafts

Kids age 3 to 5 can make holiday crafts with Reed Memorial Library in Carmel on Thursdays at 1 p.m. beginning Nov. 30. Make crafts for Christmas and Hanukkah. Registration online is required.

### Southeast Town Board

The Southeast Town Board will meet at 7 p.m. at Town Hall, 1360 Route 22, Brewster on Nov. 30 and Dec. 21.

## Friday, Dec. 1

### Medicare 101

The Medicare Resource Group will be at Reed Memorial Library in Carmel on Dec. 1 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. to present on the basics of Medicare coverage. Registration is required at [carmellibrary.org/calendar](http://carmellibrary.org/calendar).

### 'A Christmas Carol'

Tompkins Corners Cultural Center in Putnam Valley will present Jonathan Kruk in "A Christmas Carol" on Friday, Dec. 1 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20 and available at [Eventbrite.com](http://Eventbrite.com). Students admitted free.

## Saturday, Dec. 2

### Santa at Reed Library

Families are invited to enjoy crafts and refreshments as they wait for Santa's visit to the Reed Memorial Library in Carmel on Dec. 2 from noon to 2 p.m. All children will get to take a picture with Santa before he has to go back to the North Pole. No registration required.

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Nancy Teague, founder of Putnam Service Dogs, cuts the ribbon to officially open its new residential training center on Route 6 in Brewster.

## Putnam Service Dogs Opens New Center



Supporters visit with a service dog at the opening.

Putnam Service Dogs recently celebrated the grand opening of its new residential training center at 2453 Route 6, Brewster (the old Houlihan Lawrence office). Town officials and members of the Brewster and Mahopac Carmel chambers of commerce were in attendance to participate in the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

According to founder Nancy Teague, this new training center

will help the organization quadruple its output of service dogs.

Founded in 2016, Putnam Service Dogs trains mixed-breed rescue dogs as free service dogs for people with physical disabilities other than blindness, or veterans. It is a 501(c)3 and an Accredited BBB and Platinum Candid nonprofit. More information is available at [www.putnam-servicedogs.org](http://www.putnam-servicedogs.org).

## Symphony Orchestra to Present Holiday Concert

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This project is made possible, in part, through the Putnam Arts Council's Arts Link Grant Program, with public funds provided through the New York State Council on the Arts with support from the Governor's Office and the NYS Legislature.



Frosty and Santa Claus are expected to stop by the "Symphony of Snowflakes" concert Nov. 19 in Brewster.

Putnam Symphony Orchestra will present its "Symphony of Snowflakes" concert Sunday, Nov. 19 at 3 p.m. at Brewster High School Performing Arts Center, 50 Foggintown Road, Brewster, featuring many holiday favorites.

Santa and Frosty will be visiting and available for your photos. There will also be "tree" trimming and lighting, and a "snowball" fight. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10

students and seniors, or \$40 for the whole family, and available at [www.putnamsymphonyorchestra.org](http://www.putnamsymphonyorchestra.org) or at the door.

Putnam Symphony Orchestra, a nonprofit organization, has been part of the community for more than 40 years. It strives to enrich localities while bringing talented musicians together. For more information, email [info@putnamsymphonyorchestra.org](mailto:info@putnamsymphonyorchestra.org).



# A Celebration of the Great Swamp



“Ancient Maple” by Doreen O’Connor.

Attendees at the recent Great Swamp Celebration & Art Show enjoyed viewing paintings, drawings and photography, in addition to participating in raffles and viewing educational demonstrations.



“Peek-a-Boo Owls” by Claudia Griswold.



Jasmine Hall’s piece won the Peter J. Dunlop Award.

More than 500 people attended Friends of the Great Swamp’s 27th annual Great Swamp Celebration & Art Show, where almost \$2,000 was raised.

Doreen O’Connor’s “Ancient Maple” took first place in the painting/drawing category, followed by Jeanne Plekon’s “Deer Pond Farm Woods” in second place and Jennifer Liebnitz’ “Fall Day” in third place.

Claudia Griswold’s “Peek-a-Boo Owls” took first place in the photography contest, followed by Bella Dalton Fenkl’s “Green

Frog” in second place and Alice Lynn’s “Reservoir Footpath” in third.

The first-, second- and third-place prizes for the Peter J. Dunlop Award for 11th- and 12th-grade students went to Jasmine Hall and Kaitlin Furu at Carmel High School and Kaya Jurczak at Pawling H.S., respectively.

The online art show is still on display at <https://frogsnyfall-celebration.com/2023-virtual-art-show>. Anyone interested in purchasing any of the pieces may email [info@frogs-ny.org](mailto:info@frogs-ny.org).

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# Health & Safety Promoted at Food Operators Seminar

Right: Putnam County Executive Kevin Byrne visits with representatives of the New York State Restaurant Association at the recent Food Operators Seminar in Mahopac.



Below: Connie Bueti describes emergency preparations for businesses.



Ann Daros, educational coordinator for the Bureau of Emergency Services, demonstrates kitchen first aid.



Public health sanitarian and food inspector Andrea DeMarchi describes the top 10 violations found in restaurants and how to avoid them.

More than 120 people representing more than 80 different food industry-related organizations attended the 14th annual Food Operators Seminar on Oct.

30 at the Putnam County Golf Course in Mahopac, offered by the county's Department of Health to any food operator in the county. Running a restaurant or other

food service establishment is a complicated business. Holding temperatures for food, cross contamination, food labeling and food allergies or intolerances are

just some of the things that require attention and care. One goal of the seminar is to supplement facilities' capacity to train and educate staff about food safety, while also facilitating access to industry vendors, safety experts and other resources.

"We are the only county in the region that puts together an event like this," said Putnam County Executive Kevin Byrne. "This seminar is yet another unique opportunity where county government offers an incredibly valuable service to the businesses operating in our community. While utilizing the county-owned golf course as a venue, our Health Department is able to directly connect with the individuals behind the businesses that make up so much of what makes Putnam County great."

"Our approach has always been one of partnering with our food operators, not just regulating," added Environmental Health Services Director Shawn Rogan. "This event is an outgrowth of that philosophy."

Rogan presented on power outages and food safety issues, which was one of six breakout sessions. His experience at the health department spans nearly three decades, and he has seen his share of both short- and long-term power outages, as well as multi-county foodborne illness outbreaks. He has worked with many establishments as they dealt with the year-round challenges of extended outages, food waste and insurance issues.

Public health sanitarian and food inspector Andrea DeMarchi tackled the hot topic of the top 10 critical violations found in restaurants and how to avoid them. She led with recent headline news from Long Island – the Stony

Brook food poisoning outbreak, which resulted in multiple lawsuits and the restaurant's closure within weeks.

The culprit, identified by Suffolk County health investigators, was cooked rice that was not held at proper temperatures. This allowed bacteria to grow – similar to what occurred in Putnam's 2012 food outbreak at a large Mother's Day event.

The food safety message, for restaurateurs and home cooks alike, is to keep hot items above 140 degrees and cold items cold below 41 degrees, and to refrigerate leftovers to keep foods out of the in-between danger zone, when bacteria grow most easily. The food industry knows these as "TCS foods," or time/temperature controls for safety foods. Essentially, they are perishable foods such as meat, poultry, cooked vegetables and grains, soft cheeses and dairy, and sprouts.

Even sliced melon and tomatoes are TCS foods, since they become vulnerable to bacteria once the flesh is exposed by cutting.

Other presentations covered food allergies and intolerances, presented by Mindy Hermann, an independent food and nutrition product and service consultant; branding, websites and social media for restaurants, presented by Brian Austin, the creative force behind the Putnam County website and brand development consultant; kitchen first aid, by Ann Daros, EMT-B and educational coordinator for the Bureau of Emergency Services; and cardiac health and sodium, by Dr. Michael Nesheiwat, interim health commissioner, who served on the county's Board of Health for more than 25 years before being named commissioner in 2015.



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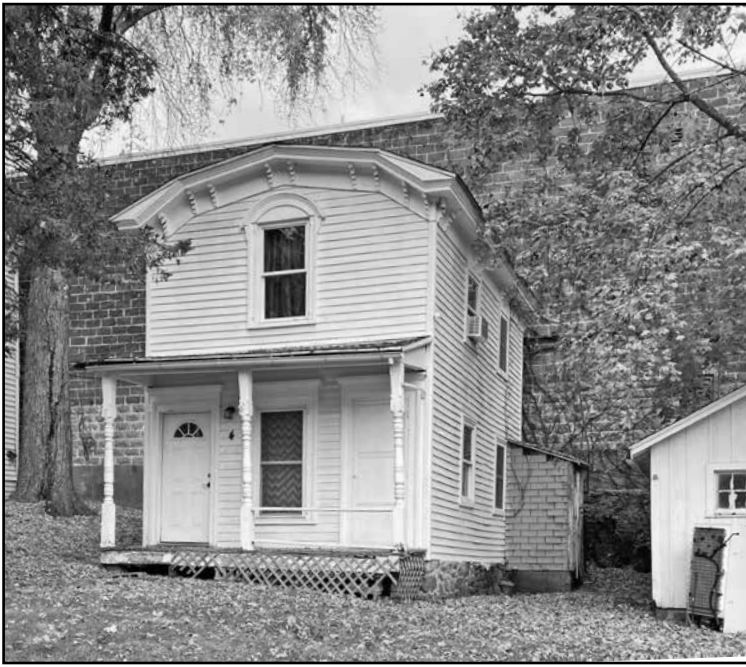
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The quaint cottage at 4 Park St., built in the 1860s and once part of the Lobdell estate, will possibly be moved to avoid demolition.



Brewster Village Mayor James Schoenig is joined by village board members, then-County Executive MaryEllen Odell, then-Assemblyman and current County Executive Kevin Byrne, project developers and other stakeholders when the Brewster Crossing project was debuted in 2012.

## Brewster Revitalization Revived

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provals from various state and local government agencies by January.

Demolition of a 5.4-acre tract of downtown will start soon after, in the spring, with groundbreaking in 2025 for three 5- to 6-story buildings hosting 408 rental apartments, a 500-space garage, a brewery, retail and dining businesses, and 20,000 square feet of municipal office space for the village and potentially the town.

A tentative plan also calls for moving the Southeast Town Hall there if details can be worked out, according to Cotter.

Brewster Crossing would then open for business sometime in 2027.

“The development will have such a big impact; it will raise the whole area – bringing more growth,” said Cotter. “We’re fully committed to the project and have the financial wherewithal in a tough market.”

More housing is needed and people are more inclined to move to Brewster than before the pandemic, creating a hot market for new apartments, he said.

Greenwich-based National Resources owns iPark and is behind ambitious redevelopment projects in Fishkill, Tarrytown, Yonkers, Kingston and in Connecticut.

“This municipality has a lot going for it,” said Brewster Mayor James Schoenig, who has pushed for the revitalization since 2012. “I call it a diamond in the rough and it’s a shame it got to the condition it’s in... My goal is to make Brewster go from a laughingstock to a shining star in Putnam County.”

The immediate impact on Brewster, however, will be the demolition of every building between Main Street and Marvin Avenue, from – and including – local landmark Bob’s Diner, to the decaying Cameo Theater and beyond, jumping over Old Town Hall, to occupy much of the parking lot adjacent the Brewster Public Library.

The Cameo would be the first building leveled, starting in 2024, although it will take at least six months to deconstruct the circa-1928 movie house due to heavy asbestos remediation, according to Cotter.

While most of the audience at last week’s meeting appeared receptive to the overall plan, some

residents raised concerns about potential traffic snarls while construction is occurring, among other issues.

Cotter noted “there will be some disruption,” but that construction will start along Marvin Avenue to avoid major traffic problems on Main Street.

Others in the audience were concerned about the displacement of downtown residents and existing businesses, which has been a long-simmering issue.

Both Cotter and Schoenig gave assurances they would do everything possible to relocate many of the residents, the majority of whom are Hispanic. Cotter said there are potential job opportunities on the construction site for village residents, as well.

Schoenig said the Brewster Central School District has been involved in talks regarding the project from the outset, and that school officials say they can handle the estimated influx of new students.

Because the bulk of the apartments are studios and small, two-bedroom apartments “not suitable for large families,” Cotter said few new students are anticipated – about 28 or so.

The Brewster Volunteer Fire Department has also been monitoring the development’s progress, said Schoenig.

The project had somewhat stalled because of inflation and the doubling of interest rates from about 4 to 8 percent in recent years, making borrowing far more expensive. Earlier estimates put the overall project cost at about \$234 million, although that figure is bound to increase before construction is completed.

The estimated rent for apartments has also risen. Studio rents were initially set between \$1,500 to \$1,600 per month; they will now likely rent for \$1,700 or \$1,800, according to Cotter. A two-bedroom apartment will rent for \$2,800 to \$3,000 per month, he said.

The current economy has made a payment in lieu of taxes program through the county’s Industrial Development Agency much more attractive for iPark, continued Cotter, seeing as the property tax exemption would help cut costs.

If the first phase of the project is successful, several other phases could ultimately take the mixed-use development over to Route 22, near the Borden Bridge. Cotter estimated a total of about 800 apartments could be built, and said there would be further demolition of some buildings along Main Street and Marvin Avenue.

A number of historic buildings

around Park Street are among those on the first-phase demolition list, including the mid-19th century farmers’ Grange, the circa 1860s Lobdell House and the Masonic Lodge from the 1870s. All were built by village founders at least 150 years ago.

Locally popular Bob’s Diner is also on the list. Bob Sprague opened the diner in 1955, but the building’s core dates to 1929. The restaurant interior retains much of its Art Deco origins from when it was the Bevan Brothers Diner.

Targeted village properties would be purchased by iPark, or acquired via eminent domain proceedings in court.

Current owner and operator of Bob’s Diner Tom Sprague attended the meeting with his attorney. Sprague sat silently through the meeting listening attentively, but without asking questions. After the meeting, he said he felt “no anger, no nothing – nothing is happening so far.”

At least one small piece of the village’s historic charm and character in the designated knock-down zone might survive: A quaint cottage at 4 Park St., built in the 1860s and once part of the Lobdell estate, which will possibly be moved.

The state’s Historic Preservation Office is “intractable” about the cottage’s preservation, said Cotter. Plans call for renovating it and maybe hauling it to a location near Railroad Avenue as part of an entrance to a public greenway – a way of greeting commuters leaving the train station, he said.

The Lobdell House itself is unsalvageable, said Natural Resource officials.

Cotter said the theater on the top floor of the Old Town Hall at 67 Main St., built in 1896, will see significant upgrading, including a connection to a neighboring new building (once the Cameo comes down) making the Victorian-era theater compliant with the American with Disabilities Act and creating a vibrant cultural center.

Another change from the earlier proposal has to do with a “floodway.”

“We had to get rid of a hiking trail along Tonetta Brook,” said Cotter. “So we’re going to work with sidewalks along Railroad Avenue to make the Diverting Reservoir trail across from the gazebo” and along the reservoir available.

Cotter also pointed to the nearby Route 22 entrance to the

village as a “gateway.”

“When you come off 22, you see that walking bridge that no one uses,” he said of the steel-and-concrete Morningthorpe Avenue bridge. Cotter said iPark is seeking ideas for making the green more scenic and inviting.

After the meeting closed, a couple of residents gathered to discuss the network of huge mining tunnels that honeycomb under village streets – all that remains of a vast industrial iron mining operation in the latter 19th century.

Schoenig seemed unconcerned about suggestions that the chambers might collapse or cause problems for iPark engineers who will have to work around them or otherwise find solutions.

Town Attorney Willis Stephens, a lifelong Brewster and Southeast resident, was in the audience and said after the meeting that his family built its still-standing home in 1925 next to Garden Street School and overlooking the village.

“I would like to see the village like when I grew up here,” he lamented about the old days. But he said he knows that is unrealistic and hopes the best for Brewster’s revitalization and next chapter.

# CLEAN ENERGY CONSULTATIONS

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Registration for 30 minute time slots required at: [carmellibrary.org/calendar](http://carmellibrary.org/calendar)



Joe Montuori is the Executive Director of Sustainable Putnam, Inc, a tax-exempt nonprofit that educates and assists Putnam County residents, towns, businesses and nonprofits in becoming more sustainable and resilient. Sustainable Putnam offers information, resources, and free counseling regarding energy efficiency, clean energy, and much more.





## Apply for HEAP Now

Applications for home heating assistance are now being accepted throughout the state by the New York State Office of Temporary & Disability Assistance. The Home Energy Assistance Program can provide up to \$976 this winter to help low- and middle-income households and older adults keep their homes warm and cope with high energy costs.

"HEAP provides valuable financial assistance that will help hundreds of thousands of our most vulnerable New Yorkers pay their energy bills," said Office of Temporary & Disability Assistance Acting Commissioner Barbara Guinn. "I encourage all eligible households to apply to help reduce the costs they incur to keep their homes warm throughout the heating season."

The program is federally funded. Eligible households can receive one regular benefit per season and could also be eligible for an emergency benefit if they are in danger of running out of heating fuel or having their utility service shut

off. Applications for emergency benefits will be accepted beginning Jan. 2.

Eligible homeowners and renters may receive up to \$976 in heating assistance, depending on their income, household size, how they heat their home and if the household contains a vulnerable member. A family of four may have a maximum gross monthly income of \$5,838, or an annual gross income of \$70,059 and still qualify for benefits.

Applications for assistance are accepted at local departments of social services and can be submitted online, through the mail or in person. Additionally, older adults needing assistance with HEAP applications can contact their local office for the aging or contact the NY Connects helpline at 1-800-342-9871.

"The Home Energy Assistance Program is critical in providing help with heating costs for households across the state," said NYS Office for the Aging Director Greg Olsen. "As we've seen energy costs rise, I

encourage all those eligible to apply, particularly older adults on a fixed income."

More than 1.7 million HEAP benefits were issued last winter totaling more than \$434 million. Assistance is provided on a first-come, first-served basis.

Additionally, help is also now available to assist eligible homeowners if their primary heating equipment is unsafe or not operating and their furnace or boiler must be repaired or replaced. Benefit amounts through the HEAP Heating Equipment Repair & Replacement program are based on the actual cost incurred to repair or replace the essential heating equipment – up to \$4,000 for a repair and \$8,000 for a replacement.

Eligible homeowners can also now apply for a HEAP Heating Equipment Clean & Tune benefit to keep their home's primary heating source working at peak efficiency. Applicants for these benefits should contact their local department of social services for more information.

## Teen Filmmakers Wanted

Mahopac Public Library looking for teen filmmakers in grades six through 12 to participate in a Teen Horror Film Festival for a chance to win a \$100 Amazon gift card. Movie submissions are due March 1 at midnight.

Films must be no longer than 5 minutes and keep to a PG rating. The films can be done in any media (live action, Claymation, animation, etc.), but all movies must revolve around the challenge theme: The unknown.

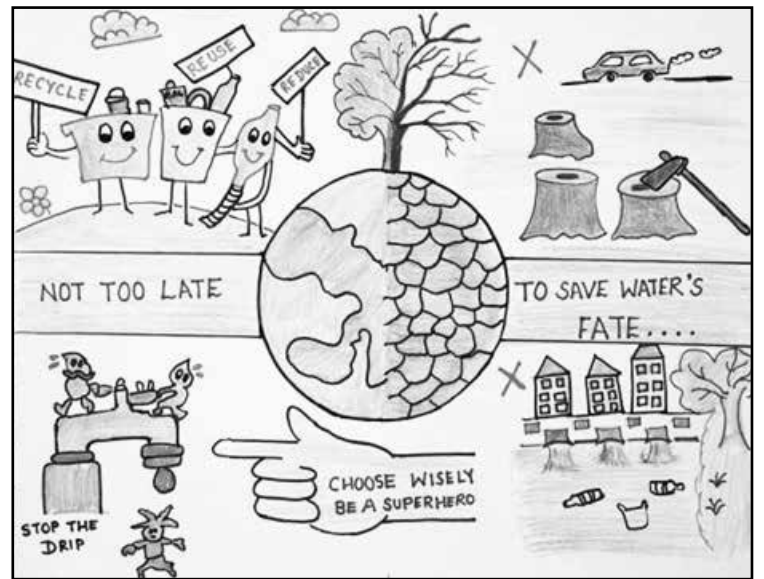
The fear of the unknown has always been one of humanity's biggest fears. We fear things we can't see, can't hear, and just can't explain. Is someone watching you? Why are these strange things happening? Who can say? When teens plan their movies, they should think of situations where one might be afraid or paranoid of something that can't be explained.

Teens who are submitting a movie must submit a contact form that can be picked up at youth ser-

vices in the library. They'll need to know the director's name, movie title, and a way to contact them in case any problems arise.

The library plans to showcase all the films and announce the winners March 16, starting at 2 p.m. Films must be given to Amanda either by email to [astalcup@mahopaclibrary.org](mailto:astalcup@mahopaclibrary.org), or via a flash drive.

The library has made a "FAQ binder" with helpful ideas for movies that can be perused at the library.



Last year's winning poster by Mudanvit Goyal from Mildred E. Strang Middle School.

## 'Create a Watershed Superhero' Poster Contest

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and New York Water Environment Association's annual "Create a Watershed Superhero" poster contest for middle school students was announced recently. The theme challenges students to create their own superhero to inspire environmental stewardship.

"New York is making sustained and historic investments in water quality, helping clean waterways and restore habitats across the state," said DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos. "To help grow New York's next generation of environmental stewards, DEC's annual poster contest encourages young people to become guardians of their watersheds and reminds all New Yorkers of the everyday actions everyone can take to protect and conserve water."

Since 2004, the annual poster contest has encouraged thousands of middle school students across New York State to learn about their role in protecting their local watersheds and how to conserve and safeguard water resources – now and for future generations. This is the third year of the super-

hero poster contest theme.

Previous themes include "We All Live in a Watershed," "Conserve & Protect our Watersheds" and "The Importance of Wastewater Treatment." To participate in the 2023-24 school year contest, teachers, schools and clubs are advised to visit DEC's website for more information.

Posters will be accepted through Jan. 12. The 14 winning posters will be featured in DEC and NYWEA's 2025 annual calendar.

The poster contest helps raise community awareness of the importance of natural resources and the DEC programs that help manage sources of water pollution and improve water quality. Many lakes and rivers are managed through watershed programs that plan and initiate activities to protect and restore water quality.

DEC funds projects to conserve water and protect water quality through statewide grant funding opportunities through the Water Quality Improvement Program and upcoming Clean Water, Clean Air & Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act funding.

### Election Results: Addonizio, Gouldman Retain County Seats

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seats, with a combined 1,527 and 1,406 Republican and Conservative votes, respectively. Challenger Courtney Steininger received 1,127 Democratic votes.

For Putnam Valley Town Board, Sherry Howard and incumbent Louis Luongo were victorious, with Howard receiving a combined 1,622 Democratic and Conservative line votes, and Luongo receiving a combined 1,518 Republican and Conservative line votes. Challenger Brooke Anderson received 1,063 Democratic votes and challenger Patricia Villanova received 1,155

Republican votes.

For Putnam Valley highway superintendent, incumbent Shawn Keeler was victorious with a combined 1,877 Democratic and Conservative line votes, compared to Republican Mark Pawera's 913 votes.

For Philipstown town justice, Angela Thompson-Tinsley received a combined 1,822 Democratic and Team Philipstown votes, defeating Randall Chiera, who received a combined 768 Republican and Conservative votes.

For Philipstown Town Board, incumbents Judith Farrell and Robert Flaherty claimed victory, with Farrell receiving a combined 1,795 Democratic and Team Philipstown votes, and Flaherty receiving a combined 1,988 Democratic and Conservative votes. Neal Tomann received a combined 923 Republican and Conservative votes.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Southeast  
SOUTHEAST  
PLANNING BOARD  
NOTICE OF  
PUBLIC HEARING**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE**

that the Planning Board/Architectural Review Board of the Town of Southeast, New York, in accordance with Chapters 78 and 138 of the Code of the Town of Southeast, and NYCRR Part 617 of the Environmental Conservation Law (as applicable), will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, November 27, 2023 at 7:00 p.m., at Southeast Town Offices, 1360 Route 22, Brewster, New York to consider the following:

**ARBORCREEK FARMS, LLC** – Application is being made for Site Plan, Wetland Permit and a Special Permit for a proposal to operate a commercial nursery stock growing field on a 9.87-acre property that is bisected by Holly Stream, a NYSDEC regulated stream, and contains Town of Southeast regulated wetlands. The western portion of the property, located at 400-410 Route 22, Brewster, NY, in the RMF Zoning District, and identified as Tax Map Number 78.-1-16, is currently improved with a mix of commercial and residential uses.

**BRAVCOR, LLC** – Application is being made for Site Plan Amendment and a Conditional Use Permit for a proposal to construct a two-story 28,880 sq. ft. warehouse/office building on an approximately 9.4-acre commercial property located at 66 Fields Lane, Brewster, NY, in the OP-1 Zoning District, and identified as Tax Map Number 78.-2-15. The property is currently improved with an existing two-story approximately 117,192 sq. ft. warehouse/office building and associated improvements approved by the Planning Board in 2016.

**CARUSO ESTATES** – Application is being made for Subdivision for a proposed a lot line adjustment to merge four existing tax parcels into two on Knox Road and Woodland Drive in the R-60 Zoning District. Two of the existing parcels are encumbered by New York State regulated wetlands and unbuildable. 64 Knox Road, Tax Lot 67.10-1-6 (1.03 acres), which has an existing single-family home, would be merged with the majority of 3 Woodland Drive, Tax Lot 67.10-1-8 (0.78 acres), and a sliver of 68 Knox Drive, Tax Lots 67.10-1-7 (0.82 acres) and 5 Woodland Drive, 67.10-1-9 (1.02 acres) creating a 2.05-acre lot. The remainder of Tax Lots 67.10-1-8, 67.10-1-7, and 67.10-1-9 would be merged into a 1.66-acre lot.

Thomas LaPerch, Chairman  
Town of Southeast Planning Board  
Dated: November 1, 2023

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**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) of the Town of Southeast shall hold a public meeting on November 20, 2023, at 7:30 P.M. at the Town Hall, 1360 Route 22, Brewster, NY, where the ZBA will conduct a work session to preview potential applications and to deliberate on applications for which public hearings have been previously held. Thereafter, at or about 8:00 P.M., or as soon as interested parties may be heard, public hearings will be conducted on the following applications:

1. EE Brewster, LLC, owner of property located at 1534 & 1550 Route 22, Tax Map IDs

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46.-2-45.1 & 45.2. Continued review of an application for a variance from Section 138-52.B of the Zoning Code for exterior overhead garage style doors in the rear and sides of a proposed self-storage building, which are prohibited, as referred by the Town Board, in connection with a Special Use Permit Application for Self-Storage in the SR-22 Zoning District.

2. Marisol & Jose Pena, owners of property located at 333 Turk Hill Road, Tax Map ID 78.-2-29, seek a variance from sections 138-20 and 138-25 of the Zoning Code as the same requires minimum setbacks of structures from adjoining property lines to permit the applicants to construct a deck attached to an existing residence with a proposed side yard setback of 0' where a minimum of 100' is required in a R-160 zone.

3. Sandra Barrella owner of property located at 293 Dingle Ridge Road, Tax Map ID 79.12-1-3, seeks variances from sections 138-20 and 138-25 of the Zoning Code as the same prohibits structures located in the front, side or rear yards, including walls or fences over a certain height, to permit the applicant to continue to maintain a stone wall and pillars in the front yard of a single-family dwelling in the R-60 Zoning District which requires the following variances: Wall- 2' height variance where 5'. is proposed and 3 ft. is permitted; two (2) Stone Pillars- 4' height variance where 7'. is proposed and 3' ft. is permitted; and four (4) Stone Pillars- 2' height variance where 5' is proposed and 3' is permitted in an R-60 Zone.

4. Green Chimneys School / Boni Bel Farm owner of premises located at 301 Doansburg Road, Tax Map IDs 36.-2-17 & 36.-1-1 & 36.17-1-3, seeks to vary the terms of sections 138-20 and 138-25 the Zoning Code as the same requires minimum setbacks of parking facilities from adjoining property lines and wetland areas to permit the applicant to construct parking area within the front yard of the premises requires a front yard setback variance of 96' where 4' is proposed and 100' is required in a R-160 Zone.

By Order of the ZBA  
Timothy Froessel, Chairman  
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**Putnam**

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Detailed specifications may be secured at the office of the Director of Purchasing, Putnam County Office Building, 40 Gle-neida Avenue, Room 105, Carmel, New York 10512 between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M., Monday through Friday or you may download from the Empire State Bid System's website at www.empirestatebidsystem.com. Sealed bids must be filed in the above office on or before **1:00 P.M., FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2023.**

**dated: Carmel, New York  
November 9, 2023  
Sgd/John Tully, Purchasing  
Director  
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**dated: Carmel, New York  
November 9, 2023  
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Putnam County Purchasing  
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**Supreme Court**

SUMMONS Supreme Court of New York, Putnam County **U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR VRMTG ASSET TRUST, Plaintiff, -against- PHYLLIS JULIANO AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTOR OF THE ESTATE OF MARIA ELENA CASSESE; MICHAEL CASSESE AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTOR OF THE ESTATE OF MARIA ELENA CASSESE; KATHERINE CASSESE AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTOR OF THE ESTATE OF MARIA ELENA CASSESE; UNKNOWN HEIRS OF THE ESTATE OF MARIA ELENA CASSESE; SECOND ROUND SUB LLC; FOUNDATION FINANCE COMPANY LLC U/A/N FOUNDATION FIRST FUNDING; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (SOUTHERN DISTRICT) O/B/O INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; "JOHN DOE" AND "JANE DOE" said names being fictitious, it being the intention of Plaintiff to designate any and all occupants of premises being foreclosed herein., Defendants. Index No. 500992/2023. Mortgaged Premises: 1 Cherry Lane Putnam Valley, NY 10579 Section: 73.5 Block: 2 Lot: 72. To The Above Named Defendant(s): YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in the above entitled action and to serve a copy of your Answer on the Plaintiff's attorney within twenty (20) days of the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service, or within thirty (30) days after service of the same is complete where service is made in any manner other than by personal delivery within the State. The United States of America, if designated as a Defendant in this action, may answer or appear within sixty (60) days of service. If you fail to appear or to answer within the aforementioned time frame, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT THE OBJECTIVE of the above captioned action is to foreclose on a Consolidation, Extension, and Modification Agreement to secure \$202,812.00 and interest, recorded in the Putnam County**

Clerk's Office on April 9, 2013 in Book 6187, Page 497, Document Number 1602380, covering the premises known as 1 Cherry Lane, Putnam Valley, NY 10579. The relief sought herein is a final judgment directing sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the

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mortgage described above. Plaintiff designates Putnam County as the place of trial. Venue is based upon the County in which the mortgaged premises is located. 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 the mortgage company will not stop the foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. FRIEDMAN VARTOLO, LLP 1325 Franklin Avenue, Suite 160 Garden City, New York 11530, Attorneys for Plaintiff.

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Supplemental Summons and Notice of Object of Action Supreme Court Of The State Of New York County Of Putnam Action to Foreclose a Mortgage Index #: 501038/2022 **Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. Plaintiff, vs Allan Grabowski** If Living, And If He/She Be Dead, Any And All Persons Unknown To Plaintiff, Claiming, Or Who May Claim To Have An Interest In, Or General Or Specific Lien Upon The Real Property Described In This Action; Such Unknown Persons Being Herein Generally Described And Intended To Be Included In Wife, Widow, Husband, Widower, Heirs At Law, Next Of Kin, Descendants, Executors, Administrators, Devisees, Legatees, Creditors, Trustees, Committees, Lienors, And Assignees Of Such Deceased, Any And All Persons Deriving Interest In Or Lien Upon, Or Title To Said Real Property By, Through Or Under Them, Or Either Of Them, And Their Respective Wives, Widows, Husbands, Widowers, Heirs At Law, Next Of Kin, Descendants, Executors, Administrators, Devisees, Legatees, Creditors, Trustees, Committees, Lienors, And Assigns, All Of Whom And Whose Names, Except As Stated, Are Unknown To Plaintiff, Key-hole Capital Fund Vii, People Of The State Of New York, United States Of America On Behalf Of The IRS Defendant(s). Mortgaged Premises: 12 Hillair Road Lake Peekskill, NY 10537 To the Above named Defendant: 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 Supplemental Summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the Plaintiff(s) attorney(s) within twenty days after the service of this Supplemental Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this Supplemental Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York). In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. The Attorney for Plaintiff has an office for business in the County of Erie. Trial to be held in the County of Putnam. The basis of the venue designated above is the location of the Mortgaged Premises. TO Allan Grabowski Defendant In this Action. The foregoing Supplemental Summons is served upon you by publication, pursuant to an order of HON. Gina C Capone of the Supreme Court Of The State Of New York, dated the Twelfth day of October, 2023 and filed with the Complaint in the Office of the

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Clerk of the County of Putnam, in the City of Carmel. The object of this action is to foreclose a mortgage upon the premises described below, dated June 9, 2005, executed by Allan Grabowski to secure the sum of \$182,700.00. The Mortgage was recorded at Book 4587, Page 1 in the Office of the Putnam County Clerk on June 28, 2005. The mortgage was subsequently assigned by an assignment executed February 12, 2013 and recorded on February 21, 2013, in the Office of the Putnam County Clerk at Book 6152, Page 1. The property in question is described as follows: 12 Hillair Road, Lake Peekskill, NY 10537 **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 the Foreclosure Relief Hotline 1-800-269-0990 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 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



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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 (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. DATED: October 24, 2023 Gross Polowy LLC Attorney(s) For Plaintiff(s) 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 The law firm of Gross Polowy, LLC and the attorneys whom it employs are debt collectors who are attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained by them will be used for that purpose. 78394

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SUMMONS Supreme Court of New York, Putnam County U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE OF THE LB-CABANA SERIES IV TRUST, Plaintiff, -against- CARLA TAYLOR; UNKNOWN HEIRS OF THE ESTATE OF MICHAEL TAYLOR; TRACY PEREZ, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTEE OF THE ESTATE OF MICHAEL TAYLOR; CHELSEA TAYLOR, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTEE OF THE ESTATE OF MICHAEL TAYLOR; MORGAN TAYLOR A/K/A TAYLOR MORGAN, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTEE OF THE ESTATE OF MICHAEL TAYLOR; MIA TAYLOR, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTEE OF THE ESTATE OF MICHAEL TAYLOR; MICHAEL TAYLOR A/K/A MICHAEL TAYLOR, JR., AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTEE OF THE ESTATE OF MICHAEL TAYLOR; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (SOUTHERN DISTRICT) O/B/O INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; "JOHN

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DOE" AND "JANE DOE" said names being fictitious, it being the intention of Plaintiff to designate any and all occupants of premises being foreclosed herein, Defendants. Index No. 501284/2023. Mortgaged Premises: 15 Jackson Road F/K/A 226 Jackson Road Mahopac, NY 10541 Section: 65.15 Block: 1 Lot: 44. To The Above Named Defendant(s): YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in the above entitled action and to serve a copy of your Answer on the Plaintiff's attorney within twenty (20) days of the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service, or within thirty (30) days after service of the same is complete where service is made in any manner other than by personal delivery within the State. The United States of America, if designated as a Defendant in this action, may answer or appear within sixty (60) days of service. If you fail to appear or to answer within the aforementioned time frame, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT THE OBJECTIVE of the above captioned action is to foreclose on a Mortgage to secure \$130,000.00 and interest, recorded in the Putnam County Clerk's Office on May 12, 1998 in Book 2514, Page 346, covering the premises known as 15 Jackson Road, F/K/A 226 Jackson Road, Mahopac, NY 10541. The relief sought herein is a final judgment directing sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the mortgage described above. Plaintiff designates Putnam County as the place of trial. Venue is based upon the County in which the mortgaged premises is located. 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

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

M&T BANK, Plaintiff - against - JACOB OLIVA, et al Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on October 6, 2023, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Putnam Supreme Courthouse located at 20 County Center, Carmel, NY 10512 on the 11th day of December, 2023 at 2:30 PM. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Town of Patterson, County of Putnam and State of New York.

Premises known as 1098 Route 311, Patterson, NY 12563. (Section: 3.20, Block: 1, Lot: 11)

Approximate amount of lien \$290,274.31 plus interest and costs.

Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale.

Index No. 501702/2019.

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Juliana LoBiondo, Esq., Referee. McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 420 Lexington Avenue, Suite 840

New York, NY 10170 Tel. 347/286-7409

Dated: October 12, 2023

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**NOTICE OF SALE**

SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF PUTNAM

**Wells Fargo Bank, NA, Plaintiff AGAINST**

**Jose Herrera-Rogel a/k/a Jose H. Herrera-Rogel a/k/a Jose H. Rogel a/k/a Jose Rogel; et al., Defendant(s)**

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered June 5, 2019 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Putnam County Courthouse, Courtroom 209, 20 County Center, Carmel, NY 10512 on December 11, 2023 at 11:30AM, premises known as 28 Cornwall Court, Patterson, NY 12563. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of Patterson, County of Putnam, State of New York, Section 25.48 Block 1 Lot 44. Approximate amount of judgment \$289,322.83 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 800092/2022 fka 256/2015. The auction will be conducted pursuant to the COVID-19 Policies Concerning Public Auctions of Foreclosed Property established by the Ninth Judicial District.

Raymond Cote, Esq., Referee

LOGS Legal Group LLP f/k/a Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 430-4792 Dated: August 3, 2023

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF PUTNAM In the Matter of the Petition of THE

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**COMMUNITY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**, a NEW YORK STATE NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION, for the removal and transfer of the cremains. PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Petitioners in the above referenced action will petition the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of Putnam, on or after the 30th of November 2023 at the Courthouse at 20 County Center, Carmel, NY 10512 at 9:30 am for an order pursuant to RCL Section 9 and NPCL Section 1510 (e) authorizing the removal of the cremains located at The Community of the Holy Spirit at 116 Federal Hill Road, Brewster, New York, 10509 and the transfer of the cremains of Ruth Elaine Younger, Edith Margaret Brown, Mary Christabel Dawson, Otilie Vanderbilt, Phyllis Donis, Anne Allison, Marcia Baty, Katherine Holbrook, Margaret Ann Sykes, Susan Malarkey, Alberta Carr, Lucia Wiley, Millicent Ann Smith, Jerolynn Zion, to The Cathedral of Saint John the Divine, located at 1047 Amsterdam Avenue, New York, New York 10025, Goldstein Hall, PLLC Attorneys for Petitioner, 80 Broad Street, Suite 303, New York NY 10004. Objections may be filed prior to the return date of the petition.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF SALE**

SUPREME COURT. PUTNAM COUNTY. **WEBSTER BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Pltf. vs. ORQUIDE A DUGUE INDIVIDUALLY AND AS GUARDIAN FOR MARIUSZ WALISZEWSKI, et al, Defts.** Index #501705/2021. Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale entered October 25, 2023, I will sell at public auction in Room 209 of the Putnam County Courthouse, 20 County Center, Carmel, NY on December 18, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. prem. k/a 103 Livingston Road, Kent, NY 10512 a/k/a Section 22.49, Block 1, Lot 10. Approximate amount of judgment is \$258,961.03 plus cost and interest. Sold subject to terms and conditions of filed judgment and terms of sale. WENDY MARIE WEATHERS, Referee. MARGOLIN, WEINREB & NIERER, Attys. for Pltf., 165 Eileen Way, Ste. 101, Syosset, NY. #100925

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**LLC**

Notice of formation of **Crossfit Trinity LLC**. Crossfit Trinity LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 9/18/2023. Office located in Putnam Co. SSNY designated agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: United States Corporation Agents Inc., 7014 13th Ave, Suite 202, Brooklyn, NY, 11228. Purpose: any lawful activity.

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# Elm Chamber Ensemble to Perform in Cold Spring

The Boston-based Elm Chamber Ensemble will perform Mozart's "Piano Quartet in E-flat Major, K493," and Schumann's "Piano Quartet in E-flat Major, Op. 47," on Sunday, Nov. 19 at 4 p.m. at the Chapel Restoration, 45 Market St., Cold Spring. The concert is free and open to all.

The Elm Chamber Ensemble is a dynamic group presenting duos, string trios, piano trios and piano quartets, with a versatile roster of violinist Joel Pitchon, violinist/violist Anthony Berner, cellist Marie-Volcy Pelletier and pianist Yu-mei Wei.

Pitchon is active as a soloist, concertmaster and chamber music player, and has received acclaim for his performances with nationally

and internationally renowned ensembles. He has been a member of the Forster String Trio, the Walden Chamber Players and the Kinor String Quartet, and is currently a member of the Sage Chamber Music Society. Each summer he participates in a series of concerts as leader of the New Baroque Soloists.

A native of Paris, Pelletier received the Premier Prix in Cello & Chamber Music from the Conservatoire National de Région de Boulogne-Billancourt, France, where she studied with Michel Strauss. Pelletier was a founding member of the Concert Players String Trio in London the Forster String Trio, and the Kinor Quartet in New York City, and is a lecturer in

cello performance at Smith College.

As a violinist and violist member of the 92nd St. Y Chamber Players, Berner has performed as soloist and in chamber music concerts throughout the New York City area at such venues as Lincoln Center, the 92nd St. Y and the Longhouse Chamber Series. He is a trustee of the Marlboro School of Music and currently on the music faculty at Deerfield Academy.

Wei has appeared as soloist with orchestras in the U.S., Europe and Taiwan, and has given recitals in Germany, Poland, the United Kingdom, the Netherlands, Thailand, Hong Kong, China and Taiwan. She teaches at the Deerfield Academy and Taipei National University of Arts.

# New Laws Support Homeowners at Manufactured Home Parks

Gov. Kathy Hochul recently signed legislation to support homeowners at manufactured home parks – a critical source of affordable housing for residents in New York State, particularly upstate and in rural areas.

Legislation S. 5881-A/A. 5549-A expands the right of first refusal that homeowners in manufactured home parks currently have to include whenever owners of manufactured home parks make offers to sell or respond to offers to buy the park. Legislation S. 7541/A. 7403-A authorizes the State of New York Mortgage Agency to purchase mortgages for and offer mortgage pool insurance for modular and manufactured housing.

Legislation S. 7381/A. 7422 better aligns state law relating to civil penalties associated with manufactured housing with federal law.

Legislation S. 5881-A/A. 5549-A expands the right of first refusal that homeowners in manufactured home parks currently have to include whenever owners of manufactured home parks make offers to sell or respond to offers to buy the park. Under prior state law, homeowners in manufactured home parks were only able to exercise this right when the purchaser of manufactured home parks certified their intent to use the land for a different purpose.

The legislation also requires that homeowners notify owners of manufactured home parks within 60 days if they plan to make an offer to purchase the

park and requires that homeowners make the offer within 140 days. This legislation will help homeowners in manufactured home parks safeguard their affordable communities, without unduly hindering unopposed investments in manufactured home parks, said Hochul.

Legislation S. 7541/A. 7403 authorizes the State of New York Mortgage Agency to purchase mortgages and offer mortgage pool insurance for modular and manufactured housing, which primarily are financed as personal property and thus were often ineligible for agency financing and insurance prior to this legislation. This legislation enables the agency to provide critical support to homebuyers who rely upon modular and manufactured housing as affordable pathways to homeownership.

Legislation S. 7381/A. 7422 includes several technical changes to better align state law relating to civil penalties associated with manufactured housing with federal law. It replaces the word "fine" with "civil penalty," replaces the word "licenses" with "certifications," and it replaces the word "article" with "title." It also replaces the language surrounding civil penalties with "the maximum civil penalty" established by the Code of Federal Regulations.

In doing so, this legislation helps to correct a misalignment between state and federal language to help ensure that manufactured homes are produced, installed and serviced safely.

# Down Hill Strugglers Return to Tompkins Corners

Tompkins Corners Cultural Center will present the Down Hill Strugglers, an old-time string band based simultaneously out of Kentucky and Brooklyn, on Saturday, Nov. 18 at 7:30 p.m., at 729 Peekskill Hollow Road, Putnam Valley.

This is the third of four events in this year's John Cohen Memorial Music Series.

Some of the best traditional American music, blues, gospel and hillbilly was recorded on commercial 78 rpm records during the 1920s and 30s. The Down Hill Strugglers keep that music alive with new interpretations. The band has released albums on Smithsonian Folkways Recordings and Jalopy Records, and is featured on

the soundtrack to the Coen Brothers film "Inside Llewyn Davis," produced by T-Bone Burnett.

John Cohen, who became the band's mentor and bandmate, co-founded Tompkins Corners in 2015. He was a musician, photographer and filmmaker who performed and documented the traditional music of the rural South and played a major role in the American folk music revival.

Cohen played with the Strugglers at every Brooklyn Folk Festival since the beginning, as well as at every Washington Square Park Folk Festival and many more all across the country, including at the Library of Congress, the Kennedy Center, the Newport Folk Festival and more.

"They have built their repertoire from some of the best music of the past and they keep it alive and lively," Cohen said of the Strugglers. "They have found resonance with the intensity of rural music, while delighting in the nuances that preserve the individual uniqueness of the genre. This is music that will keep your mind dancing."

Tickets to the upcoming performance are \$20 and may be purchased at Eventbrite.com or at the door.

Tompkins Corners Cultural Center is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization. For more information, visit TompkinsCorners.org or Facebook, or email info@tompkinscorners.org.

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## An Early Thanksgiving for Carmel Seniors



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Senior citizens throughout the Carmel Central School District community were treated to an early Thanksgiving luncheon Nov. 8 at schools across the district.

“Our community really wraps their arms around our seniors,” said Alice Holzmann, family and consumer science teacher at George Fischer Middle School. “In each of our schools, the students serve the seniors, make crafts for them, sing and entertain them, and just spend time talking with the seniors. It is a real treat for our seniors and for our students.”

The Carmel Teachers Association sponsors the annual event. Holzmann, who has organized the luncheon for 39 years, said the

Putnam County Office of Senior Resources help coordinate the event and that the hard work of the schools’ cafeteria staff make the feast a huge success.

This year, 80 seniors enjoyed lunch at schools throughout the district. The group included many retired teachers and staff members who were happy to return to the buildings.

“I liked the stuffing, the corn and, especially, the pumpkin pie,” said Barbara, a senior who lives in Lake Carmel and attended the luncheon at the middle school. “All of my kids and my three grandchildren went to school here. I love coming back to all the schools. I try to go to a different school every year.”