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St. Patrick's Day Parade Draws a Crowd to Mahopac



The temperature rose, the sun came out, and people lined Route 6 in Mahopac on March 8 for the 49th annual Putnam/Northern Westchester St. Patrick's Day parade. As always, dozens of marching bands, twirlers, scouts, elected officials, civic organizations, and others participated in the festive event. Additional photos are on pages 8 and 9. Photos by Chloe Wareham-Gordon.

Republicans Seek Return of Baseload Power at Indian Point *Harckham Calls for Solar-Powered NY*



Assemblymen Matt Slater, A.J. Beephan, and Karl Braben joined Congressman Mike Lawler, Putnam County Executive Kevin Byrne, Energy Secretary Chris Wright, and others recently at the former Indian Point Energy Center to highlight what they call an urgent need for reliable, clean baseload power in New York as energy costs continue to rise and grid reliability concerns grow.

Several Republican lawmakers gathered at the former Indian Point Energy Center recently to highlight the need for reliable, clean baseload power in New York, as energy costs continue to rise and grid reliability concerns grow.

The politicians pointed to the recent restart of the Palisades Nuclear Plant in Michigan, a once-retired facility that is being brought back online to strengthen energy reliability and reduce dependence on less stable sources of power, as an example of how existing infrastructure can revitalize a state's energy grid. They noted that while other states are recognizing the importance of nuclear energy, New York chose to shut down Indian Point – removing a major



State Sen. Pete Harckham says solar power generation is the best and cheapest way to tackle short- and long-term energy affordability.

source of reliable, carbon-free power from the grid.

“Standing here at Indian

Point is a reminder of the consequences of misguided energy

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‘No Fraternization’ Policy Adopted At Carmel Schools

By Holly Crocco

After months of drafting and debating, the Carmel School Board on March 10 adopted a policy that prohibits fraternization between school employees and students.

Policy 2968 reads, in summary, that the relationship between district staff and students needs to be professional, ethical, free of bias, conducive to learning, have appropriate boundaries, and be free of any behavior that could lead to the appearance of impropriety.

Inappropriate grooming or dating, flirting, inappropriate gifting, and frequent personal communication with students via phone or text, email, or paper that are unrelated to coursework or official school matters would be in violation of the policy. As would isolating students for inappropriate or unprofessional matters; providing or partaking in alcohol, drugs or tobacco use with students; socializing with students excessively, to the point that such conduct creates the impression that there is favoritism; and behaving in a pattern that suggests an inappropriate adult-student relationship.

“I think it’s a very good policy. I stand behind it,” said Board President Melissa Orser.

For months, the board has debated what language should be included, excluded, and otherwise modified to best protect students and staff.

Trustee Jordi Douglas took issue with the portion of the policy that concerns communication with students.

The policy states, in summary, that whenever possible, communication with students should take place through district-administered and approved communications systems, such as the district email system, and that no staff member should contact a student between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m.

“If I were employed by this district, I would be in violation every two weeks,” said Douglas, noting that, as an educator, he often replies to emails after 10 p.m. He used the very evening of the school board meeting as an example – which can go well past 10 p.m.

“I’m going to get home tonight and look at emails,” he said. “They deserve to receive a reply when possible.”

Teachers also had concerns about the timeframe, writing to the board to state that educators wake up early and respond to emails, or reply late at night – especially if there is a morning exam

Trustee James Wise noted that the hours were added by the policy committee.

“There’s clearly a purpose for this,” he said. “The vast majority of our teachers would never be texting a student at 2 in the morning, but for a person who may not have a proper understanding of the boundaries ... we do need to protect them.”

Likewise, the policy also protects teachers by defining clear and acceptable behavior, said Wise.

Trustee Michael Torpey agreed with Douglas that the timeframe may not work as intended.

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‘Mr. Brewster’ Crowned

Jack McKenney, center, was recently crowned Mr. Brewster 2026. Luke Cunningham came in second place and Cameron LaMoreaux took third. Students competed in the S.A.L.T.Y Hands Club’s annual Mr. Brewster competition to raise money for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. In total, the group raised \$61,401 this year. The show was filled with singing, dancing, magic, and plenty of laughs, which students, teachers, and club advisor Marla Egan worked hard to make happen. Cunningham was also named best dressed, Jaco Caraballo was named best dancer, and Zak Beal was dubbed “cutest baby.”

Rotary Club Brings Pro Wrestling Show Back to Mahopac

Lake Mahopac Rotary Club will present its second annual East Coast Pro Wrestling show Friday, April 11 at the Mahopac High School gymnasium, with a 7 p.m. bell time.

This night of family-friendly entertainment will feature former WWE stars Nunzio and Afa Jr. in action, along with WWE Hall-of-Famer Tito Santana, who will serve as the special guest referee in the main event.

The action-packed card will include three East Coast Pro Wrestling championship matches and a 20-man over-the-top Battle Royal.

Tickets are \$20 ringside or \$15 for general admission. They can be purchased at Arthur Avenue Deli, Route 6 Deli, and Beacon



Last year’s event was a smash!

Bank, and at www.ecpw1.com. Proceeds from the event will

support the Lake Mahopac Rotary Club’s charitable initiatives.



Meanderings Lou Orfanella

The Allure of the Local Newspaper

There has always been something about holding a fresh newspaper in my hands – even in the days when the newsprint inevitably ended up smeared on my fingertips – that has been appealing to me.

Be it sitting at the kitchen table reading the comic strips over a cup of coffee or thumbing through a New York City tabloid left behind by an exiting passenger on the Metro-North, which I would pick up hoping to find a new column by Pete Hamill or Jimmy Breslin, newspapers have been part of my life for as long as I can remember.

Throughout my decades as a freelance writer, I have been fortunate to have found support for my work from numerous independent presses and many national and regional publications. While I remain grateful and humbled by such recognition, it is the weekly local newspaper – like the Putnam County Times/Press – that continues to call to me like magnetic north trying to guide me home.

I recall as a young child visiting the newspaper office

of Howard “Buzz” Burr on Gleneida Avenue, and seeing the printer’s cases that held the small pieces called metal type that would be organized into words and sentences to be inked and turned into the pages of the next issue. As I grew up, I would be thrilled to see my name in Barbara Cooney’s “Scouting Around” column when she reported on the activities of Cub Scout Pack 132, of which I was a member and for which my parents – along with the Clarks, the Brodericks, and scores of other parents – served as leaders.

Other times it was the Carmel Central School District articles that I would clip and paste into a scrapbook when my friends and I were included in stories.

My first published pieces as a “professional” writer were a couple of early poems published during my college years – a time when I always had the weekly Putnam County newspaper delivered to my NYC dormitory. About a decade later I was fortunate to have periodic personal essay columns published in the

same local paper.

Those pieces that appeared on the pages of a local hometown weekly, to me, represent as much validation and satisfaction as the books and chapbooks I have published and as much as anything my byline has appeared on in publications such as English Journal, College Bound, World Hunger Year magazine, and the New York Daily News.

What is the allure of a paper like the Putnam County Times/Press that has drawn me back in at this point in my life and career? Maybe it’s like what Michael Corleone said in “The Godfather Part III.” “Just when I thought I was out, they pull me back in.”

Or maybe it’s like what the legendary journalist Pete Hamill once said to me after a lecture of his that I attended. It was at a time when his fellow journalist Jimmy Breslin had, later in life, started writing a regular column again. I asked Pete if he would like to have a similar opportunity. Hamill – one of my few idols in life – considered it for a moment, then told me, “No, I still have some books that I want to get out before.” With a smile and a slight laugh, he added, “I have to get out.”

I guess that’s how I’m feeling. There are some things I still want to say, and a local newspaper has always felt like a good home for them. I hope you will enjoy listening.

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casually says in war, yes, some will die and there will probably be more.

Where is the same outrage? Where are the Republicans now?

Biden ends a war. Tragically, soldiers die. Outrage against President Biden.

Trump starts a war. Soldiers die, and not a peep from any of those people or groups. Why is that?

A man who used the excuse he had a bone spur would not serve his country, and many years later that same man sends young men and woman to die, and he then says casually that more will die.

Where is the outrage?
*Bill Pope
Carmel*

Letters to the Editor

A Presidential Double-Standard

Dear Editor:

Back when President Biden ended the war in Afghanistan and 13 soldiers were killed, Trump and his allies started a campaign with family members of the dead soldiers to blame President Biden. In war, our soldiers do die. It is very tragic and sad.

Also, I remember Trump

taking a picture with the dead soldiers’ families at the Arlington National Cemetery and he did a thumbs-up with a big smile. There was nothing to smile about.

Fox “fake” News, OAN, Newsmax, and many Republican senators and congressman joined Trump in blaming President Biden.

Now, President Trump starts a war and now seven soldiers have died. Our President Trump

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Woman Dies After Jeep Falls Through Ice on Lake Mahopac



A screenshot from a video circulating on Facebook shows the Jeep being driven erratically on Lake Mahopac, moments before it plunges into the water.



The Jeep was found fully submerged about 30 yards off the shore of East Lake Boulevard. Photo by Mahopac Volunteer Fire Department.

A Somers woman has died after she drove her Jeep on the ice on Lake Mahopac and it fell through water that wasn't fully frozen.

According to the Carmel Police Department, at about 5:45 p.m. March 9, the office received multiple calls reporting a Jeep driving on Lake Mahopac.

CPD officers and Putnam County sheriff's deputies who responded along East Lake Boulevard were flagged down by passers-by who notified them that after the driver entered the lake from Swan Cove and drove around erratically for a bit, the vehicle broke through the ice and plunged into the water.

It was found fully submerged

about 30 yards off the shore, north of the St. John's prayer garden.

The Mahopac Falls and Yorktown Heights volunteer fire department dive teams were called to the scene, and the sole occupant/driver of the vehicle was recovered unresponsive. She was later identified as a 55-year-old female from Somers.

Emergency lifesaving measures were performed by Mahopac Volunteer Fire Department and Carmel EMS units enroute to Putnam Hospital in Carmel, where the woman later died.

Identification of the driver is pending family notifications.

This incident remains under investigation by CPD detectives.

ster, NY, (845) 279-3615.

Mahopac

Ralph Charles Horowitz, 93, March 5. Cargain Funeral Homes Inc., Mahopac, (845) 225-5655.

Sheila E. Gargano, 87, January 27. Joseph J. Smith Funeral Home, Mahopac, (845) 621-1992.

Putnam Dems Make First Round of Endorsements

Putnam County Democrats have enthusiastically endorsed a slate of candidates for office in 2026, expecting to field a nearly full ballot of candidates across town, county, state, and federal races.

"We believe 2026 is going to be a good year for Democrats, as more voters of all stripes are sickened and exhausted by the chaos and illegality they are seeing from so-called leaders in the Republican Party," said Jennifer Colamonico, chairwoman of the Putnam County Democratic Committee.

"Current polling indicates that voters are inclined to send Republicans a harsh message in November that we demand leaders who will stand up to autocracy, provide a crucial check and balance on the executive branch, and return the focus on making government work for the rest of us who struggle to afford housing, energy, healthcare, and food while the billionaires are living their best lives."

The committee took formal endorsement votes in support of the following incumbents: Assemblywoman Dana Leven-

berg, State Sen. Peter Harckham, Putnam Valley Supervisor Alison Jolicoeur, and Philipstown Supervisor John VanTassel.

Across six towns, Putnam Democrats also endorsed the following challengers: Daniel Guzmán for State Assembly, Brett Yarris for county executive, Dr. Michael Strauss for county coroner, Alex Sewell for Kent town supervisor, Lynne Eckardt for Southeast town supervisor, and Maya Gilleo, Kathy Kahng, and Gwendolyn Burke for County Legislature.

Democratic district leaders, candidates, and volunteers are going door to door to registered Democrats through March 24 to gather petition signatures to get candidates on the ballot.

"This is the first opportunity we get to share our candidates with voters," said Colamonico. "We are seeing such enthusiasm to support a blue ticket across the board."

In 2025, Democrats in Put-

nam saw large gains, boosting turnout and flipping key seats in Patterson and Putnam Valley, while retaining seats in Philipstown. While all three legislative candidates lost, they outperformed their districts and all came within 200 or fewer votes.

Democratic voter registration continues to grow in Putnam, and Democratic committees in all six towns are seeing an influx of new members and volunteers.

The committee intends to endorse candidates in competitive primaries for State Senate District 39 and Congressional District 17 in April, considering those who have successfully petitioned on the ballot.

"Voters across Putnam are clamoring to vote out Congressman Mike Lawler," said Colamonico. "Our party leaders are listening to voters, carefully evaluating the candidates to ensure we pick the strongest challenger to get the job done and begin to restore order in this country."

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Anna L. Lowe, 84, March 5. Beecher Funeral Home, Brew-

Civil Air Patrol Cadet Appointed to West Point

By Major Peter Milano

Civil Air Patrol Cadet Kymora O'Farrell, a member of the Putnam County Squadron in Carmel, has received an appointment to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point following a nomination by Rep. Patrick Ryan and marking the culmination of a notable four-year cadet career that began in 2022.

Since joining CAP, O'Farrell progressed to the rank of cadet second lieutenant. During her tenure, she filled key leadership positions, serving first as a flight sergeant and later as a flight commander. In those roles, she trained fellow cadets, enforced standards, and oversaw mission activities within the squadron.

O'Farrell's résumé includes several intensive CAP training experiences. She attended the annual CAP encampment, where she immersed herself in military customs, drill, and leadership development. In addition, she completed the Civil Engineering National Cadet Special Activity at Tyndall Air Force Base, working alongside CAP cadets and active-duty personnel. The hands-on training challenged her with engineering tasks that mirror the demands of the U.S. Air Force.

"The CAP cadet program



Cadet Kymora O'Farrell.

taught me leadership, teamwork, and time-management skills that will help me meet the challenges of West Point and a future military career," said O'Farrell. "Those experiences, combined with my academic work, strengthened my discipline and sense of responsibility."

O'Farrell credits Major Elena MacDermant, commander of the Putnam County Squadron, with shaping her growth and building her confidence as a leader.

"Major MacDermant has been a great mentor, inspiring me with her dedication and leadership

example," she said.

MacDermant praised O'Farrell's commitment.

"Cadet O'Farrell exemplifies the dedication and integrity we seek in our nation's future leaders," she said. "I proudly support her appointment to West Point and look forward to watching her continued success."

O'Farrell plans to enter West Point this summer and pursue a commission as an Army officer. She aims to continue developing her leadership abilities while contributing to national security.

"I believe my discipline, resilience, leadership, and commitment to service define who I am as a future leader," she said. "I'm ready to face any challenge with courage and purpose, and I'm excited to bring that spirit to West Point."

Founded in 1941 and established as the official civilian auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force seven years later, Civil Air Patrol is chartered by Congress as a nonprofit organization for the purposes of youth development, aerospace education, and to promote general aviation. CAP operates the world's largest fleet of single-engine aircraft for search and rescue, disaster relief, training, and education.

Nutrition Corner

By Allison J. Stowell
MS, RD, CDN



Decoding the Cereal Aisle

The cereal aisle can feel overwhelming—especially when every box claims to be the right choice. Call outs like "whole grain," "fortified," "heart healthy," or "high protein", add to the confusion. When you're short on time, you may not be able to review the nutrition facts panel. And with such an expansive section, where would you start? Lean on Guiding Stars to cut through this confusion and simplify your choices. The Guiding Stars program is designed to help you easily find foods that are higher in the nutrients you're seeking. It also helps you limit your intake of attributes you're likely looking to limit like added sugar, sodium, and food additives (such as artificial colors and flavors, synthetic non-nutritive sweeteners, chemical preservatives, and sugar alcohols). Choose Guiding Stars-earning options to narrow down an overwhelming cereal section to the nutrient-dense choices that are truly the right choice for you.

Fiber

Many people turn to cereal to help them meet their daily fiber needs. It is well known that fiber can improve blood sugar control, lower cholesterol, and manage hunger to assist with weight loss. Grains rich in soluble fiber like oat bran, oatmeal, and barley, are especially helpful for lowering LDL ("bad") cholesterol. The Guiding Stars algorithm gives points to products that are higher in fiber (and an extra point if a product offers whole grain). If you're seeking more fiber, Guiding Stars-earning cereals are a great place to start.

Vitamins and Minerals

The nutrition facts panel must include micronutrient information for calcium, vitamin D, iron, and potassium. However, for most cereals, manufacturers choose to fortify products and include far more vitamin and mineral content information on their products. While capped, a product will receive more points (and possibly earn a Guiding Star) when it offers more vitamins and minerals. Choose Guiding Stars-earning options to help you meet your daily vitamin

and mineral goals.

Added Sugar

Added sugar sneaks its way into many foods and cereal is certainly no exception. Attractive front of package call outs for whole grains, fiber, and protein may make a product seem like a nutritious choice. However, it's also very common for these products to still be high in added sugar. This limits the benefit of these products. Added sugar increases risk for several health conditions. Any food that gets over 40% of its calories from added sugars (not naturally occurring sugars) is disqualified from earning a star rating, even if positive nutrients are in the product. Choose Guiding Stars earning-cereals to ensure you are working toward consuming less added sugar.

Visit GuidingStars.com or download the Guiding Stars app to learn more.

Allison Stowell MS, RD, CDN is a registered dietitian for Hanaford Supermarket. For more information about free, virtual nutrition classes and more, visit Hanaford.com/dietitians. To learn more about the Guiding Stars nutrition guidance program, visit GuidingStars.com.

Quinoa Granola GuidingStars.com (3 Guiding Stars)

Many granolas are packed with sugar and fat, but this lightly sweetened, high-protein variety is a treat you can enjoy without worry.

Ingredients:

- ½ cup uncooked quinoa
- 2 Tbsp. whole flaxseed
- 1 Tbsp. chia seed
- 1 Tbsp. unsweetened coconut flakes
- 1 Tbsp. agave nectar
- ¼ tsp. cinnamon
- dash cardamom

Steps:

1. Preheat oven to 375°F. Combine all the ingredients and mix well.
2. Spread on a non-stick baking sheet and bake 10-15 minutes.

Cream of Tomato Soup

(Family Features)

Homemade Cream of Tomato Soup

Ingredients:

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1/2 medium white onion, chopped
- 1 1/2 teaspoons finely chopped garlic
- 1 can (28 ounces) crushed tomatoes
- 1 tablespoon parsley flakes
- 1/4 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 tablespoon roughly chopped fresh basil leaves
- 1 tablespoon honey
- 2-3 cups milk
- salt and pepper, to taste
- basil leaves, for garnish (optional)

Directions:

In 2-quart saucepan over medium-high heat, heat olive oil; add onion and garlic. Cook, stirring oc-



asionally, until tender, 2-3 minutes. Add tomatoes, parsley and baking soda. Cook until mixture comes to boil. Reduce heat to medium-low; cook 10 minutes. Stir in basil and honey.

Stir in milk to reach desired consistency. Cook over medium-high heat until heated through, 2-3 minutes. Add salt and pepper, to taste. Garnish with basil leaves, if desired.

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Boy Struck By Car in Stable Condition

A boy who was struck by a car near Lake Mahopac last week is said to be recovering and in stable condition.

According to the Carmel Police Department, at about 5:30 p.m. March 9, Putnam County 911 reported a bicyclist struck on South Lake Boulevard (Route 6N) near Mahopac Chamber Park. Officer Vincent DeSantola arrived on scene within 30 seconds, finding an 11-year-old boy from Mahopac in the roadway conscious but bleeding from the face and head.

CPD units were assisted by an off-duty EMT, an off-duty nurse, and Putnam County sheriff's deputies.

Out of precaution, a medevac

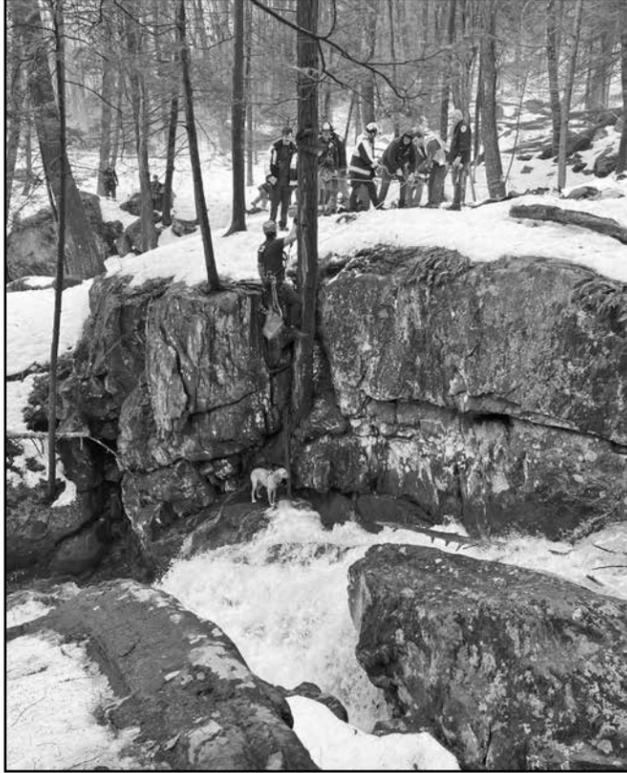
helicopter was put on standby.

Mahopac Volunteer Fire Department and EMS along with Carmel EMS responded, transporting the child to Westchester Medical Center. CPD, the Putnam County Sheriff's Office, and Yorktown and Westchester County police assisted Carmel EMS with an escort on local roads and the Taconic State Parkway to the medical center.

The child was reported to be in stable condition with non-life-threatening injuries.

Investigation determined the driver who struck the bicyclist, a 50-year-old Kent man, was not at fault and will not face charges at this time.

Dog Rescued in Patterson



A pup was recently rescued after falling down a cliff in the Michael Ciaiola Conservation Area. Photos by Patterson Fire Department.

PFD Captain Jesse Greco holds Rudy as they are hauled to safety.

Garrison Proposes 2.27% Tax Levy Increase School Budget Meets Tax Cap

By Holly Crocco

The Garrison Union Free School Board got its first look at the proposed \$15.3 million budget for the 2026-27 school year during its March 4 meeting.

According to Superintendent of Schools Dr. Greg Stowell, in drafting the budget, administration sought to stay within the state-mandated property tax cap, address infrastructure needs, maintain staffing levels, pilot new literacy programs, and invest in its proposed outdoor learning space – all while being mindful of taxes.

In addition to updating the building's original 1908 façade, the district seeks to repair its playground (\$100,000), and replace the scoreboard in the gymnasium (\$7,500), as well as some outdoor soccer goals (\$5,000).

"We want to not only repair and properly maintain the district's facility and infrastructure, but you'll see in this budget ways we want to enhance it as well," he said. "Our primary playground is definitely end-of-life and needs to be repaired."

The budget also supports existing and continuing environmental education programs, clubs and athletics, music electives, intervention supports, clinical services, special education programs, and more.

"In this budget, you're going to see some new programs and initiatives that focus on innovation and learning," said Stowell. "As you know we have a drama club, we have a podcasting club, we have a debate club

– all new clubs this year, so we want to support that."

Projected enrollment for next year is in line with the current year, with the elementary school predicting one section for each of the pre-kindergarten, kindergarten, first, and third grades, with between 16 and 19 students per class. Grades two and four are projected to have two sections, each with about 14 to 16 students.

In the middle school, one section each of grades six, seven, and eight are expected to have between 17 and 22 students.

"We have no staffing changes projected," explained Stowell.

School Business Administrator Joe Jimick noted that \$40,000 is designated to offer Empowered Classrooms (eight classrooms at \$5,000 each), and \$249,000 will go toward BOCES services, along with \$40,000 for wireless access points through BOCES.

The district's total transportation expenses are estimated at \$1.4 million, including \$151,000 for special education transportation. While the district has been working with BOCES to come up with a regionalized transit system, plans are still in the development stage – but look promising, said Jimick.

About \$10,000 will go toward continuing to offer the Youth Climate Summit, \$25,000 for field trips, \$30,000 for the Summer Scholars program, \$54,000 for a special patrol office, \$93,000 for the energy performance contract, and \$49,500

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The Patterson Fire Department last week rescued a dog that had fallen down a waterfall and was trapped on a small rock outcropping inside Michael Ciaiola Conservation Area.

The call came in at about 9:15 a.m. March 8, informing the department that 14-month-old Rudy had fallen approximately 15 feet down a cliff alongside Quaker Brook waterfall.

"It was a miracle he was uninjured and didn't land in the water, as the flow is currently at its annual high mark and loudly

roaring down the hillside," stated the department.

Knowing park access can be difficult, PFD immediately sent a utility vehicle to the scene. Upon seeing how much snow and ice was still on the wooded trails, and that location was a mile trek through the forest, additional resources were requested from the Putnam County Technical Rescue Team for its vehicles, as well as specialized rope rescue equipment.

Further manpower and equipment was also requested from the Putnam Lake and Brewster fire

departments.

Once personnel were in place and safety precautions accounted for – including sending several firefighters downstream in case Rudy were to fall into the water – PFD Captain Jesse Greco, who's also a member of the technical rescue team, was lowered down the cliff on a rope.

After being stuck on a tiny, cold, and wet ledge for more than two hours, Rudy practically jumped into Greco's lap, and both were hauled back up the cliff to safety.



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'Fixers' Needed

Sustainable Putnam needs volunteer "fixers" with skills in either sewing, gluing, basic electrical or mechanical work, to help at its Repair Cafes. These "repair coaches" work together to diagnose and repair a wide array of household items. Volunteers are provided with snacks and lunch. Email volunteer@sustainableputnam.org or call 646-598-6560.

Ballot Applications for Garrison School Board

Absentee ballot applications, early mail voter ballot applications, and military voter absentee ballot applications are now available for the 2026 Garrison school budget vote and board election, at www.gufs.org/44298_2. For more information regarding the applications, or questions about this year's school budget vote and board election, contact the district clerk at dcallo@gufs.org or 845-424-3689, ext. 550.

Suicide Loss

Survivors Support

The Nicole Ettore Memorial Gardens Foundation hosts a Sharing Hearts Support Group for suicide loss survivors the first and third Mondays of each month from 6:30 to 8 p.m., at the Philipstown Behavioral Health Hub, 3590 Route 9, Suite 109, Cold Spring; and the second and fourth Monday of each month from 6:30 to 8 p.m., at Spain Cornerstone Park, 1 Fair St., Carmel. Free. No registration required.

Tuesday, March 17

Library Meeting

The Patterson Library Board of Trustees will meet March 17 at 6:30 p.m. For information, call 845-878-6121.

Kent Town Board

The Kent Town Board will meet at Kent Town Hall at 7 p.m. (unless otherwise noted) on: March 17, April 14 and 21, May 5 and 19, June 2 and 16, July 7 and 21, Aug. 4 and 18, Sept. 8 and 15, Oct. 6 and 20, Nov. 10 and 17, and Dec. 1 and 15.

Wednesday, March 18

Medicare Seminar

Brewster Public Library will host a Medicare seminar with Dan Calbrese on Wednesday, March 18 at 5:30 p.m., via Zoom. Explore a variety of crucial topics to assist in making informed choices regarding healthcare coverage. Register at brewsterlibrary.org.

Carmel Town Board

The Carmel Town Board will meet at 7 p.m. the following Wednesdays, at Carmel Town Hall: March 18; April 8, 15 and 22; May 6, 13 and 20; June 3, 10 and 17; July 1 and 8; Aug. 5 and 12; Sept. 2, 9 and 16; Oct. 7, 14 and 21; Nov. 4, 10 and 18; and Dec. 2, 9 and 16.

Thursday, March 19

Italian Mass

The Italian American Club of Mahopac and St. John the Evangelist Church invite the community to a mass in Italian and English in honor of the Feast of San Giuseppe

(St. Joseph) on Thursday, March 19 at 7:30 p.m., at St. John's, 221 East Lake Blvd., Mahopac. Hospitality served in the Social Hall after mass.

Food Preservation

Cornell Cooperative Extension-Putnam County will present a food preservation lunch and learn series Thursday, March 19 from noon to 1 p.m., via Zoom. Ag & Food Systems Coordinator Ruby Koch-Fienberg will focus on "planning your garden for the jar." \$5 per class. Register at cceptnamcounty.org/events.

'Art Songs 1'

Don't miss your chance to see Sharon Nakazato's multi-media artwork up close in the Patterson Library through March. A reception and artist talk is scheduled March 19 from 5 to 7 p.m. Adults 18 and older.

MLP at Home

Mahopac Public Library will discuss ways to access the library at home, Thursday, March 19 at 10 a.m.; and Monday, March 23 at 6:30 p.m. Learn about the new resources available with your library card. Heritage Hub has genealogical records including obituaries, death notices, and news articles, from 1704 to today. America's News features a wide variety of news sources spanning the U.S. This is a hybrid class. Register to attend in-person or virtually, at www.mahopaclibrary.org.

Mobile Office Hours

Sen. Rob Rolison will host mobile office hours at the Desmond-Fish Public Library in Garrison on Thursday, March 19 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Meet with the senator's constituent service staff and discuss state-related issues like unemployment benefits, DMV issues, unclaimed funds and more.

Friday, March 20

'Les Misérables'

Haldane Drama will present "Les Misérables" on March 20 and 21 at 7 p.m., and March 22 at 2 p.m., at the school auditorium, 15 Craigsides Drive, Cold Spring. Buy tickets at <https://cur8.com/23423/project/137603>.

Rummage Sale

First Presbyterian Church will hold a rummage sale Friday, March 20 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday, March 21 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at 411 Route 6N, Mahopac, in the church school building-lower level. New and gently-worn men's, women's and children's clothing; shoes; hats and coats; glassware; seasonal items; books; and more.

Saturday, March 21

Western Concert

The Town of Southeast Cultural Arts Coalition will present "A Cowboy's Dream" – a western music concert, on Saturday, March 21 at 7 p.m., at Old Town Hall Theater, 67 Main St., Brewster. Featuring Ernie Sites, "the yodeling cowboy." On March 22 there will be a half-price performance at 2 p.m. Tickets at www.culturalartsco.com.

Rabies Vaccine Clinic

Putnam Residents may bring their dogs, cats, and ferrets to a free rabies vaccination clinic Saturday, March 21 from 10 a.m. to noon at

Putnam County Veterans Memorial Park (upper park), 201 Gypsy Trail Road, Carmel. Bring photo ID as proof of residency, as well as proof of prior vaccination. Tags are not acceptable. If no proof, the pet will receive a one-year vaccine. Pets must be at least 12 weeks old.

'Predator: Badlands'

Teens age 13 to 17 are invited to Brewster Public Library to watch "Predator: Badlands" on Saturday, March 21 at 12:30 p.m. Watch the story of an outcast from its clan. An alien hunter joins forces with an unexpected companion to undertake a perilous quest for the ultimate foe. Rated PG-13. Registration required at brewsterlibrary.org.

Folk Duo

Tompkins Corners Cultural Center will present Hildaland, a contemporary duo blending Scottish and American traditional music, Saturday, March 21 at 7:30 p.m., at 729 Peekskill Hollow Road, Putnam Valley. Tickets are \$25 and available at Eventbrite.com or at the door.

Sunday, March 22

Bowling Fundraiser

CoveCare Center will host its 2026 Community Bowling Day on Sunday, March 22 from 1 to 3 p.m., at Spins Bowl Carmel. \$25 per person includes shoe rental. Four to six players per lane. Raffles and prizes. Register at www.covecarecenter.org.

Chamber Music Concert

Mahopac Public Library will present "Ministers of Apollo – a Chamber Music Concert" on Sunday, March 22 at 2 p.m. Enjoy popular music from late 18th-century England and America, performed by the Ministers of Apollo, Eliza and Erik Lichack, and Erik Paul in period-accurate clothing and on historic instruments, including harpsichord, voice, and violin. Register at www.mahopaclibrary.org.

Poets' Corner

Tompkins Corners Cultural Center will welcome Guy Reed to the Poets' Corner on Sunday, March 22 at 3 p.m., at 729 Peekskill Hollow Road, Putnam Valley. The reading will take place on the indoor stage, followed by an open mic. All writers are welcome. Tickets are \$10 at the door; students admitted free.

Monday, March 23

Tiny Art Workshop

People age 16 and older are invited to Brewster Public Library for a tiny art workshop Monday, March 23 at 5:45 p.m. Design and paint miniature masterpiece on a tiny canvas. Finished pieces will be displayed in the library for the special Tiny Art Showcase. Registration is required at brewsterlibrary.org.

Battle of the

Books Meeting

Mahopac Public Library will hold a Battle of the Books information session Monday, March 23 at 5 p.m. The Mid-Hudson Battle of the Books is a book trivia contest in which libraries all read the same six books and prepare for a summers-end book trivia battle. This in-person meeting is to garner interest, go over the schedule, grab the first books, and get a taste of the trivia format. A parent/

guardian must attend. For grades six through 12. Register at www.mahopaclibrary.org.

News Program

Reed Memorial Library in Carmel will present "Journalism Is a Business That May Not Push Facts" on March 23 from 11 a.m. to noon. Join award-winning journalist and author Evan Weiner for a look at the modern media landscape. Whether you're a news junkie, a critical thinker, or simply curious about how journalism really works behind the scenes, this program offers a timely look at the state of modern media. Registration is required at carmellibrary.org/calendar.

Blood Drive

The Putnam Valley Volunteer Ambulance Corps will hold a blood drive Monday, March 23 from 1:30 to 7:30 p.m., at 218 Oscawana Lake Road. Walk-ins are welcome, but registration is preferred. Schedule an appointment at https://donate.nybc.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/330633.

I-Spy Bottles

Kids age 4 to 6 are invited to a hands-on sensory adventure Monday, March 23 at 4:30 p.m., at Brewster Public Library. Create your own I-spy bottle using rice and a collection of tiny, colorful objects. After sealing their bottles, kids will shake, turn, and explore as they search for the hidden treasures inside. Registration is required at brewsterlibrary.org.

Tuesday, March 24

IDA Meeting

The Putnam County IDA will meet Tuesday, March 24 at 6 p.m., at 2 Route 164, Patterson. View the meeting at www.facebook.com/putnamida.com as soon as possible after the meeting has been adjourned.

Table Talk

CoveCare Center will hold Table Talk Tuesdays, including dinner and conversation about living a drug-free life, at the following locations: Gaetano Pizza & Café in Brewster on March 24, and Cold Spring Pizza on March 31. All events begin at 6 p.m. Reservations are required at [prevention@covecarecenter.org](mailto:covecarecenter.org). Adults must be present with their children/teens.

Brushes & Blooms

Welcome spring with a relaxed acrylic paint led by artist Sarah Miller Totten on March 24 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at Reed Memorial Library in Carmel. Participants will follow step-by-step guidance while creating a seasonal painting in a calm, supportive setting. Registration is required at carmellibrary.org/calendar.

Pixel Pets

Youth age 7 to 12 are invited to Brewster Public Library on Tuesday, March 24 at 4:30 p.m., to design and build a Tamagotchi-inspired pixelated pet using cardboard and other craft materials. Registration required at brewsterlibrary.org.

NAMI Workshops

The National Alliance on Mental Illness-Putnam County will host an eight-week "Family to Family" caregiver educational program Tuesdays, March 24 through May 12, from 6 to 8 p.m., at the MHA Engagement Center, 1620 Route

22, Brewster. A workshop for family members, partners, and friends of loved ones who have been diagnosed with a mental health condition. Understand diagnosis, care, treatment, medication, advocacy, and more. Register at www.mha-putnam.org or call 845-363-1478.

Wednesday, March 25

Pollinator Gardening

Cornell Cooperative Extension-Putnam County will present "Garden Planning: Planting a Pollinator Garden" on Wednesday, March 25 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., via Zoom. Learn the whys and hows of planting for pollinators. \$5 suggested donation Register at cceptnamcounty.org/events.

College Planning

Confused about college admissions? Learn directly from trusted admissions expert Judy Marano of Educational Awareness on Wednesday, March 25 at 6:30 p.m., at Patterson Library. Families will leave with a realistic roadmap and practical guidance customized for freshmen, sophomores, and juniors. To register, go to www.pattersonlibrary.org.

Unclaimed Funds

Putnam County Legislator Bill Goldman and the New York State Comptroller's Office are encouraging residents to search for forgotten money belonging to them at the Putnam Valley German American Club on Wednesday, March 25 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. There are 156,900 unclaimed accounts, valued at \$27,336,000, still owed to Putnam County residents.

Thursday, March 26

Open Mic Coffeehouse

The Town of Southeast Cultural Arts Coalition will host an Aries Coffeehouse open mic Thursday, March 26 at 7:30 p.m., at Studio Around the Corner, 67 Main St., Brewster. Hosted by Brittany Carasco. \$5. Music, poetry, comedy and more.

Saturday, March 28

The Birds Are Back

Join Cornell Cooperative Extension-Putnam County to look and listen for migrating birds as they pass through on the way to their summer nesting quarters, Saturday, March 28 from 8 a.m. to noon at Tilly Foster Farm in Brewster. Volunteers from Bedford Audubon and staff from Soldiers2Scientists will be on hand to help navigate the world of birding. There is a tiered registration of \$0, \$10, and \$20. Registration is required at cceptnamcounty.org/events.

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As If the 90's Never Left: Medicaid in 2026

Generation X was conditioned to believe that its cultural footprint would only leave the faintest impression. It took a few visits to the mall with my teenage daughter to dispel that belief.

A Nirvana T-shirt hung next to an Oasis T-shirt, which hung next to a Sublime T-shirt. Oversized, baggy sweatshirts dominated the clothing racks. These were not artifacts from some 50-year-old's closet. This IS the style.

There is something to be said about the iconography and styles of your parents' generation – familiar, but just out of reach. We were no strangers to Elvis, Marilyn, and Sinatra. The assumption was that the past was a little more fun and little less complicated.

I did not expect this 90's mini renaissance to extend to Medicaid, but here we are – and not in a good way. When I began my elder law career as young law clerk in New York City, the majority of Medicaid applications I handled were nursing home or institutional. There was also a special home care waiver known as the Lombardi Program which was called the "nursing home without walls." It allowed a home care recipient to receive nursing home quality care in the home.

Lombardi eligibility mirrored nursing home Medicaid eligibility for many years (a three-year lookback then five-year lookback, before finally removing the lookback in 2007). Lombardi recipients during those lookback years were few. There was a true binary Medicaid system in place, with the seriously ill in nursing homes and moderately ill receiving community-based home care.

Home care options for seriously ill individuals and the assisted living Medicaid program were limited.

The last two decades saw an expansion of home care options including the Nursing Home Transition & Diversion Program, which emerged out of a flourishing Lombardi program during the current managed long-term care era, offering nursing home quality care in the home but with community budgeting and no lookback. Thousands of additional NHTD recipients plus a massive increase in assisted living Medicaid beds offered more flexibility to those requiring care.

Now that expansion is being curtailed. A cap on NHTD waivers is in effect. Seriously ill New Yorkers have to either direct placement to a nursing home or hope that the managed long-term care agencies award substantially more home care hours than have been awarded in recent years.

This also changes the nature of the Medicaid Assisted Living Program. Without a viable NHTD program in place, assisted living residents who experience sharp health declines will only have nursing homes as their next destination instead of a home care option.

The removal of the best home care options will force New York families to start planning earlier.

Community-based home care does not have a lookback resulting in a penalty period. Assets can be transferred and eligibility obtained quickly during a healthcare crisis.

The immediacy of this eligibility framework worked great when the care matched the illness.

Now, the care may not fit the needs of the ill individual. Only a nursing home would provide the necessary support, but there are barriers to eligibility. Nursing home Medicaid's five-year lookback is an impediment where there is no spouse or disabled child to provide exempt transfers or no adult child residing in the ill individual's residence.

With home care options in a state of flux, gauging one's Medicaid nursing home eligibility status now, before an illness strikes, is an intelligent way to plan for worst-case scenarios.

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Discover Unclaimed Funds

Residents are encouraged to search for forgotten money that may belong to them, as the New York State Comptroller's Office hosts an "unclaimed funds" event at the Putnam Valley German American Club on Wednesday, March 25, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

There are 156,900 unclaimed accounts, valued at \$27.3 million, still owed to Putnam County residents.

"There are about 28 million reasons why Putnam residents should be at the Putnam Valley

German American Club on March 25," said Legislator Bill Gouldman, R-Putnam Valley. "When a person forgets about an old bank account, utility deposit, or many other types of accounts, that money can eventually be turned over to the State Comptroller's Office. We are trying to raise awareness about unclaimed funds. It's your money, you should claim it."

From 2024 to 25, claims paid to Putnam County were 2,171 total accounts valued at \$1.7 million.



HERE I STAND'

I WAS HERE IN 1760 - THE FIRST IN PUTNAM COUNTY

I WAS HERE DURING THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR"

I WAS HERE DURING THE CIVIL WAR

**I WAS HERE DURING THE TRINITY OF WARS—
SPANISH, WORLD WAR I; WORLD WAR II**

**I AM HERE IN SPITE OF THE RAIN,
BLIZZARDS AND HURRICANS.
I AM HERE.**

I WAS HERE. NO, I AM HERE.

**I AM HERE - YOU CANNOT FORGET ME;
OLD, DECCREPIT, ABANDONED, IGNORED BY EVEN
THE PUTNAM COUNTY REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEE
CELEBRATING THE NATION'S 250TH ANNIVERSARY.**

**I AM PUTNAM COUNTY'S HISTORY.
HERE I STAND.**

FRIENDS OF BELDEN HOUSE



A Beautiful Day to St



Route 6 in Mahopac was lined with people of all ages March 8 for the 49th annual Putnam/Northern Westchester St. Patrick's Day parade. Photos by Chloe Wareham-Gordon.



This year's parade grand marshal was local businessman and Putnam County Department of Public Works Commissioner Tommy Feighery.



Now Some Irish Pride



Brewster Students Study Erosion

JFK Elementary School second-graders recently saw firsthand the impact of erosion without ever leaving their classrooms.

Patrick Harmon, a science educator from Putnam/Northern Westchester BOCES, rolled his cart into classrooms and conducted hands-on experiments with sand and water to show how erosion shapes landscapes.

"What is erosion?" asked Harmon. "Why do you think erosion can be a problem?"

As students had already had a pre-lesson with teacher Karen Merille, a dozen hands shot up.

"It's when wind, sand, heat, and water cause rocks to break down," said Jacob Pfeiffer.

The group looked at pictures and discussed the history of the Grand Canyon, watched a video of how floods and water pressure can damage roads, and talked about ideas to prevent erosion.

"Now let's put on our engineering caps," said Harmon. "What do engineers do? How can engineers solve problems like flooding or mudslides?"

Students were broken into groups and asked to draw a safety strategy design using trees, barriers, and plastic to slow down erosion for a made-up city near mountains. Working together, they plotted and planned. Then the class circled around the experimentation table.

A plastic tub with sand sloped at an angle was arranged according to each group's plan: sand was molded into "mountains," a strip of "grass" or green synthetic turf was placed near the city, "trees" in the form of bristle builder blocks were strategically



Patrick Harmon from Putnam/Northern Westchester BOCES shows students how erosion works.

placed, and a plastic sheath was laid down.

Harmon poured water slowly, and then quickly down the slope.

"Wow, with no trees or grass, the mud just slides down into the city," said Jack Kuklevsky.

"With just rocks, the damage is the worst," added Layla Moore. The take away was that trees and grass are not just plants—they are natural protectors.

When forests are cut down, the land becomes more vulnerable to floods and landslides. Even

a simple classroom experiment shows how important vegetation is for keeping the planet safe.

The program, run through BOCES' Center for Environmental Education, is meant to inspire respect for Earth's natural systems and help students understand the connection between their choices and the environment.

"If I ever decide to build a city, I'm definitely coming to your class for ideas on how to slow down erosion," noted Harmon.



Ernie Sites will perform March 21 and 22 in Brewster.

Ernie Sites to Present 'A Cowboy's Dream'

Saddle up and enjoy a true Western experience with cowboy Ernie Sites.

The Town of Southeast Cultural Arts Coalition will host two performances by Brewster's own "yodeling cowboy" in historic Old Town Hall Theater, 67 Main St., Brewster, on Saturday, March 21, at 7 p.m., and a "kiddie roundup" half-price family matinee Sunday, March 22 at 2 p.m.

Both performances are sure to enchant audiences with mesmerizing melodies and stories from a simpler time when cowboys roamed the plains.

Sites, a former rodeo cowboy, was raised on a family ranch in southern Idaho. He combines traditional and original Western singing,

songwriting, yodeling, cowboy poetry, storytelling, and trick roping demonstrations with his own personal brand of humor and wit to entertain audiences of all ages.

Sites has had a long and iconic career in music, but now calls Brewster his home. A founding member of the Western Music Association, he has been televised on CBS, PBS, TNN, and BBC, playing alongside famed musical talents like Bonnie Raitt, Gene Autry, David Grisman, Chris LeDoux, Patsy Montana, and more.

Tickets for the Saturday performance are \$25, and tickets for the Sunday performance are a suggested \$10 per family. They may be purchased at www.culturalartsco.com or at the door.

An advertisement for the Center for Physical Therapy. The top part shows a blue building with white trim and a sign that reads "CENTER FOR PHYSICAL THERAPY" and "264". Below the building, there is a teal banner with the text "264 RT 52 CARMEL NY" and "HALF A MILE NORTH OF SHOPRITE". At the bottom, there are two circular portraits of Raquel DiVincenzo and Tyler Shaffer, with their names and titles (DPT) listed below them. The contact information includes the phone number (845) 200-7646, fax number (845) 200-7354, and the website www.centerforphysicaltherapy.com.



Photo by Lake Carmel Fire Department.

Putnam Firefighters Help Battle Pawling Barn Fire

Multiple firefighters from Putnam County helped to extinguish a barn fire on Quaker Hill Road in Pawling last week.

At about 10:30 a.m. March 8, the Pawling Fire Department was called to the scene, and quickly confirmed the blaze and requested backup. Support came from the Lake Carmel, Kent, and Lake Putnam fire departments — along with the Beekman, East Fishkill,

Sherman, and JH Ketcham fire departments, Schmitt Excavating, the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office, and New York State Electric & Gas.

According to news reports, firefighters worked for five hours battling the blaze. However, the barn — which had a common attic, plaster and lathe walls, and an inner courtyard — was a complete loss.

No injuries were reported.



Putnam Valley Names Top Grads

Putnam Valley Central School District recently recognized 2026 Valedictorian Massimo Cartategui and Salutatorian Kaitlyn Caruso as the top of the class. They are pictured with Principal Matthew Mellow, Assistant Principal Letitia Payne, and School Counselor Paige Davino.



Rob Buccheri led a historic presentation recently at Mahopac Public Library.

American History Lesson in Mahopac

An enthralled audience at the Mahopac Public Library was transported back 250 years ago as master teacher and reenactor Rob Buccheri on March 8 presented stories of historic events that occurred in Putnam County towns that helped the Patriot cause win the Revolution.

Buccheri, who is the commander of the Fifth New York Regiment, took the audience back to a time when Putnam – then Dutchess County – was the Philipse Patent.

Much of the presentation focused on the contributions of ordinary people: Daniel Ludington was a farmer and miller in Kent who commanded the Dutchess County militia and organized spies to supply Gen. George Washington with information about British plans for New York; Enoch Crosby was a shoemaker from Kent who became one of Washington's most effective double agents; and Henry Ludington's oldest daughter, Sybil, rode through the night for 40 miles to raise the militia and warn them

that the British were attacking nearby Danbury.

"We tell these stories to inspire our younger generations," said Buccheri. "It's critical that school children learn how the democracy we now have was fought for in years of struggle, and if we don't keep remembering that and fighting for democracy, we will lose it."

Buccheri and Putnam County Historian Jennifer Cassidy encouraged the audience to attend an event June 6 at the county's Veterans Memorial Park. During "Putnam County Heroes Battle the Redcoats," a large mock battle featuring American, British, Hessian, and Native Americans reenactors will be part of a full day of activities that includes cannon firings and demonstrations in celebration of America's 250th anniversary.

Additional information on the mock battle and other Revolutionary War commemorative events can be found at putnamcountyny.gov/rev250 and mahopaclibrary.org.

Republicans Seek Return of Baseload Power at Indian Point

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policy," said Assemblyman Matt Slater, R-Yorktown. "This facility once produced reliable, zero-emission electricity for millions of New Yorkers. Instead of strengthening our energy independence, Albany shut it down, weakening our grid and contributing to higher costs for families."

He said the Lights On With Energy Relief Plan lays out a responsible path forward by restoring reliable baseload power, investing in an all-of-the-above energy strategy, and delivering relief for ratepayers.

With electricity prices rising sharply in recent years and the New York Independent System Operator warning of potential reliability challenges, Slater said the state must reconsider policies that prematurely remove reliable generation from the grid.

"Energy policy should be grounded in reality," he said. "Families and businesses need affordable power they can count on, and that means embracing solutions that work – including nuclear energy and other forms of dependable baseload generation."

Also last week, State Sen. Pete Harkham, D-Peekskill, renewed his call for New York

State to commit to solar power generation as the best and cheapest way to tackle short- and long-term energy affordability.

Harkham cited two studies that fully support an increasing reliance on energy generated by distributed solar, such as small-scale solar energy systems located on rooftops and in community projects, including solar panel arrays on parking lot canopies.

The first is a report from Synapse Energy Economics that finds meeting New York's energy storage goal and achieving the expanded solar goals to 20 gigawatts by 2023 will lower electricity bills for New Yorkers by \$1 billion, delivering savings across the state and all year-round.

The second is a white paper from the New York Independent System Operator that states that "higher natural gas prices, growing demand from large loads, aging power generation resources, cold weather, and supply chain challenges are placing upward pressure on electricity costs."

"It's time to face the facts: fully investing in and advancing solar and other renewable energy sources statewide will help lower electricity prices for consumers in New York faster than any other energy source that is available," said Harkham. "The reason 95 percent of the world's new energy generation is from renewables is because the market recognizes they are cheaper for consumers, faster to scale, and not affected from market disruptions caused by unpredictable world events, like wars and supply disruptions."

Harkham's call for advancing New York's solar power follows a show of support in Albany recently from other state legislators, clean energy advocates, and members of the New York Solar Energy Industries Association in support of the Accelerate Solar for Affordable Power Act, which aims to advance the successes of New York's solar energy sector.

The ASAP Act would raise New York's distributed solar target from 10 GW to 20 GW by 2035 and implement reforms to lower costs and streamline deployment. It also advances critical interconnection reforms that will reduce costs, shorten project timelines, and allow for proactive grid investments to accommodate more solar capacity efficiently, according to advocates.

The ASAP Act requires reforms to the utility interconnection process to streamline processes and lower costs for ratepayers. The legislation requires electric utilities to report and publish their actual distribution upgrade costs, enabling greater accountability and fairer cost estimation for solar developers. It also creates guardrails to protect against cost overruns, providing market clarity, and reducing price volatility and surprise charges.

"The rest of the world is entrusting solar and renewable energy sources because of their affordability and relative ease (and low cost) of implementation," said Harkham. "We are falling behind every day we wait to take real action."



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Bride-to-Be Yoga Flow & Celebration Circle, 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM

Prepare for your wedding day by joining other brides-to-be for a special gentle yoga flow, mindful meditation and celebration circle!

Facilitated By:	Lynn Allen	Juliette Doyle
	Yoga Instructor and Master Reiki Practitioner	Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist

What to Expect:

- **Enjoy a special meet and greet** with other brides-to-be
- **Participate in a gentle yoga flow and learn relaxation** and breathing techniques to keep you calm, cool and collected before, during and after your wedding day
- **Engage in a celebration circle** to share the joys of wedding planning as well as hopes and dreams for your wedding day and beyond!

Enjoy Bridal Takeaways:

- **Included in the fee:** Yoga Mat, Bride-To-Be Gift Bag with special bridal goodies, Writing Journal, Enter a raffle to win other bridal gifts!

How to Join:	Any Questions?
• Register Here - Space is limited!	• Text CATE at 845-276-4619 📱

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Community Foundations Launches Pilot Loan Program

Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley recently announced the launch of the Local Impact Fund for Tomorrow, a new local impact platform that is designed to strengthen the region's nonprofit and community development ecosystem, beginning with a pilot low-interest bridge loan initiative serving nonprofits in Putnam, Dutchess, and Ulster counties.

The LIFT bridge loan pilot is designed to address structural challenges by providing short-term, affordable loans tied to documented grants or contracts.

Nonprofits often operate on reimbursement-based government contracts or delayed grant payments. While funding may be contractually committed, organizations must frequently cover expenses weeks or months before funds are received. These timing gaps can delay projects, strain operations, and limit impact.

LIFT loans of up to \$50,000 will help eligible nonprofits move projects forward, maintain continuity of services, and stabilize cash flow while awaiting committed funding.

"Nonprofits are essential to

the health and economic vitality of the Hudson Valley," said Laura Washington, president and CEO of CFHV. "Through LIFT, we're putting charitable dollars to work in a practical way – helping organizations bridge short-term funding gaps so important projects don't stall. And because these loans are repaid and reinvested, the same dollars can support multiple nonprofits over time."

"This bridge-loan program is a natural extension of our original mission that started us in 1969 as The Area Fund," added Robert Cotter, chairman of the Board of Trustees. "By putting charitable capital to work locally, we can help keep important projects moving and strengthen the organizations that make the Hudson Valley a vibrant and resilient region."

At launch, CFHV has committed \$250,000 from its trustees' endowment to capitalize the pilot, joined by early fundholder support and the bank's participation. As loans are repaid, funds will be recycled to support additional nonprofits, multiplying the community impact of the initial investment.

"This pilot gives us a strong

foundation for a robust and responsible impact investing platform – one that will allow CFHV to support high-impact projects while maintaining the financial stewardship our donors expect," said Frances Barney Knutsen, CFA, vice chairperson of CFHV's Board of Trustees and chairperson of the LIFT Committee, who brings more than 30 years of experience in strategic development and investment analysis.

Loans will be made by CFHV and originated and serviced by Ulster Savings Bank, which may purchase a participating interest in each loan and will manage loan administration. This partnership brings strong underwriting standards, financial expertise, and accountability to the program.

LIFT is designed to evolve to meet future community needs. While the pilot focuses on bridge lending, CFHV anticipates expanding the LIFT platform in the future to include additional local impact tools that complement traditional grantmaking.

For more information or to learn how to participate, visit CommunityFoundationsHV.org.



Putnam Community Action Partnership Director Marisa O'Leary, and CAP staff and volunteers, with Assemblyman Matt Slater displaying some of the donations collected.

Diaper Drive Supports 80 Local Families

More than 1,600 diapers were collected during Assemblyman Matt Slater's third annual diaper drive, held throughout February in collaboration with Putnam Community Action Partnership, providing essential relief to more than 80 local families.

"The outpouring of generosity we've seen over the past three years proves that when our community sees a need, we step up," said Slater. "While New York's affordability crisis continues to impact working families, this is one meaningful way we can come

together to support our neighbors and ensure every child has access to basic necessities."

Putnam CAP Director Marisa O'Leary thanked Slater for his continued leadership in organizing the drive each year.

"These donations provide essential relief to the low-income families we serve, ensuring every child in our community has access to basic necessities," she said. "This partnership is a testament to what we can achieve when we work together for our neighbors."

Garrison Proposes 2.27% Tax Levy Increase

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in Putnam Valley.

There is about \$648,000 worth of capital improvements – including development of an outdoor classroom – suggested in the budget. Rather than borrowing money, which could cost the district about \$235,000 in interest over 15 years, administration suggests using \$100,000 from debt services reserves to offset the increase in capital expenses, as well as using between \$1.3 million and \$1.5 million from reserves.

This would bring the district's total reserves down to about \$4 million.

Another budget presentation is scheduled March 18 at 7 p.m. in the Learning Commons, with a webinar scheduled March 21 at 10 a.m. A final presentation is scheduled April 8 at 7 p.m., and a budget hearing is scheduled May 6 at 7 p.m.

The budget vote and school board election is May 19 from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m., in the gymnasium.

School Board President Dan Jasnow said the budget is fair and balanced.

"Overall it's a great reflection of the financial health of the district," he said. "Under the tax cap – or at the tax cap – maintaining staffing levels, investing in some new programs... It's a great testament to where we are and the leadership that both of you provide."

Southeast Considers Moratorium on Data Centers

The Town of Southeast is considering a moratorium on data centers.

"The purpose of the moratorium is to give us the opportunity to define what a data center is, define what the concerns are, and then we couldn't necessarily outlaw them, but we could establish

parameters by which we could review an application that came in," explained Town Attorney Willis Stephens at the March 5 Southeast Town Board meeting at town hall.

"Data centers are essentially giant structures with computers that store data and consume un-

godly amounts of resources and utilities," he said.

A public hearing on the moratorium has been scheduled Thursday, April 7 at 7 p.m., at town hall.

"We just wanted to stop it to go through the research," explained Trustee Eric Cypus.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Brewster Schools

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
The Board of Education of Brewster Central School District of the Town of Southeast (in accordance with Section 103 of Article 5-A of the General Municipal Law) hereby invites the proposal for the purchase of Drug and Alcohol testing according to Omnibus Transportation Employee Act 1991.

Bids must be submitted through www.bidnetdirect.com and will be received until 10:00 AM on the 31st day of March, 2026, at which time and place all bids will be read by the office of the Supervisor of Transportation. Specifications and proposal may be obtained at: www.bidnetdirect.com
The Board of Education reserves the right to reject all bids. Any bid submitted will be binding for *30* days subsequent to the date of bid opening.
Board of Education
Brewster Central School District of the Town of Southeast
County of Putnam
40 Farm to Market Road
Brewster, New York 10509
By Mary E. Smith
(Supervisor of Transportation)
Date: March 9, 2026
Putnam

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Brewster Central School District

Attention Parents:
In compliance with §3635 of the New York State Education Law, a parent or guardian of children residing within the Brewster Central School District who are attending a non-public school must request transportation services prior to **April 1st, 2026**, proceeding the next school year, or within 30 days of residence within the district.

To obtain an application, please visit
www.brewsterschools.org/transportation

Each year all new and existing students are required to register and provide proof of residency documents for these services.

If you have any questions, please email us at: transportation@brewsterschools.org.

BY: Mary E. Smith
Supervisor of Transportation
Brewster Central School District
40 Farm to Market Road
Brewster, NY 10509

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845 279-4700

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Patterson

TOWN OF PATTERSON
PLANNING &
ZONING OFFICE
Notice of Public Hearing

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the Town of Patterson Planning Board of a public hearing to be held on April 2, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as may be heard, at the Patterson Town Hall, 1142 Route 311, Patterson, Putnam County, New York to consider an application entitled **“Verizon Wireless Site Plan Application”** in order to install a public utility wireless telecommunications facility. The proposed 125’ tall monopole, which will be camouflaged as a tree, will be located within a ±2,160sf fenced in equipment compound area. The compound area is proposed to be located in the back (west side) of the parking area. The property is the current location of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW). The property is located at 4 Fairfield Drive (GB Zoning District), Patterson, New York. All interested parties and citizens will be given an opportunity to be heard in respect to such application.

By Order of the Planning Board
Ron Taylor, Chairman

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Southeast

Sealed bids for Materials will be accepted at Town Hall, 1360 Route 22, Brewster, NY 10509 until **10:00 AM, April 1, 2026**. All bids must be clearly marked on the exterior of the mailing envelope as follows: **Southeast Highway 2026-001, Sealed Material Bids.**

Technical Specifications are available at www.south-east-ny.gov, Bidnet or Town of Southeast Clerk’s office during regular business hours.

Sealed bids for Guide Rail Installation will be accepted at Town Hall, 1360 Route 22, Brewster, NY 10509 until **10:00 AM, April 1, 2026**. All bids must be clearly marked on the exterior of the mailing envelope as follows: **Southeast Highway 2026-002 Sealed Guide Rail Installation**

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Bids.
Technical Specifications are available at www.south-east-ny.gov, Bidnet or Town of Southeast Clerk’s office during regular business hours.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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COUNTY OF PUTNAM
NOTICE FOR BID
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be received by the Director of Purchasing of Putnam County for the following commodities and/or service: **RFB-13-26 – LABORATORY SERVICES**
Detailed specifications may be secured at the office of the Director of Purchasing, Putnam County Office Building, 40 Gleneida 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 www.empirestatebidsystem.com. Sealed bids must be filed in the above office on or before **1:00 P.M., WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2026**, dated: Carmel, New York, March 5, 2026, Sgd/John Tully, Director, Putnam County Purchasing Dept

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PUBLIC NOTICE

COUNTY OF PUTNAM
NOTICE FOR BID
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be received by the Director of Purchasing of Putnam County for the following commodities and/or service: **RFB 14-26 BV – CHEVROLET BOX TRUCK (OR EQUAL)**
Detailed specifications may be secured at the office of the Director of Purchasing, Putnam County Office Building, 40 Gleneida 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 www.empirestatebidsystem.com. Sealed bids must be filed in the above office on or before **1:00 P.M., WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2026**, dated: Carmel, New York, March 12, 2026, Sgd/John Tully, Director, Putnam County Purchasing Dept.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held before the County Executive

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of the County of Putnam at **Room #102** of the County Office Building, 40 Gleneida Avenue, Carmel, New York 10512 on the **24th day of March, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.** concerning:

A LOCAL LAW TO AMEND CHAPTER 25 ENTITLED “ARTICLE IV VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK ADVISORY BOARD:

Chapter 25 of the Putnam County Code is amended to establish the Putnam County Veteran Memorial Park Advisory Board which shall direct its efforts toward preserving and protecting the character and integrity of the Putnam County Veterans Memorial Park, and provide support related to the Row of Honor flag installation and maintenance on the shore of Lake Gleneida.

Copies of the Local Law are available at the Office of the Putnam County Legislature, Room 318, 40 Gleneida Avenue, Carmel, New York 10512.

At the aforesaid time and place all persons interested in the subject matter thereof will be heard concerning same. Comments will also be accepted via regular mail submitted to the above referenced address, to send an email: Please go to the following website and click “Send us a message” countyexecutive@putnamcountyny.gov, and facsimile to (845) 808-1901.

This local law shall take effect immediately upon the filing with the secretary of state.

Dated: March 6, 2026
Carmel, New York
C. Compton Spain
Putnam County Attorney

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PUBLIC NOTICE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Wednesday, March 18, 2026

PUTNAM COUNTY LEGISLATURE
(845) 808-1020

APRIL DESIGNATED AS 30 DAY PERIOD FOR REQUESTS FOR INCLUSION IN COUNTY AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT FOR 2026

The Putnam County Legislature has designated the month of April as the time period when landowners may file a request for inclusion of land in the Putnam County Agricultural District. To be eligible for inclusion, the property must be a viable agricultural entity or business.

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The necessary information for consideration for inclusion is the name of the owner of the property, the address of the property, the tax map number(s) of the property and the amount of acreage that is in agricultural use. Enrollment forms can be found on the County website at www.putnamcountyny.gov on the Planning Department’s webpage under “Keep Putnam Farming / Agricultural & Farmland Protection Board.” Requests for inclusion should be sent to the Clerk of the Putnam County Legislature, 40 Gleneida Avenue, Carmel, New York 10512 no later than April 30, 2026. Please call the Legislative Office at (845) 808-1020 or the Director of Real Property Tax Services at (845) 808-1000 ext. 49315 for additional information or see the Putnam County website.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

County of Putnam
Local Law #1 of 2026

A LOCAL LAW TO AMEND CHAPTER 25, ARTICLE VI, ENTITLED “TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL”

Section 25-40, Membership and term to be amended to provide updated guidelines regarding the eligibility of the members of the Transportation Advisory Council. Additionally, Section 25-42 has been amended to provide specificity to the powers and duties of the Council.

PLEASE NOTE:

A copy of the Local Law can be found on the Putnam County Website on the Legislature page and is also available at the office of the Clerk of the Putnam County Legislature.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

County of Putnam
Local Law #2 of 2026

A LOCAL LAW ESTABLISHING THE 2026 SALARIES OF CERTAIN ELECTED OFFICIALS SERVING FOR FIXED TERMS

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the County of Putnam as follows:

Section 1.

Section 201 of the County Law and Municipal Home Rule Law Section 24 (2)(h) requires that salary increases of fixed term officers shall be established by Local Law, subject to permissive referendum.

Section 2.

The annual salary of the hereinafter designated County Officers elected for a fixed term is hereby set at the following amounts effective January 1, 2026:

- Kevin Byrne, Putnam County Executive - \$181,303
- Michael Bartolotti, Putnam County Clerk - \$156,963
- John Bourges, Putnam County Coroner - \$48,173
- Wendy Erickson, Putnam County Coroner - \$48,173
- Michael Nesheiwat, Putnam County Coroner - \$48,173
- Nancy Montgomery, Putnam County Legislator - \$48,173
- William Goldman, Putnam County Legislator - \$48,173
- Toni Addonizio, Putnam County Legislator - \$48,173
- Laura Russo, Putnam County Legislator - \$48,173
- Daniel Birmingham, Putnam County Legislator - \$48,173
- Amy Sayegh, Putnam County Legislator - \$48,173
- *Additional Stipend for Legislature Chairperson - \$12,044

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LEGAL NOTICE

By the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Carmel pursuant to Section 267 Town Law, notice is hereby given that a hearing will be held on:

MARCH 26, 2026 – 7:30 P.M.

To hear the following applications:

NEW APPLICATIONS:

- Application of **DEREK GRISANTI** for a Variation of Section 156-9 seeking a Variance for permission to retain existing shed (approved 2022 by ZBA). The property is located at 21 Birch Drive, Mahopac NY and is known as Tax Map #86.39-1-34.

Code Requires/Allows	Provided	Variance Required
10' Side	0'	10'

- Application of **CHARLES & FRANCES EVANS** for a Variation of Section 156-9 seeking a Variance for permission to subdivide subject property into three lots per sketch subdivision. Due to existing lot constraints the proposed subdivision would contain the bulk zoning nonconformities listed below. The property is located at 150 Barrett Hill Road, Mahopac NY and is known as Tax Map #53.18-1-28.

Code Requires/Allows	Provided	Variance Required
Side Yard: 25 ft.	24 ft.	1 ft.
Rear Yard: 40 ft.	37 ft.	3 ft.

Code Requires/Allows	Provided	Variance Required
Lot Width: 200'	20'	180'
Lot Area: 120,000 s.f.	97,060 s.f.	22,940 s.f.
Per Code Enforcement: Lot Width dimension must remain wholly within the subject lot.	Lot Width Dimension leaves & re-enters Proposed Lot 1. Lot Width Dimension leaves & re-enters Proposed Lot 2. Lot Width Dimension leaves & re-enters Proposed Lot 3.	

- Application of **STANISLAW MAZUREK** for a Variation of Section 156-9 seeking a Variance for permission to return to original lot lines. The property is located at 61 Hemlock Terrace, Carmel NY and is known as Tax Map #88.7-1-11.
- Application of **WILLIAM SHILLING** for a Variation of Section 156-9 seeking a Variance for permission to add den, pantry & closet to existing house over existing patio. The property is located at 37 Kirk Lake Drive, Mahopac NY and is known as Tax Map #64.11-1-16.

Code Requires/Allows	Provided	Variance Required
Side Yard: 25 ft.	24 ft.	1 ft.
Rear Yard: 40 ft.	37 ft.	3 ft.

MISCELLANEOUS:

MINUTES: February 26, 2026

By order of the Chairman,
John Maxwell

PUTNAM COUNTY AND TOWN NOTICES

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PLEASE NOTE:

A copy of the Local Law can be found on the Putnam County Website on the Legislature page and is also available at the office of the Clerk of the Putnam County Legislature.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

County of Putnam Local Law #3 of 2026

A LOCAL LAW ESTABLISHING THE 2026 SALARIES OF CERTAIN APPOINTED OFFICERS SERVING FOR FIXED TERMS

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the County of Putnam as follows:

Section 1.

Section 201 of the County Law and Municipal Home Rule Law Section 24 (2)(h) requires that salary increases of fixed term officers shall be established by Local Law, subject to permissive referendum.

Section 2.

The annual salary of the hereinafter designated County Officers elected for a fixed term is hereby set at the following amounts effective January 1, 2026:

Paul Elridge, Personnel Officer - \$163,358

Sara Servadio, Commissioner of Social Services/Mental Health/Youth Bureau - \$170,428

Patricia McLoughlin, Director of Real Property Tax Services - \$113,093

Rian Rodriguez, Public Health Director - \$159,650

Kelly Primavera, Commissioner of Board of Elections - \$112,710

Catherine Croft, Commissioner of Board of Elections - \$112,710

Michele Alfano-Sharkey, County Auditor - \$150,000

PLEASE NOTE:

A copy of the Local Law can be found on the Putnam County Website on the Legislature page and is also available at the office of the Clerk of the Putnam County Legislature.

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Kent

TOWN OF KENT

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR GENERAL MUNICIPAL LEGAL SERVICES PART 4

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town of Kent will be accepting sealed request for proposals FOR GENERAL MUNICIPAL LEGAL SERVICES within said municipalities. Request for proposals will be received by the Town Clerk of the Town of Kent at the Office of the Town Clerk, Town Hall, 25 Sybil's Crossing, Kent Lakes, New York 10512 until 12:00 p.m. local prevailing time on April 2, 2026 then at said office shall be publicly opened and read aloud.

Copies of information for those persons submitting proposals (hereinafter, "bidders"), including Information for Bidders, General Conditions, Specifications, non-collusive bidding certification, and other documents included as part of this request for proposal (RFP) may be obtained at the Office of the Town Clerk, Town Hall, 25 Sybil's Crossing, Kent, New York. Bidders may submit proposals to provide Planning and Zoning legal services, or either Planning or Zoning legal services. This information

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will also be posted on the Town of Kent website at www.townofkentny.gov.

The Town of Kent, hereinafter called the "Town", reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any formality or technicality in any request for proposal in the interest of the Town.

STATEMENT OF NON-COLLUSION:

Bidders on the Contracts are required to execute a non-collusion bidding certificate pursuant to Section 103(d) of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York.

STATEMENT OF EQUALITY

The Town of Kent hereby notifies all persons submitting proposals that it will affirmatively insure that in regard to any Contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, qualified bidders will be afforded full opportunity to submit request for proposals in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability or marital status in consideration for an award.

Dated: April 2, 2026

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF KENT

YOLANDA CAPPELLI, TOWN CLERK

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PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF KENT REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WETLANDS CONSULTANT, TOWN PLANNER and ENGINEER

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town of Kent will be accepting proposals for Professional Services for (i) Wetlands Consultant; (ii) Town Planner; and (iii) Town Engineer at the Kent Town Clerk, Kent Town Center, 25 Sybil's Crossing, Kent Lakes, New York 10512. Proposals will be received on or before 12:00 Noon on April 2, 2026 wherein said bids shall be publicly opened and read aloud.

Those submitting may include proposals for the provision of one, two or three of above Professional Services.

Copies of requests for proposals may be obtained at the Office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Kent, 25 Sybil's Crossing, Kent Lakes, New York 10512. The Town reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any formality or technicality in any proposal in the interest of the Town.

The Town of Kent hereby notifies all applicants that it will affirmatively insure them in regard to any contract entered into pursuant to this Advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit proposals in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or natural origin in the consideration of an award.

Dated: April 2, 2026

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD TOWN OF KENT

By: YOLANDA D. CAPPELLI, Town Clerk

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Supreme Court NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT COUN-

PUBLIC NOTICE

TY OF PUTNAM, GITSIT SOLUTIONS, LLC, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY IN ITS CAPACITY AS SEPARATE TRUSTEE OF GITSIT MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST BBPLC1, Plaintiff, vs. UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DISTRIBUTUTES OF THE ESTATE OF GERMAINE CHANDELIER, ET AL., Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered on December 22, 2025, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the at court room 209 of the Putnam Supreme Courthouse at, 20 County Center, Carmel, NY 10512 on March 30, 2026 at 9:30 a.m., premises known as 378 Lake Shore Road, Putnam Valley, NY 10579. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being at Roaring Brook Lake, in the Town of Putnam Valley, County of Putnam and State of New York, Section 30.18, Block 1 and Lot 42. Approximate amount of judgment is \$1,087,927.26 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 500370/2025.

Joseph J. Tock, Esq., Referee

Friedman Vartolo LLP, 85 Broad Street, Suite 501, New York, New York 10004, Attorneys for Plaintiff. Firm File No.: 242959-2

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF PUTNAM

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.,

-against-

DANIEL SZIGETHY A/K/A DANIEL J. SZIGETHY, ET AL.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Putnam on December 19, 2025, wherein WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. is the Plaintiff and DANIEL SZIGETHY A/K/A DANIEL J. SZIGETHY, ET AL. are the Defendant(s). I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the PUTNAM COUNTY SUPREME COURT, COURTROOM 209, 20 COUNTY CENTER, CARMEL, NY 10512, on April 13, 2026 at 3:30PM, premises known as 44 JOHNSON STREET, LAKE PEEKSKILL, NY 10537; and the following tax map identification: 91.25-1-41.

ALL THAT CERTAIN PLOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF LAKE PEEKSKILL IN THE TOWN OF PUTNAM VALLEY, COUNTY OF PUTNAM AND STATE OF NEW YORK

Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No.: 502008/2024. Daniel Lawrence Pagano, Esq. - Referee. Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC, 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 310, Westbury, New York 11590, Attorneys for Plaintiff. All foreclosure sales will be conducted in accordance with Covid-19 guidelines including, but not limited to, social distancing and mask wearing. *LOCATION OF SALE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DAY OF IN ACCORDANCE WITH COURT/CLERK DIRECTIVES.

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NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT -
COUNTY OF PUTNAM

Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, as Trustee for the benefit of the Freddie Mac Seasoned Credit Risk Transfer Trust, Series 2019-2

Plaintiff,

Against

Sally Hartmann, Capital One Bank (USA) N.A., Midland Funding LLC; John Doe #1

Defendant(s)

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale, duly entered 11/19/2025, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction, in the courtroom 209 at the Putnam Supreme Courthouse, 20 County Center, Carmel, NY 10512 on 4/20/2026 at 11:30AM, premises known as 27 Dunwoodie Road, Lake Carmel, New York 10512, and described as follows:

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

Section 33.64 Block 1 Lot 32 The approximate amount of the current Judgment lien is \$151,870.30 plus interest and costs. The Premises will be sold subject to provisions of the aforesaid Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale; Index # 501130/2024

Anthony Centone, Esq., Referee.

SHELDON MAY & ASSOCIATES Attorneys at Law, 255 Merrick Road, Rockville Centre, NY 11570

Dated: 3/4/2026 File Number: 39767 CA

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NOTICE OF SALE

Index No.: 500286-2025

STATE OF NEW YORK

S U P R E M E
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NBT BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,

Plaintiff,

-against-

KANWARJEET MALIK,

Defendant.

In pursuance of and by virtue of an ORDER CONFIRMING REFEREE REPORT AND JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE AND SALE signed by the Honorable Victor G. Grossman, Justice, Supreme Court on February 9, 2026 (the "Judgment") and entered in the office of the Putnam County Clerk on February 9, 2026, the undersigned referee, duly appointed in this action for such purpose, will expose for sale and sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the Putnam County Courthouse, 20 County Center, Carmel, New York 10512 on April 22, 2026 at 11:00 a.m.,

PUBLIC NOTICE

the premises described in Schedule "A" attached hereto. The amount due to the plaintiff as fixed in the Judgment is \$461,822.25 together with, as applicable, accruing interest, fees, costs, attorneys fees, expenses, advances, and other amounts as specified in the Judgment.

Dated: March 3, 2026

Brewster, New York

Christopher York, Esq., Referee

BURGESS & ASSOCIATES P.C.

(Melissa H. Pugliese, Esq.)

Attorneys for the Plaintiff

6 Executive Park Drive, Suite C

Clifton Park, New York 12065

(518) 371-0052

The real property to be sold is located in the Town of Kent, County of Putnam, State of New York, and is commonly known as 13 Crestwood Road. The Tax Map Parcel Number for the property to be sold is 33.59-1-3. To request a copy of the legal description for the property to be sold, contact Burgess & Associates P.C. (Melissa H. Pugliese, Esq.) 6 Executive Park Drive, Suite C, Clifton Park, New York 12065, (518) 371-0052.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

LLC

Notice of Formation of Sterling Oaks, LLC. Articles of Org filed with SSNY on 01/05/2026. Office Location: Putnam County, SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 33 Arborview Carmel NY, 10512. Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity.

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Notice of Formation of Borderless Solutions, LLC. Articles of Org filed with SSNY on 12/24/2025. Office Location: Putnam County, SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Almonte Law Firm P C, 2472 McDonald Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11223-5233. Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Cabrera Property Holdings LLC. Articles of Org filed with SSNY on 1/16/2026. Office Location: Putnam County, SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY Should mail process to: Julie Cabrera, 90 Cherry Hill RD, Carmel, NY 10512. Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity.

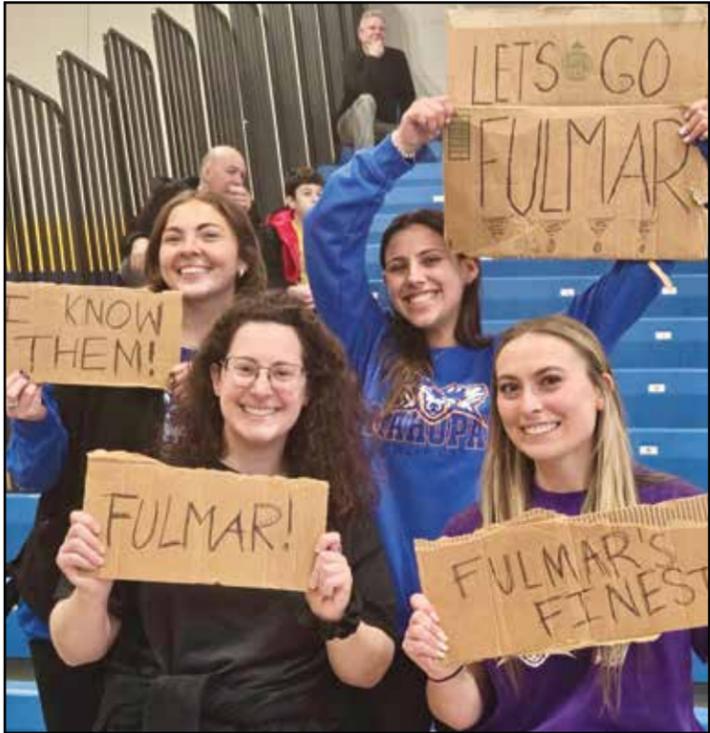
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Mahopac March Madness Drums Up Community Spirit



Photos by Mahopac Central School District.

School spirit and friendly competition were on full display as Mahopac March Madness returned to the high school March 6 and 7, drawing a packed gymnasium of students, families, staff, and community members.

The annual basketball event featured teams representing all of the district's schools, along with a team from the town and the Carmel Police Department. Throughout the



weekend, spectators cheered on their favorite teams as they battled it out on the court in a series of high-energy games.

"We originally started this event years ago as a way to bring together our schools, staff, and community for a fun weekend, and it was great to see it back in action," said Superintendent Frank Miele. "The energy in the gym was terrific, and it was clear how much everyone enjoyed it."

'No Fraternization' Policy Adopted At Carmel Schools

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"I could see many situations where a dedicated teacher would be answering emails – if a project is due, for instance, or if there is a big test – after 10 p.m.," he said. "If I were a student struggling on a project and shot an email out a 10:15 p.m., I'd be extremely grateful for my teacher to respond."

Orser suggested modifying the times to prohibit communication between midnight and 5 a.m. "There really is no reason

for a teacher or anybody else to be talking to anybody, any student, between midnight and 5 a.m.," she said.

Douglas still did not support the hours.

"I get up at 4 in the morning to go to the gym," he noted. "Everyone's intentions are pure... What will happen with this is teachers will say, 'Kids, normally I'd answer in the morning. I can't because it's policy now.'"

He said the result will have teachers decreasing positive, instructive, and informative communication with students.

The board also struck the words "for district purposes" from the part of the policy that concerns communication between students and staff, so it reads: "No staff member should contact a student for district purposes by any means

other than district administered systems."

In proposing the change, Wise noted, "The entire purpose of this policy is to protect students from non-district purposes."

Trustee Frank Grasso said the change strengthens the policy to emphasize that it's there to protect the students. "What we really want to block is when a person contacts the child for heinous purposes," he said.

Orser agreed. "Even if it's district purposes, it's still a boundary problem," she said.

The policy was approved, with Douglas as the lone "no" vote, stating that, while well-intentioned, as written, it hampers educators.

The policy is available to read on BoardDocs, as part of the March 10 agenda documents.

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Brewster Kindergartners Celebrate Career Week



Medical personnel and trades workers visited Brewster youth recently for Career Week.

Who are the people in your neighborhood?

Students in JFK Elementary School's dual language kindergar-

ten classes learned about some of the people in their own neighborhoods—a police detective, firefighters, a nurse practitioner, an assistant

principal, Zumba instructor, and plumbers – when parents spoke to students in celebration of National Career Week, or La Semana de las

Profesiones.

“I planned the week to increase parent involvement while helping young students learn about the

many important roles people play in our community,” said Victoria DeJesus. “They had the opportunity to meet real professionals, ask questions, and begin to understand how different careers help others every day.”

Parents brought their expertise and props.

Kimberly Gaube, Brody's mom, is an orthopedic nurse practitioner. She brought with her a bag of splints, boots and casts, and a giant skeleton to talk about bones. “What do bones help us with?” she asked.

“If we didn't have bones, we'd fall to the floor,” said Sam Miller.

Students also learned about how police officers work to keep us safe, and received their own 911 badge. Then, they got to pass around firefighter tools like a thermal imaging camera, a fire hose nozzle, and flashlight. Later, they learned how assistant principals help lead a school, danced some Zumba, and got a close-up look at pipes and foam insulation that plumbers work with.

“I want to be an assistant principal,” said Cayleigh Gomez. “Because you can tell everyone to follow the rules.”

Career Week was a big success, as students were excited, curious, and eager to learn more about the world around them.

Library Seeks Candidates

Mahopac Public Library will hold elections for three open seats on its board of trustees June 2. Each position is a three-year term, beginning July 1.

Individuals interested in running for a seat on the board must be residents of the Mahopac Central School District.

Petitions for the nomination of candidates are available at the library and must be signed by at least 25 qualified voters of the district, shall state the name and residence of each signer, state the name and residence of the candidate, and must be filed with the election clerk of the library no later than 5 p.m. Friday, April 3.

The election will be held at the library Tuesday, June 2 from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

For more information, call 845-628-2009, ext. 100.

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Healing Through Art

Every Monday, 12pm - 1pm
Running through June

Art therapy to build self confidence, patience, self determination, and daily coping skills.



Grounding & Grace

Every Monday, 2pm - 3pm
Starting March 2 (10 weekly sessions)

Meditation, gentle movement, breathing exercises, and mindfulness practices to support emotional balance and nervous system regulation.



Moods & Musicality

Last Wednesday of the Month, 11am - 12pm
Starting February 25 (5 monthly sessions)

Wellness through music, rhythm, and listening experiences that support mood regulation and emotional expression.



Emotional Life Skills

Every Wednesday, 12:30pm - 1:30pm
Starting March 25 (10 weekly sessions)

Learn about yoga, mindfulness, and the other activities to help with your emotional wellbeing.



The Power of Hobbies

Every Wednesday, 1:30pm - 2:30pm
Starting March 4 (10 weekly sessions)

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Light After

Every Wednesday, 3pm - 4pm
Starting March 4 (10 weekly sessions)

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