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Happy Halloween, Putnam!

Putnam Valley Town Park was transformed into a Halloween-themed party Oct. 17, when the parks and recreation department hosted its Harvest Fest and costume contest. Additional photos are on page 12. Contributed photo.



When asked what brought them to Cold Spring, recent visitors said they saw coverage on social media, while others asked ChatGPT for a fall weekend plan. Photos by Chloe Wareham-Gordon.

County OKs Tourism Impact Study

Lawmakers Debate Tourism Promotion vs. Management

By Holly Crocco

Tourism brought in nearly \$92 million to Putnam County in 2025 – a \$3.4 million increase from the year prior, according to Tourism Director Tara Keegan. That equates to \$309 per household in revenue, or a total annual savings of \$11 million for taxpayers.

Or does it?

During the County Legislature's Oct. 14 Economic Development Committee meeting, Keegan said 2025 was the first year tourism revenue in Putnam surpassed the \$90 million threshold, and she

expects to find that 2026 was even more successful, once those numbers are available.

However, now that visitors are coming to Putnam, some say the county needs to devote money to managing the impact of tourism on the municipalities, otherwise, taxpayers are paying for the garbage pickup, emergency services, and infrastructure needs that go along with the influx in human and vehicular traffic.

Legislator Nancy Montgomery, D-Philipstown, said the request to allocate money in the budget

each year for tourism needs to be a broader conversation about not just promoting tourism, but managing it.

Keegan sought \$60,000 from the county for 2027, to match the \$60,000 in funding she's expecting from the I Love NY program. However, in committee, the Legislature only approved \$40,000, which is what the department received in 2026.

The \$60,000 from the state remains untouched.

"The county is spending money encouraging people to visit, and

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INSIDE: ELECTION PREVIEW COUNTY LEGISLATURE RACES

County Scrambles To Get \$\$ to Towns *May Be Too Late for 2026*

By Holly Crocco

Putnam County government has a surplus of money, and the towns and villages want some of it.

The County Legislature last week debated whether there is time to act on County Executive Kevin Byrne's proposal to distribute \$6.5 million to the municipalities by the end of 2026, or if they are better served by distributing \$10 million to the towns and villages over the next two years.

During the Oct. 20 Budget Committee meeting, Legislator Toni Addonizio, R-Kent, introduced a motion to add \$3.5 million to Byrne's proposed \$6.5 million, but

move the timeline to 2027-2028, with \$5 million being distributed amongst the municipalities each year.

"This proposal offers a balanced, fiscally responsible approach recognizing the needs of our local governments while ensuring taxpayer dollars are distributed fairly and thoughtfully," she said.

Legislator Bill Gouldman, R-Putnam Valley, asked if some of the funding could be released in 2026.

"Every town and village in the county wrote us a letter and had a press conference asking for \$6.5

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Put Valley Cuts Tax Hike in Half

By Holly Crocco

The Putnam Valley Town Board has whittled its preliminary 2027 budget down from the originally proposed 7.2 percent increase, to about a 3.34 percent increase.

"The work that's been done is good work," said Councilman Louie Luongo at the Oct. 21 Putnam Valley Town Board meeting and budget hearing. "We've gotten it down. I don't know that we can't do a little bit more also with the other revenues that are possibly out there. We still have more work to do, but I want to thank everybody involved in this. To get it to where we are from where we started was a big leap."

Councilman CJ Brooks thanked residents for their communication and cooperation.

"This is an open and collaborative effort because this is your money, your tax dollars, and we need to make sure we're accounting for it properly and that everyone understands the process," he said. "I'm happy with what this looks like, especially from where we started."

Supervisor Alison Jolicoeur

said adjustments were made to the highway and parks department budgets, as well as workers' compensation, where \$35,000 in savings was realized.

In addition, all the town board members agreed to a moratorium on their salary increases. "We all

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July 28, 2026

To: County Executive Kevin Byrne

On behalf of the Putnam County Sheriff's Employees Association (PCSEA), we are proud to offer our endorsement to Kevin Byrne for Putnam County Executive.

Throughout his service to Putnam County, Kevin Byrne has demonstrated a continued commitment to public service, responsible leadership, and maintaining a strong working relationship with the employees who serve this county each and every day. Our Association has recognized and appreciated Kevin's willingness to engage with our membership, listen to our concerns, and work collaboratively toward practical solutions that benefit both our workforce and the residents of Putnam County.

The PCSEA values leaders who understand the critical role that corrections professionals and civilian staff specifically play in protecting our community. Kevin Byrne has consistently shown respect for the dedicated members of the PCSEA and has fostered a productive relationship with our Association. We believe that continuing this relationship will benefit not only our members but the County as a whole.

Our organization and Kevin Byrne share many of the same priorities. These include preserving quality medical benefits, improving recruitment and retention of qualified employees, enhancing safety and security for both officers and civilian personnel within our correctional facility, and ensuring that the hardworking members of our Association can continue to provide for their families while serving the citizens of Putnam County with professionalism and pride.

Strong public safety begins with supporting those who are entrusted with protecting our communities. Investments in the workforce, fair working conditions, competitive benefits, and a safe working environment directly contribute to the Sheriff's Office's ability to recruit, retain, and develop highly qualified professionals. We believe Kevin Byrne understands these priorities and has demonstrated a willingness to work with organized labor in a respectful and constructive manner.

For these reasons, the Putnam County Sheriff's Employees Association is proud to endorse Kevin Byrne for Putnam County Executive. We look forward to continuing our collaborative relationship and working together toward our shared goal of building a stronger, safer Putnam County for our members, their families, and all who call this community home.

Respectfully,
PUTNAM COUNTY SHERIFFS EMPLOYEE ASSOCIATION

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Letters to the Editor

Oust the Incumbents

Dear Editor:

If you close your eyes and listen carefully, you will hear the wind through our trees, the lapping of ripples against our lake shores, and our Republican incumbents passing the buck.

Kent received the third-worst fiscal score out of any municipality in New York from the State Comptroller's Office for 2025, and our incumbent Town Supervisor Jaime McGlasson has taken no responsibility. After 11 years in town government – five as supervisor – she blamed the damning score on her predecessor, who handed her a town with an “AA” bond rating.

County Executive Kevin Byrne, in the recent Putnam County Press/Times debate, blamed Gov. Kathy Hochul multiple times for the high cost of living. Putnam's problem is the opposite of Kent's; we have amassed a \$163 million fund balance. Byrne calls this prudence, but all I see is a complete lack of strategic vision. A man who leads one of the fastest shrinking counties in the state – where young families like mine are leaving and towns can't balance their budgets – is proud of the fact that he has not spent the money taxpayers gave him to secure services and opportunities.

Congressman Mike Lawler similarly blamed Albany for high prices in his recent debate. In doing so, he completely abdicated his responsibility as a sitting congressman. This is the man who voted against ending the Iran War and who voted to block Congress from repealing economically destructive tariffs. He tried to pivot to raising the SALT cap – a modest financial reprieve that expires in 2030.

If that's the best he can do for New Yorkers, I'm glad to be casting a vote for his combat veteran opponent in November.

The Kent Republicans recently wrote a post that ended, “We can't change the past.” What they leave out is that local Republicans created the past, and we need new leaders to shape the future. Show up at the ballot box between Oct. 24 and Nov. 3 and choose candidates with the vision and integrity to take responsibility and build a thriving Putnam. Row A all the way.

Anna Walsh
Kent Democratic Committee

Support for Kahng

Dear Editor:

I have lived in Carmel hamlet for nearly 40 years. I raised two daughters here, have always participated in various community projects and organizations, and have a small business practicing law in Putnam County. I've had employees, associates, colleagues, and adversaries.

Throughout, I have seen leaders come and go with little change and less vision. I write this letter to address a simple question: what better serves the needs of all of our community – collaboration or confrontation? This is the choice put before Legislature District 3 in the race between Kathy Kahng

and Joseph Cunningham.

Kathy Kahng is a longtime community leader throughout the Town of Kent and all of Putnam County. She is a graduate of Cornell University, where she earned a degree in labor management. Her skills are a master class in collaboration, earning her the endorsements of the Westchester/Putnam Central Labor Body, Westchester/Putnam Building Trades, and 1199 SEIU, as well as the wholehearted endorsement of her party.

Kathy regularly displays her collaborative IQ in how she approaches all her work: research and fact-finding, investigative diligence, and respectful inquiry and consideration of expertise and different perspectives. She honed these skills managing her company CityRax, working with multi-million-dollar companies on community service projects, environmental projects, and conservation issues in the City of New York and in many other North American cities and municipalities.

Kathy has been a committed volunteer and an ever-willing resource throughout her 23 years in Putnam County with not-for-profit agencies such as the Putnam County Land Trust, Hill & Dale Property Owners (where she is lake chairperson), Cornell Cooperative Extension, Second Chance Foods, Carmel-Kent Chamber of Commerce, Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley, and recently as the founding president of Friends of Reed Library.

Over the past five years she has been involved in local politics, Kathy has put forth specific, achievable solutions to the economic crisis gripping Kent, offering her expertise in grant writing, team building, and unifying resolutions throughout the county. Anyone who has worked with her knows that Kathy calmly collaborates and gets stuff done.

Mr. Cunningham, her opponent, presents himself as not a politician, but a father, a small business owner, and husband... In his words, a regular Joe. They share the same goal of making Putnam affordable, sharing sales tax, growing our commercial tax base, delivering for Lake Carmel, and more accountable government.

Mr. Cunningham has been silent on this for 30 years. Presumably he has been working to establish a small business to support himself and his family, and by all accounts has done this job well and focused exclusively on it. Until now, we haven't heard his voice addressing these issues.

Mr. Cunningham tells us

again and again that he will fight to bring change. It appears that fighting is the order of the day for Joe Cunningham, and with no other endorsements than his fractured party, the fight appears to be an in-house event.

So Nov. 3, ask yourself: collaboration or confrontation?

Kathleen Valletta McMorrow
Kent

Support for Incumbents

Dear Editor:

I recently attended the candidates' forum at the Putnam Lake VFW and after listening to the discussion, I wanted to share my observations with my neighbors.

The room was packed with residents who came to hear candidates for Congress, State Assembly, county executive, and County Legislature. It was encouraging to see such strong interest in our local elections.

Three candidates particularly stood out to me: Congressman Mike Lawler, Assemblyman Matt Slater, and County Executive Kevin Byrne.

What impressed me was the level of detail each brought to the discussion. Rather than relying solely on partisan talking points, they discussed their records, the challenges facing Hudson Valley residents, and the responsibilities of their respective offices.

Congressman Lawler addressed the issues facing our region in Washington and discussed his approach to representing the Hudson Valley effectively. His success is undeniable, as has his impact been.

Assemblyman Slater outlined specific priorities that caught my attention, especially as a senior citizen: reducing income taxes for seniors, challenging Albany's unfunded mandates, and continuing efforts to make childcare more affordable for young families.

County Executive Byrne discussed his approach to county finances, taxpayer protection, and managing the responsibilities of county government.

I appreciated hearing candidates explain not only what they wanted to accomplish, but how they intended to pursue those goals.

The forum reminded me why these community events matter. Voters have an opportunity to hear directly from candidates, evaluate their records, and decide which approaches best reflect their priorities.

I encourage my neighbors not to vote simply along party lines. Attend a forum, ask questions, and get to know the people seeking to represent you. These three will clearly fight for the Hudson Valley.

Peggy Burns
Patterson

A Vote for Burke

Dear Editor:

Having been Gwen Burke's neighbor for 15 of the 30-plus years she has lived in Mahopac, I look forward to her being the next Putnam County legislator from our district.

In addition to being an accomplished businesswoman and financial and environmental expert, Gwen has raised three terrific kids who attended Mahopac schools and graduated college, taught high school chemistry and math, and has been a Girl Scout leader and enthusiastic soccer mom. She's also a dog and former guinea pig mom. And she has been a wonderful neighbor.

As a mom and former teacher myself, I get Gwen's life experience, and I ask: who better to analyze Putnam County's financial, environmental, and infrastructure issues; make smart decisions; and manage our tax dollars responsibly than a working mom who's had to balance child rearing and community involvement with developing lesson plans in the classroom, to wearing a hard hat in the field while managing environmental projects that have six- and seven-figure budgets, and navigating complex government regulations?

Gwen is also passionate about making Putnam work for all its residents and believes in the time-honored expression that “a rising tide lifts all boats.” She wants to see stronger support for working families, women, our significant Latino population, and the LGBTQ+ community.

As for our kids, Gwen agrees that a community college/trade school campus would provide higher education options as well as help with economic expansion to create more job and career opportunities for our children to

stay in Putnam after high school to work and raise their families.

I can think of no one more qualified or prepared to legislate for us than Gwen Burke, and she wholeheartedly has my vote.

Julianne Vaupen
Mahopac

Candidate's Participation Record Questioned

Dear Editor:

Tanner McCracken has missed a disturbing number of meetings as a Mahopac Board of Education trustee. As he seeks a seat in the Putnam County Legislature, voters have reason to ask: Do we want an absentee legislator representing us?

School board records from 2020-21 through 2025-26 show that McCracken missed 35 of 206 meetings. He attended 15 meetings online and one by phone. Records for 12 other meetings could not be found.

While meetings were held online during COVID, once they returned in-person, McCracken missed 34 of 153 meetings – more than one in five. In 2024-25, he missed eight of 21 meetings, attending only 10 in person. He was absent from the momentous Aug. 5, 2025 meeting concerning the superintendent's departure and change in district leadership.

It's the duty of elected officials to participate in public business. Some absences are valid, but this abysmal record raises questions about how seriously McCracken would take his obligations as a legislator. We're not talking about a kid cutting classes; we're talking about an elected official failing to attend important meetings – a responsibility for which he was elected.

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Brewster

Dianne Kay O'Hara, 79, October 15. Beecher Funeral Home, Brewster, NY, (845) 279-3615.

Mahopac

Michael Ryan, 79, October 12. Joseph J. Smith Funeral Home, Mahopac, (845) 621-1992.

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Donna O'Dell-Romano-wich, 71, October 14. Yorktown Funeral Home, Shrub Oak, (914) 962-0700.

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Southeast May Honor First Female Supervisor

By Holly Crocco & Jack Alcott

The Town of Southeast is considering renaming the Lakewview Manor community center in honor of the town’s first and – to date – only female supervisor.

“When we reflect on the life and legacy of Lois Zutell, a few words come to mind: community, dedication, leadership, and lasting impact,” said Putnam County Historian Jennifer Cassidy at the Oct. 15 Southeast Town Board meeting. “These are the qualities of people who make their mark on history.”

She said the occasion is more than an introductory discussion about naming a place. “It’s an important opportunity to recognize women’s history in Putnam County – a chapter that deserves greater attention,” said Cassidy.

Zutell (1935-2020) was born in the Bronx and moved to Brewster to raise a family “and build a wonderful life,” according to Town Supervisor Joseph Castellano.

She served as supervisor from 1996 to 2003, winning four elections during that time. Prior, she served 10 years on the town board, and was a member of the planning board, Southeast Recreation Commission, Putnam



Lois Zutell (1935-2020) was the Town of Southeast’s first and – to date – only female town supervisor.

County Land Trust, the Friends of Brewster Public Library, and was a charter member of the Southeast Museum.

Zutell’s service has been recognized by numerous organizations, including the Putnam County Sheriff’s Honor Corps, Brewster Chamber of Commerce, Putnam County Supervisors Association, Brewster Elks Lodge, Village of Brewster, and the VFW.

“On a personal note, I moved up to the Town of Southeast in 1998, and she was one of the

first people I met as a new homeowner coming up to Town Hall,” recalled Castellano. “She was always very kind, generous, and always gave me great information and was a very knowledgeable person to us here in Southeast.”

Councilwoman Wendy Lew is also remembered Zutell fondly, noting, “She broke the glass ceiling, so to speak.”

Joe Cavanaugh reflected on Zutell’s role with the St. Lawrence O’Toole Golf Outing that raised tremendous funds for charity, while Mary Rhuda spoke as a former colleague of Lois’ in the town office.

“I saw that she was transparent and dedicated, and loved this town,” said Rhuda. “There wasn’t a phone call she didn’t answer, a letter she didn’t answer... She was always willing to go out of her way for anyone.”

Zutell’s daughter Carolyn Lowe spoke with sincere gratitude for the consideration.

“She had many accomplishments and accolades and they were really something to remember and honor, but I do think it was the way in which she held the office and the way she represented the town that is her true legacy,” said Lowe.

Mahopac Man Charged With Sexual Assault of Minor

A Mahopac man is facing sexual assault charges after an incident that also allegedly involved him providing alcohol to a minor.

According to Putnam County Sheriff Brian Hess, investigation began Oct. 6 when deputies responded to a report of a missing teenage girl who was believed to be with a 33-year-old man. Deputies located the girl, who was allegedly highly intoxicated, in a vehicle with Joseph Filingeri, and determined that he had purchased the alcohol.

The girl was transported to the hospital for evaluation, and Filingeri was arrested for unlawfully dealing with a child and endangering the welfare of a child.

Following the arrest, the case was turned over to the Bureau of

Criminal Investigation. After a probe conducted in coordination with the Putnam County District Attorney’s Office that uncovered evidence of sexual offenses involving multiple underage girls, Filingeri was arrested Oct. 16.

He was charged with facilitating a sexual performance by a child with alcohol, use of a child in a sexual performance, three counts of first-degree disseminating indecent material to minors, promoting an obscene sexual performance by a child, and third-degree rape, all felonies.

Filingeri was arraigned in Carmel Town Court, where bail was set at \$100,000 cash, \$200,000 bond, or \$300,000 partially secured bond. He was remanded to the Putnam County Correctional Facility.

Nutrition Corner

By Allison J. Stowell
MS, RD, CDN

Easy Plates, Global Flavors

It’s easy to elevate simple dishes in just a few steps with global spices and flavors. With this approach, a common plate of chicken, rice and vegetables becomes something completely different (with little effort). Here are some items to add to your shopping list to make this happen.

Simmer sauce: Look for simmer sauces at your local market. You’ll find curries, Thai-inspired blends, or other flavors that would require several ingredients to recreate. With simmer sauces, you simply add your protein, bring the sauce to a boil for 1-2 minutes, then simmer for 30 minutes. The same plain chicken, pork, shrimp, or tofu you typically make becomes “takeout” level delicious (but costs less).

Light coconut milk: Add this to your shopping list for quick Thai or Indian-inspired dishes. Go for light coconut milk to reduce saturated fat. Add simple ingredients like tomato paste, curry and garam masala (find both in the spice aisle) to make a coconut curry sauce. Or blend light coconut milk with green or red curry paste, garlic, lime juice and a bit of honey or brown sugar for a spicy Thai coconut sauce.

Bottled vinegars, oils, sauces: Keep vinegars like balsamic, sherry, red wine, and rice along with oils (olive, vegetable, sesame), low sodium tamari, and hot sauce on hand. Use these products to create an array of dressings, marinades, and dipping sauces.

Microwave beans and grain pouches: These are a constant in my pantry. Pouches of beans already simmered in spices and rice or grain blends become instant side dishes. Keep these on hand to turn simple protein leftovers into something new.

Dips and spreads: Use common dips and spreads like tzatziki sauce or hummus for something different (see the recipe below).

This turns these simple spreads into something new and decreases waste. Use them for unique wraps, flatbread, egg sandwiches and more.

Citrus, herbs and more: Pick up fresh lemons and limes, ginger, green onions, basil, and garlic for fresh, quick flavor.

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

Sun Dried Tomato and Basil Pasta (2 Guiding Stars)

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- 16 oz. box spaghetti
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 - Fresh basil, for garnish
 - Optional: Shaved parmesan, for garnish

- Steps:
1. Cook pasta according to package directions.
 2. Before draining pasta, reserve 1/2 cup of pasta cooking water.
 3. Drain, then add pasta back to pot and add the reserved cooking water, hummus and sun dried tomatoes.
 4. Toss to combine and coat spaghetti evenly. Top with fresh basil and shaved parmesan, if desired.

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ELECTION PREVIEW - MEET YOUR CANDIDATES

Cunningham, Kahng Face Off for Legislature Dist. 3

By Holly Crocco

Republican Joseph Cunningham and Democrat Kathy Kahng are both seeking to represent the Town of Kent in the Putnam County Legislature, District 3.

Joseph Cunningham

Joseph Cunningham said he isn't interested in protecting the political establishment or growing government. Rather, he wants county government focused on the basics: keeping taxes down, delivering quality services, supporting safe communities, and making sure taxpayers get their money's worth.

"I'm running for Legislature to cut property taxes and work on sales tax reform to put money back in our pockets," he said. "The most important thing to me is the affordability in this county. It has been much too expensive to live anywhere, especially in District Three."

A Lake Carmel resident of more than 30 years and a graduate of Carmel High School, Cunningham is a small-business owner who said Lake Carmel, Kent, and Patterson deserve a strong voice in county government – "someone who will show up, listen, and fight to make sure our communities get their fair share of attention and resources."

Cunningham said he will oppose pay raises for elected officials and demand the same fiscal discipline from county government that families and small businesses have to practice every day.

"Before politicians ask taxpayers for another dollar, they should prove they're spending the dollars they already have wisely," he said. "This county needs a good leader, it needs a strong leader, it needs somebody who knows a thing or two about money – someone like me... I want Putnam County to remain safe, I want the schools to remain good, I want our taxes to remain low."

Lake Carmel is home to thousands of Putnam County residents, but Cunningham said too often the community has been overlooked when it comes to investment and long-term planning, so he'll work with local and county officials to make sure Lake Carmel receives its fair share of infrastructure investment, services, and resources.

"One of the projects I really want to focus on is working with the health department, the parks department, and the town board to make sure we have everything we need to keep Lake Carmel as clean as possible," he said. "Nice, clean water so we don't have to close down beaches, so you have the lakes you deserve. Because this town is so near and dear to my heart."

For too long, Cunningham said Kent has missed out on economic development and commercial investment that could help strengthen the local economy and ease the burden on homeowners.

He said he will work closely with partners in town government and bring together the resources of the Putnam County Industrial Development Agency and Economic Development Corporation to actively attract businesses and encourage responsible development – with a particular focus on the Route 52 corridor.

"There's vacancies all up and down Route 52," he said. "It's unacceptable to me."



Joseph Cunningham

Growing the commercial tax base means more than bringing new businesses to town, according to Cunningham. "It means local jobs, stronger commercial corridors, and a broader tax base so homeowners aren't expected to carry so much of the burden," he said.

The candidate supports cutting the county's share of the sales tax to provide broad-based relief that reaches families, seniors, and small businesses.

"When government consistently collects more money than it needs, taxpayers deserve relief," he said. "Rather than allowing excess revenues to simply accumulate or become an excuse for more government spending... county government should return savings to the people who earned the money in the first place."

He also favors a tax-and-share plan in which the town gets more than 1/9th of 1 percent of the county's sales tax revenue. "We get \$330,000 per year for that," he said, noting, "one fire truck costs \$2 million."

Cunningham said he will make sure the men and women in law enforcement, firefighting, and emergency services have the resources they need to do their jobs effectively, saying, "Putnam County's safe neighborhoods are one of the reasons families choose to live here."

"County government belongs



Kathy Kahng

to the taxpayers – and taxpayers shouldn't have to fight to find out what their government is doing," he said, adding that he will support greater transparency, easier public access to government information, and greater accountability for how taxpayer dollars are spent. "Government works better when the people paying the bills can see what's going on."

Kathy Kahng

Kathy Kahng has lived in the Hill & Dale area of Kent for the past 23 years, and since 2015 has served as an HOA board member and chairperson of Palmer Lake jurisdiction. She was appointed Town of Kent stormwater chairperson in 2016, has served on the Kent Climate Smart Task Force since its inception in 2022 and as an elected trustee of the Putnam County Land Trust for the last six years. She is also working to revive the Kent Lakes Association.

Last year, Kahng was appointed to be on the Putnam County Advisory Council for Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley.

She became founding president of Friends of Reed Memorial Library in Carmel in 2025. Less than a year later, it opened a new Reed Community Hub at the former nursery school space at nearby Gilead Presbyterian Church to provide a large meeting space for community groups, and to make library services more accessible. It will also include

a jobs training program for Carmel High School students, and a café and used book shop.

"I have always thought we needed a community center around here and am thrilled to have played a key role in making it happen," said Kahng.

The candidate has business experience working in public and private partnerships in major cities, counties, and transit agencies throughout North America.

"In the private sector, I have worked at companies from startups to major multinational corporations where I have had direct financial responsibility for annual budgets from \$1 million to \$100 million," she said. "My project management experience and skills are directly transferrable to working on the Putnam County Legislature, as I will be one of nine legislators who need to collaborate to bring results to our constituency."

Kahng said lawmakers need to understand what has contributed to such a large unassigned fund balance in the county's coffers.

"I understand that a lot of it has to do with unfilled positions that have been budgeted from year to year," she said. "Why are these positions not filled and why do they carry over to the next year's budget? In addition, changes in sales tax regulations led to a windfall for the county but there has been no plan to adjust the budget based on these changes."

The candidate also said it is essential to update the county's comprehensive plan, to serve as a "roadmap" to where the county will be going and how it will achieve these goals through a specific punch-list of activities. "This comprehensive plan will help Putnam County and the towns and villages on zoning, economic development, housing, employment, and infrastructure so the whole of Putnam County is unified in tackling all of these complex issues," she said.

Kahng said an analysis of the county's current business and

retail markets is needed to give lawmakers the data to help create and implement a plan to smartly attract new businesses and retailers to Putnam County and help existing businesses and retailers maximize their market capacity.

She also said there is a mental health crisis in Putnam County that demands more services.

"I support a mental health stabilization center in Putnam County," said Kahng. "A stabilization center is not the same thing as a crisis center. We already have a crisis center in Putnam County, it is Putnam Hospital. We also have a Putnam County Mobile Crisis Team – the Legislature just voted to approve funding to allow it to operate 24/7."

In addition, she said a stabilization center would be for anyone having a mental health episode that isn't a crisis, where trained mental health professionals can quickly assess and provide appropriate support and counseling.

"Putnam County needs to do its part in helping with the mental health crisis by providing additional financial support to the public-facing mental health professionals at CoveCare, Philipstown HUB, and the Mental Health Association," she said.

Kahng said she will advocate for better coordination and communication between the six towns and three villages, and the county. For example, she referred to the \$500-million-per-year NY Forward grant program for downtown revitalization that has been around since 2018. Although the Town of Kent has applied the last three years, it can't get past the first round because it's too small an application.

"I would take Kent's Route 52, Patterson's Front Street, and Putnam Valley's Peekskill Hollow Road and combine them into one application," she said. "That's a winning application, and I will continue to work with all the towns and villages to apply annually so we begin to win our share of that \$500 million annually."

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ELECTION PREVIEW - MEET YOUR CANDIDATES

Burke & McCracken Battle for Legislative Dist. 8

By Holly Crocco

Democrat Gwen Burke and Republican Tanner McCracken are running for election to Putnam County Legislature District 8, which represents parts of Mahopac and Carmel.

Gwen Burke

Gwen Burke has been in public service for most of her adult life, having worked for MTA Bridges & Tunnels (a public authority) as a senior engineer overseeing roadway and bridge construction at the Whitestone Bridge.

"During my last year at the authority, I was the project manager for finalizing the multimillion-dollar administration building at the bridge," she said. "I still take pride in it when I drive past the building today. Later, as a public high school teacher for almost 15 years, I instilled a love of math and science in my students, who were often underserved students."

Currently, Burke is an engineer in the private sector, working with municipalities in an effort to solve problems related to hazardous/medical/municipal waste, air pollution, drinking water, stormwater, and wastewater. She has also worked to redevelop brownfield sites, restoring community value to once abandoned properties.

She has volunteered in Mahopac as a Girl Scouts leader, treasurer, and cookie chairperson.

"Seniors are struggling to meet housing, medical, and transportation needs," she said. "I know what our kids need to succeed. I want to make sure they have the resources to do so right here in Putnam County, with choices in higher education, job and career opportunities, and workforce housing that will enable them to grow their future right here."

Burke said the county needs to lower the cost of living, properly distribute tax dollars through improved management and economic development, and provide professional oversight of land, air, and water resources.

"I will work with my fellow legislators and town/village representatives to form consortiums to get work done, bringing my experience in navigating government regulations and applying for grant funding to advance projects," she said. "And I would bring our county and towns together to create a living, breathing comprehensive strategic plan to help guide our work."

Burke said the county's large fund balance should be invested



Gwen Burke

back into the county and towns.

"There has been little or no economic development in Putnam and it is sorely needed," she said. "The community college and the trades training center that (county executive candidate) Yarris proposes is a perfect example of what this county needs, because it keeps our tax money and our kids at home, while generating new small businesses around it, benefiting the county's overall economy."

One focus area should be a complete study of infrastructure throughout the county – to plan for proper economic growth to provide jobs and housing, noted Burke.

"We should assess the redevelopment of underutilized or abandoned properties within the county, to create an inventory of assets available for properly planned and staged economic growth," she said. "We also need to look into promoting our strengths – boosting tourism budgets to drive economic growth."

In addition, the candidate said the county needs to increase the budgets for services already funded.

"We need to give back to our seniors who built our communities and are now struggling to live out their lives here," she said. "Provide additional funding for needed services related to domestic violence prevention and mental health care. Pay the county employees – who we all rely on – a competitive wage. Increase spending on vital programs for food provisions for those suffering from food insecurity, and paramedicine services for the elderly and for those who cannot get to a doctor. Expand Putnam on Demand transit services to assist those who cannot drive to work, the store, or a doctor's appointment, as traditional bus



Tanner McCracken

routes do not work in most of Putnam County."

As an environmental scientist, Burke said she understands the importance of protecting farmers and farmland.

"I will start by getting out and meeting with the farm owners to learn about their current needs," she said. "I will work with the farmers to provide stormwater assistance to protect their lands from increasingly damaging storms. Resiliency grants and programs are available to support Putnam's farmers, and I can use my expertise to assist in promoting and applying for this funding."

The candidate said there are many opportunities to support small businesses that are passing Putnam by.

"We have to work to build a portfolio of what is available to be redeveloped – school properties no longer needed, abandoned commercial sites, and oversized parking lots that are no longer necessary," she said. "These properties can be subdivided and repurposed to meet the county's needs for commercial and housing development."

Burke said Putnam must continue to find ways to address the mental health crisis.

"The Department of Social Services budget must be expanded where possible to meet these goals," she said. "Additional funding must be provided to CoveCare, NAMI, the Westchester/Putnam Women's Resource Center, and other mental health providers in Putnam. And just as important, funding must be provided to our sheriff's department and other emergency services providers to ensure they are equipped to handle the worst of what they see on a daily basis."

She supports a crisis stabilization center – similar to the one in Dutchess County.

"A place for people who are overwhelmed, where they can walk in voluntarily at any time to talk to a counselor or find the resources they need," she described. "Other support for our residents could be the staffing of a Mobile Crisis Unit and expanded use of the current paramedicine program, to help those in crisis and those who struggle on a daily basis."

Tanner McCracken

Tanner McCracken has served the last six years on the Mahopac School Board.

"In 2020, at just 20 years old, I ran for office because I believed

there was not enough emphasis on teaching kids real-life skills, the board lacked transparency, and taxpayers were not getting enough accountability for the money they were spending," he said. "I ran to bring fresh energy and conservative change to the board, and I am proud of the record I built over my six years in office."

McCracken said he led the effort to make personal financial literacy a graduation requirement, wrote and passed dozens of policies to increase transparency and parent involvement, and consistently stood up for taxpayers.

"There were times when I was the lone 'no' vote against property tax increases," he said. "I didn't go along to get along. I fought for what I believed was right."

In addition to his elected service, McCracken has spent more than five years working in the State Senate, currently serving as a top staffer to Senate Republican Leader Rob Ort. "That experience has given me an extensive background in legislative policy, constituent services, and the inner workings of government," he said.

The candidate said he's running for county legislator because too many families are being taxed out of their homes, too many seniors are struggling to afford to stay in the communities they spent their lives building, and too many young families are finding that the American dream is slipping out of reach.

"When I look at the current Legislature, I see many of the same problems I saw when I first ran for school board in 2020: a lack of transparency, self-serving politicians, and complacency," he said.

McCracken said it's time to stop assessment-driven tax hikes from forcing people out of their homes; fight to cut property taxes; support long-term fiscal planning; expand tax relief for seniors, veterans, and first responders; deliver bold ethics reform; and livestream and record every public government meeting.

"I'm running to stand up for everyday people, not cater to the political insiders," he said. "I believe public office is about serving people, not serving those in power."

McCracken said the county's reported fund balance represents years of over-taxation of the community. "Assessments have spiked, taxes have been hiked, and taxpayer dollars have been hoarded away," he said. "I'm running to give taxpayers their money back in the form of meaningful tax relief, while making better investments in the services and infrastructure our community relies on."

A self-proclaimed fiscal conservative, he said the county has a responsibility to maintain healthy reserves and protect the county's long-term financial stability. "But the current fund balance is more than double what I believe is a responsible reserve level," noted McCracken. "Inaction in the face of over-taxation in the midst of an affordability crisis is not an

option."

McCracken said he's proud that during his time on the Mahopac School Board he's built a record of delivering results for students, parents, and taxpayers.

"I am particularly proud of leading the effort to make personal financial literacy a graduation requirement, ensuring that every Mahopac graduate leaves high school with the real-world skills to manage their money and build a financially secure future," he said. "I helped deliver \$7.5 million in school tax levy savings, including back-to-back budgets with 0 percent tax levy increases."

Transparency was another cornerstone of his tenure, said McCracken.

"I wrote and passed policies that fundamentally changed how the school board operated, bringing meetings and important deliberations out from behind closed doors and into the public eye," he said. "By the time I left office, every public meeting – including committee meetings – was recorded and live-streamed."

McCracken said the county needs to support local farms and the families who operate them, and take a good, hard look at Putnam's agricultural districting process.

"It's been nearly 20 years since that process was implemented, and we should examine whether it still serves our farmers effectively," he said. "Rather than politicians posturing about what they think is best for our farmers, we should be asking farmers what they actually need."

The candidate said economic development needs to be a priority. While other communities throughout the Hudson Valley have found ways to attract private investment, create jobs, and revitalize their downtowns, he said Mahopac has fallen behind.

"We need to roll up our sleeves and get serious about attracting businesses and investment to our community," said McCracken. "That means cutting unnecessary red tape, making strategic infrastructure investments, and creating an environment where small businesses and entrepreneurs can thrive. We can encourage economic growth while preserving the character and charm that makes Mahopac so special."

While McCracken said he recognizes the importance of making sure those who are struggling with mental illness have access to the care and support they need – particularly among young people, he would like to "pump the brakes" on establishing a new mental health crisis center in Putnam until leaders evaluate the resources already invested in.

"Putnam County spends millions of taxpayer dollars on mental health services and related programs, including local grants, Youth Bureau initiatives, and other community-based services," he said. "We have a responsibility to evaluate existing programs, identify gaps in services, and determine whether there are better, more cost-effective ways to help people."

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Gilleo, Russo Seek to Represent Legislature Dist. 2

By Holly Crocco

Democrat Maia Gilleo and Republican Christian Russo are running for Putnam County Legislature, District 2, which represents the Town of Putnam Valley.

Maia Gilleo

For more than 22 years, Maia Gilleo has served the Putnam Valley community as owner and operator of a personal service business.

"Maintaining a local business for more than two decades has given me the opportunity to build lasting relationships with residents, hear their concerns firsthand, and develop a broad understanding of the needs and priorities of our community," she said.

Gilleo has served as vice chairperson of the Neighborhood Business Committee, where she represented the interests of small businesses and supported efforts to strengthen the local business environment.

The candidate has maintained a longstanding commitment to charitable and volunteer service, over the years raising more than \$10,000 for not-for-profits including the St. Baldrick's Foundation and the American Heart Association. She has organized food drives to assist individuals and families experiencing food insecurity, helping to direct community support toward those in need. In addition, she has assisted the SPCA by establishing a collection area at a local business for donations of dog and cat food.

If elected to the Legislature, Gilleo said she would bring a practical, accountable approach to budgeting, planning, and constituent service – while also ensuring Putnam Valley receives equitable access to county resources and responsive representation.

"I support revising the county's comprehensive plan to better assist towns and villages with zoning and economic development while preserving the character of their communities," she said.

Gilleo said the county should use its large fund balance to take a measured, responsible approach that preserves adequate reserves while investing in priorities that have long been underfunded, including expanded domestic violence prevention and mental health services on the western side of the county.

The county should also strengthen food-security programs including Second Chance Foods and local food pantries, enhance services for veterans, and improve transportation for vulnerable residents, she said.

"Investing in a local trade school would provide practical career training, help employers meet workforce needs, and create opportunities for younger residents to build their futures in Putnam County," she added. "In addition, a portion of the fund balance should help towns address financial pressures by funding infrastructure and capital improvements that are straining municipal budgets."

The candidate, who earned an MBA in both business management and international business by age 50, said her experience with continuing education strengthened her knowledge of finance, organizational leadership, strategic planning, and responsible decision-making. "I am also proud to have operated the longest-standing woman-owned



Maia Gilleo

business in Putnam Valley," she said.

The candidate said more can be done to connect local farmers with the county and the people who live here.

"Stronger partnerships could make it easier for residents to find and purchase fresh, locally grown food while helping farmers reach more customers," she said. "The county should also look at offering larger tax incentives and other practical support to help farms manage costs, remain competitive, and continue operating for future generations."

To support local businesses, Gilleo said she would work to make Putnam a place where they can open, grow, and create good local jobs.

"That means listening directly to business owners, improving county planning, supporting workforce and trade education, and helping towns and villages pursue responsible economic development without losing the character that makes our communities special," she said.

The candidate supports the creation of a mental health crisis center in Putnam County.

"Residents experiencing a crisis should be able to receive timely, professional care close to home rather than having to travel long distances or rely on emergency rooms as their only option," she said. "The county should also expand access through a mobile mental health unit that can respond throughout Putnam and bring services directly to residents in their own communities."

Gilleo said she'd like to see a western county service hub established where residents can access mental health care, veterans' assistance, food-support programs, and other county resources closer to home.

"The county must recognize that residents on the western side deserve the same access to essential services as every other community in Putnam," she said. "I will advocate for a clear implementation plan, dedicated funding, and measurable timelines, and I urge county leaders to act now so that a resident's location never determines whether they can obtain the help they need."

Christian Russo

Putnam Valley Town Board member Christian Russo was elected in 2011, and appointed deputy town supervisor in 2025. He also serves as a liaison to the Putnam Valley Climate Smart Task Force.

Since January 2025, Russo has also served as a volunteer member of the board of directors of the Putnam County Housing Corporation. "This is a position I am proud to hold because I recognize the need



Christian Russo

for affordable and attainable housing in Putnam County – particularly for our senior citizens who are finding it increasingly difficult to afford to remain in New York," he said.

Russo, a self-proclaimed fiscal conservative, decided to run for Legislature to give the town a strong and consistent voice at the county level. "Too often, I believe the western side of the county can be overlooked when county decisions are made," he said.

As the owner of a local chiropractic business, Russo said he has experience managing a budget and determining the difference between a need and a want. "If the funding is not available and something cannot be accomplished in a financially responsible manner, I believe it should be delayed until the county is in a stronger financial position," he said.

When asked about the county's hefty unassigned fund balance, the candidate said a portion of it may be responsibly spent down over a period of several years to provide meaningful tax relief to residents,

while still maintaining a healthy reserve.

"If the county has a major project that needs to be completed, having sufficient reserves can allow the county to pay for that project without having to borrow money or raise taxes to finance it," he explained. "Maintaining a responsible reserve is therefore important."

The candidate said he is proud to have helped bring professional grant-writing assistance to the town, securing \$7 million over a four-year period. "This helped offset costs that otherwise would have fallen on Putnam Valley taxpayers – particularly because our town has a very limited commercial tax base," he said.

The councilman also helped identify additional sources of revenue for the town, by renting town property to Netflix for a filming production, and renting the Putnam Valley Town Camp to Kingdom Faire for a renaissance festival.

"We also enacted a short-term rental law that requires applicable short-term rentals to collect an occupancy tax, with that revenue coming back to the town," said Russo. "These efforts, combined with responsible budgeting, helped Putnam Valley produce four consecutive budgets below the state-mandated property tax cap."

Russo is also proud of his advocacy for public transportation on the western side of the county, including his efforts to bring the Putnam on Demand transit service to Putnam Valley.

"It is a reliable and affordable form of transportation that is used as needed, as opposed to fixed bus

routes which may have buses running that are being underutilized and would waste taxpayer dollars," he said. "This will provide an important service for our senior citizens and residents with disabilities who may otherwise have difficulty getting to doctor appointments, grocery stores, work, or social activities."

Russo said he supports policies that allow agricultural operations to remain economically viable, including appropriate agricultural tax exemptions.

"We need to make sure farmers are not priced out of their land by an ever-increasing tax burden," he said. "I would also support farming by helping preserve our open space and protecting the agricultural character of Putnam County."

The candidate also noted that, whenever practical and consistent with competitive bidding requirements, the county should look to businesses within Putnam first when purchasing goods or contracting for services.

Russo said he is open to considering a dedicated mental health crisis stabilization center, but the location must be appropriate and take into account the concerns of local residents and the local planning board.

"As we saw with the proposed stabilization center in Carmel, the location generated significant controversy among residents and the project was unable to move forward at that site," he said. "We need to recognize the importance of providing mental health services while also working collaboratively with the communities where these facilities are proposed."

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Senior Turkey Luncheon
Senior citizens in the Carmel Central School District are invited to its annual Thanksgiving luncheon prepared by the district’s Food Services Department on Thursday, Nov. 5 (snow date Nov. 6). Lunch will be served from 10 to 11 a.m. at Matthew Patterson Elementary School, from 11 a.m. to noon at George Fischer Middle School, and 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. at Carmel High School. Free. Reservations required by calling 845-808-1700, ext. 47100, by Oct. 28.

Vendors Wanted
First Presbyterian Church of Mahopac, 411 Route 6N at Secor Road, is looking for vendors for its Christmas Craft & Gift Fair to be held Saturday, Nov. 14 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Contact Kathy at Office@MahopacChurch.org for a vendor registration form.

Fall Quilt Raffle
The quilt on display in the lower-level hallway at Brewster Public Library was donated by the

Southeast Museum Quilters, and will be auctioned off Nov. 21. All proceeds will benefit the library. Tickets may be purchased at the circulation desk.

Special Deals
Applebee’s Grill + Bar in Brewster will offer a to-go and delivery “Hallowing Bucket” deal featuring 20 boneless wings for \$12.99, from Oct. 25 to 31. On Halloween day, Oct. 31, kids age 10 and younger can order a free meal from the kids menu, with an adult entrée purchase.

Tuesday, Oct. 27
‘Demystifying Medicare’
“Demystifying Medicare” will be presented Tuesday, Oct. 27 from 5:30 to 8:45 p.m., at Cortlandt Town Hall; and Sunday, Nov. 8 from 12:30 to 3:45 p.m., at the John C. Hart Memorial Library in Shrub Oak. Pre-registration is requested by calling 914-231-3236. Call for other dates and locations. This is a free, comprehensive workshop for

anyone who needs to understand how Medicare works.

Patterson’s Old Burying Ground
The Patterson Historical Society will share its documentary, “The Old Burying Ground,” on Tuesday, Oct. 27 at 6 p.m., at Patterson Library. Discover what the Old Burying Ground on Route 311 reveals about Patterson’s history from 1760 to 1860, including the Baptist meetinghouse, the Settlers’ Revolt, the Revolution, and life in Patterson before the Civil War. Adults 18 and older.

‘Revolutionary War Ghosts’
Reed Memorial Library in Carmel will present “Ghosts of the Revolutionary War” on Oct. 27 from 5 to 6 p.m. Join paranormal investigator and author Barry Pirro as he explores the ghost stories and legends surrounding some of the Revolutionary War’s most iconic figures and historic sites. For teens and adults age 16 and older. Registration is required at carmellibrary.org/calendar.

Teen Escape Room
Kent Public Library will host a “Five Nights at Freddy’s”-themed escape room for youth in grades five through 12, on Tuesday, Oct. 27. Three sessions are available. Register online.

‘The Meddler’
Patterson Library will show “The Meddler” on Tuesday, Oct. 27 at 1 p.m. The heartwarming story of an aging widow from New York City who follows her daughter to Los Angeles in hopes of starting a new life after her husband passes away. Adults 18 and older.

Wednesday, Oct. 28
Dive into National Parks
Join Dr. Richard Benfield, former professor of geography at Central Connecticut State University, as he takes a deep dive into our national parks Wednesday, Oct. 28 at 6 p.m., at Mahopac Public Library. Register at www.mahopaclibrary.org or call 845-628-2009, ext. 100.

Thursday, Oct. 29
‘Festive Flavors’
Cornell Cooperative Extension of Putnam County will host “Festive Flavors: Holiday Syrup & Shrub Workshop” on Thursday, Oct. 29 from 5 to 8 p.m., at Second Chance Foods, 120 Martin Ave., Brewster. \$25. Register at cceputnamcounty.org. Make fruit syrups and learn to can safely in boiling water.

October Crafts
Join Kent Public Library to make a seasonal craft Thursday, Oct. 29 at 3:15 p.m. Register at kentpl.librarycalendar.com.

Friday, Oct. 30
Live Theater
The Depot Theater and Giraffe & Gibbon Theatricals will present “The Glorious Death of Comrade What’s-His-Name” at 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, and 3 p.m. Sundays, from Oct. 30 to Nov. 22, at 10 Garrison’s Landing, Garrison. A new musical farce about fame, revolution, and the absurdity of power. Tickets available at www.depottheater.org.

Halloween Party
A “Clue IRL Halloween Party” is

scheduled Oct. 30 from 6 to 7:30 p.m., at Butterfield Library, 10 Morris Ave., Cold Spring.

The Immortals Ball
Teens are invited to attend the Hidden Council’s annual costume ball Friday, Oct. 30 at 5:30 p.m., at Mahopac Public Library. The Royalty of the Mage Guild, Were Clans, Vampyr Houses, and Fae Court will be in attendance. For grades eight through 12. Register at www.mahopaclibrary.org or call 845-628-2009, ext. 153.

Trunk-or-Treat
Putnam County Youth Bureau will host its annual trunk-or-treat event Friday, Oct. 30 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. (rain or shine), Tilly Foster Farm, 100 Route 312, Brewster. To register as a vendor (by Oct. 16), visit <https://form.jotform.com/232575363737161>. Registration is not required for attendees. For information, email youthbureauemployees@putnamcountyny.gov.

Saturday, Oct. 31
Halloween Parade
Reed Memorial Library & Friends will host a Halloween parade Saturday, Oct. 31, beginning at 11 a.m., at the library, and ending at the new Reed Community Hub for pumpkin decorating and snacks. Registration is required at www.carmellibrary.org.

Sunday, Nov. 1
Day of the Dead
Arts on the Lake will celebrate Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead), inspired by the children’s movie “Coco,” on Sunday, Nov. 1 from 3 to 5 p.m., at 640 Route 52, Kent Lakes. Bring a photo or memento of an ancestor or pet to commemorate. Watch and participate in dances, make crafts, enjoy food and other vendors. Free.

Wednesday, Nov. 4
Carmel Town Board
The Carmel Town Board will meet at 7 p.m. the following Wednesdays, at Carmel Town Hall: Nov. 4, 10 and 18; and Dec. 2, 9 and 16.

Library Meetings
Reed Memorial Library’s Board of Trustees will meet from 5 to 6:30 p.m., Nov. 4, and Dec. 2, in Carmel. Register at carmellibrary.org/calendar.

Thursday, Nov. 5
Councilwomen Office Hours
Patterson Town Councilwoman Stacy Dumont will hold office hours at the Putnam Lake VFW on the first Thursday of the month at 6:15 p.m., before the Putnam Lake Park District meeting. Councilwoman Gwen Dougherty will hold office hours the third Tuesday of each month at Patterson Town Hall from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Both Stacy and Gwen invite the public to request a meeting at a time convenient for residents. Email StacyDumont@PattersonNY.org or GwenDougherty@PattersonNY.org.

Friday, Nov. 6
Chamber Ensemble
The Doansburg Chamber Ensemble will close its 2026 season with performances by its jazz quartet Friday, Nov. 6 at St. Mary in the Highlands Church, 1 Chestnut St.,

Cold Spring at 7 p.m.; and Sunday, Nov. 8 at 3 p.m., at Trinity Lutheran Church, 2103 Route 6, Brewster. Tickets are \$17 for general admission, or \$14 students and seniors, at the door.

Saturday, Nov. 7
Inclusive Social
The Town of Carmel Recreation & Parks Department will host its Fall-O-Ween inclusive social Saturday, Nov. 7 from 7 to 10 p.m., at Sycamore Park in Mahopac. DJ, pizza, and more. Each attendee will be matched with a buddy, unless they prefer to bring their own ComHab worker. \$40 per resident, \$75 per non-resident. 845-628-7888 or townofcarmelny.gov.

Sunday, Nov. 8
Breakfast
Brewster VFW Post 672 will host a breakfast fundraiser the second Sunday of every month through May, from 9 to 11 a.m., at 262 Peaceable Hill Road. Coffee, juice, waffles, pancakes, bacon, sausage, eggs, omelet station, home fries, tater tots, biscuits and gravy, and more. \$15 for adults, \$10 for teens, free for kids.

Chow Down
The 12th annual Veterans’ Chow Down is scheduled Sunday, Nov. 8 at the Putnam County Golf Course in Mahopac. Free for veterans and one guest each. Seatings at 11 a.m. or 2 p.m. A sit-down meal served family style with live entertainment, music, giveaways. Reserve seats by calling Sen. Harckham at 914-241-4600, Sen. Rolison at 845-229-0106, Assemblyman Slater at 845-278-2923, or Assemblywoman Levenberg at 914-941-1111.

Monday, Nov. 9
Lake Carmel Parks Dept.
The Lake Carmel Parks Department Advisory Board will meet at Kent Town Hall at 7 p.m. on Nov. 9, and Dec. 14.

Gilmore Girls Viewing Party
Join Kent Public Library for an interactive trip to Stars Hollow and watch the “Gilmore Girls” fan-favorite episode “A Deep-Fried Korean Thanksgiving” on Monday, Nov. 9 at 6 p.m. Grab your coffee (provided), enjoy snacks, test your knowledge with “Gilmore Girls” trivia, and vote for your favorite Thanksgiving in true Lorelai and Rory fashion. For age 14 and older.

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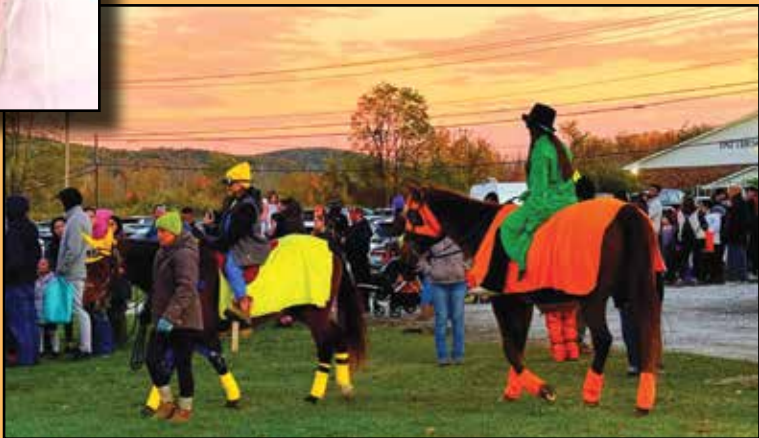
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Almost 1,000 participants braved the chilly temperatures Oct. 17 to show off their Halloween costumes and showcase decorated trunks during Patterson Fire Department's annual trunk-or-treat. Photos by Joey Nickischer at PFD.



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“Stonewall Farm,” in acrylics, by Dom Scardino

“Time in A Moment Observed” is a new art exhibit at Mahopac Public Library, on view in the Third Floor Gallery through Nov. 11.

More than 30 paintings from Hudson Valley artist Dominic Scardino are on display including oil paintings from his early career and new acrylic works created after a 33-year return to the studio.

“Time in A Moment Observed” captures the evolution of Scardino’s talents over time as he recreates the act of seeing, and undertakes his own personal Renaissance as an artist.

“The earlier works lean toward expressive surrealism – pure imagination shaped into form – while most of the newer paintings, drawn from photographs taken during my travels, move into expressive realism, perceived observation in lived experience with some creative liberty,” he said.

Scardino originally exhibited his art in the 1980s at the New City Public Library and Rockland Center for the Arts, and has re-emerged with a renewed focus on acrylics. In 2025, two of his paintings were published in the “New Croton Review,” aligning his work with the journal’s long-standing tradition of regional and national artists.

His current practice centers on rediscovery, resilience, and the evolving relationship between observation and creative liberty.

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Academic Honors

Emily England Sullivan, a rising senior political science major at Dickinson College in Pennsylvania, has been named to the Dean’s List for the spring 2026 semester. A graduate of Brewster High School, she is the daughter of Matthew and Lara Sullivan of Brewster.

Connor O’Reilly of Brewster, a Virginia Tech student; and Amanda Parker of Garrison, a Stony Brook University student, have been awarded scholarships from the Hudson Valley Credit Union in collaboration with the New York Credit Union Association. The awards are based on academic achievement, after-school activity involvement, and community service, as well as leadership in their communities and a strong writing portfolio.

Petty Officer 2nd Class Jonathan Scarduzio, a native of Baldwin and 2021 graduate of Baldwin Senior High School, serves the U.S. Navy assigned to USS Pinckney, a destroyer operating out of Naval Base San Diego. He joined the Navy five years ago.

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COMMUNITY VISITS BREWSTER FIRE DEPT.



Brewster Fire Department hosted its open house Oct. 18, where visitors to the firehouse witnessed a live burn and vehicle rescue demonstrations, took firetruck rides, and enjoyed various activities that promote fire safety. Contributed photos.



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Sweet & Scary at Put Valley Harvest Fest



Putnam Valley Parks & Recreation hosted its Harvest Fest and costume contest Oct. 17 at the town park, where families enjoyed pumpkin painting, treats, and some not-so-scary thrills. Contributed photos.

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Photo provided by the county executive's office.

Former County Executive Eldridge Honored

He may have only served in the county's top office for less than a year, but he left big shoes to fill.

The Putnam community recently celebrated former longtime Personnel & Human Resources Director Paul Eldridge for giving more than 40 years to the county, with the unveiling of a plaque in his honor Sept. 29 at the County Office Building in Carmel.

Known as the "dean" of human resources and personnel at the New York State Association of Counties, Eldridge was appointed as Putnam's fourth county executive – serving from January to November 2011 – after former State Sen. Vincent Leibell,

who was elected to the county executive position, stepped down due to felony charges of tax evasion.

Eldridge served until a special election was held in November 2011.

"We waited until after he retired to put his plaque on the wall," said County Executive Kevin Byrne. "If you stop by the County Office Building, you'll now see it beside the other former executives. Thank you, Paul. Thank you to your wife, Priscilla, your family, and your staff."

A plaque is already ready to honor Byrne's predecessor, MaryEllen Odell, which is planned for unveiling next year.

Suspect in 2022 Rape Case Located & Arrested

A man wanted for the 2022 sexual assault case against two women in Putnam County was recently located in Canada, and arrested.

Cesar Hernandez Rodriguez, 34, a Mexican citizen, was returned to the U.S. after a prolonged and complicated extradition process. The arrest stems from allegations of sexual assault on two women July 4 and 5 of 2022 in the Town of Putnam Valley.

According to Putnam County Sheriff Brian Hess, his office began investigating the case July 5, 2022, and identified Rodriguez as the suspect. Rodriguez fled the U.S. to Mexico shortly after the incident, and in September 2022, a Putnam County Court arrest warrant was issued for him.

He was located in Toronto, Canada, in February of this year. On Oct. 7, he was flown to New York by the U.S. Marshals Fugitive Task Force, and sheriff's office investigators took custody of him at LaGuardia Airport with the assistance of U.S. Immigration & Customs Enforcement and the Port Authority Police Department.

Rodriguez was charged with seven counts of predatory sexual assault, three counts of first-degree rape, first-degree criminal sexual act, first-degree sexual abuse, and

three counts of third-degree rape, all felonies; and forcible touching, a misdemeanor.

He was arraigned in Putnam County Court and remanded to the Putnam County Correctional Facility without bail.

Two other individuals were previously arrested in 2022 in connection with this case.

"Our investigators never stopped working this case," said Hess. "Their persistence and professionalism over the past four years are the reason this individual will now answer these charges in a Putnam County courtroom."

The Putnam County District Attorney's Office was instrumental in bringing Rodriguez to justice, working with U.S. and Canadian agencies to begin the process of extraditing Rodriguez from Canada to the states.

"Our special victims ADA Chana Krauss spent 10 months working on this extradition," said District Attorney Robert Tendy. "She had to work with various agencies from three countries and had to ensure that every legal issue was handled precisely. It took a ton of work and we are very proud of her."

Tendy said his office stayed in contact with the victims during the entire process.

Mahopac Soccer Begins Section 1 Tourneys

The epicenter of the Section 1 high school soccer world will be in Mahopac – for both the boys' and girls' programs.

Both Wolf Pac teams were duly rewarded for an excellent regular season as the Section 1 tournaments got underway recently. The Mahopac boys were seeded first in Class AA while the girls were seeded third.

The Mahopac boys finished 12-2-2 in the regular season and 8-0 in league play. They will play the winner of the out-bracket game between Suffern and Yorktown and possess one of the stingiest defenses seen in recent memory.

In the same tournament, Brewster was seeded 15th and scheduled to play No. 18 Saunders in its first game in Class AA.

In Class A, 12th-seeded Putnam Valley was scheduled to open at No. 5 Tappan Zee.

For the girls, a local rivalry.

In Class AA, 14th-seeded Brewster was scheduled to open No. 3 Mahopac. No. 12 Carmel was slated to meet up with No. 5 Clarkstown North. No. 15 Putnam Valley was earmarked to go to 2nd-seeded Ardsley in Class A.

Field Hockey

The Section 1 field hockey tournament begins with play in three enrollment classes after seedings were determined recently. Games are at the school with the better seed until the finals, which will all be played at neutral Nyack High School.

In Class A, No. 6 Mahopac was scheduled to open at No. 3 White Plains.

Brewster was the 10th seed in Class B but was scheduled to open on the road at No. 7 Rye.

And in Class C, 4th-seeded Putnam Valley was scheduled to play a quarterfinal game at No. 5 North Salem.

Girls' Volleyball

The sole premise of the Haldane High School girls' volleyball team is to get great contributions from great all-around players.

Case in point: a 3-1 victory over Hamilton. Scores were 25-18, 25-15, 17-25, and 25-12.

Liv Holmbo had 10 kills, nine service points, and three aces for the Blue Devils.

Emily McPherson tallied eight kills, 11 digs, 10 service points, and six aces for the winners. Anya Mercurio registered four kills, eight digs, 15 service points, and nine aces; while Maria McFadden had 15 digs and five service points.

Carmel 3, Brewster 2 – Brewster's Jade McCown had five aces, 17 service points, seven kills, three blocks, and 10 digs, but it was the Rams who came away with the 18-25, 25-12, 25-13, 20-25, 15-12 win.

Bears Defeat Peekskill on the Football Field

This time, the Brewster High School football team ran away with it... Figuratively and literally.

The Bears turned in an impressive 35-8 win over Peekskill. A.J. Accurso and Logan Karlsson rushed for a combined 155 yards. Accurso scored three touchdowns.

And the Bears kept it balanced with a strong passing attack, as well. Brody Snyder only had to throw 10 times, but completed five, and two of them went for touchdowns to Mikey Subin.

"This win is a testament to the players who have been showing up and working all season long," said Coach Ryan Cleary. "We have been in some close games the last few weeks that we ended up on the losing side of, so for the players to stay focused and prepared has been great."

Cleary was also thankful to the fans.

"I have to also give credit to the Brewster community for coming out to the games and sup-

porting this team," he said. "The school district organizes a great homecoming for the community and we are grateful to be a part of it. Although the wins have been hard to come by this year, this group of players can hold their heads high with the way they have battled all season."

Mahopac Defeats Eastchester

The Mahopac High School football team is showing its resilience. Despite three wins in its first seven games, the Wolf Pac is not giving up – especially when it is still involved in the league race.

Mahopac controlled the line of scrimmage on both sides of the ball and turned in an impressive 28-0 win over Eastchester. The 'Pac had three players – Jack Egan, Ethan Dedvukaj, and Ryan Grabeklis – rush for a combined 236 yards and scored all four touchdowns on the ground.

The defense wasn't too shabby, either. Ryan LaRue intercepted a pass and Sal Garufi forced and

recovered a fumble.

Lakeland 22, Carmel 20 (OT) – Gio LaPeruta was a one-man wrecking crew for the host Hornets. He tossed two touchdown passes in regulation, then scored in overtime and added a two-point conversion for the victory.

Landon Beauchesne scored a pair of touchdowns for the Rams. Putnam Valley 41, Edgemont/Blind Brook 13 – Not even a combined team could stop the Tigers. PV improved to 4-2 with the win. After the victory, there were only two games left in the regular season for Putnam Valley.

Irvington 20, Haldane 7 – "We didn't execute well enough, and we missed opportunities to gain momentum throughout the game," said Haldane Coach Ryan McConville. "Irvington kept the pressure on us, and we have to be better. We need to get back to work this week, correct our mistakes, and prepare for the next challenge."

Veterans' Day Observances

Veterans' Day ceremonies will take place across the county Nov. 11, when those who served our country are honored and celebrated.

At 9:30 a.m., Carmel VFW Post 1374 and its auxiliary, and American Legion Post 270, will host a ceremony at the memorial at Terry Hill Road in Kent. An 11 a.m. ceremony will follow at the VFW hall at 32 Gleneida Ave., Carmel.

At 10:30 a.m., Mahopac VFW Post 5491 and American Legion

Post 1080 will lead a short parade on East Lake Boulevard to the monument by the library, where a ceremony will be held.

Also at 10:30 a.m., American Legion Post 1542 in Patterson will host a brief parade from the post home to the monument on Route 311, where a ceremony will follow.

American Legion Post 71 and Brewster VFW Post 672 will host a special service at 10:45 a.m., at the GAR monument at Electrozone

Field.

At 11 a.m., Putnam Lake VFW 9257 and its auxiliary, and AM-VETS 2017, will host a ceremony at the monument at Fairfield and Haviland Drive in the hamlet.

Also at 11 a.m., Cold Spring VFW Post 2362 and American Legion Post 275 will host a service on the lawn of St. Mary's Episcopal Church in the village; and Putnam Valley Town Hall will hold a ceremony.

CT Man Hit & Killed on Route 22

A Connecticut man was killed Oct. 20 after he was hit by a vehicle while walking along Route 22 in Patterson.

According to Putnam County Sheriff Brian Hess, deputies were called to the intersection of Route 164 just after 8 p.m., for a car versus pedestrian accident. Upon arrival, first responders found Michael Frick, 35, of New Fairfield, lifeless on the side of the road.

According to news reports, a 911 call brought Patterson firefighters, Patterson Community Ambulance personnel, and an Empress Putnam paramedic to the scene, where a Putnam County coroner pronounced Frick dead.

The driver stayed at the scene of the crash, which is now under investigation by the sheriff's Bureau of Criminal Investigation and the New York State Police Collision

Reconstruction Unit.

Frick, a chef at Saltxthyme in Connecticut, was involved in a severe automobile accident Aug. 30 that left him with a collapsed lung, broken ribs, and a fractured sternum. A GoFundMe account that was set up for his family after that crash said Frick had been recovering at Albany Medical Center, with injuries that "have left him facing a long and painful recovery."

Gift Card Drive

The Putnam/Northern Westchester Women's Resource Center invites the public to participate in its annual holiday gift card drive, through which survivors currently receiving services are provided with gift cards to shop independently and decide on items appropriate for their families' needs.

Gift cards in the amount of \$25 or \$50 to stores such as Target, Kohl's, Walmart, Marshalls,

TJ Maxx, Stop & Shop, ShopRite, Amazon, Acme, Tops Friendly Markets, Mobil, Shell, and BP are suggested.

Gift card donations should be mailed or dropped off no later than Dec. 1, to: PNWWRC, 935 S. Lake Blvd., Suite 2, Mahopac, N.Y. 10541. Office hours are 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For more information, call 845-628-9284.

Put Valley Cuts Tax Hike in Half

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agreed to forgo our 3 percent increase," said Jolicoeur. "It's nominal but... every little bit helps."

Also, the town is in discussion with Verizon regarding a new franchise agreement in which 5,000 homes will be able to get cable television through Verizon FiOS, which allows the town to bump up that revenue line a small amount.

Resident Patty Villanova thanked the board for tightening up the overall budget, but criticized town leadership for the 58 percent increase for the fire district, especially when it's unknown how much a new firehouse is going to cost.

"You just keep on giving the fire department whatever they want," she said. "There is zero concern for the taxpayers of this town... This is obscene, when we are struggling, to give the fire department a 58 percent increase. People are not going to be able to pay their heating bills."

Maria Angelico, the town's director of finance, explained that the fire department only requested the contractual 2 percent increase,

which is about \$27,000.

However, \$450,000 was taken out of the fund balance last year, even though the expenses remain the same, and it has to be returned. This was to pay for costs related to service awards and disability insurance, which is required by the state.

"The \$450,000 isn't to replenish the fund balance, it's to get the expenses back to baseline," said Angelico.

Additionally, \$210,000 will, in fact, go to replenish the fire district's fund balance, to get it to a level requested by auditors.

All this brings the fire protection budget to about \$1.87 million.

Putnam Valley Ambulance Corps Chairman Michael Moculski implored the board to consider its requested 2 percent increase, which equates to about \$6,000.

"Six-thousand dollars will pay for about six days of the salary for the paid EMTs that we hire to staff the ambulance," he said. "We pay about \$1,000 a day for that. If you extrapolate it over a year, that amounts to \$260,000 that we need just to pay the EMTs for the year. We're using it for the safety of the citizens and their visitors to the Town of Putnam Valley... If we do not get an increase, we are not going to be able to pay those people after Jan. 1."

The preliminary budget can be viewed at www.putnamvalley.gov.



Visitors line up to use one of the two public bathroom facilities in Cold Spring on a recent weekend.

County OKs Tourism Impact Study

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we have a lot of responsibility for the impacts these visitors create," said Montgomery, asking how much of the I Love NY money and matching funds will be devoted to garbage cleanup, emergency services, and road and infrastructure impacts.

"That is strictly for advertising, but that is set by the state," said Keegan. "My role as tourism director is the marketing and showing how great our county is, how great of a gem it is."

Montgomery disagreed. "I think other counties do manage tourism," she said. "I don't think that's the role of tourism. I think it's to get them here, but what happens when they get here?"

She suggested the county develop a tourism impact destination

management plan.

Legislator Erin Crowley, R-Mahopac, said the county can't encourage tourism and then be upset about the impacts.

"You're talking about cleaning up garbage when you thoughtfully funded Boscobel and Shakespeare (Festival) and funded all these things last year, and now you're complaining about it," she told Montgomery.

Crowley argued that garbage pickup is something residents already pay for in their town and village taxes, and that devoting county money to only certain locations isn't fair.

Legislator Amy Sayegh, R-Mahopac Falls, had similar sentiments.

"That's what we pay our local town taxes for—our property taxes," she said. "It's not up to the county to bail out every town every time they have a pothole."

Montgomery, however, said various communities have different needs. "Putnam Valley has marine patrol, Philipstown doesn't... does that mean every town should have marine patrol, even though they're without a river or a lake?" she asked.

Legislator Jake D'Angelo, R-Carmel, proposed the county set aside funding to complete an impact study, like Montgomery suggested, which Legislator Dan Birmingham, R-Southeast, agreed with.

"Yes, we are making impacts by what we're doing with tourism," said Birmingham. "We have got to realize that has a footprint that we leave behind. Whether it's trash, whether it's traffic, whether it's stress on our emergency services... Maybe now is good time for us to take some of this money (from the fund balance) and study the impacts."

Legislator Laura Russo, R-Patterson, chairwoman of the Economic Development Committee, motioned to put \$15,000—not taken from the tourism's advertising budget—into subcontingency to complete a countywide tourism impact study.

"Leave the tourism line alone," she said. "We have the money—let's put it toward a good use."

Russo added that she doesn't necessarily agree that the county should foot the bill for picking up trash in municipalities, noting that the Carmel DPW had to pick up after the recent Columbus Day parade—not the county.

Later in the week, the Budget Committee approved the \$15,000 line item.

During that meeting, D'Angelo voiced support for studying the

impacts of tourism.

"If the county is investing dollars to drive tourism, these towns are taking on the burden of the adverse effects of that tourism and we get all but one-ninth of 1 percent of the sales tax that comes in," he said. "We're relying on the town infrastructure, their garbage—basically cleaning up the mess."

Cold Spring Mayor Kathleen Foley has been vocal about how overtourism is affecting the village. Despite what some may think, the mayor said overconsumption is not always best for business.

"It's not just about how much sales happen in the stores," she said during a recent interview. "We lose our main street on the weekend."

While the Village of Cold Spring has about 2,000 residents, the number of visitors entering the village during the peak fall season is sometimes estimated to be quadruple that number. There are lines for restaurants that wrap around the block and sometimes the restaurants run out of food, which leaves visitors cranky. In addition, the village only has two public restroom facilities.

Foley said tourism has changed the village's business model, with some merchants that are resident-relevant—such as wine shops, coffee shops, florists—and others that are visitor-viable.

"We don't want to become Lake Placid," she said, referring to a tourist destination that has been wrung out. "Overtourism is a thing, and a place can be loved too much. Are we coming to that tipping point where we've been loved so much we become a place no one wants to come to?"

As a municipality, Foley said the village board's duty isn't just to think about the economy, but how public safety is affected when there are so many people in the village at once—and the cost is being pushed down to a local level in a way that people don't realize.

She said Metro-North makes money on train tickets, and the county makes money in sales tax revenue—of which one-ninth of 1 percent is shared with the village, which amounted to about \$50,000 last year. However, it's the municipality that pays for water and sewer infrastructure that is being overused, overtime hours to provide public safety, and added garbage pickups.

"That's a cost that comes out of our budget, and garbage cans are still overflowing," said Foley. "The \$50,000 from the county is really the least they can do. That sales tax is on our back."



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Carmel LEGAL NOTICE ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be received at the office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Carmel, Town Hall, 60 McAlpin Avenue, Mahopac, New York until 11:00 A.M. on Tuesday, the 17th day of November, 2026 at which time all bids will be opened, publicly read and recorded by the Town Clerk, no less than five (5) days subsequent to publication of this notice in the official newspapers of the Town of Carmel for the following:

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All bidders shall comply with Section 103-a and 103-d of the General Municipal Law relating to non-collusive bidding and waiver of immunity against criminal prosecution.

Specifications may be obtained at the office of the Town Clerk at the above address, between the hours of 8:30 A.M. and 4:30 P.M. Monday through Friday.

Bid envelopes shall be marked “BID” and identify each item bid. All bids must be submitted on bid form furnished by the Town of Carmel.

The Town Board of the Town of Carmel reserves the right to reject any and all bids and re-advertise for new bids at a future date.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD
OF THE TOWN OF CARMEL,
ALICE DALY, TOWN CLERK

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF CARMEL PRELIMINARY BUDGET

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Town Board of the Town of Carmel will conduct a Public Hearing on the 4th day of November, 2026 at Town Hall, 60 McAlpin Avenue, Mahopac, New York, at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter that evening as possible in regard to the Preliminary Budget for the fiscal year 2027 including the General Town Fund, Highway Funds, as well as all Water Districts, Sewer Districts, Park

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Districts, Fire Districts, Garbage District, Fire Protection Districts and Lighting Districts;

AND BE IT FURTHER NOTICED that pursuant to Section 108 of the Town Law, the proposed salaries of the following officials for fiscal year 2027 are hereby specified as follows: Town Supervisor: \$156,844; Town Council Members: \$24,951, Town Clerk: \$119,627 and Town Highway Superintendent: \$143,850;

AND BE IT FURTHER NOTICED, that the Preliminary Budget for the Town of Carmel has been completed and filed in the Office of the Town Clerk, Town Hall, 60 McAlpin Avenue, Mahopac, New York, where it is available for public inspection during office hours.

At said Public Hearing, any resident may be heard in favor of or against the Preliminary Budget as compiled for or against any item or items contained therein. The Town Board will make every effort to assure that the Public Hearing is accessible to persons with disabilities. Anyone requiring special assistance and/or reasonable accommodations should contact the Town Clerk.

By Order of the Town Board of the Town of Carmel
Alice Daly, Town Clerk

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NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Carmel, Putnam County, New York, at a regularly scheduled meeting held on the 21st day of October 2026 duly adopted the following resolution subject to **permissive referendum**:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING GRANT OF EASEMENT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board, acting as Commissioners of Town of Carmel authorizes the conveyance of a permanent easement over the Ellen Avenue right of way, adjacent to the premises known and designated as 37 Ellen Avenue; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said easement to be solely for the limited purposes permitting the existing garage structure at 37 Ellen Avenue to encroach upon the Ellen Avenue right of way; and

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SOLVED that said easement shall be in general form and content as attached hereto and made a part hereof; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the grantee shall be responsible for all recording fees incurred in connection therewith; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution is subject to permissive referendum.

By Order of the Town Board of the Town of Carmel
Alice Daly, Town Clerk
October 21, 2026

* Copies of the Easement Agreement are available in the lobby at Town Hall, from the Town Clerk’s office during normal business hours as well as posted on the Town of Carmel’s website under Legal Notices at www.townofcarmelny.gov.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Town Board of the Town of Carmel will conduct a Public Hearing at Town Hall, 60 McAlpin Avenue, Mahopac, New York 10541 on Wednesday, November 18, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter that evening as possible on a proposed Local Law amending Chapter 147 of the Code of the Town of Carmel, entitled “Vehicles & Traffic”.

Copies of the full text of the proposed Local Law are available in the lobby at Town Hall, from the Town Clerk’s office during normal business hours as well as on the Town of Carmel website at www.townofcarmelny.gov

At said Public Hearing, all interested persons shall be heard on the subject thereof. The Town Board will make every effort to assure that the Public Hearing is accessible to persons with disabilities. Anyone requiring special assistance and/or reasonable accommodations should contact the Town Clerk.

By Order of the Town Board of the Town of Carmel
Alice Daly, Town Clerk
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Kent NOTICE OF ADOPTION TOWN OF KENT LOCAL LAW #6 OF 2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

OVERRIDE OF THE PROPERTY TAX LEVY FOR 2027 BUDGET

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that after a public hearing held on October 20 2026, the Town Board of the Town of Kent has adopted Local Law No. 6, which Local Law will authorize the Town Board of the Town of Kent to exceed the property tax levy for the 2027 budget pursuant to General Municipal Law

§3-c.
Dated October 21, 2026

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE
TOWN OF KENT

YOLANDA D. CAPPELLI,
TOWN CLERK

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PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF KENT NOTICE OF HEARING

PRELIMINARY BUDGET
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Preliminary Budget for the Town of Kent for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2027 will be completed and filed in the office of the Town Clerk by November 4th, at 25 Sybil’s Crossing, Kent, New York where it will be available for inspection by interested persons, Monday through Friday, during normal business hours and on the towns website www.townofkentny.gov.

FURTHER NOTICE IS GIVEN, that the Town Board of Kent will meet to review said Preliminary Budget and hold a public hearing thereon at the Kent Town Hall, 25 Sybil’s Crossing, Kent Lakes, New York, Thursday, November 5, 2026 at 7:00 P.M. and that at such hearing any persons may be heard for or against any item or items therein.

Pursuant to Section 108 of the Town Law, the proposed salaries of certain elected town officers are hereby specified as follows:

Supervisor – \$65,025
Town Clerk - \$73,410
Council Persons (4) each – \$18,397
Highway Superintendent – \$89,646
Tax Collector - \$43,480

Dated: October 21, 2026
By Order of the Kent Town Board.

Yolanda D. Cappelli, Town Clerk

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Patterson TOWN OF PATTERSON NOTICE OF HEARING

AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 150 OF THE PATTERSON TOWN CODE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that there has been introduced before the Town Board of the Town of Patterson, New York, on October 21, 2026 an amendment to Patterson Town Code Chapter 150, entitled “Vehicles and Traffic”, which amendment will amend Section 150-19 “Exclusions stated” to establish a weight limit exclusion on Fields Corners Road;

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to Section 20 of the Municipal Home Rule Law, the Town Board of the Town of Patterson, New York will hold a public hearing on the aforesaid Amendment at the Town Offices, 1142 Route 311, Patterson, New York, on November 4, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in the evening of that day, or as soon thereafter as may be held, at which time all persons

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interested therein shall be heard. The Town Board will make every effort to assure that the hearing is accessible to persons with disabilities. Anyone requiring special assistance and/or reasonable accommodations should contact the Town Clerk.

Dated: October 22, 2026

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE
TOWN OF PATTERSON

DONNA RAMOS, TOWN CLERK

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Philipstown

The Philipstown Conservation Board will hold their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, November 10th, 2026 at 7:30 p.m. at the Philipstown Town Hall, 238 Main St., Cold Spring, NY. If you are unable to join in person but would like to watch, the meeting will be livestreaming on youtube.com, search for Philipstown Conservation Board November 2026.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Philipstown Zoning Board of Appeals will hold their regular monthly meeting on Monday, November 9th, 2026 at 7:30 p.m. at the Philipstown Town Hall, 238 Main St., Cold Spring, NY.

If you are unable to join in person but would like to watch, the meeting will be livestreaming on youtube.com, search for Philipstown Zoning Board November 2026.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

PHILIPSTOWN ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS Public Hearing – November 9th, 2026

The Philipstown Zoning Board of Appeals for the Town of Philipstown, New York will hold a public hearing on Monday, November 9th, 2026 starting at 7:30 p.m. to hear the following appeal. The meeting will be held in person at the Philipstown Town Hall, 238 Main St., Cold Spring, NY.

O’Donnell, 20 Forest Farm Rd, Garrison, NY 10524, TM# 71-1-31

Applicant is seeking a variance to build a 1506 square foot detached garage.

At said hearing all persons will have the right to be heard. Copies of the application, plat map, and other related materials may be seen in the Office of the Building Department, 2 Cedar Street, Cold Spring, New York or by visiting the following link on the Town of Philipstown website.

<https://sites.google.com/philipstown.com/townofphilipstown/oct-2026>

Dated October 5th, 2026
Robert Dee, Chair of the Town of Philipstown Zoning Board of Appeals

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PUBLIC NOTICE

PHILIPSTOWN ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS Public Hearing – November 9th, 2026

The Philipstown Zoning Board of Appeals for the Town of Philipstown, New York will hold a public hearing on Monday, November 9th, 2026 starting at 7:30 p.m. to hear the following appeal.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Town Board of the Town of Carmel will conduct a Public Hearing on the Fire Protection Contracts and the Ambulance District Contracts for the year 2027, to be held on the 18th day of November, 2026 at the Town Hall, 60 McAlpin Avenue, Mahopac, New York at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter that evening as possible; said contracts to be advertised and posted as follows:

Contractor	Services	Not to Exceed
Mahopac Falls Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.	Fire Protection-Fire Protection Dist. #1	\$990,540.00
Mahopac Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.	Fire Protection-Fire Protection Dist. #2	\$1,785,000.00
Carmel Fire District & Carmel Fire Department, Inc.	Fire Protection-Fire Protection Dist. #3	\$1,042,500.00
Carmel Volunteer Ambulance Corps	Ambulance Service Carmel Ambulance District #1	\$568,500.00
North Salem Volunteer Ambulance Corps	Ambulance Services Carmel Ambulance District #1	\$13,200.00

At said Public Hearing, all interested persons shall be heard on the subject thereof. The Town Board will make every effort to assure that the Public Hearing is accessible to persons with disabilities. Anyone requiring special assistance and/or reasonable accommodations should contact the Town Clerk.

By Order of the Town Board of the Town of Carmel Alice Daly, Town Clerk

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The meeting will be held in person at the Philipstown Town Hall, 238 Main St., Cold Spring, NY.

Leiner, 103 East Mtn. Rd., South, Cold Spring, NY 10516, TM#27.12-1-75

Applicant is seeking a variance to build a 450 square foot addition (family room and office) with full unfinished basement.

At said hearing all persons will have the right to be heard. Copies of the application, plat map, and other related materials may be seen in the Office of the Building Department, 2 Cedar Street, Cold Spring, New York or by visiting the following link on the Town of Philipstown website.

https://sites.google.com/philipstown.com/townofphilipstown/oct-2026

Dated October 5th, 2026
Robert Dee, Chair of the Town of Philipstown Zoning Board of Appeals

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PRELIMINARY BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF PHILIPSTOWN FOR THE YEAR 2027

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Preliminary Budget for the Town of Philipstown, Putnam County, New York for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2027 has been completed and filed in the Office of the Town Clerk of said Town, where it is available for inspection by any interested persons during regular business hours.

FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Philipstown will hold a Public Hearing on the 4th day of November, 2026, at 7:40 p.m. Prevailing Time, at the Philipstown Town Hall, 238 Main Street, Cold Spring, New York, and at such hearing all persons may be heard in favor of/or against any item or items therein contained.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 108 of the Town Law that the following are the proposed salaries of the Town Officers of this Town:

Supervisor	(1 at \$27,000.00)
Council Members	(4 at \$18,000.00)
Town Justices	(2 at \$32,000.00)
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	(1 at \$73,195.00)
Town Superintendent of Highways	(1 at \$109,250.00)

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF PHILIPSTOWN

Tara K. Percacciolo
Town Clerk

DATED: October 28, 2026

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PRELIMINARY BUDGET FOR CONTINENTAL VILLAGE PARK DISTRICT AND CONTINENTAL VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Philipstown has completed the Preliminary Budget of the Continental Village Park District and the Continental Village Water

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District for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2027 and the same was filed in the Office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Philipstown, where the same will be available for inspection by any interested persons during regular office hours. The Town Board will meet at the Philipstown Town Hall, 238 Main Street, Cold Spring, New York on the 4th----- day of November 2026 at 7:30 p.m. and 7:35 p.m. respectively, for the purpose of hearing any one person in favor of or against the Preliminary Budget for the Continental Village Park District and the Continental Village Water District as compiled for or against any item therein contained.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF PHILIPSTOWN

Tara K. Percacciolo
Town Clerk

DATED: October 28, 2026

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Putnam

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held on November 4, 2026, in the office of the Putnam County Personnel Officer located in Building #3 at 110 Old Route 6 in Carmel, NY at 10 a.m. on the matters of amending the Putnam County Civil Service Rules and Appendices.

Such proposed changes are available for inspection during business hours in the office of the Putnam County Personnel Officer located at the address listed above.

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Legal Notice

Pursuant to provisions of section 4-120 & 4-122 of the State of New York Election Law, official notice of the General Election publication by Putnam County Board of Elections is hereby given:

General Election, Tuesday, November 3, 2026

Polls are open from 6:00 AM until 9:00 PM. All polling places in Putnam County are open for voting. Early Voting Centers will also be open for eligible voters from Saturday, October 24, 2026 – Sunday, November 1, 2026.

Governor/Lieutenant Governor (Vote for one)

Democratic Kathy C. Hochul/Adrienne E. Adams

Republican Bruce A. Blake-man/Todd Hood

Conservative Bruce A. Blake-man/Todd Hood

Working Families Kathy C. Hochul/Adrienne E. Adams

Vote Affordable Bruce A. Blakeman/Todd Hood

Comptroller (Vote for one)

Democratic Thomas P. DiNapoli

Republican Joseph Hernandez

Conservative Joseph Hernandez

Working Families Thomas P. DiNapoli

Attorney General (Vote for one)

Democratic Letitia A. James

Republican Saritha Komatireddy

Conservative Saritha Komatireddy

Working Families Letitia A. James

Representative In Congress, 17th District (Vote for one)

Democratic Cait Conley

Republican Mike Lawler

Conservative Mike Lawler

Working Families Cait Con-

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State Senator, 39th District (Vote for one)

Democratic Lisa Kaul

Republican Robert G. Rolison

Conservative Robert G. Rolison

Working Families Lisa Kaul

State Senator, 40th District (Vote for one)

Democratic Peter B. Harckham

Republican Sergio J. Esposito

Conservative Sergio J. Esposito

Working Families Peter B. Harckham

Member Of Assembly, 94th District (Vote for one)

Democratic Daniel Guzman

Republican Matthew J. Slater

Conservative Matthew J. Slater

Member Of Assembly, 95th District (Vote for one)

Democratic Dana Levenberg

Republican Laurie Ryan

Conservative Laurie Ryan

Working Families Dana Levenberg

County Executive (Vote for one)

Democratic Brett Yarris

Republican Kevin M. Byrne

Conservative Tatiana Brahimi

Working Families/For the People Brett Yarris

Libertarian Kevin M. Byrne

County Clerk (Vote for one)

Republican Michael C. Bartolotti

Conservative/Libertarian Michael C. Bartolotti

County Coroner (Vote for up to two)

Democratic Michael L. Strauss

Republican Michael J. Nesheiwat

Republican John F. Bourges

Conservative/Libertarian Michael J. Nesheiwat

Conservative/Libertarian John F. Bourges

The Putnam Party Michael L. Strauss

County Legislator, 2nd District (Vote for one)

Democratic/The Putnam Party Maia N. Gilleo

Republican Christian J. Russo

Conservative/Libertarian Christian J. Russo

Working Families Maia N. Gilleo

County Legislator, 3rd District (Vote for one)

Democratic Kathy Kahng

Republican Joseph Cunningham

Conservative Joseph Cunningham

The Putnam Party Kathy Kahng

County Legislator, 8th District (Vote for one)

Democratic Gwendolyn H. Burke

Republican Tanner McCracken

Conservative Tanner McCracken

The Putnam Party Gwendolyn H. Burke

Town of Carmel Supervisor (Vote for one)

Republican Robert T. Kearns

Conservative Robert T. Kearns

Town of Kent Supervisor (Vote for one)

Democratic/Labor Alex Sewell

Republican Jaime F. McGlasson

Conservative Jaime F. McGlasson

Working Families Alex Sewell

Town of Philipstown Supervisor (Vote for one)

Democratic John J. VanTassel

Philipstown Focus John J. VanTassel

Town of Putnam Valley Supervisor (Vote for one)

Democratic Alison Jolicoeur

Republican William J. Gouldman

Conservative/Libertarian William J. Gouldman

Working Together Alison Jolicoeur

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Highway Superintendent (Vote for one)

Democratic Shawn M. Keeler

Conservative/ Working Together Shawn M. Keeler

Town Justice (Vote for one)

Democratic David Axinn

Republican Robert M. Nachamie

Conservative/Libertarian Robert M. Nachamie

Working Together David Axinn

Town of Southeast Supervisor, Unexpired term (Vote for one)

Democratic Lynne A. Eckardt

Republican Joseph F. Castellano

Conservative Joseph F. Castellano

Southeast United Lynne A. Eckardt

Village Of Brewster Village Trustee (Vote for up to two)

A Better Brewster Tom J. Boissonnault

A Better Brewster Tony D. McFadden

Village Of Cold Spring Village Trustee (Vote for up to two)

Service Party Tweeps P. Woods

Good Neighbors Laura A. Bozzi

State Supreme Court Justice, 9th Judicial District (Vote for up to three)

Democratic Maria G. Rosa

Democratic George E. Fufidio

Democratic Alden H. Wolfe

Republican Richard S. Fava

Pastilha

Republican George E. Fufidio

Republican John Ciampoli

Conservative Richard S. Fava

Pastilha

Conservative Alden H. Wolfe

Working Families Maria G. Rosa

Brewster Library Proposition

“Shall the annual contribution of the Town of Southeast for the Operating Budget of the Brewster Public Library be approved at five hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$550,000.00) annually?”

[] Yes [] No

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Aviso Legal

De conformidad con las disposiciones de las secciones 4-120 & 4-122 de la Ley Electoral del Estado de Nueva York, aviso oficial de la publicación de la Elección Generales de la Putnam County Board of Elections: Elecciones Generales, Martes, 3 de noviembre de 2026

Las urnas están abiertas de 6:00 AM hasta las 9:00 PM. Todos los colegios electorales del condado de Putnam están abiertos a votación. Los Centros de Voto Anticipado también estarán abiertos para votantes elegibles desde el Sábado 24 de octubre de 2026 hasta el Domingo 1 de noviembre de 2026.

Gobernador/Vicegobernador (Vota por uno)

Demócrata Kathy C. Hochul/Adrienne E. Adams

Republicano Bruce A. Blake-man/Todd Hood

Conservador Bruce A. Blake-man/Todd Hood

Familias Trabajadoras Kathy C. Hochul/Adrienne E. Adams

Vote Asequible Bruce A. Blakeman/Todd Hood

Contralor (Vota por uno)

Demócrata Thomas P. DiNapoli

Republicano Joseph Hernandez

Conservador Joseph Hernandez

Familias Trabajadoras Thomas P. DiNapoli

Fiscal General (Vota por uno)

Demócrata Letitia A. James

Republicano Saritha Komatireddy

Conservador Saritha Komat-

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Familias Trabajadoras Letitia A. James

Representante en el Congreso, Distrito #17 (Vota por uno)

Demócrata Cait Conley

Republicano Mike Lawler

Conservador Mike Lawler

Familias Trabajadoras Cait Conley

Senador Estatal, Distrito #39 (Vota por uno)

Demócrata Lisa Kaul

Republicano Robert G. Rolison

Conservador Robert G. Rolison

Familias Trabajadoras Lisa Kaul

Senador Estatal, Distrito #40 (Vota por uno)

Demócrata Peter B. Harckham

Republicano Sergio J. Esposito

Conservador Sergio J. Esposito

Familias Trabajadoras Peter B. Harckham

Miembro de la Asamblea, Distrito #94 (Vota por uno)

Demócrata Daniel Guzman

Republicano Matthew J. Slater

Conservador Matthew J. Slater

Miembro de la Asamblea, Distrito #95 (Vota por uno)

Demócrata Dana Levenberg

Republicano Laurie Ryan

Conservador Laurie Ryan

Familias Trabajadoras Dana Levenberg

Ejecutivo del Condado (Vota por uno)

Demócrata Brett Yarris

Republicano Kevin M. Byrne

Conservador Tatiana Brahimi

Familias Trabajadoras/Por la Gente Brett Yarris

Libertario Kevin M. Byrne

Secretario del Condado (Vota por uno)

Republicano Michael C. Bartolotti

Conservador/Libertario Michael C. Bartolotti

Coroner del Condado (Vota por hasta dos)

Demócrata Michael L. Strauss

Republicano Michael J. Nesheiwat

Republicano John F. Bourges

Conservador/Libertario Michael J. Nesheiwat

Conservador/Libertario John F. Bourges

El Partido Putnam Michael L. Strauss

Legislador del Condado, Distrito #2 (Vota por uno)

Demócrata/El Partido Putnam Maia N. Gilleo

Republicano Christian J. Russo

Conservador/Libertario Christian J. Russo

Familias Trabajadoras Maia N. Gilleo

Legislador del Condado, Distrito #3 (Vota por uno)

Demócrata Kathy Kahng

Republicano Joseph Cunningham

Conservador Joseph Cunningham

El Partido Putnam Kathy Kahng

Legislador del Condado, Distrito #8 (Vota por uno)

Demócrata Gwendolyn H. Burke

Republicano Tanner McCracken

Conservador Tanner McCracken

El Partido Putnam Gwendolyn H. Burke

Pueblo de Carmel Supervisor (Vota por uno)

Republicano Robert T. Kearns

Conservador Robert T. Kearns

Pueblo de Kent Supervisor (Vota por uno)

Demócrata/Labor Alex Sewell

Republicano Jaime F. McGlasson

Conservador Jaime F. McGlasson

Familias Trabajadoras Alex Sewell

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Pueblo de Philipstown Supervisor (Vota por uno)
Demócrata John J. VanTassel
Enfoque en Philipstown John J. VanTassel

Pueblo de Putnam Valley Supervisor (Vota por uno)
Demócrata Alison Jolicoeur
Republicano William J. Gouldman
Conservador/Libertario William J. Gouldman
Trabajando Juntos Alison Jolicoeur

Superintendente de Carreteras (Vota por uno)
Demócrata Shawn M. Keeler
Conservador/Trabajando Juntos Shawn M. Keeler

Juez Municipal (Vota por uno)
Demócrata David Axinn
Republicano Robert M. Nachamie
Conservador/Libertario Robert M. Nachamie
Trabajando Juntos David Axinn

Pueblo de Southeast Supervisor, Término no caducado (Vota por uno)
Demócrata Lynne A. Eckardt
Republicano Joseph F. Castellano
Conservador Joseph F. Castellano
Sureste Unido Lynne A. Eckardt

Pueblo de Brewster Síndico de Pueblo (Vota por hasta dos)
Un Brewster Mejor Tom J. Boissonnault
Un Brewster Mejor Tony D. McFadden
Pueblo de Cold Spring
Síndico de Pueblo (Vota por hasta dos)
Partido Servicio Tweeps P. Woods
Buenos Vecinos Laura A. Bozzi

Juez de la Corte Suprema, Distrito Judicial #9 (Vota por hasta tres)
Demócrata Maria G. Rosa
Demócrata George E. Fufidio
Demócrata Alden H. Wolfe
Republicano Richard S. Fava
Pastilha
Republicano George E. Fufidio
Republicano John Ciampoli
Conservador Richard S. Fava
Pastilha
Conservador Alden H. Wolfe
Familias Trabajadoras Maria G. Rosa

La Propuesta de la Biblioteca Brewster
¿Deberá aprobarse a quinientos cincuenta mil dólares (\$550,000) al año la aportación anual del Pueblo de Southeast para el Presupuesto Operativo de la Biblioteca Pública de Brewster?
[] Sí [] No

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Putnam Valley

Excerpt from the October 28, 2026 edition of the “Putnam County Press”

NOTICE FOR BIDS
The Town Board of the Town of Putnam Valley will receive bids for the following:
ASPHALT LAID IN PLACE; HOT ASPHALT; MILLING; COLD PATCH; BASINS; GRATES; FRAMES WITH LIDS AND RISERS; CRUSHED ITEM 4; BANK RUN; TOP SOIL; CRUSHED TRAP ROCK; LIGHT STONE; PIPE; GUIDE RAIL

It is mandatory that all bidders complete the form referring to Sections 103a and 103d of the General Municipal law. Prevailing Wage must be used where applicable.

Specifications, forms and other information available from the Superintendent of Highways. Bids will be received until November 12, 2026, at 02:00 PM. All bids are returnable to the Office of the Town Clerk, Town Hall, 265 Oscawana Lake Road, Putnam Valley, New York 10579. Please

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put “**HIGHWAY BID**” on your bid envelope. The Town reserves the right to waive any irregularities or informalities in or reject any or all bids. BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD
Michelle Stephens
Town Clerk
Town of Putnam Valley

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TAKE NOTICE that the Town Board of the Town of Putnam Valley will hold a public hearing at the Town Hall located at 265 Oscawana Lake Road, Putnam Valley, New York, on November 18th, 2026, at 6:00 o’clock p.m., Prevailing Time, on the following proposed local law, with the text of such Local Law being attached to the resolution introducing same and made a part thereof as Exhibit A:

Local Law No. 6 of the Year 2026 entitled “A Local Law Establishing a Temporary Moratorium on Data Centers in the Town of Putnam Valley.”

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that copies of the aforesaid proposed local law will be available for examination at the Town of Putnam Valley Town Hall, 265 Oscawana Lake Road, Putnam Valley, New York, during regular business hours and on the following webpage of the Town of Putnam Valley website: www.putnamvalley.gov.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that all persons interested and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard on said proposal at the time and place aforesaid.

DATED: Putnam Valley, New York
___/___/2026

Michelle Stephens
MICHELLE STEPHENS
Town Clerk

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TAKE NOTICE that the Town Board of the Town of Putnam Valley will hold a public hearing at the Town Hall located at 265 Oscawana Lake Road, Putnam Valley, New York, on November 18th, 2026, at 6:00 o’clock p.m., Prevailing Time, on the following proposed local law, with the text of such Local Law being attached to the resolution introducing same and made a part thereof as Exhibit A:

Local Law No. 7 of the Year 2026 entitled “A Local Law Establishing a Temporary Land Use Moratorium Prohibiting Large-Scale Battery Energy Storage System Installations and Large-Scale Wind Energy Conversion Systems within the Town of Putnam Valley.”

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that copies of the aforesaid proposed local law will be available for examination at the Town of Putnam Valley Town Hall, 265 Oscawana Lake Road, Putnam Valley, New York, during regular business hours and on the following webpage of the Town of Putnam Valley website: www.putnamvalley.gov.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that all persons interested and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard on said proposal at the time and place aforesaid.

DATED: Putnam Valley, New York
10/22/ 2026

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Michelle Stephens
MICHELLE STEPHENS
Town Clerk

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Southeast

Beginning on Wednesday, October 21, 2026, the Town of Southeast will be accepting bids for the supply and installation of chain link fencing and dugouts at Markel Park, located at 531 and 559 North Main Street Markel Park, Brewster, NY. Further information and project specifications can be found in the complete bid package which can be obtained from the Office of the Town Clerk, Town of Southeast, 1360 Route 22, Brewster, NY 10509, via the Town’s website at www.southeast-ny.gov (on the Town Clerk’s page), or via Bidnet at www.bidnetdirect.com.

The Town will accept bids on or before November 2, 2026, at 11:00AM at the Town Clerk’s Office. Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope marked with “Bid for Markel Park, Ballfield Improvement Project” as well as the company name on the front of the bid. A digital copy of your bid stored on a USB thumb drive must be submitted along with one paper copy. Proposals will be opened at 11:01AM or soon thereafter; proposers will be notified of the results.

For additional information or with questions concerning this bid request, please contact the Town Clerk, Kathleen Chiodina, at 845-279-2196 or kchiodina@southeast-ny.gov.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Brewster/SE Fire District

BREWSTER-SOUTHEAST JOINT FIRE DISTRICT

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Fire Commissioners of the Brewster-Southeast Joint Fire District will receive bids on the following until 5:00pm on November 11, 2026, at the Lt. Michael E. Neuner Fire Headquarters, 501 North Main Street, Brewster, New York 10509:

BID NOTICE FOR INSTALLATION OF GASOLINE AND DIESEL TANK
Located at 515 Route 312, Brewster, New York 10509

The Board of Fire Commissioners seeks proposals for the following products and services:

Removal of existing gasoline and diesel tanks; pump out remaining gas and diesel fuel; deliver and install Convault 1000 gallon (split 500 gallon diesel/500 gallon gasoline) above-ground tank; install venting system (including emergency venting and leak detection and monitoring system); install two HL-27 pumps, hoses, and nozzles for gasoline and diesel dispensing; and moving existing used oil elsewhere on the property.

All bids received pursuant to this notice will be read on Wednesday, November 11, 2026 at 7:00pm or as soon thereafter as possible at the Lt. Michael E. Neuner Fire Headquarters, 501 North Main Street, Brewster, New York 10509. It is intended that bids will be awarded that evening.

Electronic bids may be sent to DGoodwin@brewsterfiredepartment.org.

The Board of Fire Commissioners of the Brewster-Southeast Joint Fire District reserves the

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right to reject any and all bids offered.

Moe DeSantis, Secretary
Board of Fire Commissioners
Brewster-Southeast Joint Fire District
October 19, 2026

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Supreme Court

LEGAL NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT OF COUNTY OF PUTNAM

UNIFIED BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE REED FARM CONDOMINIUMS, on behalf of the unit owners of STONE HILL at REED FARM CONDOMINIUM III, and the REED FARM HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., plaintiff, against **ANTHONY D. BOCHICCHIO & LISA BOCHICCHIO**, et al, defendants.

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered September 11, 2026, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction on the second floor of the Putnam County Supreme Courthouse, 20 County Center, Carmel, NY 10512, on the 9th day of November 2026, at 10:30 a.m. the premises lying and being in Town of Southeast, County of Putnam and State of New York, in the Condominium known as “Stone Hill at Reed Farm Condominium III” also designated as Unit 7-401B. Together with the undivided 1.4715 percent interest in the common elements.

Said premises known as 401 Driftway Lane, Brewster, NY 10509

Approximate amount of the lien is \$17,815.87 plus interest and costs.

Premises will be sold subject to the provisions of the filed judgment and terms of sale under Index Number 500786/2026.

This sale is subject to a first mortgage presently encumbering premises.

Ten percent of prevailing bid must be paid at sale by bank check.

Andrew W. Szczesniak, Esq., Referee
Goldenberg & Selker, LLP
Attorneys for Plaintiff
399 Knollwood Road, Suite 112, White Plains, NY 10603

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LLC

Notice of formation of **AL-FRED INVESTORS NY LLC**. Art. Of Org. filed with the Sect’y of State of NY (SSNY) on 07/23/26. Office in Putnam County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 705 LONG POND RD MAHOPAC, NY, 10541. Purpose: Any lawful purpose
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BPA PROPERTY GROUP, LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 9/11/26. Office in Putnam Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to c/o Cappillino, Rothschild & Egan, LLP, 7 Broad St., Pawling, NY 12564. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Principal business loc: 1030 Route 52, Kent, NY 10512.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of formation of **Blue Skies JL LLC**. Articles of Org.

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filed with SSNY on 8/14/2026. Office Location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Blue Skies JL LLC, 14 Salem Ridge Rd., Carmel, NY 10512. Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Formation of **Morning Dew Property Services LLC**. Articles of Org filed with SSNY on 8/26/2026. Office Location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Morning Dew Property Services, LLC, 37 Hy Vue Terrace, Cold Spring, NY 10516. Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity.
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Aztec Holdings, LLC filed w/ SSNY 9/10/26. Off. in Putnam Co. Process served to SSNY - desig. as agt. of LLC & mailed to the LLC, 7 Sutton Pl, Brewster, NY 10509. Any lawful purpose.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

SIGNATURE AUTO COLLECTION LLC. Filed with SSNY on 02/12/2026. Office: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 869 ROUTE 22, BREWSTER, NY 10509. Purpose: Any Lawful

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Notice of formation of **Thomas Staib Carpentry DBA TSC**. Articles of Org. filed with SSNY on 9/09/2026. Office location Putnam County SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Thomas Staib Carpentry LLC DBA TSC, 4 Big Elm Rd, Brewster NY 10509 Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity.

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Notice of formation of **Jacquelyn Martino, LLC**. Articles of Org. filed with SSNY on 07/27/2026. Office Location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Jacquelyn Martino, LLC, 25 Garden St, Cold Spring, NY 10516. Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity.

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Notice of formation of **2741 POST ROAD PROPERTIES LLC**. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/25/26. Office: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Stenger, Glass, Hagstrom, Lindars & Iuele, LLP, 1136 Route 9, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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Notice of Formation of **LJB Inspections LLC**. Art. Of Org. filed with SSNY on June 20, 2026.

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Notice of Formation of **DSN SEALING LLC**. Articles of Org filed with SSNY on 9/18/2026. Office Location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o DSN SEALING LLC, 528 N Lake Blvd, Mahopac, NY 10541. Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity.

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Notice of Formation of **24 Grandview Drive LLC**. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State (SSNY) on 8/28/26. Office location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Gary Margolis, 10 McMahon Pl, Mahopac, NY 10541. Purpose: any lawful activity.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. Name: **RKAS CONSULTING GROUP LLC**. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10/10/2018. Office location: Putnam County. Principal business location: 52 Old Manitou Road, Garrison, NY 10524. SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to the LLC at: 52 Old Manitou Road, Garrison, NY 10524. Duration: perpetual. Purpose: any lawful act or activity for which a limited liability company may be organized.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. Name: **REBAR LABS LLC**. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 09/29/2026. Office location: Putnam County. Principal business location: 52 Old Manitou Road, Garrison, NY 10524. SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to the LLC at: 52 Old Manitou Road, Garrison, NY 10524. Duration: perpetual. Purpose: any lawful act or activity for which a limited liability company may be organized.

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Putnam Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 9 Sodom Lane South, Brewster, NY 10509, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

RIP CITY CARDS LLC

Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York on **August 23, 2026**. Office location: **Putnam County, New York**. Secretary of State is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. Secretary of State shall mail a copy of process to the LLC at **19 Winston Lane, Garrison, New York 10524. Purpose: To engage in any lawful act or activity for which a limited liability company may be organized under the laws of the State of New York.**

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Notice of Formation of **Del-taris, LLC**. Articles of Organization filed with SSNY on 7/13/2026. Office Location: Putnam County. Principal business location: 12 Main Street, #1108, Brewster, NY 10509. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 54 State Street, STE 804, Albany, NY 12207. Republic Registered Agent Services Inc., 54 State Street, STE 804, Albany, NY 12207, is registered agent of the LLC upon whom process may be served. Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity.

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Notice of Qualification of **ORCHARD RIDGE ASSOCIATES II LLC**

Appl. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 08/14/18. Office location: Putnam County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 08/03/18. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 1944 Route 22, Brewster, NY 10509. DE addr. of LLC: 251 Little Falls Dr., Wilmington, DE 19808. Cert. of Form. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., #4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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Notice of Formation of **Next-Gen Soccer Development LLC**. Articles of Org filed with SSNY on 11/14/2025. Office Location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: NORTHWEST REGISTERED AGENT LLC: 418 BROADWAY, STE N, ALBANY, NY, 12207. Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity.

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Notice of Formation of **TopEnd Home Renovations LLC**. Articles of Org filed with SSNY on 9/28/2026. Office Location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o

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TopEnd Home Renovations 394 Farmers Mills Rd Carmel, NY 10512. Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity.

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Notice of Formation of **Hudson Ridge Living LLC**. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State (SSNY) on 9/30/26. Office location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 112 Heath Road, Mahopac, NY 10541. Purpose: any lawful activity.

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Notice of Formation of **BORN ON SATURDAY LLC**. Articles of Org filed with SSNY on 9/25/26. Office Location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o BORN ON SATURDAY LLC, 602 Covington Pl, Brewster, NY 10509 . Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity.

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Notice of Formation of **SAM-CO CREATIVE LLC**. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on August 16, 2026. Office location: Putnam County. Principal business address: 45 Allen Drive, Brewster, NY 10509. SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to Peter Connolly, P.O. Box 592, Brewster, NY 10509. Purpose: any lawful activity.

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Notice of Formation of **CLUTCH LABS, LLC**. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 03/17/2026. Office location: Putnam County. SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: Northwest Registered Agent LLC, 418 Broadway, Ste N, Albany, NY 12207. Registered agent: Northwest Registered Agent LLC, 418 Broadway, Ste N, Albany, NY 12207, is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. Purpose: any lawful activity.

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Notice of Formation of **21 E Branch Road, LLC**, a domestic limited liability company. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 09/22/2026. NY Office location: Putnam County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC at 10 McMahon Place, Mahopac, NY 10541. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.

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Notice of Formation of **31 McAlpin Ave, LLC**, a domestic limited liability company. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 09/22/2026. NY Office location: Putnam County. SSNY is designated as agent upon

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whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC at 10 McMahon Place, Mahopac, NY 10541. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.

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Notice of Formation of **37 McAlpin Ave, LLC**, a domestic limited liability company. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 09/22/2026. NY Office location: Putnam County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC at 10 McMahon Place, Mahopac, NY 10541. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.

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Notice of Formation of **155 Shear Hill Road, LLC**, a domestic limited liability company. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 09/22/2026. NY Office location: Putnam County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC at 10 McMahon Place, Mahopac, NY 10541. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.

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Notice of Formation of **430 Hill Street, LLC**, a domestic limited liability company. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 09/22/2026. NY Office location: Putnam County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the LLC at 10 McMahon Place, Mahopac, NY 10541. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.

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Notice of formation of **Chora Collective LLC**. Articles of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/14/2026. Office Location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Chora Collective LLC, PO Box 135, Cold Spring, NY 10516. Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity.

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Notice of Formation of **401 Gage Road LLC**. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State on 7/27/26. Office location: Putnam County. NY Sec. of State designated agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served, and shall mail process to 401 Gage Rd, Brewster, NY 10509. Purpose: any lawful activity.

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Notice of formation of **Lacewell Healthcare Consulting LLC**. Articles of Org. filed with SSNY on August 20, 2026. Office Location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: [228 Park Ave

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S NY, NY 10003]. Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity.

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Notice of Formation of **111 Tower Hill LLC**. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State (SSNY) on 10/15/26. Office location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Gregory N. Scollan, 12 Spring Meadow Lane, Hopewell Jct, NY 12533. Purpose: any lawful activity.

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Notice of formation of **Walter’s House, LLC**. Articles of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/16/2026. Office Location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Walter’s House, LLC, c/o John Tremblay, 25 Ames Rd, Brewster, NY 10509. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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Notice of Formation of **AKT 2 RE LLC**. Articles of Org filed with SSNY on 10/16/2026. Office Location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: AKT 2 RE LLC, 126 Wellington Dr, Carmel, NY 10512. Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity.

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Notice of Formation of **Lock & Holly LLC**

Articles of Organization filed with NYS Dept. of State (SSNY) on October 14, 2026

Office location: Putnam County at 8 Bryant Pond Road, Putnam Valley NY 10579.

SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served.

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Purpose: Farming and selling goods

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Notice of Formation of **CJ Design & Consulting, LLC**. Articles of Org filed with SSNY on 10/21/2026. Office Location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o CJ Design & Consulting, LLC, 346 Route 6, #944, Mahopac, NY 10541. Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity.

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County Scrambles To Get \$\$ to Towns

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million for this year, not \$5 million” the next two years, he said. “I believe we’re hoarding this money. It’s been in subcontingency for months. The towns need the money this year, not next year and in 2028.”

However, Legislative Counsel Heather Abissi explained that, for the sharing to not run afoul of state law, there has to be an intermunicipal agreement in place and contracts with the towns, which – realistically – can’t happen by the end of the year.

Legislator Jake D’Angelo, R-Carmel, said there’s nothing that can be done about the fact that it’s too late in 2026 to provide relief this year, but that the county should move forward to fast-track the funding for 2027.

“I think the towns need the money,” he said. “Ten million dollars is more than \$6.5 million. I’m also frustrated that, A. they can’t get the money this year; and, B. we couldn’t have figured out a way to maybe use the \$6.5 million that was put into subcontingency this year.”

“We wanted the \$6.5 million to go to the taxpayer, but that didn’t happen,” added Legislator Amy Sayegh, R-Mahopac Falls. “Let’s appropriate this the proper way so it can help the towns.”

Legislator Nancy Montgomery, D-Philipstown, said the proposal is not a new concept, as Addonizio introduced a similar idea last year.

“Let’s not make anybody suffer any more,” she said. “This (shouldn’t be) about who’s going to release the \$6.5 million and get credit for it, and who’s going to release the \$10 million and get credit for it.”

However, representatives of the towns and villages throughout Putnam showed up two days later, at the Oct. 22 Audit Committee meeting, to urge the county to take action.

Finance Commissioner Alexandra Gordon kicked off the conversation by reiterating that for money from the 2026 budget to be used, a local law would have to be drafted, an intermunicipal agreement initiated with each municipality, and complete plans approved for the use of funds.

“Since it’s an intermunicipal agreement, it has to be a project that benefits the town and the county,” she said, noting that the county has to spend the funds by Dec. 31. “If not, the money will roll back to the fund balance” – and not roll over into 2027.

Southeast Highway Superintendent Michael Burdick encouraged the county to put forth the \$10 million for 2027 and 2028.

“Money cannot be spent by the end of this calendar year,” he said. “There’s nobody who has any kind of project that we can get shovel-ready and get it done by the end of this calendar year... It’s really easy to spend a couple million dollars in

the middle of paving season – that’s not a hard thing to do. But it’s really hard to spend \$500,000 in 60 days.”

Putnam Valley Town Supervisor Alison Jolicoeur agreed.

“I think it’s not feasible to create an intermunicipal agreement that benefits all of us, that this is somehow going to be done in the next month and a half,” she said, further suggesting that the county meet with the municipalities to see what their needs are.

Kent Town Councilman Shawn Boyd had a different opinion. “If you guys have the money to give, give it to us,” he said.

Boyd said the Town of Kent could easily spend the money on a highway truck, renovations to the Kent Historical Society building, plans for a senior center, or updates to the water districts.

“You can never give us enough money, and we’ll spend it all,” he said.

Cold Spring Mayor Kathleen Foley said there has to be something that can be done or a purchase that can be made – such as fuel oil – that would benefit all the towns and villages, as well as the county.

“I don’t want to lose what you’ve set aside for us in 2026,” she said. “I want to talk about sustainable, annual, every year money coming back to us in a fair amount... This is bananas – us arguing back and forth about a pittance.”

Cold Spring Village Trustee Andrew Hall echoed that sentiment, noting that the funds due to the village would make up more than 3 percent of its budget.

“That’s a huge help to us in terms of staying within the tax cap,” he said. “I think that’s a really important message to be able to take back to the towns and villages – that there is some consensus and some will to move in that direction, because it will help a lot of people.”

Legislator Laura Russo, R-Patterson, said the county owes it to residents to deliver tax relief as efficiently as possible.

“I think it’s something that, if we can get it done, I guarantee that every supervisor will be here tomorrow morning” with the required plans, she said. “When this idea was first proposed, we knew it was not a concept that could be carried out, but the money was put aside for some sort of rebate program anyway. We, the Legislature, failed our community and our residents by not acting on it all year long.”

Legislative Counsel Abissi repeated that it’s unlikely – but not impossible – for whatever projects each municipality wants to pursue to be executed and funds spent by the end of the year.

“A lot of this comes down to the nitty gritty – what we’re doing, what it’s being expended for,” she said. “Where there’s a will, there’s a way... Make no mistake about it, the towns are going to get the support they need with both these proposals, the difference is one is with a gun against their head of time; the other is with the flexibility of starting now and continuing on into two years.”

The committee approved both proposals to move to the full Legislature this week for a vote.

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McCracken’s voting record is also deficient. During 2022-23, he abstained nine times on votes about keeping challenged books in Mahopac school libraries, and he missed two other votes because he was absent.

On May 4, 2023, (a local publication) quoted McCracken explaining that he abstained from these votes because he opposed book banning but felt the review process did not give parents enough say. But the New York State School Boards Handbook says the state education commissioner has ruled that board members cannot abstain simply because they disagree with an issue on personal or philosophical grounds.

Accordingly, we must ques-

tion whether McCracken is committed to fulfilling the demanding role of county legislator.

*Lisa Kraft
Mahopac*

Disappointed in Guzman

Dear Editor:

Candidate forums are an opportunity to look candidates in the eye, ask questions, and decide whether a candidate is prepared to represent us. I attended the recent forum at the Putnam Lake VFW expecting exactly that.

What I witnessed from Daniel Guzman, a candidate for the 94th Assembly District, was unlike anything I’ve seen at a candidate’s forum.

First, Mr. Guzman arrived 45 minutes late. That could’ve been excused, as he explained upon arrival he was late getting out of work. However, when provided numerous opportunities to address the audience, he declined to answer any question, repeatedly passing the microphone off to other can-

didates.

No explanation of his priorities. No proposals to address New York’s many challenges. No meaningful discussion on what he would do if elected.

While other candidates remained for nearly an hour to continue answering questions and engage with residents, Mr. Guzman abruptly left the forum.

I’ve attended many candidates forums (at) this venue, as I sat in the first row. I’ve seen candidates struggle with questions and engage effectively, but they respected the voters enough to participate.

The New York State Assembly makes decisions affecting our taxes, schools, public safety, and families. Anyone seeking that level of responsibility should be prepared to explain their positions and answer questions from the public. Many of us took time out of our evenings to learn about the candidates; they deserved answers, not silence.

Based upon what I witnessed at this forum, Daniel Guzman will not be getting my vote.

*Andrew DeStefano
Patterson*

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