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Community Based Services recently hosted State Sen. Pete Harckham, Putnam Executive Kevin Byrne and representatives of county government, Jay Dising of Mauri Architects, and Mary Urban, vice president of public affairs for WIN Waste Innovations – which has been a supporter of the initiative, for a tour of the renovations being completed at the Putnam Early Learning Center & Preschool in Patterson.

Putnam Early Learning Center to Include Preschool Services

A major expansion of the Putnam County Early Learning Center was recently announced, aiming to bring high-quality preschool and therapeutic services closer to Putnam families.

The Putnam County Early

Learning Center began offering services from its Hudson Valley InterArts building in Patterson last fall. The seven-room facility, operated by nonprofit Community Based Services in collaboration with the Putnam County Health

Department and Brewster and Carmel schools, offered educational and daycare programming for students and their families and is part of the county's ThinkDIFFER-ENTLY initiative to encourage

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Boscobel Provides Historic Setting for Naturalization Ceremony



Nineteen new citizens from 15 countries took the Oath of Allegiance on Aug. 19 at the historic Boscobel House & Gardens in Garrison, as Putnam County Clerk Michael Bartolotti hosted another naturalization ceremony. It was the first time the ceremony had been moved to the western side of the county. The Hon. Anthony Molé served as the officiating judge, and members of the 5th New York Regiment advanced the colors and provided Revolutionary era musketry.



New citizens hail from Argentina, Ecuador, Kazakhstan, Nigeria, and beyond. Pictures from the ceremony can be found at www.putnamcountyny.com/county-clerk.

What Should County Do With \$163M Fund Balance?

By Holly Crocco

When Dan Birmingham, R-Southeast, rejoined the County Legislature last year after a 13-year hiatus, the lawmaker nearly fell out of his seat when he learned how much was in the county's fund balance... \$163 million.

The fund balance is an accumulation of what is left over and unspent from each year's budget. It has been amassing, essentially, since the incorporation of the county. And while some may say you can't have too much extra cash on hand, Birmingham begs to differ.

"I'm going to make the argument tonight that we have excessively high fund balance in Putnam County," he said at the Aug. 24 Budget & Finance Committee meeting. "This is normally caused by poor budgeting practices, unduly high property taxes, and political reasons."

Birmingham said that from 2010 to 2024, which spans four different administrations, the county's fund balance grew from \$33 million to \$163 million. While the total only increased slightly from 2010 to 2019, by about \$28 million overall, it shot

up in the last five years more than \$130 million.

Birmingham said that while having "enough" fund balance is a good thing, having too much leads to higher spending.

He referred to the general fund appropriations that have been rising right along with the fund balance. From 2010 to 2022, the budget increased by about \$23.4 million, from \$112.3 million to \$135.7 million. However, from 2022 to 2026, the budget increased by about \$70 million, to \$205.1 million this year.

"We're spending so much more now than we were three, four years ago," said Birmingham. "That's a problem. I think we have a spending problem."

And as such, the county continues to collect more taxes. "We typically underestimate revenue – sales tax, primarily – and over appropriate," said Birmingham. "We underspend... So we have a \$205 million budget this year, that's on top of this \$163 million (fund balance). I would submit we have way too much fund balance and we need to do something about that."

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State Ban on ICE Support in Effect County Fights for Local Control

By Holly Crocco

A statewide ban on 287(g) agreements in the "Local Cops, Local Crime Act" signed into law in May as part of a package of immigration protections has taken effect, announced Gov. Kathy Hochul last week.

"Here in New York, we need local police focused on keeping our communities safe – not serving as de-facto ICE agents, not conducting civil immigration enforcement, and not carrying out the Trump administration's callous immigration agenda," she said. "Starting today, ICE can no longer commandeer locally-funded police to aid an out-of-control federal agency with an \$85 billion budget."

Section 287(g) agreements allow local officers or employees to engage in or assist with federal civil Immigration & Customs Enforcement officers. However, the Local Cops, Local Crimes Act now prohibits local governments and law enforcement agencies from entering into 287(g) agreements

or similar arrangements that use local resources to detain people for federal immigration violations.

Prior to 2025, only one of New York's 62 counties had a 287(g) agreement with ICE. To date, nine counties have such an agreement.

Last month, Attorney General Letitia James sent letters to the 12 local law enforcement agencies in New York that had 287(g) agreements with ICE, informing them that state law requires they unwind the agreements by Aug. 25.

"We expect all law enforcement agencies in New York to uphold New York's laws," she said. "Through the Office of Immigrant Trust, my office will continue to work with law enforcement professionals across the state to ensure they understand their obligations, and we are prepared to enforce the law if those responsibilities are not upheld."

Last week, a lawsuit against the Rensselaer County Sheriff's

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Negotiators Bring Man in Distress Back to Safety

What could have been a tragedy ended peacefully last week when Putnam County sheriff’s deputies and negotiators convinced a man in distress to step back from a cliff he had perched himself on in the Hudson Highlands State Park.

At about 3:45 p.m. Aug. 25, the Cold Spring Police Department received a call through the Putnam County 911 Center reporting that a missing 34-year-old man experiencing a mental health crisis was believed to be in the area of the park.

Putnam County Sheriff’s Office Deputies Sean Kane and Jared Gramble responded to assist Cold Spring P.D. The two hiked the Washburn Trail and located the man standing on a cliff ledge. After making contact, they immediately began communicating with him while additional specialized resources responded to the scene, including the Putnam County Hostage Negotiation Team, the Westchester County Police Hostage Negotiation Team, and the Westchester County Police Emergency Services Unit.

On body camera footage, Kane can be heard talking to the man.

“I feel like there’s a reason that God put us here to find you today,” he said. “I understand you’re going through something, man. I don’t know what it is... Why don’t you just come over and give us the chance to talk about it.”

Putnam County Hostage Negotiator and Investigator Matthew



A screenshot of sheriff’s deputies helping the man off a cliff at Hudson Highlands State Park, taken from video provided by the Putnam County Sheriff’s Department.

Tunney then arrived and for two hours remained in constant communication with the man, patiently building trust and encouraging him to return to safety.

Following the prolonged negotiation, the man voluntarily stepped away from the cliff and was safely escorted from the area without injury. He was transported to a local hospital for evaluation.

“I’m incredibly proud of everyone who responded to this incident,” said Sheriff Brian Hess. “This was a true team effort that required patience, professionalism, and compassion. Thanks to the dedication of our deputies, negotiators, and partner agencies, this individual was unharmed and received the help he needed.”

Brewster F.D. Dedicates New Training Door to Fallen Members

The Brewster Fire Department on Aug. 16 dedicated its new forcible entry training door to “two guys who meant so much to this department.”

William “Billy” May and Robert “Link” Linkenhoker were cherished members of the fire department.

May, whose 29th birthday would have been Aug. 19, was a “can-do, get-it-done” type of person. “He was never afraid to step up and train,” said BFD. “He always wanted to leave this place better than how he found it.”

A 2016 Brewster High School graduate, May joined the volunteer fire service in 2020. He passed away suddenly in 2024, at the age of 26.

Linkenhoker was one of the department’s first “rescue guys,” and “someone who took great pride in forcible entry and even extrication. He was also as an avid motorcycle rider, a proud member of the Iron Order MC,” said BFD.

Linkenhoker joined the department in 1998. He died in 2024 at the age of 53.

Some of the funding for the



“Billy May” and “Robert Link” were honored with the dedication of new training door Aug. 16. Provided photo.

doors came from the department’s annual memorial motorcycle ride for the men, while the majority was covered by the Charlie Fowler Memorial Fund. Fowler was a lifelong resident of Brewster and a past captain of the department who left behind a training fund that still grows today.

“We miss these fine men every day, but their legacies will

live on forever – especially when you combine Billy’s drive to practice, Link’s rescue expertise, and Charlie’s generosity,” said BFD. “It’s what makes this door the perfect tribute. Their plaques will stay on it permanently, which means they will be the ones teaching every new member how to use the irons from here on out.”

Pawling Man Sentenced for Murder of Brewster Cab Driver

A Pawling man has been sentenced to 21 years to life for the murder of a Brewster cab driver last year.

Santos Vasquez Ramirez, 28, was sentenced last week by Putnam County Court Justice Anthony Mole for the murder of Aurelio Orbez.

According to Putnam County District Attorney Robert Tandy, on Dec. 1, 2025, Orbez, of Danbury, was reported missing by his family after he did not return him from work the night before. Six days later, his body was recovered from the Croton Falls Reservoir in Southeast. On Dec. 6, the Putnam County Sheriff’s Office launched a multi-agency homicide investigation that included numerous locations in Westchester and Dutchess counties.

Ramirez quickly became a person of interest and was arrested Dec. 12.

During the investigation, it was learned that Ramirez entered Orbez’s taxi on the morning of Dec. 1, in the vicinity of the Brewster Metro-North train station. Orbez’s cab was seen on local surveillance video traveling toward Railroad Avenue in the village. Approximately 30 minutes later, the cab was captured on the surveillance cameras of several local businesses on Stoneleigh Avenue traveling south toward Route 22, turning right onto Route 22, and continuing toward the Town of North Salem.

Ramirez was then seen on video surveillance boarding a train at the Purdy’s station, where Orbez’s taxi was recovered four

days later.

Ramirez fled by train to the Bedford Hills Post Office, where records showed he attempted to use the victim’s Chase credit card, according to Tandy. After the transaction was declined, Ramirez took a cab from Bedford Hills to the Target in Mt. Kisco, where he was seen on surveillance video purchasing men’s clothing before entering the store’s bathroom and exiting several minutes later wearing the clothes he had just purchased.

He then traveled to the Mt. Kisco train station and was seen boarding a northbound train to Southeast, followed by a second northbound train to Pawling, where he arrived at about 6:19 p.m. Dec. 1, noted the district attorney,

Bank records further revealed that Dec. 2, Ramirez unsuccessfully attempted to link the victim’s Chase card to an Android device.

Ramirez admitted to murdering Orbez on June 17, 2026, in Putnam County Supreme Court. Autopsy results indicated Orbez died by strangulation.

“In less than one week, our law enforcement partners identified Ramirez as a suspect, tracked him down, and arrested him for this senseless murder,” said Tandy. “The men and women of the Putnam County Sheriff’s Office and, notably, members of the Westchester County Police and MTA, conducted a perfectly executed investigation that resulted in a timely prosecution, guilty plea, and lengthy state prison sentence. The way this case came together and how Ramirez was

swiftly brought to justice is truly remarkable. It was great police work.”

Orbez’ family spoke at the sentencing and delivered an emotional statement to their father’s killer.

“We do not know whether you will ever care about the pain you caused,” they said. “But there is something you need to know: you did not only kill Aurelio. You took our father from us. You took away years we still had left to live with him, conversations we will never have, and moments we will never be able to recover.”

Recalling Orbez’s famous empanadas, his son William said “that simple memory means a great deal to us because it speaks to the way he brought people together, shared with others, and gave something made with his own hands. Our father had flaws, like any human being, but his life cannot be reduced to the violent way it ended,” said William. “He was a person with a history, dreams, work, relationships, and a family that loved him. His absence has left a space that no one can replace.”

Tandy said justice will never fully be served for those who loved Orbez.

“Their pain is palpable,” he said. “This murderer took away a husband, father, uncle, and respected community member. There is a hole in the Orbez family – and in the community – that will never be filled. This is truly a tragedy.”

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorneys Breanne Smith and Melissa Lynch.

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State Replacing I-84 & 684 Bridges in Southeast

\$24.5 Million Project Underway

Work is underway on a \$24.5 million project to replace two 59-year-old bridges along the ramp from Interstate 84 westbound to Interstate 684 southbound in the Town of Southeast.

According to Gov. Kathy Hochul, the project will replace the aging structures with wider, more resilient bridges that will enhance safety and ensure continued smooth travel along this key gateway that links New England and the lower Hudson Valley. Additionally, environmentally friendly engineering practices will be utilized to boost sustainability and protect local ecosystems.

The new bridges will allow for more efficient, wider ramps with additional shoulder width to provide space for emergency vehicles and meet federal safety standards. They will also have clearances of 16 feet, 6 inches – higher than the original structures, aligning them with modern interstate standards and reducing the potential for bridge strikes.

“As the Department of Transportation plans and builds for the future, we are using every tool in the toolbox to drive innovation and create more resilient structures that modernize New York’s transportation network while creating a more sustainable environment for all of

us,” said Transportation Commissioner Marie Therese Dominguez.

Five eco-friendly vegetation swales, which are gently sloping landscape channels lined with dense vegetation, will be installed along the ramps to manage stormwater runoff, screen sediment, filter pollutants, and allow water to naturally soak into the ground. Additionally, the swales will reduce the flow of water along travel lanes during storms, reducing the risk of roadway closures and protecting bridge foundations from long-term erosion.

The new spans will also feature jointless bridge decks to lessen noise pollution, reduce long-term maintenance costs, and create a smoother riding surface. Warm mix asphalt will be utilized, and other materials onsite will be recycled and reused as applicable.

While construction is underway, motorists should expect continuous use of the ramp with staged work and lane shifts. Travelers on I-84 and I-684 should expect several overnight closures for demolition work.

The bridge over I-684 is expected to be completed in 2027, and the bridge over I-84 is anticipated to be completed by 2028.

“Maintaining important infrastructure like our roadways and bridges is a top priority of mine as

we continue the work to strengthen New York’s economy,” said State Sen. Pete Harchuk. “The bridge replacement project at the intersection of I-84 and I-684 is much needed and will eliminate a problematic traffic bottleneck.”

Putnam County Executive Kevin Byrne said roads and bridges are more than pavement and steel.

“They are the connections that safely link Putnam County families to our schools, hospitals, parks, businesses, and everything else that makes life here possible,” he said. “They bring visitors to the Hudson Valley, support economic development, and give people the confidence to invest in New York.”

Byrne said the county has worked diligently to maintain and improve its local infrastructure, currently reporting zero red-flag bridges.

“At the same time, interstates 84 and 684 remain critical corridors for our residents, commuters, and local economy,” he said. “I appreciate Gov. Hochul, our state legislators, and the State Department of Transportation for their commitment to replacing aging infrastructure, improving safety and reliability, and ensuring these heavily traveled roadways continue to serve our region for decades to come.”



McConville Remembered for Public Service

Janice McConville, widow of the late Putnam County Sheriff Kevin McConville, speaks at the Aug. 20 dedication of the Sheriff Kevin J. McConville Memorial Substation in Nelsonville. A photo in last week’s issue incorrectly identified Nelsonville Mayor Chris Winward as Janice McConville. In addition, the article misidentified the political party of State Sen. Rob Rolison, R-Poughkeepsie. We apologize for the errors.

We Will Miss

- Brewster**
Audrey Jean Wilson Crozier, 91, August 21. Cargain Funeral Home, Carmel, (845) 225-3672.

Marjolaine Tremblay, 66, August 17. Beecher Funeral Home, Brewster, NY, (845) 279-3615.

Cold Spring
Elizabeth Todd Healy, 104, August 15. Clinton Inc Funeral Homes, Cold Spring, (845) 265-3333.
- Mahopac**
Francis J. McPhillips, 79, August 19. Joseph J. Smith Funeral Home, Mahopac, (845) 621-1992.

Maureen A. Sullivan, 66, August 21. Joseph J. Smith Funeral Home, Mahopac, (845) 621-1992.

Dennis M. Ubriaco, 76, August 12. Joseph J. Smith Funeral Home, Mahopac, (845) 621-1992.
- Patterson**
Michael Charles Pugliese, 56, August 16. Beecher Funeral Home, Brewster, NY, (845) 279-3615.

‘Songs of Patriotism’ at Reed Library

Alex Prizgintas will present “America: Songs of Patriotism, Protest, & Praise” on Friday, Sept. 11 at 5 p.m., at Reed Memorial Library in Carmel.

America’s democracy is based upon the freedoms of speech and religion as part of its cornerstone, and this program presents songs representative of the vital fabric that weaves differences into distinct strength. Key hymns, noble anthems, and tunes of solidarity and resistance will be presented in a unique sound provided by Prizgintas and his amplified cello.

Classically trained, Prizgintas employs non-classical tools like distortion, delay, and the iconic “wah-wah” guitar pedals symbol-

ic of 1960s rock’n’roll bands – all in conjunction with a looping station. Equally comfortable with intimate and stadium settings, he can craft his own wall-of-sound through his 1,000-watt amp.

Accompanied by a narration that reveals some of the backstories of baroque, jazz, folk, and other classics, he immerses his audience in a journey through musical history.

Register online or by calling 845-225-2439.

Those familiar with Prizgintas’ work on the cello might be surprised to learn that he serves as president of the Woodbury Historical Society and town historian of Woodbury in Orange County. “I tend to have two audiences:

those who know me as a cellist and those who know me through my lectures on topics of regional history,” he said.

\$1M Grant Supports Townhomes in Carmel

The Town of Carmel has been awarded \$1 million for construction of critical roadways and stormwater infrastructure to directly support the development of 40 market-rate townhomes, through the state’s County Infrastructure Grant Program.

The project is expected to expand the housing supply, increase property tax revenues, and deliver long-term economic benefits to the town and county.

Gov. Kathy Hochul recently announced that more than \$38 million has been awarded to 49 projects across New York through the County Infrastructure Grant Program. First launched in November 2024 and administered by Empire State Development, the program provides grants to support small- and medium-sized county-led infrastructure projects.

Grants up to \$500,000 are awarded to priority projects identified by the county that support economic development, contribute to placemaking, or encourage tourism. Enhanced awards of up to \$1 million are available for projects supporting the creation of housing with 10 or more units.

The recent round of funding will support the construction of more than 3,200 new homes throughout the state.

“Modern infrastructure is vital to unlocking new potential for economic growth,” said Empire State Development President, CEO, and Commissioner Hope Knight. “New York State continues to make investments in locally driven projects that help communities build for the future and capitalize on new opportunities.”

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Celebrate Kids’ Day at Putnam Hospital

Kids’ Day, a popular community celebration at Northwell Health’s Putnam Hospital, is scheduled from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, on the hospital campus at 670 Stoneleigh Ave., Carmel.

“Kids’ Day is a fun and festive way to take part in the health of our community,” said John Mahoney, manager of volunteer resources. “We look forward to bringing together organizations from all over Putnam County to celebrate children and families.”

Join Dr. Bear for this fun-filled day that includes a host of interactive health and safety exhibits, along with kids’ crafts, the child identification program, and a teddy bear clinic. Hospital departments will be ready to provide information on nutrition, emergency care, physical therapy, and more.

There will also be demonstrations on car seat safety, proper bicycle helmet uses, and heart monitoring, as well as fire truck and ambulance tours.

Families can enjoy a variety of games, inflatable bouncy attractions, hayrides, food trucks, and a meet-and-greet with costumed characters. Raffles and kids’ baskets created by hospital departments will also be awarded.

This will be the 17th Kids’ Day hosted by the Putnam Hospital Auxiliary, which was founded 63 years ago to help build the hospital and continues to be a great asset – raising more than \$8 million for the benefit of patients and families who rely on Putnam Hospital for vital, compassionate care.

For more information or to volunteer, contact Mahoney at 845-279-5711, ext. 4752, or john.mahoney@nuvancehealth.org.

Nutrition Corner

By Allison J. Stowell
MS, RD, CDN

Road Trip Eats

When you’re busy planning and packing for a road trip, it’s easy to overlook the hunger that may grow a few hours into the journey. Having the right food on hand will make all the difference, especially if you’re in for a long day. Nutritious, on-the-go snacks will keep you energized and curb hunger. Go for options with beneficial nutrients, such as fiber, healthy fats, protein, vitamins and minerals.

Roasted Chickpeas: Choose these nutrient-rich snacks as a good source of plant-based protein and fiber. Chickpeas are part of the legume family and contain a range of vitamins and minerals such as vitamin B6, calcium, iron and magnesium.

Single-Serve Cottage Cheese: A half cup of cottage cheese provides about 12 grams of protein and meets 10% of daily calcium needs.

Greek Yogurt: A protein-packed, convenient snack that keeps you full and energized. Pair it with fruit, nuts, or granola for added flavor and nutrients.

Nut butter combinations: Nut butter combined with rice cakes, apples or celery offer a satisfying mix of protein, healthy fats, and naturally occurring sugars to help keep energy and blood sugar steady. Pick up ready-to-eat bags of sliced apples and pre-cut celery.

Cheese Sticks: Individually wrapped cheese sticks are a convenient, bone-building choice to pair with whole grain crackers or fruit.

Overnight oats: This no-cook, on-and-go option requires zero morning prep, making it perfect to grab before an early road trip. Mix 1/2 cup rolled oats, 1/2 cup almond milk, 1 tablespoon chia seeds and 1/4 cup berries.

Hard-boiled eggs: A single large egg contains about 7 grams of protein along with essential vitamins and minerals like vitamin D, vitamin B12 and choline.

- Ingredients:**
- 2 cups old-fashioned rolled oats
 - 2 cups crispy rice cereal
 - 4 tbsp unsalted butter
 - ¼ cup packed brown sugar
 - ½ cup honey
- Optional:**
- ¼ cup walnuts, finely chopped
 - ¼ cup pecans, finely chopped
 - ¼ cup dried cranberries
 - 2 tbsp mini chocolate chips
- Directions:**
- Line a 9” square baking dish with parchment. In a large bowl, combine oats and cereal.
- In a small saucepan, combine butter, brown sugar and honey. Cook over medium, stirring occasionally, until butter has melted and sugar is dissolved. Bring to a boil, then reduce to a simmer. Boil until mixture is slightly thickened, 2 to 3 minutes.
- Pour mixture over oats and stir to fully combine. Fold in optional ingredients, if desired: walnuts, pecans and/or dried cranberries.
- Transfer mixture into prepared baking dish. Using a spatula or your hands, press mixture firmly into an even layer. If desired, sprinkle chocolate chips over top and press into mixture. Refrigerate granola for 1 hour.
- Use the overhanging parchment to lift granola out of baking dish. Using a serrated knife, slice into quarters then cut each quarter into 3 slices, making 12 bars. Wrap individually in plastic wrap or store in a sealed container at room temperature for 1 week or in the refrigerator for up to 1 month.

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](https://www.hannaford.com/dietitians). To

Tart Cherry Cottage Cheese Smoothie

(Family Features)
Tart Cherry Cottage Cheese Smoothie

Ingredients:

- 1 cup MULU low-fat cottage cheese
- 1 frozen banana, peeled
- 3/4 cup frozen tart cherries
- 1 tablespoon ground flaxseed
- 1 cup low-fat milk
- 1 tablespoon nut butter
- water

Directions:

In blender, blend cottage cheese, banana, cherries, ground flaxseed, milk and nut butter on high speed until completely smooth, 45-60 seconds.

If smoothie is too thick, add

water, 2 tablespoons at a time, and blend to preferred texture.

Pour into two glasses and serve or pour into sealed jar or container and refrigerate overnight; stir or shake well before drinking.

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It's a Dance Revolution!

'Putnam Falls For Dance' is Sept. 26 & 27

Dance works from modern, ballet, and contemporary pieces will be shown in two distinct performances Sept. 26 and 27 at Arts on the Lake, on the outdoor Boyd Family Concert Lawn dance stage, at 640 Route 52, Kent.

"Putnam Falls for Dance: 2026 Revolution!" honors the 250th anniversary of America's independence with new and old works exploring the themes of freedom, independence, and revolution. Featuring choreographers from a range of cultural and creative backgrounds, the program invites audiences to experience these enduring ideals as living, evolving forces continuing to shape our collective story.

Putnam County Dance Project members will be joined by regional area dance artists, and audiences may enjoy many genres of dance – from the work of revolutionary dancer Isadora Duncan to the contemporary voices of recent college graduates.

"Putnam Falls for Dance 2026 Revolution!" is the third event of the season for PCDP. The first day of the festival, Saturday, Sept. 26, includes new works developed in its "Open Stage & Artist Talk Back" series, highlighting choreographic works by Marie Carstens, Melisa Chilo Scott, Danette Granger, Steven Jeltsch, Erin Jennings, and others, as well as new reimagined works of Isadora Duncan's "March Slav" by Faith Kimberling and a reimagined heroic work that leans



Dancers perform during a prior "Putnam Falls for Dance" event.

into the later years of Isadora's work by Marie Carstens.

Saturday at 4:30 p.m., a special fundraising reception for PCDP follows the performance, when attendees can meet the dancers, enjoy refreshments, and hear music from Chris Cooley. Additional pieces range from elegant, stirring work by Jennings featuring music by local composer Virola, to an homage created by Jeltsch expressing the emotional volatility experienced by loved ones waiting at home as soldiers go to war.

A light fundraising reception in the lower gallery of AotL will follow Saturday's performance, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Tickets can be purchased in advance in combination

with the show for \$40, or separately at the door for \$20.

Regular performance tickets may also be purchased in advance or at the door for \$25.

The Sunday, Sept. 27 performance at 2:30 p.m., concludes the 2026 open stage series, which invites choreographers to experiment, show, and discuss new works in progress. The series features developing works, sketches or rough draft ideas followed by refreshments and a casual question-and-answer session between choreographers and audience. Award-winning Native American artist Donna Coane will also be featured in an interactive communal piece for all.

Taxpayer Transparency Act Signed into Putnam Law

The Taxpayer Transparency Act was signed into law in Putnam County last week by County Executive Kevin Byrne, marking what he said is the culmination of a years-long effort to expand public access to county government and ensuring residents can more easily see and understand the work being conducted on their behalf.

Under the law, all meetings of the County Legislature and its subcommittees must be made available for public viewing by live video stream whenever practicable. Links to those streams must be posted on the Legislature's website at least eight hours before a meeting.

The law also requires the Legislature to ensure that, except during executive sessions per-

mitted under state law, members can be heard, seen, and identified while conducting official business, including discussion or votes on motions, proposals, and resolutions.

For the executive branch, the law requires the county executive to make public hearings available for public viewing by live stream.

"This has been years in the making and I'm proud we have finally gotten the Taxpayer Transparency Act across the finish line," said Byrne. "Taxpayers deserve easy access to their government and the decisions being made on their behalf. (Legislator) Laura Russo and I have worked toward this for years because transparency shouldn't depend on who is in office – it should be built into the

way county government operates."

The Taxpayer Transparency Act goes beyond live access, noted the county executive. Meetings and hearings that are livestreamed must also be recorded and, to the extent practicable, posted or linked online within five business days. Those recordings must remain available for at least five years.

"Residents shouldn't have to rearrange their lives or travel to Carmel just to see their county government at work," said Russo, R-Patterson, who brought the act before the Legislature for approval. "This legislation gives taxpayers greater access to the legislative process and creates a lasting standard for transparency in Putnam County."

Writers Open Mic

The Lake Writers will host a free coffeehouse/open-mic reading Sunday, Sept. 13 from 2 to 5 p.m., at Arts on the Lake, 640 Route 52, Lake Carmel.

Local writers are invited to join the group in presenting their original prose or poetry, or listening to their presentations be read. To participate, submit your work by Sept. 1 to lakewriters10@gmail.com, or sign up on the day of the event, time permitting.

Refreshments will be available. Attendees may also bring their own beverages.

The event will feature writer Elizabeth Frieschauf.

The Lake Writers Group was established in 2012 under the auspices of Lake Carmel's Arts on

the Lake. The 10-member group meets once a month under the guidance of Thomas Kersting, a

retired English teacher, when they hone original prose and poetry in a warm, constructive environment.



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Getting Back to the Basics in Education

The myriad problems with which public education is faced in modern society may not call for a return to the one-room schoolhouse model of "Little House on the Prairie," but should suggest that a back-to-basics approach be given renewed attention.

Back-to-Basics Step One: Use rote learning where it is called for.

Certain concepts will still benefit from such an approach. Middle school students should not still be sitting in a classroom counting on their fingers to complete very basic math functions that help them solve higher level equations. Simple facts of addition, subtraction, and multiplication should be automatic. Repetition is a time-proven way to achieve that.

Back-to-Basics Step Two: Build self-esteem the right way.

If a student says, "Two plus two is five," or "Abe Lincoln was the first president of the United States," the response from the teacher should not be, "Nice try," for fear of damaging the student's self-image or hurting his or her feelings. The response needs to be, "No, your answer is wrong. Think about it, check your notes, try again, and let's see what you can come up with."

Back-to-Basics Step Three: Be true to your own field of expertise.

Introducing shared decision making to the education process sounds both fair and equitable. It can, however, become a crutch to avoid taking responsibility where it should be taken. Administrators, teachers, parents, students, and support staffs need to focus on their own areas of expertise and specialization.

After all, isn't it the job of administrators to be abreast of such things?

Back-to-Basics Step Four: Understand the function of technology in the classroom.

Technology, which continues

to grow at an alarming rate, can be a powerful tool but also a dangerous weapon. Technology can make finding information easy, but it must be kept in mind that "finding" does not necessarily translate into "knowing." Further, just like in decades gone by when students covered a mediocre essay with colorful construction paper and a fluffy ribbon made of yarn to earn that "A" for effort, today's graphics, fonts, and photo inserts have the potential to stress presentation over content.

Back-to-Basics Step Five: Remember, there is no "I" in "teacher."

When a multitude of high-powered and successful popular music performers gathered in 1985 to record the USA for Africa fundraising record "We Are the World," they were ushered into a recording studio adorned with a sign that read, "Check your egos at the door." The same should be true of our schools, their offices, and the individual classrooms.

The best way for students to work with teachers, for teachers to work with parents, for administrators to work with support staff, and any combination of the above, is to compromise and to remember that you don't always have to be right – even when you know you are.

Back-to-Basics Step Six: Be eclectic.

The final stop on the journey back to basics is to avoid the "one size fits all" model. It doesn't. Standardized test scores have some value. Common Core Curriculum models have value. Collaborative learning, portfolio assessment, writing across the curriculum, and dozens of other programs and methods have value – but none for everyone and none all of the time.

Lou Orfanella is a freelance writer and tutor with more than 30 years of experience in public education. He can be contacted at WriterAndTutor@outlook.com.

Reader Engagement Needed!

The Putnam County Press & Times is organizing a debate for the candidates running for Putnam County executive, and we want to know what's important to you!

If you have any questions for the candidates, please email them to editorial@putnampresstimes.com for consideration – and keep an eye on future issues for announcement of the date, time, and location of the debate.

Audience questions will not be entertained at the live event, so this is your chance to participate.

Keep in mind that questions must be related to Putnam County-specific issues, and in good taste, to be considered.



Helping Kids Go Back to School Prepared

Reed Memorial Library in Carmel partnered with State Sen. Pete Harcham to collect donations for his back-to-school drive for United Way of Westchester & Putnam Counties. Provided photo.



From left are Kent Town Supervisor Jaime McGlasson, Assemblyman Matt Slater, and Doug Holly with two agents of Holly Real Estate.

Holly Real Estate Added to NYS Historic Biz Register

Holly Real Estate has officially been recognized in the New York State Historic Business Preservation Registry after Assemblyman Matt Slater nominated the Kent business for the statewide honor. He also presented the company with a proclamation recognizing both its induction into the registry and more than 50 years of serving families throughout the Hudson Valley.

“We want to thank all of our wonderful customers over these 52 years,” said Robert Bradley at Holly Real Estate. “Without them, we would not have stayed in business in this area. Thanks to Assemblyman Slater and to New York State for recognizing us as a historic business. We look forward to serving the community many more years with our award-winning customer service.”

Founded in 1974 in the Town of Kent, Holly Real Estate has established itself as one of the region’s most trusted real estate firms, known for its local market expertise and service to residents throughout Putnam, Westchester, and southern Dutchess counties.

In nominating the company, Slater recognized its decades of professionalism, community leadership, and dedication to helping families navigate one of life’s most important decisions.

“For more than five decades, Holly Real Estate has helped generations of families find a place to call home while building a reputation for integrity and outstanding service,” said Slater. “I was proud to nominate Holly Real Estate for the New York State Historic Business Preservation Registry because of the lasting impact it has had on our community and the Hudson Valley. I’m grateful the state recognized that legacy and congratulate everyone who has helped make this milestone possible.”

Established in 2020, the NYS Historic Business Preservation Registry recognizes businesses that have operated for at least 50 years and have contributed to the history, heritage, and identity of their communities. Holly Real Estate’s induction celebrates both its more than five decades of service and its lasting contributions to the communities it has served.

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Putnam County Community Events

Book Sale Donations

Donations to the Patterson Fire Department book sale may be dropped off through Sept. 18, at the fire department grounds, 13 Burdick Road, in the designated POD storage container near the picnic pavilion. Books, Anime, DVDs, Blue-Rays, CDs, LPs, and trading cards. Only books in good condition. Fiction, non-fiction, and children’s books should be packaged in separate, labeled bags or boxes. Book sale is Sept. 26 to Oct. 4.

Committee

Members Sought

The Kent Conservation Advisory Committee is accepting applications to the volunteer organization that provides recommendations on environmental issues and promotes the enjoyment and protection of local natural areas. Visit www.townofkentny.gov/committees. Send resume and Kent Town Clerk Yolanda Cappelli, 25 Sybil’s Crossing, Kent Lakes, NY 10512; or lcappelli@townofkentny.gov.

Tuesday, Sept. 1

Meditation Series

Join Mahopac Public Library’s five-week meditation series beginning Tuesday, Sept. 1 at 6 p.m. Whether you’re new to meditation or looking to deepen your practice, explore what meditation is and how it works, different styles and approaches, and why people meditate and its benefits for everyday life. Register at www.mahopaclibrary.org or call 845-628-2009, ext. 100.

Garden Club

The Lake Mahopac Garden Club will meet Tuesday Sept. 1 at 11:30 a.m., at Airport Park in Mahopac. The program presented will be “Fun & Games” and Loraine Stern, recording secretary, will lead members and guests in activities that will be fun and competitive. Members are encouraged to bring their lunch.

Wednesday, Sept. 2

Carmel Town Board

The Carmel Town Board will meet at 7 p.m. the following Wednesdays, at Carmel Town Hall: Sept. 2, 9 and 16; Oct. 7, 14 and 21; 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 on Sept. 2, Oct. 7, Nov. 4, and Dec. 2, in Carmel. The Aug. 5 meeting will be hybrid. The Friends of Reed Library will meet Aug. 24 from 6 to 7 p.m., in person and via Zoom. Register at carmellibrary.org/calendar.

Thursday, Sept. 3

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.

‘Sobriety Social’

CoveCare Center will host a “Sobriety Social” on Thursday, Sept. 3 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Mental Health Association drop-in center, 1620 Route 22, Brewster. Celebrate National Recovery Month, eat, connect, and socialize. Registration is required; email kforster@covecarecenter.org.

Coffeehouse

The Town of Southeast Cultural Arts Coalition will present Virgo and Scorpio coffeehouses/open mic events Thursdays, Sept. 3 and Nov. 5 at 7:30 p.m., at Studio Around the Corner, 67 Main St., Brewster. Signups start at 7 p.m. Hosted by poet Brittany Carrasco. Share music, poetry, anecdotes, comedy. \$5 at the door.

Friday, Sept. 4

Book Sale

The Friends of the Desmond-Fish Public Library in Garrison will hold its final sale of the summer under its new pavilion from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 4 through Wednesday, Sept. 9. Prices will decline beginning Monday (half-price day), Tuesday (\$5-a-box-or-bag day), and Wednesday (free day). Admission is free.

‘Revisiting

Daniel Nimham’

Putnam History Museum will present “Revisiting Daniel Nimham,” a talk with Michael Keropian, on Friday, Sept. 4 at 5 p.m., at 63 Chestnut St., Cold Spring. Free. Retrace Sachem Daniel Nimham’s family members and his story found on deeds and documents. Keropian’s work contacting descendants, locating Wappinger bags, researching muskets at West Point and researching numerous accounts of Nimham and the Wappinger culminated in his creation of the statue of Sachem Nimham. Register at putnamhistorymuseum.org.

Saturday, Sept. 5

Observe the Moon

Celebrate International Observe the Moon Night at Kent Public Library, on Saturday, Sept. 5 at 11 a.m. Dr. Michael Zielhofer, who will share facts about the moon, discuss the importance of lunar observation, and provide educational resource packets. All ages welcome. From Sept. 5 to 19, stop by the circulation desk to pick up a free, moon-themed take-home craft kit. No registration required; one kit per child while supplies last.

Blessing of the Pets

Bring your family pets (leashed or caged) to the annual Blessing of the Pets on Saturday, Sept. 5 from noon to 2 p.m., at Mount Carmel Bible Church, 76 Gleneida Ave., Carmel. Behind fellowship hall (large white building) next to the Wenco Plaza parking lot, where you can park. If it rains, it will be held inside the hall. Pastor Andrew Columbia will pray a special blessing. There will be special guests, a parade, and pictures.

Sunday, Sept. 6

Fireworks

The Town of Southeast Fireworks have been rescheduled (from the July 4th weekend) to Sunday, Sept. 6 at 7 p.m., on Independence Way.

Monday, Sept. 7

Free Kids’ Meal

All day long on Monday, Sept. 7, Applebee’s in Brewster is offering free kids’ meals with the purchase of an adult entrée. Kids 10 and younger can choose from chicken tenders, cheesy-pizza, macaroni and cheese, cheeseburger, corn-dog, chicken alfredo, or chicken taco. Up to two free kids’ menu meals per adult entrée purchase. Dine-in only.

Tuesday, Sept. 8

Garden Club

The Brewster-Carmel Garden Club will meet Tuesday, Sept. 8, at the Laura Spain Memorial Cornerstone Park building on the corner of Fair Street and Gleneida Avenue in Carmel. It will begin at 10:30 a.m., followed by a brief social before a presentation by a master gardener from Cornell Cooperative Extension. Members and their guests are encouraged to bring a light lunch. <https://brewstercarmelgardenclub>.

Kent Town Board

The Kent Town Board will meet at Kent Town Hall at 7 p.m. (unless otherwise noted) on: Sept. 8 and 15, Oct. 6 and 20, Nov. 10 and 17, and Dec. 1 and 15.

Agritourism

Webinar Series

Cornell Cooperative Extension’s Agritourism Program Work Team will host a monthly webinar series designed to support both new and established agritourism operators from noon to 1 p.m. on the following Tuesdays: Sept. 8, Oct. 13, Nov. 10, and Dec. 8. This educational series provides practical guidance, timely tools, and real-world strategies to help farms strengthen agritourism operations, manage risk, enhance visitor experiences, and improve long-term business sustainability. Free. Register online.

Wednesday, Sept. 9

Marine Corps League

The Marine Corps League Putnam County Detachment meets the second Wednesday each month at noon at George’s Place on Gleneida Avenue in Carmel. For membership, email MCLPutnam-CountyNY242@gmail.com.

‘Everyday Mindfulness’

“Everyday Mindfulness with Lourdes Laifer” is scheduled Sept. 9, 16, 23, and 30, and Oct. 7 from 7 to 8:30 p.m., at Butterfield Library, 10 Morris Ave, Cold Spring.

Thursday, Sept. 10

Fireboats of the FDNY

Join David Rocco, author of “Fireboats of the FDNY,” as he describes the history of the FDNY’s fireboats in detail Thursday, Sept. 10 at 6 p.m., at Mahopac Public Library. Used for rescue and recovery operations, transporting first responders, and occasionally serving as icebreakers, the FDNY’s fireboats have responded to countless historic emergencies along the city’s 500 miles of shoreline. Register at www.mahopaclibrary.org or call 845-628-2009, ext. 100.

‘Looking

Through Water’

Patterson Library will show “Looking Through Water” on Thursday, Sept. 10 at 1 p.m. The

heartwarming story of William McKay, a successful young business tycoon who is called by his estranged father to compete in a father-son fishing tournament in Belize, where he has made a simple life for himself centered around fly fishing and community. Decades later, William shares the details of the trip as he tries to connect with his angry, distant grandson. Adults 18 and older.

Feast of San Gennaro

The Putnam County Feast of San Gennaro is scheduled Thursday, Sept. 10 through Sunday, Sept. 13 at Veterans Memorial Park in Carmel. A statue procession will take place Thursday at 6 p.m., with music by DJ Fonz. Lisa Messina and John Micalizzi will perform Friday at 7:30 p.m. The FDR Drive Band will perform Saturday from 7 to 10. Andrea and the Armenian Rug Riders will perform Sunday starting at 3 p.m. Free.

Friday, Sept. 11

Yorktown

Grange Fair

The Yorktown Grange Fair returns Sept. 11 to 13, at the Yorktown Grange Fairgrounds, 99 Moseman Road, Yorktown Heights. Admission is \$15 per carload. Visit www.yorktowngrangefair.org for fair news and hours, contest rules, and vendor or volunteer information.

Songs of Patriotism

Through his signature blend of storytelling and innovation, cellist Alex Prizgintas will bring to life hymns that lifted spirits, anthems that unified communities, and songs of resistance that echoed calls for change during “America: Songs of Patriotism, Praise & Protest Cello Show” on Sept. 11 from 5 to 6 p.m., at Reed Memorial Library in Carmel. Registration required at carmellibrary.org/calendar.

9/11 Memorial

Putnam County Youth Bureau will host its annual youth-led 9/11 memorial Friday, Sept. 11 at the Bureau of Emergency Services, 112 Old Route 6, Carmel. Arrival time is 8:30 a.m., program begins at 8:45 a.m. For more information, email youthbureauemployees@putnamcountyny.gov or call 845-808-1600, ext. 46113.

Saturday, Sept. 12

Fiddler Performance

Tompkins Corners Cultural Center will present Grammy-nominated fiddler Bruce Molsky on Saturday, Sept. 12 at 7:30 p.m., at 729 Peekskill Hollow Road, Putnam Valley. Molsky transports audiences to another time and place with his authentic and personal interpretations of rarities from the southern Appalachian songbook and other musical traditions from around the globe. Tickets are \$25 and may be purchased at Eventbrite.com or at the door.

Repair Cafe

Sustainable Putnam’s Repair Cafe returns to the Mahopac Middle School on Saturday, Sept. 12 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Bring up to two household items for a free repair by expert volunteers. (If needed, parts are sold at cost). Lamps, clocks, toasters, small appliances, audio equipment, small furniture, clothing, and more are repaired on site, while you wait. (No gas-pow-

ered items.) Registration appreciated. Walk-ins welcome. Free refreshments. sustainableputnam.org/repair-cafe.

VA Resources

Join Marine Corps veteran and accredited National Veterans Service Officer Richard Buck for an informative session designed to help veterans and their families better understand the VA benefits and resources available to them, Saturday, Sept. 12 at 11 a.m., at Kent Public Library, RSVP at 845-225-8585; Saturday, Sept. 19 at noon at Mahopac Public Library, RSVP at 845-628-2009; and Thursday, Sept. 24 at 1 p.m., at Julia L. Butterfield Memorial Library in Cold Spring, RSVP at 845-265-3040.

Tour Constitution Island

Tours will be offered of Constitution Island on Saturdays, Sept. 12 and 26, from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., departing from 1 Chestnut St., Cold Spring. Register at www.constitutionisland.org.

Sunday, Sept. 13

Poets’ Corner

Tompkins Corners Cultural Center will welcome Stephanie JT Russell to the poets’ corner Sunday, Sept. 13 at 3 p.m., at 729 Peekskill Hollow Road, Putnam Valley. An open mic will follow the reading. All writers are welcome. Tickets are \$10 and may be purchased at the door.

Union Valley

Chapel Service

All are welcome to join the annual non-sectarian service in the 166-year old Union Valley Chapel on Sunday, Sept. 13 at 11 a.m., in Mahopac. There will be light refreshments and an opportunity to socialize afterward.

Writers Group

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Monday, Sept. 14

Color Analysis

“Finding Your Best Colors with Color Analysis” is scheduled Sept. 14 from 6 to 7 p.m., at the Julia L. Butterfield Memorial Library, 10 Morris Ave., Cold Spring. 845-265-3040 or butterfieldlibrary.org.

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View ‘Abstractions’ at Mahopac Library

Three local artists will display select abstract artworks in the Third Floor Gallery at Mahopac Public Library from Sept. 3 through Oct. 1. While each artist has a unique and distinct abstract style, the three are surprisingly connected.

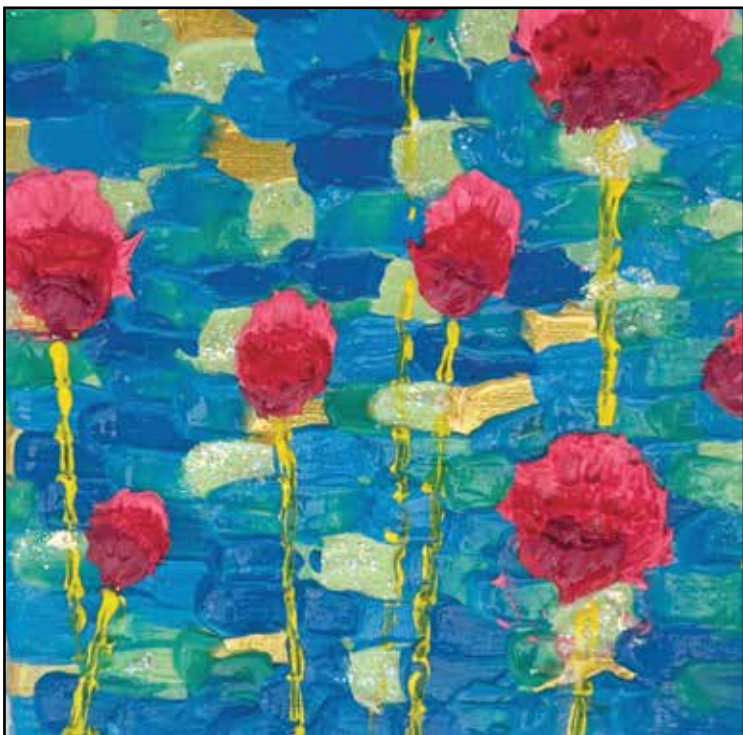
Rob Decina is a New York-based creative professional working in the television industry for more than 30 years, who paints with acrylics and collage paper. At his core, he is a storyteller and looks to tell a unique story in his work.

Decina’s paintings have been featured at several group shows at the Arbor Gallery in Carmel, as well as at member and juried shows at the Ridgefield Guild of Artists, and Putnam Arts Council in Mahopac. His photography has been exhibited at the Praxis Gallery Photo Center in Minnesota and the Decode Gallery in Arizona.

For more than 40 years, Maggie Ploener has been painting and exploring different mediums and techniques. She is fascinated by black ink on Denril, a type of drafting vellum.

Ploener recently experimented with various colors from ink and dry pigments mixed with soy extract. The effect has an ethereal quality reminiscent of clouds in the sky with viewers able to discover hidden images. She describes it as a “collaborative journey” between the viewer and the artist.

Anny Willis, is a contemporary texture artist from Mahopac who studied at Fiorello H. LaGuardia High School of Music & Art and Performing Arts. As a language teacher in



Top left: A textured acrylic abstract piece by Anny Willis.



Top right: An ink and soy abstract piece by Maggie Ploener.



Right: Mixed-media abstract work by Rob Decina.

New York City public schools, she immerses arts and crafts into her teachings. Her fascination with thick, touchable textures comes from her mother’s home cake-baking business where she learned the tactile process of sculpting frosting.

Today, Willis trades baking tools for studio palette knives, using heavy-body gels and modeling pastes to create highly dimensional, sculptural acrylic paintings filled with vibrant colors and gold accents.

“Through thick textures and bright colors, my goal is to create joyful, uplifting artwork that people want to reach out and touch,” she said.

The “Abstractions” exhibit will feature 12 curated works from each of the three artists, with many pieces available for purchase.

A public reception is scheduled Wednesday, Sept. 9 from 6 to 7:30 p.m., in the Community Room overlooking Lake Mahopac.

For more information, visit mahopaclibrary.org/art-galleries, and Instagram @mplart-gallery.



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Fatal Dirt Bike Crash

A Carmel man was killed Aug. 23 after crashing his dirt bike near the Metro-North Railroad tracks in Waterbury, Conn.

According to police, Jose Eduardo, 21, was found at about 5:15 p.m., on the ground beside the bike with severe injuries. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

It was determined that he collided with a concrete wall attached to a railroad bridge.



SUMMER’S END PAVILION BOOK SALE

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Wednesday, September 9, 10 am - 5 pm

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Haldane Students Ready for 2026-27



Haldane Central School District welcomed students to its elementary, middle, and high schools in the days prior to the beginning of the new school year, to get them comfortable with their new surroundings. Provided photos.



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Craig Waugh of Putnam County is a member of the Ulster Scottish Pipe Band, which won Grade 2 at the World Pipe Band Championships in Glasgow, Scotland. Photo by Courtney Schnee.

Mahopac Man Crowned World Pipe Band Champion

The Ulster Scottish Pipe Band of Warminster, Penn., lifted the trophy as Grade 2 Champions at the World Pipe Band Championships in Glasgow, Scotland, on Saturday, Aug. 15. Among them was Mahopac resident Craig Waugh.

“It is great to be a new member of The Ulster Scottish Pipe Band,” said Waugh. “The band’s seasoned leadership, strong teaching approach, enjoyable music, and close camaraderie are what place us among the top bands in the entire world.”

The band also won the top drumming prize.

By winning, the band became only the sixth from the U.S. to be crowned World Pipe Band Champions in Grade 2 since the event was first held in 1947. It achieved the historic feat 104 years after being formed in 1922 as the Philadelphia Ulster Pipe Band by John Hall Sr.,

an Ulster-Scots expat who emigrated from Moneymore, Northern Ireland.

The group is comprised of roughly 40 members who travel from across the U.S., Canada, and Scotland to attend band practices and to compete. In the past few years, the band has been on a remarkable trajectory, having made its most recent debut in Grade 2 in 2022. The band has been a dominant force in the North American pipe band scene during that time, having won the Midwest Pipe Band Championships in Chicago five times and North American Pipe Band Championships in Canada three times in that span.

The band also won the European Championships in Perth, Scotland in 2025, and placed third at the Worlds in 2025.

Given the band’s competition track record over the past few

years, and its Worlds win in particular, the band is a strong candidate to be upgraded to Grade 1 – the premier grade – by the Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association, which organizes and oversees the World Pipe Band Championships.

The band rehearses at the Hunter Soccer Club in Glenside, Penn., roughly one weekend per month. It is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and is funded primarily through monies earned from performances and donations.

The World Pipe Championships are organized by the Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association and take place over two days in Glasgow, Scotland, every August. The event, which features the world’s top bands, has been held every year since 1947 (except for 2021 and 2022 due to the COVID-19 pandemic) and is livestreamed by the BBC.

What Should County Do With \$163M Fund Balance?

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That “something” could be to move the money into budget lines that would allow it to be allocated to upcoming projects and services, instead of collecting more taxes to pay for those things.

“A wholesale return of a significant amount of tax dollars to the taxpayers in 2027 (via a reduced tax levy) – that’s what I’m hoping for,” said Birmingham.

Legislator Amy Sayegh, R-Mahopac Falls, agreed.

“It’s time for the taxpayer to see some relief either through reduced sales tax or lower property tax,” she said. “I would like to see it go back to the taxpayer.”

Legislator Erin Crowley, R-Mahopac, argued that the county may not want to spend down that fund balance, seeing as it is trying to provide better support for retirees, maintaining a large workforce, and is constantly being hit with unfunded mandates from Albany.

“We don’t have this general pot of \$163 million just sitting there,” she said. “There are reasons why we have it, and if you break it down, how much is left over after were done with that?”

Legislator Nancy Montgomery, D-Philpstown, said even individual departments are often not spending their whole budgets.

“Excessive fund balance should be in accordance with a long-term plan,” she said. “I don’t think we have that in this county. We have a capital projects plan, and as far as everything else, I don’t see a long-term plan.”

Legislator Jake D’Angelo, R-Carmel, said he would support the Legislature having the power to delegate those funds.

“It is a lot of money and I think that anything we can do that can tangibly lower taxes for people through property tax, I think that’s the best way to actually give effect to taxpayers,” he said. “The best way to do that is to give the Legislature the power to assign fund balance.”

However, Acting Commissioner of Finance Alexandra Gordon said the county is operating well within NYS Office of State Comptroller guidelines.

“I’d like to think we’re in compliance,” she said. “I don’t believe Putnam County to have poor budget practices at all. I think, actually, we have a really good budget practice compared to other municipalities we have seen. I think we’re very transparent.”

Further, Gordon said the administration questions “every single thing that goes into that budget... So I don’t agree that we over-appropriated anything,” she said.

Rather, she said circumstances change. For example, positions might be accounted for in the budget that never end up getting filled. “The intent is not to put those positions in there to fluff the budget,” said Gordon. “The intention is to fill those positions.”

In addition, she explained that the “Wayfair” decision in 2019 that allowed the county to begin collecting sales tax on online orders made from out-of-state sellers, as well as the COVID-19

pandemic, spiked fund balances – as noted by the New York State Association of Counties.

Those numbers, she said, are expected to “settle down.”

Again, Birmingham pointed out that they’re not just talking about a few million dollars.

“The fund balance is outside the \$205 million that we have appropriated in 2025 just for the general fund,” he said. It is another \$163 million. “It’s 83 percent of our budget.”

Following the discussion, the Legislature voted 7-2 to rescind a 2012 resolution that authorized the commissioner of finance to allocate fund balance, thus giving that power back to the governing body. Legislators Laura Russo, R-Patterson, and Crowley were the “no” votes.

“If the practical effect is to remove the commissioner of finance’s delegated authority over assigned fund balance and shift those decisions to the Legislature, I don’t think I can support it in this forum,” said Crowley. “This isn’t a transparency resolution, it’s a transfer-out-of-control resolution without adequate guard rails.”

Birmingham, however, said the resolution simply takes back the county’s power that was delegated in 2012 – when the fund balance was much smaller. “At that time it wasn’t an amount worthy of continual focus by the Legislature,” he said.

Montgomery added: “I think we’re not talking about taking power away from finance. I think what we’re doing is putting a transparent governing policy in place.”

The legislature then voted unanimously to request an audit by the State Comptroller’s Office of the fund balance.

Following the Legislature’s meeting, County Executive Kevin Byrne said he’s proud to see Putnam boasting a healthy fund balance while delivering quality programs and services to residents – all done transparently.

“I am the only county executive in Putnam’s history to proactively request that the state comptroller audit our finances,” he said. “I’m proud to have the most fiscally conservative and responsible record of any county executive in Putnam’s history.”

Since taking office, Byrne said his administration has responsibly used the fund balance to cut taxes, reduce debt, and avoid unnecessary borrowing.

“We delivered the largest property tax cut in county history, eliminated sales tax on essential clothing and footwear, paid off the county golf course bond, limited new borrowing, and used cash to fund major infrastructure projects rather than saddling taxpayers with hundreds of thousands of dollars in future interest payments,” he said. “We also established Putnam’s first sales-tax-revenue-sharing agreement with our towns and villages, meaning the county keeps less of those revenues and sends more directly back to our local communities.”

The county executive said the results speak for themselves.

“Before I took office, Putnam County property taxes had increased for more than 10 consecutive years,” said Byrne. “Since becoming county executive, we have stopped that cycle and begun moving in the opposite direction – responsibly drawing down reserves while cutting taxes and reducing our reliance on debt.”

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Today, the role of high school sports booster clubs is far more involved and far more important. They are instrumental to the success of a program. Some might even say more sophisticated, given their responsibilities.

They are a support system.

Booster clubs take some of the weight off a coach’s plate – pardon the pun.

“Regarding their impact, they have been a tremendous help to our program,” said Haldane High School Football Coach Ryan McConville. “They provide critical funding for things like weight room improvements, act as our fundraising partner, and help us manage team accounts for everything from equipment to team dinners and the Haldane golf outing. Having that support system in place allows us to focus on the team and ensure we have the resources to keep moving the

program forward.”

The Haldane Football Association is under the umbrella of the Blue Devil Booster Club, which arranges snacks for the boys at halftime, lunch for away games, flowers for parents, a teamwide end-of-season dinner, T-shirts for the boys, fundraising, and more.

“We do whatever the coach needs to make his life easier, so he can just concentrate on football,” said organizer Andrea Corliss, who has two sons who play in the program and has a family pedigree that runs deep in the community.

Asked whether she and fellow club members feel like they are making a contribution, she did not hesitate. “Absolutely,” she said. “This is something that is dear to my heart.”

Mahopac High School Football Coach Dominic DeMatteo has long praised the booster club. In fact, the Mahopac community has been very responsive to the football program. For instance, area restaurants have provided meals early in the season during

double-session practices. And, like at many schools, parents have helped organize team dinners prior to a game – usually on Thursday or Friday nights.

But some schools and programs aren’t so lucky.

Brewster High School football does not have a booster club... officially, anyway. There is a de facto group called The Mama Bears that helps out. New Coach Ryan Cleary said they have been a big help.

“Their support is very much appreciated as they take some of the non-coaching responsibilities off of my plate,” he said. “This may be something we look to formalize in the future, because they do a great job for us.”

There are other factors as well. Mahopac, Carmel, and Putnam Valley have combined for years to have a girls’ swim team, which has made coordination difficult.

“I tried to get one started a few years ago with a mom, but it was way more complicated than it should be,” said Coach Erica Burlenski.

New H.S. Football Coaches

Putnam County has five high schools, and three of them will have a new football coach when the 2026 season starts this month.

Brewster, Carmel, and Putnam Valley will all have new men on the sidelines with the headphones.

And Brewster kept it in the

family.

Ryan Cleary, who is the head boys’ lacrosse coach in the spring, will be calling the shots for the Bears’ football program in the fall. He takes over for Ed Mulvihill.

Victor Chiappa is now the head coach at Putnam Valley, re-

placing Ryan Elsasser.

And at Carmel, the new chief is Alex Beauchesne, taking over for Brendan Connolly.

This will be the 13th year for Ryan McConville at Haldane and the 10th for Dominic DeMatteo at Mahopac.

State Ban on ICE Support in Effect

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Office – which has maintained a 287(g) agreement with ICE since March 2020 – was initiated for failing to comply with the new law. It is the only agency that has not indicated its intent to dissolve its agreement.

“We place a priority on protecting the health, safety, and quality of life of residents,” said Rensselaer County Executive Steve McLaughlin. “Our participation in the 287(g) program means we screen any non-citizens brought to our jail to ensure they are not wanted for crimes elsewhere – the same as we do for any citizen brought to the facility. This ensures a person wanted for a dangerous crime is not released into our communities and neighborhoods.”

To protect its ability to be involved in the 287(g) program, McLaughlin said the county will be a party to a federal lawsuit filed in the Northern District of New York. “We believe Rensselaer County will be one of a number of plaintiffs in the suit,” he said.

Putnam County Executive Kevin Byrne said he stands with Rensselaer County.

“Regardless of whether Putnam County is ultimately a party to this litigation, I stand with my friend and former colleague Rensselaer County Executive Steve McLaughlin, and other local leaders, fighting to protect the rights of their communities and put public safety

first,” he said.

“When I first took office in 2023, I declared that Putnam County is a rule-of-law county, not a sanctuary county,” said Byrne. “We believe local governments must have the ability to work collaboratively and share important public safety information with our federal law enforcement partners, including U.S. Immigration & Customs Enforcement. Albany should be helping local governments keep their communities safe. Instead, they continuously throw up roadblocks for us dealing with violent illegal immigrants.”

Conservative Party county executive Candidate Tatiana Brahimi offered a similar sentiment, stating that, if elected, she will not “sit quietly while Albany undermines the men and women who put their lives on the line to protect us. I will stand firmly with ICE, our sheriffs, our police officers, and every law-abiding resident of Putnam County,” she said.

“As Albany passes laws that restrict lawful cooperation between our local law enforcement and federal immigration authorities, I will fight back – legally, constitutionally, and without hesitation,” continued Brahimi. “I believe our government has one fundamental responsibility: protect the people who follow the law and protect the communities they call home... I will not apologize for supporting secure borders, lawful immigration enforcement, ICE, our police, our sheriffs, and the rule of law.”

Democratic county executive candidate Brett Yarris said the new state law changes nothing for Putnam residents.

“The Putnam County Sheriff’s Department is already in compliance with the law,” he said. “They

have no intent to change that.”

Further, Yarris said he wants the constituents that he hopes to represent to understand how state and local leadership can work together to keep the public safe. “Local law enforcement needs our support, to provide them with the tools to continue to serve,” he said.

Earlier this year, Hochul signed one of the most comprehensive laws in the nation to “rein in ICE and prevent federal overreach.”

The law prohibits local governments, state and local police, and corrections from entering into 287(g) agreements or similar agreements with the federal government that allow for state and local law enforcement personnel and facilities to be used for civil immigration enforcement purposes; prohibits officers from wearing face covering while interacting with the public; establishes a state law under which New Yorkers can bring a lawsuit against government officials for a violation of their constitutional rights; and other protections.

In June, the U.S. Department of Justice filed a lawsuit in federal district court seeking to block certain provisions of the governor’s immigration protection laws, including the 287(g) prohibition in the Local Cops, Local Crimes Act, but a federal court denied the motion.

New Yorkers who witness federal enforcement actions anywhere in the state may report them at <https://ag.ny.gov/federal-actions-form>. New Yorkers who believe that a state or local agency, employee, contractor, school, or other covered entity has violated state laws related to civil immigration enforcement may contact the OAG hotline at 1-800-771-7755.



Scribbles on a Notebook

By Rich Thomaselli

Let Them Be Kids a Little Longer

My first job as a sports journalist was to cover high school athletics, so I have a soft spot for high school athletes – even though I have since covered two Super Bowls, two World Series, NCAA championships in football and basketball, and countless other sports.

Lest you think I’m bragging, I’m not. I even once covered a horseshoe pitching tournament. It turned out to be one of the most fun experiences of my life.

But I believe high school athletes deserve recognition and publicity where they can get it. However, I saw something last week that surprised me.

Flipping through the channels, I saw a high school football game that was nationally televised. Complete with announcers, sideline reporters, replays... the whole bit. It was a production that rivaled the National Football League.

I was taken aback. Not because I thought the high school athletes didn’t deserve it; but because I didn’t think they were ready.

Not for that kind of scrutiny, anyway.

Yes, I understand it’s a different time and a different era.

Perhaps I am too old-school and set in my ways.

In the same week, I read about two college football players who couldn’t cut it in the NFL and decided to go back to college because they had eligibility left. I definitely raised an eyebrow at that one.

That’s not the way it’s supposed to work, I thought.

But, as I said, maybe my thinking is rooted in a different time. I had this Pollyanna-ish ideal of players that was shattered when I got a job in Michigan and covered my first college basketball game. I was told to park in an area of the arena reserved for players and coaches. The players drove better vehicles than I did.

I never thought I would see high school and college athletes getting paid. Then along came “name, image, and likeness.”

Maybe I’m selling our high school athletes short. Maybe they are ready for a nationally televised game. Or maybe I just don’t want them to grow up too quickly.

Rich Thomaselli is a longtime sports reporter in the Hudson Valley, and currently covers Putnam County. He can be reached at rich.thomaselli@gmail.com.

Falls Sports Season Officially Underway

A week after high school football officially got a head start Aug. 17, the rest of sports joined in Aug. 24.

“It’s been great so far,” said Putnam Valley High School volleyball libero Bella Coletti, a senior. “You know, we lost a lot of top players last year and now we’re just working really hard to try and get back to how we were last year.”

Coach Samantha Fasce added: “It was great to have all the girls together again. We’re looking forward to another exciting and successful season together.”

It was a mini-reunion, of sorts. Unlike football or soccer or even swimming, there are limited opportunities for clubs and offseason workouts in volleyball. But that didn’t stop Coletti and her teammates from getting together.

“I play lacrosse, so I’m always getting my exercise and training in,” she said. “I think a lot of the girls are like that. But sometimes we get together and we just play volleyball. We all were like family last year and it already seems like that so far.”

Even on the sand.

“We have a town park that has a beach sand volleyball setup,” she said.

Coletti is optimistic for the season.

“I think we have a lot of great returning players and a lot of up-and-coming girls who are super good,” she said. “So as long as we keep working hard, we’ll get there.

The optimism extends to the coaches – even the new ones.

“We will field a team of mostly eighth-, ninth- and 10th-graders,” said new Haldane Girls’ Soccer Coach Chris Fortunato. “But we are eager to make our mark.”

And new Haldane Volleyball Coach Tony Caldiero has hit the ground running.

“There were great energy and enthusiasm throughout our practice sessions,” he said. “It was evident how eager and happy the players were to get the season started. There was a lot of teaching by the coaches as new systems and a style of play are being implemented, which will be a great challenge for the team.”

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Carmel

PLANNING BOARD
Town of Carmel - Town Hall
Mahopac, NY 10541
845 628-1500 – Ext 190

LEGAL NOTICE

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

SEPTEMBER 10, 2026

At 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall, 60 McAlpin Avenue, Mahopac, NY 10541 or as soon thereafter as possible on the following matters:

PUTNAM COUNTY HOUSING CORP

11-17 Seminary Hill Road, Carmel, NY 10512 - Tax Map #55.6-1-19 – Residential Site Plan

By Order of the Chairman,

Craig Paerprer
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Garrison Fire District

GARRISON FIRE DISTRICT RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNT TO THE GENERAL OPERATING ACCOUNT REPLACE EXISTING WELL EQUIPMENT

At a meeting of the Garrison Fire District held on August 17, 2026 the following Resolution was adopted, which resolution is subject to permissive referendum pursuant to Section 6-g of the General Municipal Law:

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 6-g of the General Municipal Law, as amended, the Garrison Fire District does hereby authorize the transfer of an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00 from its Building Repair and Replacement Capital Reserve Account to the District’s General Operating Account for continued Fire District operations including replacing existing well equipment at Station #2 for Fire District purposes and services related thereto.

No expenditure shall be made except upon authorization of the Board; and it is further

RESOLVED, that this resolution is subject to a permissive referendum as provided by Section 6-g of the General Municipal Law.

Dated: September 2, 2026
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
GARRISON FIRE DISTRICT
Cristin Erickson, Secretary
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Patterson

TOWN OF PATTERSON
1142 Route 311
P.O. Box 470
Patterson, New York 12563
www.pattersonny.org

2026 BUDGET REVIEW CALENDAR
REVISED 8/26/26
Meetings begin at 5:15 p.m

September 9 - Tentative Budget presented to Town Board

Budget Work sessions:

PUBLIC NOTICE

September 15 (Tuesday)
September 22 (Tuesday)
September 23 (Wednesday)
September 28 (Monday)
September 29 (Tuesday)

October 7 - Budget Hearing

October 21 - Budget Adoption

November 20 - Annual Budget cutoff
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PUBLIC NOTICE

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REFUSE AND SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING DISPOSAL VIA TRANSFER STATION GARBAGE DISTRICT NO. 2
Town of Patterson
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town of Patterson will be accepting sealed bids for **REFUSE DISPOSAL AND SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING VIA TRANSFER STATION FOR GARBAGE DISTRICT NO. 2**, Town of Patterson. Bids will be received by the Town Clerk of the Town of Patterson at the Office of the Town Clerk, Town Hall, P.O. Box 470, 1142 Route 311, Patterson, New York 12563 until 10:00 a.m. o’clock local prevailing time on **September 28, 2026** and then at said office shall be publicly opened and read aloud.

Copies of information for bidders, instruction for bidders, bidder’s qualifications, general requirements, Scope of Work, non-collusive bidding certification, and bid proposals may be obtained at the Office of the Town Clerk, Town Hall, P.O. Box 470, 1142 Route 311, Patterson, New York.

All of the bids must meet the specifications of the Town of Patterson. Copies of the information for bidders, general requirements, bid specifications, non-collusive bidding certification, and bid proposal forms may be obtained at the office of the Town Clerk. Bids must be submitted at the above address in sealed envelopes and must bear on the face thereof the name and address of the bidder and the following inscription: “Bids for Refuse Disposal Via Transfer Station – Garbage District No. 2.” The Town of Patterson reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids and to re-advertise for new bids. Bids shall be awarded in accordance with General Municipal Law §103.

The Town of Patterson hereby notifies all Bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in regard to any Contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award.

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BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF PATTERSON

DONNA RAMOS, TOWN CLERK
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Philipstown

The Philipstown Zoning Board of Appeals will hold their regular monthly meeting on Monday, September 14th, 2026 at 7:30

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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 September 2026.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

PHILIPSTOWN ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
Public Hearing – September 14th, 2026

The Philipstown Zoning Board of Appeals for the Town of Philipstown, New York will hold a public hearing on Monday, September 14th, 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.

Evan Hudson, 147 Jaycox Rd., Cold Spring, NY 10516, TM#27,-1-40.11

Applicant is seeking a variance to build a 120 square foot covered porch within the setback. The applicant is seeking a second variance for a 13’ x 21’ 7” addition to a pre-existing non-conforming home. The total square footage proposed is 280 square feet.

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/july-2026>

Dated July 20th, 2026
Robert Dee, Chair of the Town of Philipstown Zoning Board of Appeals

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Mark Hinchcliff, 34 Mountain Dr., Garrison, NY 10524, TM#83.18-1-48

Applicant is seeking a variance for a first floor addition of 36 sq feet and a 501 sq feet extension to deck, proposing enlargement of a non-conforming structure.

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.

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Dated July 20th, 2026
Robert Dee, Chair of the Town of Philipstown Zoning Board of Appeals

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Putnam

PUTNAM COUNTY
NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF THE TAX ROLL AND WARRANT

PUBLIC NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE that I, Alexandra Gordon, the undersigned Acting Commissioner of Finance, as collecting agent of the Lakeland Central School District, for Towns in the County of Putnam, State of New York, have duly received the tax roll and warrant for the collection of school taxes within the Town of Carmel, Town of Philipstown, and Town of Putnam Valley for Lakeland Central School District for the year of July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027 and that I will attend at the Putnam County Office Building, 40 Gleneida Avenue, Carmel, New York from September 1, 2026 to September 11, 2026, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, and, starting September 14, 2026 to September 30, 2026, Monday through Friday, from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays, for the purpose of receiving the taxes listed on said roll. Payments may also be made online at www.putnamcountyny.gov/taxpayment

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the taxes may be paid on or before September 30, 2026, without charge or interest. If taxes are paid during the month of October, 2026 (from October 1, 2026 to October 31, 2026), a two percent (2%) fee will be added. Taxes may also be paid in two installments if the total tax exceeds \$50.00. If paying in installments, fifty percent (50%) of the tax bill, plus a four percent (4%) service charge is payable to the Putnam County Commissioner of Finance during the period September 1, 2026 through September 15, 2026. The second half, plus a four percent (4%) service charge is payable to the Putnam County Commissioner of Finance, 40 Gleneida Avenue, Carmel, New York, 10512 after November 1, 2026 but before March 15, 2027. Payments after March 15, 2027, in addition to the four percent (4%) service charge, must add one percent (1%) interest per month or part thereof.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that pursuant to the provisions of law, the tax rolls of the Lakeland Central School District will be returned to the office of the Commissioner of Finance of the County of Putnam on the 1st day of November, 2026.

Alexandra Gordon
Acting Commissioner of Finance

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Supreme Court

NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, PUTNAM COUNTY, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE FAIRWAYS OF HILL & DALE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION ON BEHALF OF ALL UNIT OWNERS, Plaintiff v. **FRANK REDENDO AND VICKI A. CAROLEO**, Defendants, Index no. 501947-2025. Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale dated July 10, 2026, and entered by the Putnam County Clerk on July 10, 2026 (the “Judgment”), I the undersigned Referee in said Judgment named, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder at the Lobby of the Putnam County Courthouse, 20 County Center, 2nd Floor, Carmel, New York the premises directed by said Judgment to be sold. The premises will be offered for sale, as one parcel, on **September 14, 2026, at 3:30 p.m.** The premises therein is described as being in the County of PUTNAM and State of New York, and designated as Tax Lot no. 70 , Section 44.7, Lot 3-11, on the Official Tax Map of the Town of Kent, County of Putnam, State of New York and commonly known as 171 Fairway Drive, Carmel, New York 10512. The premises is more particularly described as follows:

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE land area of the Property is described as follows:

ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the building and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of Kent, County of Putnam, State of New York, being known and designated as Lot No. 70 on a certain map entitled “Final Subdivision Plat of Property Prepared for Hill and Dale Associates” dated April 23, 1987, and filed in the Putnam County Clerk’s Office (Division of Land Records) on August 28, 1987 as Map No. 2159B.

The Premises will be sold subject to the provisions of the filed Judgment Index # 501947-2025, the Terms of Sale, any taxes due and owing at the time of the sale as well as any other judgments properly docketed against the Premises at the time of the sale.

The approximate amount of the Judgment, for the property referred to therein, is \$10,009.36, plus interest and costs, as provided in the Judgment. The successful bidder will be required to deposit 10% of the bid by certified or official bank check, unendorsed, made payable to the Referee in accordance with the terms of sale.

Christopher Montalto, Esquire, Referee. (845) 871-2013.

Ansell Grimm & Aaron, P.C., Attorneys for Plaintiff, 365 Rifle Camp Road, Woodland Park, New Jersey 07424 (973) 925-7343, Attention: Stacey R. Patterson, Esq.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

SUPREME COURT-COUNTY OF PUTNAM

PARK NATIONAL CAPITAL FUNDING LLC, Plaintiff against **EDSON AVENUE DEVELOPMENT GROUP LLC**, et al., Defendants. Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on May 26, 2026, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Putnam County Courthouse, 20 County Center, Carmel, New York 10512, on Monday, the 28th day of September, 2026, at 10:30 a.m. Premises: ALL that certain plot, parcel and piece of land situate, lying and being in the Town of Carmel, County of Putnam and State of New York, being Lot 4 on a certain map entitled “Final Subdivision Plat known as the Young Subdivision”, filed in the Putnam County Clerk’s Office on October 28, 2005 as Map No. 3001. Excepting and reserving that portion used or conveyed for public road purposes and any utility easements or rights of way as of record. Said Premises known as 18 Trotting Rock Road, Mahopac, Town of Carmel, Putnam County, New York 10541, and designated on the Tax Map as Section 64.8 Block 1 Lot 18.3. Approximate amount of lien: \$221,381.44 plus interest, costs, and expenses as provided for in said Judgment. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 500887/2025; Anthony C. Carlini, Jr., Esq., Referee. Savad Churgin, LLP, attorneys for Plaintiff, 55 Old Turnpike Rd., Ste. 209, Nanuet, NY 10954.

ANTHONY C. CARLINI, JR., ESQ., REFEREE

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Supplemental Summons and Notice of Object of Action Supreme Court Of The State Of New York County Of Putnam Action To Foreclose A Mortgage Index #: 502084/2025 **U.S. Bank** Trust National Association, Not In Its

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Individual Capacity But Solely As Owner Trustee For RCAF Acquisition Trust Plaintiff, vs **THOMAS E. HNATOW** INDIVIDUALLY AND AS TRUSTEE OF THE THOMAS E. HNATOW LIVING TRUST IF LIVING, AND IF HE/SHE BE DEAD, ANY AND ALL PERSONS UNKNOWN TO PLAINTIFF, CLAIMING, OR WHO MAY CLAIM TO HAVE AN INTEREST IN, OR GENERAL OR SPECIFIC LIEN UPON THE REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THIS ACTION; SUCH UNKNOWN PERSONS BEING HEREIN GENERALLY DESCRIBED AND INTENDED TO BE INCLUDED IN WIFE, WIDOW, HUSBAND, WIDOWER, HEIRS AT LAW, NEXT OF KIN, DESCENDANTS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, DEVISEES, LEGATEES, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, COMMITTEES, LIENORS, AND ASSIGNEES OF SUCH DECEASED, ANY AND ALL PERSONS DERIVING INTEREST IN OR LIEN UPON, OR TITLE TO SAID REAL PROPERTY BY, THROUGH OR UNDER THEM, OR EITHER OF THEM, AND THEIR RESPECTIVE WIVES, WIDOWS, HUSBANDS, WIDOWERS, HEIRS AT LAW, NEXT OF KIN, DESCENDANTS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, DEVISEES, LEGATEES, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, COMMITTEES, LIENORS, AND ASSIGNS, ALL OF WHOM AND WHOSE NAMES, EXCEPT AS STATED, ARE UNKNOWN TO PLAINTIFF, BRENT A. HNATOW IF LIVING, AND IF HE/SHE BE DEAD, ANY AND ALL PERSONS UNKNOWN TO PLAINTIFF, CLAIMING, OR WHO MAY CLAIM TO HAVE AN INTEREST IN, OR GENERAL OR SPECIFIC LIEN UPON THE REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THIS ACTION; SUCH UNKNOWN PERSONS BEING HEREIN GENERALLY DESCRIBED AND INTENDED TO BE INCLUDED IN WIFE, WIDOW, HUSBAND, WIDOWER, HEIRS AT LAW, NEXT OF KIN, DESCENDANTS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, DEVISEES, LEGATEES, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, COMMITTEES, LIENORS, AND ASSIGNEES OF SUCH DECEASED, ANY AND ALL PERSONS DERIVING INTEREST IN OR LIEN UPON, OR TITLE TO SAID REAL PROPERTY BY, THROUGH OR UNDER THEM, OR EITHER OF THEM, AND THEIR RESPECTIVE WIVES, WIDOWS, HUSBANDS, WIDOWERS, HEIRS AT LAW, NEXT OF KIN, DESCENDANTS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, DEVISEES, LEGATEES, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, COMMITTEES, LIENORS, AND ASSIGNS, ALL OF WHOM AND WHOSE NAMES, EXCEPT AS STATED, ARE UNKNOWN TO PLAINTIFF, PETRO, INC. DBA Burke Heat, New

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York State Department Of Taxation And Finance, Unknown Trustees Of The Thomas E. Hnatow Living Trust If Living, And If He/She Be Dead, Any And All Persons Unknown To Plaintiff, Claiming, Or Who May Claim To Have An Interest In, Or General Or Specific Lien Upon The Real Property Described In This Action; Such Unknown Persons Being Herein Generally Described And Intended To Be Included In Wife, Widow, Husband, Widower, Heirs At Law, Next Of Kin, Descendants, Executors, Administrators, Devisees, Legatees, Creditors, Trustees, Committees, Lienors, And Assignees Of Such Deceased, Any And All Persons Deriving Interest In Or Lien Upon, Or Title To Said Real Property By, Through Or Under Them, Or Either Of Them, And Their Respective Wives, Widows, Husbands, Widowers, Heirs At Law, Next Of Kin, Descendants, Executors, Administrators, Devisees, Legatees, Creditors, Trustees, Committees, Lienors, And Assigns, All Of Whom And Whose Names, Except As Stated, Are Unknown To Plaintiff, People Of The State Of New York, United States Of America On Behalf Of The IRS John Doe (Those unknown tenants, occupants, persons or corporations or their heirs, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, guardians, assignees, creditors or successors claiming an interest in the mortgaged premises.) Defendant(s). Mortgaged Premises: 852 Drewville Road Brewster, NY 10509 To the Above named Defendant: You are hereby summoned to answer the Complaint in this action, and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the Complaint is not served with this Supplemental Summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the Plaintiff(s) attorney(s) within twenty days after the service of this Supplemental Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this Supplemental Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York). In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. The Attorney for Plaintiff has an office for business in the County of Erie. Trial to be held in the County of Putnam. The basis of the venue designated above is the location of the Mortgaged Premises. TO Thomas E. Hnatow, Brent A. Hnatow, Unknown Trustees of the Thomas E. Hnatow Living Trust of Jean B. Hnatow Defendants In this Action. The foregoing Supplemental Summons is served upon you by publication, pursuant to an order of HON. Gina C Capone of the Supreme Court Of The State Of New York, dated the Seventh day of August, 2026 and filed with the Complaint in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Putnam, in the City of Carmel. The object of this action is to foreclosure a

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mortgage upon the premises described below dated October 5, 2004, executed by Thomas E. Hnatow and Brent A. Hnatow to secure the sum of \$250,000.00. The Mortgage was recorded at Book 4379, Page 79 in the Office of the Putnam County Clerk on November 3, 2004. The mortgage was subsequently assigned by an assignment executed January 29, 2010 and recorded on March 8, 2010, in the Office of the Putnam County Clerk at Book 5574, Page 211. Plaintiff is also holder of a mortgage dated February 2, 2010 executed by Thomas E. Hnatow and Jean B. Hnatow as Trustees of the Thomas E. Hnatow Living Trust and Brent A. Hnatow to secure the sum of \$4,258.30 and recorded at Book 5574, Page 213 in the Office of the Putnam County Clerk on March 8, 2010. Said mortgage was consolidated with the mortgage referred to at Book 4379, Page 79 by a Consolidation, Extension and Modification Agreement executed by Thomas E. Hnatow and Jean B. Hnatow as Trustees of the Thomas E. Hnatow Living Trust and Brent A. Hnatow dated February 2, 2010 and recorded March 8, 2010 at Book 5574, Page 236 in the Office of the Putnam County Clerk to form a single lien in the amount of \$236,000.00. The consolidated mortgage was subsequently assigned by an assignment executed December 10, 2024 and recorded on December 17, 2024, in the Office of the Putnam County Clerk at Book 7936, Page 192. The property in question is described as follows: 852 Drewville Road, Brewster, NY 10509 HELP FOR HOMEOWNERS IN FORECLOSURE NEW YORK STATE LAW REQUIRES THAT WE SEND YOU THIS NOTICE ABOUT THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY. SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME. IF YOU FAIL TO RESPOND TO THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT IN THIS FORECLOSURE ACTION, YOU MAY LOSE YOUR HOME. PLEASE READ THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT CAREFULLY. YOU SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CONTACT AN ATTORNEY OR YOUR LOCAL LEGAL AID OFFICE TO OBTAIN ADVICE ON HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF. SOURCES OF INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE The state encourages you to become informed about your options in foreclosure. In addition to seeking assistance from an attorney or legal aid office, there are government agencies and non-profit organizations that you may contact for information about possible options, including trying to work with your lender during this process. To locate an entity near you, you may call the toll-free helpline maintained by the New York State Department of Financial Services at 1-800-342-3736 or the Foreclo-

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sure Relief Hotline 1-800-269-0990 or visit the department’s website at WWW.DFS.NY.GOV. RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO LEAVE YOUR HOME AT THIS TIME. YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO STAY IN YOUR HOME DURING THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS. YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO LEAVE YOUR HOME UNLESS AND UNTIL YOUR PROPERTY IS SOLD AT AUCTION PURSUANT TO A JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE AND SALE. REGARDLESS OF WHETHER YOU CHOOSE TO REMAIN IN YOUR HOME, YOU ARE REQUIRED TO TAKE CARE OF YOUR PROPERTY AND PAY PROPERTY TAXES IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE AND LOCAL LAW. FORECLOSURE RESCUE SCAMS Be careful of people who approach you with offers to “save” your home. There are individuals who watch for notices of foreclosure actions in order to unfairly profit from a homeowner’s distress. You should be extremely careful about any such promises and any suggestions that you pay them a fee or sign over your deed. State law requires anyone offering such services for profit to enter into a contract which fully describes the services they will perform and fees they will charge, and which prohibits them from taking any money from you until they have completed all such promised services. § 1303 NOTICE NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this Foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. DATED: August 14, 2026 Gross Polowy LLC Attorney(s) For Plaintiff(s) 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 The law firm of Gross Polowy LLC and the attorneys whom it employs are debt collectors who are attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained by them will be used for that purpose. 91200

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK INDEX NO. 500288/2026 COUNTY OF PUTNAM

FAREVERSE LLC I/L/T/N FINANCE OF AMERICA REVERSE LLC

Plaintiff, vs.

CARMELLA GRANT, AS PROPOSED EXECUTRIX AND AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF VINCENZA NAPOLITANO; JESSICA NAPOLITANO, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF VINCENZA NAPOLITANO; JENNIFER NAPOLITANO, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF VINCENZA NAPOLITANO; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DISTRIBUTEES OF THE ESTATE OF VINCENZA NAPOLITANO, any and all persons unknown to plaintiff, claiming, or who may claim to have an interest in, or general or specific lien upon the real prop-

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erty described in this action; such unknown persons being herein generally described and intended to be included in the following designation, namely: the wife, widow, husband, widower, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors, and assignees of such deceased, any and all persons deriving interest in or lien upon, or title to said real property by, through or under them, or either of them, and their respective wives, widows, husbands, widowers, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors and assigns, all of whom and whose names, except as stated, are unknown to plaintiff; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE-DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; LVNV FUNDING, LLC; JOHN DOE AS JOHN DOE #1,

“JOHN DOE #2” through “JOHN DOE #12,” the last eleven names being fictitious and unknown to plaintiff, the persons or parties intended being the tenants, occupants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the premises, described in the complaint.

Plaintiff designates PUTNAM as the place of trial situs of the real property

SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS

Mortgaged Premises:
303 PEEKSKILL HOLLOW ROAD, PUTNAM VALLEY, NY 10579

Section: 84.7, **Block:** 1, **Lot:** 42

Defendants.

To the above named Defendants

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in the above entitled action and to serve a copy of your Answer on the plaintiff’s attorney within twenty (20) days of the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service, or within thirty (30) days after service of the same is complete where service is made in any manner other than by personal delivery within the State. The United States of America, if designated as a defendant in this action, may answer or appear within sixty (60) days of service. Your failure to appear or to answer will result in a judgment against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. In the event that a deficiency balance remains from the sale proceeds, a judgment may be entered against you.

NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT

THE OBJECT of the above caption action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure the sum of \$735,000.00 and interest, recorded on January 07, 2025, in Book 7942 at Page 45, of the Public Records of PUTNAM County, New York., covering premises known as 303 PEEKSKILL HOLLOW ROAD, PUTNAM VALLEY, NY 10579.

The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the Mortgage described above.

PUTNAM County is designated as the place of trial because the real property affected by this action is located in said county.

NOTICE

Putnam County Notice of Public Hearing

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to Title 5, Chapter 3, Subchapter 3 of the Administrative Code of the City of New York, a Real Property A&D Public Hearing will be held on Wednesday, September 9, 2026, at 10:00 AM. The Public Hearing will be held via Conference Call. Call-in #: 646-992-2010, Access Code: 717-876-299.

REAL PROPERTY PUBLIC HEARING in the matter of the acquisition by the City of New York of Fee Simple (Fee) interest and the acquisition of Conservation Easement (CE) interests on the following real estate in the County of Putnam for the purposes of providing for the continued supply of water and for preserving and preventing the contamination or pollution of the New York City water supply system.

NYC ID	County	Municipality	Type	Tax Lot ID	Acres (+/-)
10170	Putnam	Kent	Fee	43.-2-67	6.79 ac.
10082		Kent	CE	p/o 21.-1-34.-1	260.00 ac.
8257		Kent	CE	p/o 32.-1-25	68.58 ac.

A copy of the Mayor’s Preliminary Certificate of Adoption and maps of the real estate interests to be acquired are available for public inspection upon request. Please call 914-749-5410.

In order to access the Public Hearing and testify, please call 646-992-2010, Access Code: 717-876-299 no later than 9:55 AM. If you need further accommodations, please let us know at least five business days in advance of the Public Hearing via e-mail at DisabilityAffairs@mocs.nyc.gov.

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YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME
If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home.

Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property.

Sending a payment to the mortgage company will not stop the foreclosure action.

YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT.

Dated: August 17th, 2026

ROBERTSON, AN-SCHUTZ, SCHNEID, CRANE & PARTNERS, PLLC
Attorney for Plaintiff
Matthew Rothstein, Esq.
900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 310
Westbury, NY 11590
516-280-7675

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NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF PUTNAM

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR HSI ASSET SECURITIZATION CORPORATION TRUST 2006-OPT2, MORTGAGE-PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-OPT2

Plaintiff,

Against

ZDZISLAW JARZEBIAK, if he be living, and if he be dead, any and all persons unknown to plaintiff, claiming or who may claim to have an interest in, or generally or specific lien upon the real property described in this action, such unknown persons being herein generally described and intended to be included in the following designation, namely: the wife, widow, husband, widower, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditor, trustees, committees, lienors, and assignees of such deceased, any and all persons deriving interest in or lien upon, or title to said real property by, through or under them, or either of them, and their respective wives, widows, husbands, widowers, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors and assignees, all of whom and whose names, except as stated, are unknown to plaintiff; et al

Defendant(s)

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale, duly entered 06/11/2026, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction, in the courtroom 209 at the Putnam County Courthouse, 20 County Center, Carmel, NY 10512 on 9/28/2026 at 9:30AM, premises known as 24 Chauncey Road, Carmel, NY 10512, and described as follows:

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

Section 35.56 Block 1 Lot 20

The approximate amount of the current Judgment lien is

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\$626,979.24 plus interest and costs. The Premises will be sold subject to provisions of the aforesaid Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale; Index # 800049/2021

Raymond A Cote, Esq., Referee.

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

Dated: 8/12/2026 File Number: 17-301308 CA

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NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF PUTNAM, **U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION**, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY, BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE OF THE TRUMAN 2021 SC9 TITLE TRUST, Plaintiff, vs. UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DISTRIBUTEES OF THE ESTATE OF KATHLEEN DUKE **SANTIAGO** A/K/A KATHLEEN SANTIAGO, ET AL., Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered on November 21, 2025, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at Courtroom 209 of the Putnam Supreme Courthouse, 20 County Center, Carmel, NY 10512 on October 5, 2026 at 9:30 a.m., premises known as 1404 Eagles Ridge Road, Unit No. 1404, Brewster, NY 10509. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of Southeast, County of Putnam and State of New York, Section 56.14, Block 3 and Lot 50, -1404 together with an undivided 2.4721 percent interest in the Common Elements. Approximate amount of judgment is \$265,395.31 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index #500851/2024.

Paul C Brite, Esq, Referee

Friedman Vartolo LLP, 85 Broad Street, Suite 501, New York, New York 10004, Attorneys for Plaintiff. Firm File No.: 231623-3

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Notice of Self Storage Sale

Please take notice Stack N Stor - Patterson located at 2160 NY-22 Patterson NY 12563 intends to hold a sale of the property stored in the below listed Storage Spaces. The public sale shall occur as an online auction via www.storagetreasures.com on 9/10/2026 at 12:00 PM. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods, furnishings and garage essentials. Wayne Miller unit #1106. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. See manager for details.

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Liquor License

Notice is hereby given that a license, number “Pending”, has been applied for by the undersigned to sell beer, cider, and liquor at retail in a Deli under the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law at **550 North Main Street, Brewster**, NY 10509, Putnam County for on-premises consumption.

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Notice of formation of **Phoenix Foods LLC**. Articles of Org. filed with SSNY on 7/06/2026. Office Location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Phoenix Foods LLC, 138 Tanglewylde Road, Lake Peekskill, NY 10537. Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity.

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Notice of formation of **Otto Ranch, LLC**. Articles of Org. filed with SSNY on 07/15/2026. Office Location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Otto Ranch, LLC 31 Knollwood Lane, Cold Spring, NY 19516 Purpose: anylawful purpose or activity.

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Notice of Formation of **Dry-Dwelling Waterproofing LLC**. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on July 7, 2026. Office location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o DryDwelling Waterproofing LLC, 62 Fair St Apt 1, Carmel, NY 10512. Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity.

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Notice of Formation of **Truk-it Cargo & Logistics Services, LLC**. Articles of Org filed with SSNY on [3/11/2026]. Office Location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Truk-It Cargo & Logistics Services, LLC, f2 main st. Unit #2107, Brewster, NY 10509 Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity.

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Notice of Formation of **White Eagle Residential Services, LLC**. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 05/04/20216 Office location: Putnam County, New York. SSNY has been designated as the LLC’s agent upon whom process against it may be served.

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 **Carmel Animal Hospital LLC**. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State (SSNY) on 7/15/26. Office location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 235 Route 52, Carmel, NY 10512. Purpose: any lawful activity.

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Notice of Formation of **CHURCH 20 LLC**. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State (SSNY) on 7/10/26. Office location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: PO Box 117,

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Carmel, NY 10512. Purpose: any lawful activity.

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Notice of Formation of **RT6 1773 LLC**. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State (SSNY) on 7/10/26. Office location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: PO Box 117, Carmel, NY 10512. Purpose: any lawful activity.

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Notice of Formation of **CHURCH 18 LLC**. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State (SSNY) on 7/10/26. Office location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: PO Box 117, Carmel, NY 10512. Purpose: any lawful activity.

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Notice of Formation of **ADV Real Estate Holding Company LLC**. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State (SSNY) on 7/10/26. Office location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: PO Box 117, Carmel, NY 10512. Purpose: any lawful activity.

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ML GAB HOLDINGS LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/22/2026. Office loc: Putnam County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 53 E Forest Trail, Holmes, NY 12531. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

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ML GAB REALTY LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/22/2026. Office loc: Putnam County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 53 E Forest Trail, Holmes, NY 12531. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

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GAA GAB REALTY LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/22/2026. Office loc: Putnam County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 53 E Forest Trail, Holmes, NY 12531. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

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Notice of formation of **Desert Designer, LLC**. Articles of Org. filed with SSNY on 6/1/2026. Office Location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o DESSERT DESIGNER, LLC 252 RT 292,

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HOLMES, NY, 12531, USA Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity.

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Notice of Formation of **Laura Twist MD PLLC**. Articles of Org filed with SSNY on 6/17/2026. Office Location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Laura Twist: 4 Cameo Court, Carmel, NY 10512. Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity.

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Notice of Formation of **Midnight Detailing New York, LLC**. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 07/17/2026. Office location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Midnight Detailing New York, LLC, 852 Peekskill Hollow Rd, Putnam Valley, NY 10579. Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity.

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Notice of Formation of **Merryham LLC**. Articles of Org filed with SSNY on 7/30/2026. Office Location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Merryham LLC PO BOX 1621 JOHNS ISLAND, SC, 29455, USA. Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity.

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Notice of Formation of **ZETTATEN, LLC**. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 07/29/2026. Office location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: ZETTATEN, LLC, 1145 RT. 9D, UNIT 350, GARRISON, NY 10524. Purpose: any lawful activities.

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HIGHLANDS RE HOLDING COMPANY, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/29/16. 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 Robert Hayes, 52 Old Manitou Road, Garrison, NY 10524. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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Notice of Formation of **MC BUILDS LLC**. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 04/11/2026. Office location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 19 Split Rock Rd, Putnam Valley, NY 10579. Legalzoom Usca, Inc. desig. as agent for SOP 45 Main Street, Suite 238, Brooklyn, NY 11201. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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Notice of Formation of **2684 Route 22, LLC**. Articles of Organization filed with NYS Dept.

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of State (SSNY) on July 27, 2026. Office location: Putnam County at 674 Route 311, Patterson, NY 12563. SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to: 674 Route 311, Patterson, NY 12563. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

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A & A WINE IMPORTS AND STORAGE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/11/26. 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, 10 Tango Lane, Carmel, NY 10512. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

16-18 FISHKILL RD LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/12/26. 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 Spooner & Mekeel, PLLC, 3182 Route 9, Suite 211, Cold Spring, NY 10516. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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21 CHURCH STREET CS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/12/26. 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 Spooner & Mekeel, PLLC, 3182 Route 9, Suite 211, Cold Spring, NY 10516. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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22 HUDSON HEIGHTS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/12/26. 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 Spooner & Mekeel, PLLC, 3182 Route 9, Suite 211, Cold Spring, NY 10516. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

38 HORTON CT LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/12/26. 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 Spooner & Mekeel, PLLC, 3182 Route 9, Suite 211, Cold Spring, NY 10516. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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7 CROSS CREEK RD LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/12/26. 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 Spooner & Mekeel, PLLC, 3182 Route 9, Suite 211, Cold Spring, NY 10516. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

8-10 OAK ST LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/12/26. Office: Putnam County.

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of Konken Electronic, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the NYS Dept. of State (SSNY) on 8/14/26. Office location: Putnam County, SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served, and shall mail a copy of any process to c/o Joshua Konken, 2891 Route 22, Patterson, NY 12563. Purpose: any lawful activity.

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Notice of Formation of **Homeward Bound Solutions LLC.** Arts. of Org. filed with NY Sec. of State (SSNY) on 8/07/2026. Office: Putnam County. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 76 Seven Oaks Ln, Brewster, NY 10509. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

471 MAIN STREET REALTY, LLC. Filed with SSNY on 08/17/2026. Office: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 121 CANOPUS HOLLOW RD, PUTNAM VALLEY, NY, 10579. Purpose: Any Lawful

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ATTIAALIGNMENT LLC. Filed with SSNY on 07/13/2026. Office: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 2785 RTE 9, COLD SPRING, NY 10516. Purpose: Any Lawful

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ASAP MECHANICAL PRO LLC. Filed with SSNY on 07/24/2026. Office: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 26 TULIP RD, MAHOPAC, NY 10541. Purpose: Any Lawful

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Notice of Formation of **Probate Ops, LLC.** Articles of Org filed with SSNY on 7/27/2026. Office Location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Probate Ops, LLC, 10 Crestwood Road, Carmel, NY 10512. Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity.

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Notice of Formation of **Jaane & Co. Cleaning Services LLC.** Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 08/21/2026. Office location: Putnam County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to the

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LLC at P.O. Box 8606, New York, NY 10116. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

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Notice of Formation of **Lakeshore Holdings LLC.** Articles of Org filed with SSNY on 8/19/2026. Office Location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Lakeshore Holdings, PO Box 16, Garrison NY 10524. Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity.

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BREWSTER KARATE LLC. Filed with SSNY on 08/21/2026. Office: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: PO BOX 149, BREWSTER, NY 10509. Purpose: Any Lawful

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FAIR STREET CONVENIENCE LLC. Filed with SSNY on 07/07/2026. Office: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 2 FAIR ST, CARMEL, NY 1051. Purpose: Any Lawful

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HYAK TRAVEL LLC. Filed with SSNY on 03/21/2026. Office: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 1 FAIR MEADOW DR, BREWSTER, NY 10509. Purpose: Any Lawful

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LAKERIGHTS PROPERTIES LLC. Filed with SSNY on 05/04/2026. Office: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 37 SENECA RD, PUTNAM VALLEY, NY 10579. Purpose: Any Lawful

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Notice of Qualification of **411 North Salem Road LLC.** App. For Auth. filed with Secy of State of NY (SSNY) on 8/18/26. Office location: Putnam County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 8/13/26. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 2424 Wilcrest Drive, Ste 250, Houston, TX 77042. DE address of LLC: c/o Capitol Services, Inc., 108 Lakeland Ave, Dover, DE 19901. Arts of Org filed with DE Secy of State, 401 Federal St, #4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

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SERVICES

FALL CLEANUP – yard

Putnam Early Learning Center to Include Pre-school Services

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public awareness and expanded access to services for children with special needs.

Now, the school is becoming the Putnam Early Learning Center & Preschool.

The program served 23 students in its inaugural year and is expected to serve 46 students this fall, doubling access to critical early intervention and preschool services for Putnam families.

The project reflects years of collaboration among state and local leaders, nonprofit organizations, and community partners working to address a critical gap in services for young children with disabilities.

A longstanding challenge for Putnam families has been that too many young children with disabilities have had to travel outside the county – often more than an hour each way – to receive essential preschool services. This center brings specialized educational and therapeutic services closer to home, reducing burdens on families while creating an environment where children can learn, grow, and thrive.

County employees Valerie Kurtz and Shanna Seigel, and Director of Public Health Rian Rodriquez helped champion the initiative, and State Sen. Pete Harckham has long advocated on behalf of individuals with disabilities throughout the Hudson Valley. His support for Community Based Services and Hudson Valley InterArts, specifically, has helped advance programs that promote inclusion, opportunity, and community engagement, and has been instrumental in helping create a pathway for the preschool expansion, ensuring that more children can access critical services within their own communities.

“Today represents the power of partnership and a shared commitment to creating opportunities for children and families,” said Vicki Sylvester, chief executive

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officer of Community Based Services. “This preschool expansion will transform the lives of children and families for generations to come.”

The preschool expansion builds on previous investments at the 40 Jon Barrett Road facility in Patterson. Through New York State’s Community Resiliency, Economic Sustainability, & Technology Program, Harckham helped secure approximately \$100,000, helping prepare the Patterson site for the next phase of renovation and build-out while advancing Community Based Service’s efforts to expand educational and community-based services in Putnam County.

“Universal pre-kindergarten programs provide tremendous benefits to our students, our communities, and our overall economy,” said Harckham. “Ensuring that families have access to high-quality facilities within a reasonable distance of their homes is essential.”

The organization also applauded Putnam County Executive Kevin Byrne for his leadership and commitment to improving services for children with disabilities and their families.

“This funding is a major investment in the continued success of Putnam County’s Early Learning Center, an innovative program that is already delivering better outcomes for children, reducing burdens on families and school districts, and saving taxpayer dollars,” said Byrne. “The new building in Patterson will allow us to build on that success and provide even more children with the high-quality services they deserve right here in Putnam County.”

As construction continues, Community Based Services says it looks forward to welcoming Putnam Early Learning Center & Preschool, a state-of-the-art program, into its expanded permanent home that will provide critical services close to home while serving as a model for what is possible when communities unite around a shared vision.

Once completed, the project will allow more children to be served in Putnam County, reduce travel burdens for families, support school districts, and strengthen access to inclusive early learning for years to come.

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Brewster Students Heading ‘Back to the Den’



Students, staff, and parents at Brewster Central School District joined together Aug. 24 to celebrate the start of the new school year at “Back to the Den.” It was an afternoon filled with fun, connection, and community spirit. Provided photos.



Bus orientation also took place recently, with young students and their families able to climb aboard and find their seats, then take a short ride around the district. Members of the transportation team taught students how to wait for the bus, safely unload, and all the rules of the road.



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