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## Ready... Set... Hunt!



Youngsters – and their adults – descended on the field at Brewster Central Schools for the Town of Southeast Parks & Recreation Department's annual EGGstravaganza on March 28. After scrambling for eggs, participants examined their goodies and visited with the Easter Bunny.



It wasn't too cold for those who lined up at Airport Park in Mahopac for the Town of Carmel's annual egg hunt. Additional photos are on pages 8 and 9.

## County Reduces Gas Sales Tax Through 2027

By Holly Crocco

The Putnam County Legislature last week unanimously moved forward a resolution to reduce the county's portion of sales tax collected on gas through the end of 2027, starting in June.

During the March 30 Budget & Finance Committee meeting, lawmakers approved the suspension of its 4 cents per gallon tax on anything over the \$3 mark. This means that if gas is \$4 per gallon, customers will only be taxed on \$1 per gallon.

The state will still charge its 8 cents per gallon in gas tax – which, according to World Population Review, is one of the highest gas taxes in the country.

The initiative was proposed by Legislator Bill Gouldman, R-Putnam Valley.

"This resolution, if approved, relieves the burden of rising fuel costs by capping the amount of sales tax collected for gasoline," he said. "Governments should not benefit from higher prices. We

cannot control the global market, what happens nationally or in the state, but we can control what happens here in Putnam County."

The county made a similar move in 2022, when Russia invaded Ukraine and gas prices skyrocketed to \$5 per gallon.

"It's the same situation we're going through right now," Gouldman said of the recent U.S. and Israel attack on Iran, which has resulted in fuel prices creeping past \$4 per gallon. "We must do what we can to make our community affordable."

Legislator Erin Crowley, R-Mahopac, voiced full support for the measure.

"I think this is wonderful," she said. "I think it's something that we need to do because people are really struggling right now."

Legislator Jake D'Angelo, R-Carmel, pointed out that the county budgeted its gas tax revenue for the year using a \$3-per-gallon average anyway, *Continued on Page 11*

## Putnam Asks NYS to Pull the Plug on EV Bus Mandate

By Holly Crocco

The county is pushing back against a mandate from Albany that would require all school districts across the state to begin purchasing zero-emission (electric) buses by 2027, with a full transition away from traditional buses by 2035 – a measure that would cost districts multi-millions.

"Residents in Putnam County and throughout the Hudson Valley are facing a serious affordability crisis – one that is causing families to make hard choices over which bills to pay and how to put food on the table," said Legislator Bill Gouldman, R-Putnam Valley, during the Legislature's March 30 Audit Committee meeting, where he introduced a resolution in opposition to the mandate.

"This is really unrealistic, unaffordable, and doesn't make any sense," he said.

Not only are electric buses more expensive than traditional buses, but, according to Gouldman, the county doesn't have the infrastructure needed to support such an overhaul, such as charging stations, heated bus garages with charging

stations, and battery surplus storage – and the state isn't supplying funding to support the mandate.

"We don't have to abandon clean energy, but we have to do it in a manner that make sense and in a timeframe that is realistic," he said.

So far, the Putnam Valley, Carmel, and Mahopac school districts have officially opposed the mandate.

"Simply put, if this goes into effect, school taxes will go up, and none of us can afford this," said Gouldman.

Legislator Jake D'Angelo, R-Carmel, agreed.

"I think it's left-wing nonsense," he said. "The cost of living is absolutely out of control right now and to force taxpayers to foot the bill of virtue signaling in Albany is just ridiculous... This is going to bankrupt school districts. We're going to tax people out of their homes – as if they aren't already being taxed out of their homes."

Legislator Laura Russo, R-Patterson, said that while the goal to have all zero emission vehicles "way in the future" is understand- *Continued on Page 15*

## Byrne Proposes \$2M Mental Health Services Fund

Putnam County Executive Kevin Byrne last week announced his intention to create a new Mental Health Services Fund totaling more than \$2 million that he says will protect and honor the county's commitment to addressing the growing mental health needs throughout the region.

The fund would be established through the assignment of unassigned general fund balance.

"This is a major step forward in our ongoing commitment to strengthening mental and behavioral health services in Putnam County," said Byrne. "We have made significant progress over the past several years, but the need remains. This investment ensures Putnam County has both the resources and flexibility needed, free of federal ARPA re-

strictions, to continue expanding access to care and delivering real support for our residents."

The initiative stems from the county's original plan to utilize American Rescue Plan Act funding to contract for a 24/7 crisis stabilization center, which has repeatedly been shot down by communities. Following this news, the administration announced its intention to work with the County Legislature to identify other opportunities to repurpose the remaining balance of ARPA funds.

By reallocating ARPA funding to other eligible projects and assigning these funds from the county's unassigned fund balance, Putnam will create a dedicated, flexible funding stream for mental health initiatives that is not constrained by convoluted federal restrictions, according to

Byrne.

"This approach allows us to stay true to our original goal of expanding mental health services while adapting to changing circumstances," he said. "We are using sound fiscal management to turn a setback into an opportunity."

The newly created fund will be structured as an assigned fund, meaning it will be restricted exclusively for mental health-related initiatives. Any expenditures from this fund would require approval from the County Legislature.

"This will not be a one-size-fits-all approach," said Byrne. "Whether it's crisis services, outpatient care, youth support, or community-based programs, Putnam County will invest accordingly."

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# Proposed Milltown Road Subdivision Moves Forward in Southeast

By Rob Sample

A proposal for a major subdivision on a parcel at 301 Milltown Road was the subject of a public hearing March 23 by the Southeast Planning Board, and drew comments/concerns from owners of neighboring properties prior to the matter moving on to the town board.

The project was first proposed by businessman Tom Nejame of Danbury, under the auspices of his firm Nejame New York Land, LLC. He seeks to divide an almost 48-acre parcel into four building lots. Each would contain a single-family home on a large, heavily wooded parcel, and the homes would be primarily hidden from view.

The hearing marks a landmark in a long process for Nejame, who submitted the application in January 2025. The engineering and architectural firm handling the project is P.W. Scott Engineering & Architecture of Brewster – whose principal, Peder Scott, outlined a variety of studies and mitigation measures the owner has taken since filing the application.

He pointed out that his firm has made significant modifications to the proposal since it was first introduced, including reorienting one house and changing the location of its septic field. “We’ve worked

on lot number one to reduce the impact,” he said.

Scott said his firm conducted a survey and counted 2,025 trees (more than 18 inches in diameter) in the construction zone. Smaller sizes were not surveyed. He also said roughly 6½ acres would be altered of the total parcel.

“This is something called a red maple forest, which are known for the high densities of their trees,” he said.

Milltown Road resident Michelle Burns was especially interested in lot one because of its proximity to her house, which Scott said that seven trees of significant size would be removed; counting smaller trees, the total would be 175.

“Is the chipping going to be done off-site? I literally work right here, and (on-site wood chipping) would make my life miserable,” said Burns.

According to Scott, the plan calls for the logs to be transported to outside facilities, which would keep the larger logs while mulching smaller ones. Thus, no grinding operations would take place at the site.

Burns’s next question concerned the permit for the driveway, which would provide shared access to three of the four lots. That element of the project is still pending

its State Environmental Quality Review Act requirement.

Burns noted that the area of discussion along Milltown Road has been the location of several serious accidents recently, among residents who have needed to exit their driveways onto a busy, relatively fast roadway. However, planning board member Lynne Eckhardt pointed out that the shared driveway avoids the scenario of having three driveways exit onto Milltown Road instead of just one, and such driveways are enabled by a provision in the town code.

“They (the developers) have enough road frontage to create those lots, and each could have an individual driveway onto that roadway,” she said. “But rather than do that, combining them reduces disturbance and improves safety.”

John Burns also brought up the shared-driveway, asking if it would be maintained, to which Planning Board Chairman Thomas LaPerch said that because it would be a private road, an agreement would be crafted among the property owners. That agreement would be reviewed as part of the final approval of the project, and the town would have the authority to intervene if concerns arise about the driveway’s maintenance state.

The public hearing process began in October and was closed after the March 23 meeting. The matter was scheduled to go before the Southeast Town Board on April 2.

“He (Scott) has still got some work to do here, but he’s checked a lot of the boxes,” said LaPerch. “It’s a very difficult site and I think he’s worked with us nicely here on trying to figure things out.”

# Mahopac Student Artists Featured at Garrison Art Center



Artwork by Mahopac students was on display at Garrison Art Center recently.



Student artists from across the Mahopac Central School District were recognized for their creativity and talent in the Garrison Art Center’s SITE 2026 exhibition, “Rooted: Art and the Natural World.”

The exhibit, which ran through the month of March, featured work from students at every Mahopac school building – as well as students from the Garrison Union Free School District, Haldane Elementary School, and schools across the region – reflecting the strength of the district’s art program at all levels.

The annual SITE exhibition invites young artists to explore the connection between art and nature, encouraging them to reflect on their relationship with the natural world. Under the guidance of their art teachers, students created pieces inspired by natural elements, including works made with materials derived from nature

and art designed to interact with the outdoor environment.

Mahopac High School students were selected under the direction of art teachers Sean Flanagan, Jessica Hurban, and Kaitlin O’Brien. At Mahopac Middle School, students were guided by Sean Mohammed. Elementary students were selected from classrooms led by Selina Bernat at Austin Road, Melissa Lindsay at Fulmar Road, and Brooke O’Neill at Lakeview.


Kaitlin O’Brien, Mahopac art department chairperson, praised the students for their efforts and artistic vision.

“Our students did an incredible job interpreting this year’s theme and creating thoughtful, imaginative work,” she said. “We are so proud to have every school in the district represented in this exhibition, and it’s exciting to see their creativity on display in a professional gallery setting.”

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# Advocates Ante Up for Youth Sports

## Charity Poker Tourney Raises Funds for Local Leagues



Patterson Little League accepts a donation from 3 Up 3 Down at the recent charity poker tournament.



A near-record number of players participated in this year's event.

More than 220 players participated in 3 Up 3 Down's ninth annual charity Hold'em tournament March 28 at the Patterson Recreation Center, raising record funds for area leagues and disability-focused nonprofits.

The event featured former Yankees John Flaherty and Darryl Strawberry.

The 3 Up 3 Down Organization of Brewster strives to promote, strengthen, and foster youth baseball in and around the greater New York, Westchester, and Hudson Valley areas, as well as provide additional community support for those with developmental disabilities.

The nonprofit has already granted more than \$130,000 to groups like Beekman Athletic

Club, Patterson and Pawling Little Leagues, BluePath Service Dogs, Green Chimneys, and Special Olympics, and is now working toward "EveryAbility Park" – a first-of-its-kind inclusive youth development park in the Hudson Valley.

Top 10 finishers at the tournament were (from 10th place to first place): Josh Silverstein (152), John Pieza, Joe Amorim (30), Tyler Pettit (66), Jonathan Sprung (203), Kai Madden (140), Peter Pepaj (25), Bishop Rouse (205), Rob Magliluo (150), and Alex Guarrero (142).

Magliluo and Guarrero each earned seats into the 2026 World Series of Poker Main Event in July.

# Keep Putnam Farming: Why Ag Districts Matter

By Ruby Koch-Fienberg

Drive across Putnam County and you'll see hayfields, horses, vegetable plots, forestland, and farmstands woven in between homes and businesses. That blend is not an accident – it's supported by our countywide agricultural district, a New York State tool that helps keep agriculture viable while communities grow.

An agricultural district is a geographic area made up predominantly of viable farmland where agriculture is recognized as a priority land use. In Putnam, the entire county is designated as one agricultural district and it can include actively farmed, idle, forested, residential, and commercial parcels.

That flexibility allows working farms, woodlots, and rural residences to coexist while maintaining a critical mass of land suitable for agriculture.

### Who Qualifies for Benefits?

Not every parcel in the district automatically receives benefits; they apply specifically to land that meets the state's definition of a "farm operation."

A farm operation can be one or more owned or rented parcels – contiguous or not – that together support the commercial production, preparation, and marketing of crops, livestock and livestock products, timber, compost and biomass crops, or commercial equine and horse boarding enterprises.

If you are selling products, boarding horses, growing timber, or producing crops or livestock as a business, your operation may qualify under this definition. Enrolling eligible land during the annual review period helps ensure you can access the full range of agricultural district protections.

### What Ag Districts Do & Don't Do

One of the biggest misconceptions is that being in an agricultural district changes your taxes or locks your land into farming forever. It does neither.

Property taxes: Agricultural districts do not change your property tax bill. Agricultural value assessments (which can reduce taxes for qualifying farmland) are a separate program administered by your local assessor, and enrollment in the district does not automatically grant that assessment.

Zoning and land use: The district is not zoning and does not alter your property class. You still follow the same local zoning and permitting processes to build structures or change land use as any other property owner.

Future options: Being in the district does not prevent you from selling, developing, or changing the use of your property in the future.



Offerings from Lobster Hill Farm in Brewster.

### Benefits for the Whole Community

Even if you don't own a farm, you benefit from a strong agricultural district. Agricultural land supports local food production, protects groundwater recharge areas, maintains open space and scenic viewsheds, and creates on farm jobs while supporting a network of agribusinesses.

From a fiscal standpoint, farms typically demand fewer public services than developed land, which can translate into cost savings for municipalities and taxpayers. In other words, every acre of active farmland can help balance community budgets while preserving the rural character that many residents value.

### Annual Enrollment Happening Now

Every county in New York

State is required to designate a 30 day period each year when landowners can request that viable agricultural land be added to an existing district. In Putnam County, that window is April 1 through 30.

If you operate a commercial farm or equine business – or are developing a new farm enterprise – this is your opportunity to ensure your eligible land is included and protected. If you are unsure whether your operation qualifies, or if you have questions about the application process or how the district works, reach out to me for guidance before you apply.

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## We Will Miss

### Carmel

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Joseph C. Evanowski, 55, March 28. Cargain Funeral Homes Inc., Mahopac, (845) 225-5655.

### Mahopac

Ellen V. Harney, 80, March 28. Joseph J. Smith Funeral Home, Mahopac, (845) 621-1992.



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# Vietnam Veterans Honored at State Capitol

Nearly 20 Vietnam War veterans from across the Hudson Valley were recently welcomed by Assemblyman Matt Slater, R-Yorktown, and State Sen. Pete Harkham, D-Peekskill, at the State Capitol, recognizing their service as part of the State Legislature's annual commemoration of Vietnam Veterans Day, observed each year March 29.

Participants included Steve Seid from Putnam Valley, Peter Van Scoy from Brewster, Al Roskosky from Putnam Valley, and Karl Rohde, Liam Baker, and Philip Fiederlein from Carmel.

"I appreciate the attention and recognition for service in the past and am glad my state officials have concerns for us, and wish we got more from the federal government," said Baker, a U.S. Navy radarman who served on destroyers from 1960 to 1964.

The day for the Vietnam veterans started with a breakfast reception in Yorktown Heights at VFW Post 8328. After arriving by bus in Albany, they visited Harkham's office in the Legislative Office Building, where they were joined by Slater in the conference room for a wide-ranging discussion before breaking for lunch. That was followed by a guided trip through the State



Vietnam veterans from Putnam County and across the Hudson Valley were invited to Albany to celebrate Vietnam Veterans Day.

Capitol and visits to both legislative chambers.

After arriving back in Yorktown, they received dinner, hosted by Slater.

Harkham noted that more than 3 million Americans served their country in the Vietnam War, and more than 58,000 sacrificed their lives.

"As we honor veterans of the Vietnam War who reside in New York, it is important to emphasize that for many of these veterans, their service to our country and to their fellow veterans has been never ending," said Harkham.

"When Vietnam veterans returned stateside, many became active in their communities – as first responders, in law enforcement, in education, elected office, and business owners. How these men and women returned home and dedicated themselves to the selfless care of fellow service members, and other residents needing help, is inspirational."

"It was truly meaningful to spend time with these heroes and thank them in person," added Slater. "Your service will never be forgotten. Mission accomplished; welcome home."

## Nutrition Corner

By Allison J. Stowell  
MS, RD, CDN



### Nutrition and the Environment

Social media feeds fill with news of forever chemicals and apps abound that allow consumers to assess a product "health impact" score. We're living in a food information overload that goes beyond nutrition. All while still seeking nutritious options that are best for our bodies and health. This can leave us with overwhelming wonder about the safety of our foods not just for our body, but for the environment too. Let's cut through this noise to focus on the habits we can engage in that we know support both the environment and our health too.

"Health Impact" Apps: There are several apps available which offer information on products with the intent of helping you avoid "less clean" ingredients. While this may be helpful if you know what to do with the information, it can also create confusion. If you want to use an app like this to limit ingredients, it may be helpful to also consider the product as a whole and whether you will be able to find another that works for you. Keeping in mind that your present and future risk of chronic disease includes avoiding too much sodium, saturated fat, added sugar. The app may not be taking this into consideration.

"BPA-Free" Packages: These are easier to locate these days and worth seeking if you can. BPA has been identified as an endocrine disrupter, which can have many impacts on our bodies and health. At home, use more glass and stainless steel (limit plastic) to avoid BPA. The good news is that avoiding single use plastic bags, bottles, and wraps is also good for the environment.

Eat Plants: Eat more plants and less meat. Still one of the best ways to do good for your body and the environment. Meat production requires a lot of water and energy, leading to a large carbon footprint. Plants are not only antioxidant and fiber-rich, but also a sustainable choice,

especially when grown locally. 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](http://Hannaford.com/dietitians). To learn more about the Guiding Stars nutrition guidance program, visit [GuidingStars.com](http://GuidingStars.com).

#### Creamy Pasta with Peas Hannaford.com (2 Guiding Stars)

This protein-packed vegetarian pasta is made with cottage cheese blitzed with peas, garlic and lemony flavors. Choose a pasta shape with ridges, to catch the deliciously creamy sauce.

- Ingredients:
- 3/4 (16 - oz.) box radiatori or rotini pasta
  - 1 (16 - oz.) bag frozen peas
  - 1 lemon
  - 1 cup whole milk cottage cheese
  - 2 cloves garlic, roughly chopped
  - 1/4 tsp. crushed red pepper (optional)

- Steps:
1. Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil. Cook pasta according to package directions. Reserve 1 cup pasta water, then drain pasta.
  2. Meanwhile, microwave peas according to package directions. Into a food processor, grate 2 teaspoons zest from lemon and squeeze 2 tablespoons juice. Add cottage cheese, half of peas, garlic and crushed red pepper, if using. Season with salt and pepper. Pulse until smooth.
  3. Return cooked pasta to pot, add remaining peas and heat over medium. Add cottage cheese mixture and toss to combine. If pasta is too dry, add 1/4 cup pasta water and toss to coat, adding more if needed. Season with salt and pepper and serve immediately.

### Caprese Skewers

(Family Features)  
Caprese Skewers

**Ingredients:**

- 2 tbsp extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 tsp Italian seasoning
- 1/3 tsp cracked red pepper flakes
- 1/8 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/8 teaspoon kosher salt
- 12 mozzarella balls, drained and patted dry
- 24 oz NatureSweet Constellation tomatoes
- 24 small fresh basil leaves
- 1/4 c balsamic glaze (optional)

**Directions:**

In small bowl, whisk olive oil, Italian seasoning, cracked red pepper flakes, garlic powder and salt. Add mozzarella balls. Gently



toss to coat. For best flavor, marinate in fridge overnight. To assemble skewers: Thread tomato, folded basil leaf, marinated mozzarella ball, another folded basil leaf and another tomato. Repeat to make 12 skewers. Place on serving platter. If desired, drizzle balsamic glaze over skewers on serving platter.

Servings: 12 skewers  
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# Real Estate By Vanessa Alfano

## Waiting for Rates to Drop?

Interest rates continue to dominate real estate conversations – not just nationally, but locally.

Across Putnam County, buyers are asking the same question: Should we wait?

It's understandable. Rates today remain higher than the historic lows of recent years. Headlines speculate about potential cuts, forecasts shift month to month, and for many households, even a modest change in rate meaningfully affects monthly payment.

But here's what the local market is revealing: Buyers haven't disappeared, they've recalibrated. Today's buyers are more analytical. They are calculating affordability carefully, comparing neighborhoods deliberately, and negotiating with intention. They are touring homes, making offers, and closing transactions.

What they are not doing is rushing.

When rates dip even slightly, activity often accelerates quickly. More buyers re-enter the market at once, and competition tightens. In certain price bands, that renewed competition can offset the savings from a marginal rate improvement.

That's the dynamic many overlook.

Waiting for lower rates can also mean waiting for more competition. For buyers, the more productive question may be less about "Where will rates go?" and more about "Are we financially ready?" If a home aligns with long-term needs and the monthly payment is manageable, refinancing later remains a possibility.

The right home at the right time can matter more than chasing marginal rate shifts.

For sellers, this environment creates a different opportunity. Today's buyers are serious and qualified – but they expect value. They scrutinize condition and compare options. Homes that are priced and presented realistically are still attracting steady attention.

Putnam County is not frozen, it is thoughtful.

Interest rates are shaping behavior, yes – but they are not halting movement. Instead, they are filtering for readiness. And markets built on readiness tend to be more stable than those built on urgency.

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## Multi-Agency Enforcement Operation Results in Arrests

The Putnam County Sheriff's Office, in coordination with New York State Police and the Westchester/Putnam Real-Time Crime Center, recently conducted a three-day targeted enforcement operation aimed at identifying and apprehending individuals involved in auto theft, firearms trafficking, narcotics distribution, and other criminal activity through coordinated traffic enforcement, surveillance, and real-time intelligence sharing.

Members of the PCSO's Special Investigations Unit, Conditions Unit, and Patrol Division conducted enforcement operations throughout the county utilizing license plate reader technology and coordinated patrol efforts along high-traffic corridors and areas of concern.

Over the three-day operation, 849 traffic stops were made, 273 tickets issued, 31 vehicles impounded, 45 felony and misdemeanor arrests were made, eight

fugitives were apprehended, one firearm was seized, more than 3 kilograms of narcotics were seized, and 23 stolen vehicles were recovered at an estimated value of \$812,020.

Anthony Luca, 47, of Patterson, was charged with seventh-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance and turned over to Carmel Police Department on an active assault warrant.

Kristen Walsh, 41, of Carmel, was charged with third-degree CPCS/criminal sale of a controlled substance and released following arraignment in Carmel Town Court.

Jeffrey Gottsfeld, 50, of Carmel, was charged with fourth-degree CPCS and held for arraignment, and later remanded to the Putnam County Correctional Facility.

# Carmel Community Raises \$16,500 to Fight Hunger



ShopRite of Carmel employees are again being featured on special commemorative boxes of Cheerios, thanks to their fundraising efforts throughout the Partners In Caring Campaign.

ShopRite of Carmel employees helped facilitate more than \$16,500 in customer donations for the annual ShopRite Partners In Caring Cheerios Contest that took place in the fall, and as a result, two employees are being featured on special edition Cheerios boxes through a partnership with General Mills.

Catherina Tamagna and Mike Ayala played a special role in leading fundraising efforts and have been honored by having their photo appear on the back of the commemorative Cheerios box, which was debuted during a recent celebration at the store.

The \$1.34 million raised across ShopRite stores during Hunger Action Month in September will go toward local food banks and organizations fighting hunger in the community. During the celebration,



As a result of funds raised, Putnam CAP was awarded \$2,500.

Putnam County Community Action Partnership was presented with a \$2,500 check to go toward stocking its food pantry.

Since its inception in 1999,

ShopRite Partners In Caring has donated \$62 million to more than 2,200 charities. For more information, visit [www.shopritepartnersincaring.org](http://www.shopritepartnersincaring.org).

## Kent Receives Homeland Security Grants

The Town of Kent has been awarded \$100,000 through the federal State Homeland Security Program to enhance preparedness and response capabilities.

Specifically, it will receive \$50,000 through the critical infrastructure grant program to support first responders' efforts to mitigate risk and enhance protection capabilities at mass gatherings/special event sites and government-owned critical infrastructure sites, and \$50,000 through the cybersecurity grant program to help protect from, detect, identify, respond to, and recover from cyber incidents, and mitigate capability gaps that have been identified through a risk assessment methodology via equipment, training, planning, and exercise costs.

Gov. Kathy Hochul last week announced the \$10.5 million in

grant awards.

The State Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Services manages the funding available through seven targeted federal grant programs.

"To keep New Yorkers safe, it is crucial that those on the first line

of defense have the resources they need to do their work efficiently," said DHSES Acting Commissioner Terry O'Leary. "This funding goes a long way to make sure our teams in various fields are trained and equipped to handle anything they face in the line of duty."

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# Putnam County Community Events

## Ballot Applications for Garrison School Board

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

## NAMI Workshops

The National Alliance on Mental Illness-Putnam County will host an eight-week "Family to Family" caregiver educational program through May 12, from 6 to 8 p.m., at the MHA Engagement Center, 1620 Route 22, Brewster. A workshop for family members, partners, and friends of loved ones who have been diagnosed with a mental health condition. Understand diagnosis, care, treatment, medication, advocacy, and more. Register at [www.mhaputnam.org](http://www.mhaputnam.org) or call 845-363-1478.

## Road Closed

Route 6N will be closed between Pine Tree Lane and Trailer Court in Mahopac through May 22 for a culvert replacement project. Drivers should use the posted detour and plan for possible delays.

## Veteran Support

Veteran needing help with claims, questions, and guidance with VA benefits may stop by Patterson Library between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., the second Monday of each month, to meet with a National Veterans Accredited veterans service officer.

## Senior Center Art Class

Seniors may paint and draw with peers at the Koehler Senior Center on Route 6 in Mahopac on Thursday mornings, or the Putnam Valley Friendship Center, 117 Town Park Road, on Monday mornings, from 10 a.m. to noon. Whether you are a beginner or just want to brush up on your skills. Bring your own supplies or use provided materials.

## Tuesday, April 7

### Garden Club

The Lake Mahopac Garden Club will meet Tuesday, April 7, at 11:30 a.m., at Airport Park. Light refreshments available and members are encouraged to bring their lunch. There will be a design "how to" by Loretta Manning and a demonstration on a "tray for one" by Marie Braun.

### Plant Sale

The Brewster-Carmel Garden Club is holding its annual plant sale featuring a large selection of annuals, perennials, herbs, hanging baskets, and potted planters, all grown at Kurtz Farms in Cheshire, Conn. The order deadline is Tuesday, April 7, and pickup is Wednesday, May 6 from 1 to 4 p.m., at Lake Tonetta Park, 140 Pumphouse Road, Brewster. Payment by cash or check is due at pickup. Place your order at <https://forms.gle/wwDHGMgwD17uLmqN9>.

## Landscape Architecture of the HV

Historian Alex Prizgintas will discuss the rich legacy of landscape architecture in the area, Tuesday, April 7 at 1 p.m., at Desmond-Fish Public Library in

Garrison. Highlighting the work of Calvert Vaux, Frederick Law Olmsted, and Andrew Jackson Downing, explore their rise to fame and most famous projects – much of which can be drawn to the city of Newburgh where the three crossed paths for the first times in the 1850s.

## Cello Concert

Celloist Alex Prizgintas will perform April 7 at 5 p.m., at Reed Memorial Library of Carmel. Learn some of the fascinating stories behind iconic hits such as Led Zeppelin's "Kashmir," The Kinks' "You Really Got Me," The Zombies' "Time of the Season," and more. Registration is required at [carmellibrary.org/calendar](http://carmellibrary.org/calendar).

## Mario Kart Night

Kids age 5 to 8 can celebrate National Mario Day by racing friends on the big-screen Nintendo Switch at Brewster Public Library, on Tuesday, April 7 at 5:30 p.m. Compete for prizes, enjoy snacks, and show off your skills. Registration is required at [brewsterlibrary.org](http://brewsterlibrary.org).

## Wednesday, April 8

### Tech Basics

Mahopac Public Library has the tools to convert old media (like VHS tapes and 8mm reels) into digital formats. Learn more about these tools and how to use them Wednesday, April 8 at 6:30 p.m. This class is a demonstration; materials will not be converted. Register at [www.mahopaclibrary.org](http://www.mahopaclibrary.org) or call 845-628-2009, ext. 100.

### 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 [MCLPutnamCountyNY242@gmail.com](mailto:MCLPutnamCountyNY242@gmail.com).

### Carmel Town Board

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

## Thursday, April 9

### CAP Luncheon

Putnam Community Action Partnership will hold its annual luncheon and silent auction Thursday, April 9 at noon at St. James the Apostle Church, Doherty Hall, 14 Gleneida Ave., Carmel. Tickets are \$55 at [www.putnamcap.org](http://www.putnamcap.org).

## Saturday, April 11

### 'How to

### Start a Revolution'

Putnam History Museum will host its 120th annual meeting, "How to Start a Revolution" with Matthew Weigman, on Saturday, April 11 at 2 p.m., at 63 Chestnut St., and online. Learn about the genesis of, and events leading up to the American Revolution. Free. Register at [putnamhistory-museum.org](http://putnamhistory-museum.org).

### Jon Bates Band

The Town of Southeast Cultural Arts Coalition will present the Jon Bates Band on Saturday, April 11 from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m., at Tom and Jerry's Bar & Grill, 987 Route 22, Brewster. \$10.

## Passport Saturday

Passport Saturday will be held at the Putnam County Clerk's Office, 40 Gleneida Ave., Carmel, on Saturday April 11 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., by appointment only, to provide passport information to U.S. citizens and to accept passport applications. Schedule an appointment and learn what you need to bring with you, at [www.putnam-countyny.com/county-clerk](http://www.putnam-countyny.com/county-clerk).

## Community Drum Circle

The Town of Southeast Cultural Arts Coalition will present a community drum circle with local artists and Shamanic energy healer Joshua 2 beginning Saturday, April 11 from 1 to 3 p.m., at Studio Around the Corner, 67 Main St., Brewster, and continuing every second Saturday of the month. Drums provided, or bring your own. \$10.

## Funminster

Putnam Service Dogs' seventh annual Funminster is Saturday, April 11, from 1 to 2:30 p.m., at Patterson Recreation Center, 65 Front St. A unique dog show for pet dogs – all breeds or mixes, all ages, all sizes. Compete for trophies and ribbons in 10 fun categories. Registration is from noon to 1. Admission is \$15 for adults, \$5 for kids, \$20 for a dog and handler. Register at [putnamsericedogs.org](http://putnamsericedogs.org) or call 917-449-5359.

## Pro Wrestling Show

Lake Mahopac Rotary Club will present its second annual East Coast Pro Wrestling show Saturday, April 11 at the Mahopac High School gymnasium, with a 7 p.m. bell time. Tickets are \$15 for general admission or \$20 for ringside, and can be purchased at [www.ecpwl.com](http://www.ecpwl.com).

## Salamander Stroll

Join CCE Putnam Master Gardener volunteers and CCE Columbia-Greene to explore the Clearpool Model Forest in search of salamanders and other amphibians, Saturday, April 11 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at 33 Clearpool Road, Carmel. During this family-friendly hike, discuss the different species of salamanders, frogs, and toads that call the area home and what we can do to support their continued survival. \$5. Register at [cceptutnamcounty.org](http://cceptutnamcounty.org).

## Sunday, April 12

### Reading of 'Sybil Rides'

"The Revolution Begins: Reading of Part 1, Sybil Rides the Musical" will take place April 12 at 2 p.m. at Patterson Baptist Church, 595 Route 311. Actors, directors and others interested in participating in the theatrical reading are welcome. Contact Larry Maxwell for information at 845-878-4160.

### Breakfast

Brewster VFW Post 672 will host a breakfast fundraiser the second Sunday of every month from October to May, from 9 to 11 a.m., at 262 Peaceable Hill Road. Coffee, juice, waffles, pancakes, bacon, sausage, eggs, omelet station, home fries, tater tots, biscuits and gravy, and more.

### Poetry Reading

Jim Seegert will present a reading from "Fresh Light" (2024), his debut collection of poetry and prose, Sunday, April 12 at 3 p.m., at Tompkins Corners Cultural Center, 729 Peekskill Hollow Road, Putnam Valley. Chronicling

American popular culture over the last half-century. Tickets are \$10 at the door; students admitted free.

## Holocaust Memorial Day

Temple Beth Shalom will host speaker Jeff Schlossberg, the son of two Holocaust survivors, Sunday, April 12 at 3 p.m., at 760 Route 6, Mahopac.

## Monday, April 13

### Documentary Film Series

Reed Memorial Library in Carmel will show "The American Revolution – Episode One: In Order to be Free (May 1754-May 1775)," a film by Ken Burns, on April 13 at 1 p.m. A monthly movie series of the documentary film on the American Revolution directed by Burns, Sarah Botstein, and David Schmidt. Part one explores the shaping of tensions over land, taxes, and British authority following the French and Indian War.

### Lake Carmel Parks Dept.

The Lake Carmel Parks Department Advisory Board will meet at Kent Town Hall at 7 p.m. on April 13, May 11, June 8, July 13, Aug. 10, Sept. 14, Oct. 26, Nov. 9, and Dec. 14.

### Indoor Plant Swap

Drop in at Reed Memorial Library in Carmel any time April 13 through 18 during library hours and see what's growing. Browse the swap table and trade healthy houseplants or cuttings with fellow community members. Trying something new or connect with other plant enthusiasts. Plants must be healthy, disease and pest free. Labels with plant name and basic care information are appreciated.

## Tuesday, April 14

### Kent Town Board

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

### Titanic – The Unseen

Kent Public Library will present "Titanic: Ghosts, Premonitions & the Unseen" on Tuesday, April 14 at 6 p.m. Was Titanic doomed before it ever set sail? More than 100 years later, stories of premonitions, ghosts, and unexplained experiences continue to surface. Includes an edible craft. For adults. Registration is required at [kentpl.librarycalendar.com](http://kentpl.librarycalendar.com).

## Wednesday, April 15

### Enoch Crosby History

The Brewster Public Library will present "Brewster History Exchange: Presentation on Enoch Crosby" hosted by Southeast Museum and the library, on April 15 at 12:30 p.m. DAR member and genealogist Libby Baker examines the history of Enoch Crosby from his start as a local shoemaker to his role a valuable spy in the Patriot cause during the American Revolution. Registration is required at <https://brewsterlibrary.libcal.com/event/15751755>.

### Chick Chat

Join CCE Putnam 4-H educator Brandy Keenan, and Jenna Sadecki of Agriventures Agway for Chick Chat on Wednesday, April 15 from 6 to 7:30 p.m., at Tilly Foster Farm in Brewster. This

introduction to raising a backyard flock will include breed selection for various purposes, housing and infrastructure requirements, feeding and nutrition basics, flock health management, and navigating local regulations and zoning. There will be an activity for children, and light refreshments. \$20. Register at [cceptutnamcounty.org](http://cceptutnamcounty.org).

## Art Hop

This season's "Art Hop – Mahopac Student Art Show" will take place April 15, with an opening reception from 4 to 6 p.m., in the Third Floor Gallery at Mahopac Public Library. View artwork by Mahopac students in kindergarten through grades five from Austin Road, Fulmar Road, and Lakeview elementary schools at the library, and work by middle and high school students at Putnam Arts Council, 521 Kennicut Hill Road.

## Tasting Fundraiser

The Rotary Club of Southeast will host a tasting event with Aversano's on Wednesday, April 15 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., at Ace Endico, 80 Independence Way, Brewster. \$75. Watch John and Paul Aversano create favorite tastes of Italy. Alcohol not permitted or sold. Tickets at [www.zeffy.com](http://www.zeffy.com).

## Thursday, April 16

### Wizard Academy

Kent Public Library will present David Engel's Wizard Academy on Thursday, April 16 at 11 a.m. Professor Hackensneeze, portrayed by magician Engel, makes a visit from the Realm of Mysteries to share the secrets of our hidden inner powers. All ages and all abilities. Come dressed as wizards. Each participant must be registered, at [kentpl.librarycalendar.com](http://kentpl.librarycalendar.com).

## NY's

### Revolutionary Years

Reed Memorial Library in Carmel will present "Revolution in Our Backyard: New York's Revolutionary Years at 250" on April 16 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Explore the moments, mysteries, and messy realities of the war in New York. Presented by Robert Buccheri, Fishkill town historian and Carmel High School history teacher. Registration is required at [carmellibrary.org/calendar](http://carmellibrary.org/calendar).

## Friday, April 17

### Comedy Show

The Town of Southeast Cultural Arts Coalition's Old Town Hall Theatricals will present "The Cottage – a Comedy Behind Closed Doors," from April 17 to 25 at Studio Around the Corner, 67 Main St., Brewster. Tickets are \$25 at [www.culturalartsco.com](http://www.culturalartsco.com).

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Carmel's Bernadette Cummins with State Sen. Pete Harckham. Photo by Tom Staudter/Harckham's office.

# Carmel Business Owner Honored

In celebration of Irish Heritage Month, State Sen. Pete Harckham honored three residents from the 40th Senate District for their contributions to local, state, and national organizations while promoting Irish cultural traditions.

Harckham presented Senate proclamations to the honorees during a March 28 ceremony at the John C. Hart Memorial Library in Shrub Oak.

"It's important that we honor the accomplishments of the Irish and Irish Americans here in our community," said Harckham. "The history of the U.S. – and the history of New York State – is filled with the achievements and profound contributions of Irish Americans to our culture, economy, and arts."

Born in County Tipperary, Ireland, Bernadette Cummins – who was the oldest of 13 children – grew up helping her parents, who owned a local fish and chip shop.

"My parents worked very hard but found time to volunteer for events in our community," she explained

After completing her education, Cummins worked as a bookkeeper in the state solicitor's office. In 1972, she immigrated to London with her childhood sweetheart, Eamon Cummins, before moving to New York where they were married. Her mother and siblings remain in Ireland.

After living in the Bronx and Queens, the couple settled in Carmel in 1987.

Cummins held several corporate administrative positions and worked as a home health aide before opening Bernie's Deli in Brewster in 2003 and providing the local Irish community with a taste of home, offering Irish breakfasts, imported candies, and the opportunity to gather over a cup of tea.

"Irish breakfast was a delight for many customers," she said.

Cummins sold the business in 2009.

A longtime member of the Emerald Association of Putnam County, she has held various positions on its executive board and helped organize the annual Putnam County Feis, a regional Irish dance competition and celebration of Gaelic culture. In 2007, she was named Emerald of the Year by the association.

A tireless volunteer, Cummins is a member of the County Tipperary Neighborhood &

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Benevolent Association of New York, a committee member for the Eastern Putnam Relay for Life, and an active volunteer with the Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights



# Women's Day Celebrated in Putnam

The First International Women's Day celebration in Putnam County, held March 8 at Arts on the Lake in Carmel/Kent, drew attendees from many demographics and generations who gathered to support, engage, learn, and strengthen community between women. Speakers addressed challenges and solutions facing women today, while enjoying refreshments and mocktails. Photo provided by Linda Paris.

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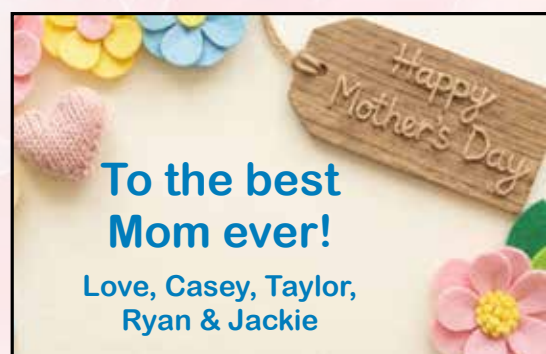
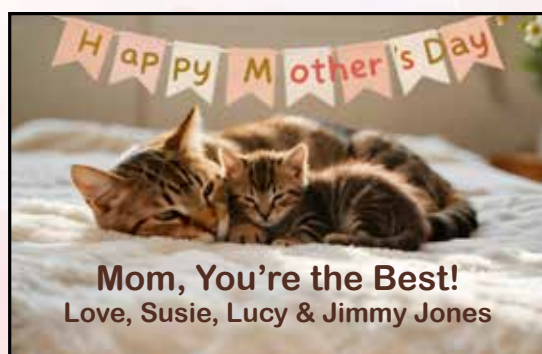
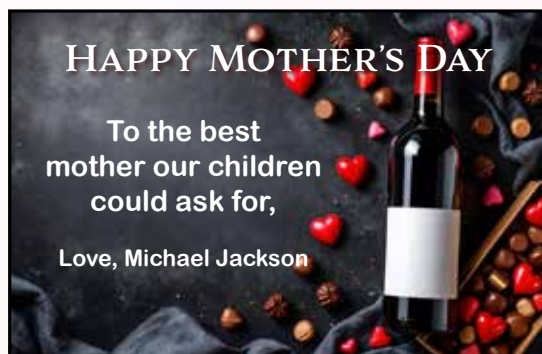
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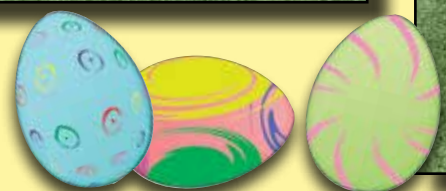
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## Egg Hunt

The Easter Bunny greets participants at the annual egg hunt at Mahopac Park in Mahopac.

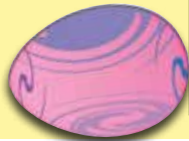


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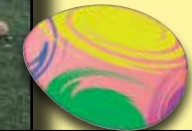
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Kent Recreation held its egg hunt March 28 along the fitness trail at Edward Ryan Memorial Park.



The Town of Southeast Parks & Recreation Department had a huge turnout for its annual EGGstravaganza on March 28 on the school campus in Brewster.



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## Bird Boxes Installed at Tilly Foster

Joined by Soldiers2Scientists, the PFC. Joseph P. Dwyer Vet2Vet Program, and Bedford Audubon Society, Cornell Cooperative Extension-Putnam County recently checked out migrating birds passing through the area on the way to their summer nesting quarters. Tilly Foster Farm's fields and forests in Brewster offered diverse viewing opportunities for observing these creatures. In addition to bird counting, the group placed a number of bird boxes around the farm – including some for wood ducks and kestrels.

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The conditions the dogs were found in were determined to be unfit.

## Dogs Found Abandoned Inside Foreclosed Home

A Mahopac man was arrested last month by the Putnam County SPCA Law Enforcement Division following an investigation into the abandonment of three dogs. The SPCA received a complaint March 22 regarding the animals that were left inside a foreclosed home.

Upon entering the residence, SPCA detectives located three male dachshunds confined in a basement in total darkness, surrounded by large quantities of garbage, rubbish, feces, and debris. No food or water was available for the dogs.

The animals were immediately removed from the residence and transported to Guardian Veterinary Specialists for medical evaluation and treatment, and were determined to be in a state of neglect and

suffering from multiple medical conditions consistent with prolonged lack of proper care.

Findings included severe dental disease, severe ocular disease, long and overgrown toenails, scaly and dry skin, and foul odor consistent with lack of grooming and sanitation. One dog was found to be extremely emaciated, with a body condition score of 1.5 out of 9.

Michael Ward, 62, was arrested March 25 and charged with three counts of animal cruelty.

After their initial evaluation, all three dogs were reported to be in stable condition, receiving ongoing medical care, and in the process of recovering under veterinary supervision. They will become adoptable at a later date.

### County Reduces Gas Sales Tax Through 2027

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so not collecting the tax after that \$3 mark won't make a budget shortfall.

"There's no doubt that there's a fuel crisis right now," he said. "This is saying we're not going to take advantage of a rising cost. We're going to collect what we budgeted for, and that's it."

Further, he said the resolution will also help out local municipalities because they are also consumers who need to gas up their highway department trucks and other vehicles.

Legislator Amy Sayegh, R-Mahopac Falls, noted that Putnam County is in the top five of all 62 counties in the state when it comes to how far residents commute for work.

"I think the average commute is 38 miles, so this is really

impactful for our Putnam County taxpayers – for those who are just trying to get to work," she said. "We're giving them just a few cents; whether that's small or not, it does add up."

While the initial resolution proposed the tax suspension only through Dec. 31 of this year, Legislator Dan Birmingham, R-Southeast, proposed extending it through Dec. 31, 2027.

"We do have a robust fund balance," he said. "So I think we can weather the storm for another year... I'd still not rather this county government profit off whatever calamity it is next year."

County Finance Commissioner Bill Carlin advised against sunsetting the resolution so far out, noting that the county can always just extend the suspension at the end of this year.

"Because you don't know what you're going to be facing at that point and you can always, at any point, extend it out to the end of '27, when you have a better idea of what you're facing in 2027," he said.

The Legislature voted to extend it anyway.

## Meanderings

*Lou Orfanella*

### Why Dr. Huxtable Still Matters... And It's OK

What sinister acts might the surgeon about to make an incision in your body have committed in his or her younger days? How many racist, homophobic, or sexist comments might your pharmacist, mechanic, barista, dentist, or lawyer have posted on Facebook or sent in an e-mail?

It doesn't cross our minds so long as they do the jobs we're paying them to do. As long as our needs are met, we pay our money and get on with our lives.

In a culture where both social and mass media now scrutinize every word someone has posted or uttered since discovering and incorporating technology into their lives, quick interpretations and preconceived judgements have developed a tendency to run rampant. The line between private lives and public personas has become increasingly blurred.

When the accusations and an eventual conviction related to Bill Cosby's drugging and abusing women occurred, his work – notably the megahit family comedy

"The Cosby Show" – was pulled from the public airwaves by various broadcasters. The thinking was that Cosby was no longer fit to be "America's dad," as he had been dubbed via his iconic sitcom role as Dr. Heathcliff Huxtable.

Even prior to "The Cosby Show," the actor had made significant cultural history as the African-American lead in the television drama "I Spy."

It is important to remember, however, that it was not Cosby who was "America's dad" but rather it was the character he portrayed who earned that moniker. Dr. Huxtable became an iconic figure because he showed us that a black man could be "America's dad" inclusively, not merely "black America's dad," "Latino America's dad," "white America's dad," or "Asian America's dad."

Was it necessary to banish a revered figure that was a long time in coming? Should the actor's fall from grace be that of the character as well?

Pop culture is littered with fallen idols. Roseanne Barr, who honored middle America's working class with her hit sitcom "Roseanne," found her show canceled when she tweeted what was deemed a racist remark. Barr posted the comment and Roseanne Connor was punished along with her.

Actor Robert Blake was acquitted after being on trial for the murder of his wife, yet reruns of his "Baretta" series are rarely – if ever – found.

Filmmaker Woody Allen became a Hollywood outcast as a result of abuse allegations even though he was never convicted of any wrongdoing.

There was a time when "cancel culture" was a term that was used to hold individuals or organizations accountable for behavior that was thought to be offensive. In times when the term has come to represent silencing the voices of "fringe" groups and a way to suppress critical thinking, it seems the best course of action is to separate the artist from the art.

While Bill Cosby, the person, was held accountable for unacceptable acts, Dr. Heathcliff Huxtable can still be symbolic of the hopeful ideal that a dad of any background can indeed still be "America's dad" for one and all.

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### Byrne Proposes \$2M Mental Health Services Fund

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Commissioner of Mental Health, Social Services & Youth Bureau Sara Servadio welcomed the announcement and emphasized the impact this funding will have on residents.

"This investment will be a meaningful opportunity to expand and strengthen the continuum of care in Putnam County," she said. "We are seeing increasing demand for mental health services across all age groups, and this dedicated funding will allow us to strategically grow programs, enhance access, and ensure that individuals and families can get the support they need closer to home."

Finance Commissioner William Carlin noted that the assignment is supported by the

county's strong fiscal position and ongoing independent audit process, which ensures that reserves remain healthy even as new investments are made – without the need to unnecessarily borrow funds or further burden property taxpayers.

"As county executive, I've made it clear that mental health matters," said Byrne. "This investment will reinforce that commitment and positions Putnam County to meet the needs of today while planning for the challenges of tomorrow."



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# High School Sports Roundup

By Rich Thomaselli

Spring break has sprung and as such, the high school sports season has been a little thin the past week or two. Some teams were affected by the weather and others went south to Florida.

Not a bad gig if you can get it. Still, others used the break to give their kids a respite from the rigors of practices and games.

Officiating, which is always a problem anytime of the season, has been affected as well. But things should be back to normal this week.

Weather permitting, of course.

## Flag Football

PUTNAM VALLEY – On a roll!

The Putnam Valley High

School girls' flag football team chalked up another victory on the season as the Tigers continue to roll. This time it was a 13-12 victory over Peekskill.

Summer Scrocca and Blaze Connolly controlled the ground game with a combined 132 yards rushing. Teammate Lia Bierkle threw for 87 yards and a touchdown. She also scored on an extra point that proved to be decisive in the game.

Yorktown 45, Carmel 0 – Tough one for the Rams, as they allowed Sophia Marcello and Jordan Vaught to pass for a combined 171 yards and five touchdowns.

## Softball

COLD SPRING – Let's hear

it for Lainey Donaghy.

She had two hits including a home run, two walks, and two runs batted in during a 7-5 Haldane High School softball win over North Salem.

Mackenzie Tobin and Sophia Taylor each had a hit and a run batted in for the Blue Devils. Allegra Clementson struck out 14 during the victory on the mound.

Tappan Zee 9, Mahopac 4 – Don't be deceived by the final score; this game went into extra innings.

Shivonne Barry had three hits for Mahopac, including a home run. Teammate Isabella Genovese registered two hits, a run scored, and also stole home.



## Scribbles on a Notebook

By Rich Thomaselli

## Sports Coverage Makes its Debut in the Press/Times

I think I always knew I wanted to be a sportswriter. To me, it was a dream job.

But when I was much younger and first starting out, I was somewhat disappointed that my beats included high school and local sports. I wanted to cover professional and college athletes. I wanted to cover the big-time players.

Turns out, I did.

Everybody is a big-time athlete in their own right. That's why, starting today, I am so happy to still be bringing you those stories. It is my honor and privilege to continue my career with the Putnam County Press/Times.

From high school athletes to the nearby Hudson Valley Renegades minor league baseball team, to local golfers winning the club championship, and more – you'll find it in these pages. From Little League players rounding the bases, to athletes

competing for a league championship, to weekend hackers, everybody has an achievement and deserves recognition.

Everybody is a star.

From the player who scores 20 points a game to the player who only gets in late to be a pinch runner, to the golfer who hits his or her first hole-in-one, they are winners just for competing. They deserve to have their achievements chronicled.

But I can't do it by myself, and that's where you come in.

Coaches should email me the results of their games. Others should contact me with potential story ideas. Don't be shy.

My email is rich.thomaselli@gmail.com.

Use it.

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

## Geo Bee Returns to Brewster M.S.

Henry H. Wells Middle School in Brewster has brought back the geography bee.

For many years, National Geographic ran a national competition which ended in 2020. At Wells, that competition was run by social studies teacher Michael Bellucci Sr.

This year, social studies teachers Michael Bellucci Jr. and John Gregorio decided to bring back the contest for sixth-graders. Each social studies class studied, prepared for, and held their own competitions.

The winners of those class contests went on to compete in the final showdown. There were seven rounds, and each student got a different question.

Contestants included Liam Chacon, Mckenna Frost, Abigail Jones, Matthew Lescano, Yaque-

lin Posadas, Stephanie Romero, Marcus Santiago, and Nina Waters. The host was Matthew Schnitzler.

After seven rounds, it came down to a tie breaker. Chacon claimed victory, knowing the answer to the following prompt:

"In this city, the restaurant Brennan's created a dish of bananas served in butter and brown sugar now known as bananas foster. Beignets, fried dough pastries covered with sugar, were popularized by this city's Cafe du Monde. Popular dishes in this city include muffuletta sandwiches, po' boys, and gumbo. This city's French Quarter contains Bourbon Street. For the point, name this most populous city in Louisiana."

The answer, of course, was New Orleans.



Liam Chacon won the recent geography bee at Wells.

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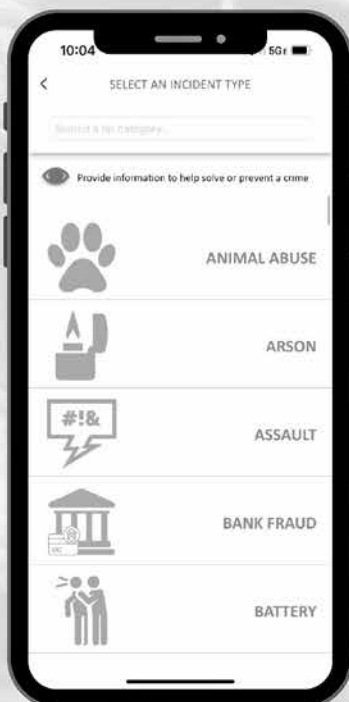
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## Season Looks Bright for the HV Renegades

By Rich Thomaselli

If the early returns are any indication, it should be a loaded roster for the Hudson Valley Renegades Minor League baseball team.

The Renegades are the High-Class A affiliate farm team of the New York Yankees, located in Dutchess County. Since its inception in 1994, the team has produced 154 Major League players.

This season should be no exception.

Seven of the top 30 prospects in the Yankees organization have been assigned to Hudson Valley.

The roster is highlighted by 2025 Yankees fourth-round pick left-handed pitcher Pico Kohn (MLB Pipeline #10, Baseball America #15), infielder Core Jackson (MLB Pipeline #12, Baseball America #29), infielder Kaeden Kent (MLB Pipeline #13, Baseball America #14), outfielder Wilson Rodríguez (MLB Pipeline #18, Baseball America #28), and right-handed pitchers Rory Fox (MLB Pipeline #21), Sean Paul Liñan (MLB Pipeline #23), and Jack Cebert (MLB Pipeline #25, Baseball America #17).

The roster also features 14 returners from the 2023, 24, and 25 seasons, and 16 newcomers. The Renegades have set a new franchise record for single-season wins in each of the last two seasons and have won the South Atlantic League North Division Championship in two of the last three seasons.

New Renegades Manager Aaron Bossi, who managed at Low-A Tampa last year, said he wants to keep it simple.

"As a manager last season, you really get a front row look at what development is all about," he said. "You have to become a chameleon to be the best version of a coach for that particular player. I just want them to keep getting better every day and achieve their dreams of becoming a big-leaguer."

Pitcher Kohn said it's fun just to be able to wake up and focus on baseball.

"So far, there hasn't been anything crazy," he said. "It's just getting to learn to put the Yankee touch on everything. Everybody knows who the Yankees are."

The Renegades opened the season on the road April 3. They play their home opener April 7 against Wilmington.

## Wine Tasting Contest

The Italian American Club of Mahopac will host its 10th annual Homemade Wine Tasting Festival & Competition on Sunday, April 19 at 3 p.m., at the clubhouse, 141 Buckshollow Road, Mahopac.

Admission is \$45 and includes a four-course dinner, music, games, and raffles. Prizes for top three wines will be awarded, and the top winemaker will be crowned "Mastro del Vino." In

addition to the official judging, guests will select their favorite wines for the Taster's Choice Award.

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

RSVP is required; contact Sandra Cefaloni Henderson at 845-745-0762 or visit italianamericanclubofmahopac.org.

# PUTNAM COUNTY AND TOWN NOTICES

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### Putnam

#### LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

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

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### Brewster

#### VILLAGE OF BREWSTER BOARD OF TRUSTEES PUBLIC HEARING 2026-2027 PROPOSED BUDGET

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that the Board of Trustees of the VILLAGE OF BREWSTER will hold a Public Hearing on WEDNESDAY APRIL 15, 2026, 7:30 P.M. at Village Hall, 50 Main Street, Brewster, NY, 10509. The purpose of this Public Hearing is to take and hear comments on the 2026-2027 Proposed Budget as proposed by the Board of Trustees. A copy of the proposed budget will be available for review by the public, at the office of the Village Clerk and online at www.brewstervillage-ny.gov, five (5) days prior to the public hearing. All persons wishing to be heard on the question of the adoption of the proposed budget will be provided an opportunity, as time permits.

By order of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Brewster  
Michelle Diebold  
Village Clerk

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### Supreme Court

#### NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF PUTNAM

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

Plaintiff,

Against

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

Defendant(s)

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

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

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

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Anthony Centone, Esq., Referee.

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

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

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### NOTICE OF SALE

Index No.: 500286-2025

STATE OF NEW YORK

S U P R E M E COURT COUNTY OF PUTNAM

**NBT BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,**

Plaintiff,

-against-

**KANWARJEET MALIK,**

Defendant.

In pursuance of and by virtue of an ORDER CONFIRMING REFEREE REPORT AND JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE AND SALE signed by the Honorable Victor G. Grossman, Justice, Supreme Court on February 9, 2026 (the "Judgment") and entered in the office of the Putnam County Clerk on February 9, 2026, the undersigned referee, duly appointed in this action for such purpose, will expose for sale and sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the Putnam County Courthouse, 20 County Center, Carmel, New York 10512 on **April 22, 2026 at 11:00 a.m.**, the premises described in Schedule "A" attached hereto. The amount due to the plaintiff as fixed in the Judgment is \$461,822.25 together with, as applicable, accruing interest, fees, costs, attorneys fees, expenses, advances, and other amounts as specified in the Judgment.

Dated: March 3, 2026

Brewster, New York

Christopher York, Esq., Referee

**BURGESS & ASSOCIATES P.C.**

(Melissa H. Pugliese, Esq.)

Attorneys for the Plaintiff

6 Executive Park Drive, Suite C

Clifton Park, New York 12065

(518) 371-0052

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

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Park Drive, Suite C, Clifton Park, New York 12065, (518) 371-0052.

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### NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF PUTNAM, **FEDERAL HOME LOAN MORTGAGE CORPORATION**, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE **FREDDIE MAC SEASONED CREDIT RISK TRANSFER TRUST, SERIES 2020-1**, Plaintiff, vs. **KEITH J. SPOSATO, ET AL.**, Defendant(s).

Pursuant to an Order Amending Caption, Confirming Referee's Report and Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered on November 3, 2025, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at court room 209 of the Putnam Supreme Courthouse, 20 County Center, Carmel, NY 10512 on April 27, 2026 at 10:30 a.m., premises known as 7 Hazel Drive, Patterson, NY 12563. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of Patterson, County of Putnam and State of New York, Section 25.78, Block 1 and Lot 20. Approximate amount of judgment is \$427,358.20 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 501186/2023. Cash will not be accepted.

Wendy M. Weathers, Esq., Referee

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

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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF PUTNAM **U.S. BANK TRUST COMPANY, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, AS SUCCESSOR-IN-INTEREST TO U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR MASTR ASSET BACKED SECURITIES TRUST 2006-WMC3, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-WMC3**, Plaintiff AGAINST **Rosemond Kissi; Vincent C. Wojsnis** a/k/a Vincent Wojsnis; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered February 27, 2026, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Courtroom 209 of the Putnam Supreme Court, 20 County Center, Carmel, NY 10512 on April 27, 2026, at 3:30PM, premises known as 4 Marina Drive Unit 4F, Mahopac, NY 10541. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of Carmel, County of Putnam and State of New York, Section 76.5 Block 1 Lot 52.-604. Approximate amount of judgment \$609,214.62 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 500346/2024.

**Daniel Pagano, Esq., Kent Hazard, LLP, Referee LOGS Legal Group LLP f/k/a Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s)** for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 430-4792 Dated: March 10, 2026 89372

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

**PUBLIC AUCTION NOTICE OF SALE OF COOPERATIVE APARTMENT SECURITY**

## PUBLIC NOTICE

BY VIRTUE OF DEFAULT in a security agreement executed on December 17, 2007 by Susan C. Boadway, and in accordance with its rights as holder of the security, **Nationstar Mortgage LLC**, by **Kim Carrino, Auctioneer**, will conduct a public sale of the security consisting of 417 shares of common stock in **Woodcrest Gardens, Inc** and all rights title and interest in and to a proprietary lease between corporation and debtor for UNIT C10 in a building known as and by the street address, 675 Route 6, Woodcrest Gardens, C10, Mahopac, NY 10541 together with fixtures and articles of personal property now or hereafter affixed to or used in connection with UNIT C10 on April 17, 2026 at 12:00PM at the front entrance of the Historic Courthouse at 44 Gleneida Ave, Carmel, NY, in satisfaction of an indebtedness in the principal amount of \$71,672.36 plus interest from July 01, 2024 and costs, subject to open maintenance charges. The secured party reserves the right to bid. Ten percent (10%) deposit by bank or certified funds required at Auction, payable to the attorneys for the secured party. Closing within 30 days. Such sale shall be subject to the terms of sale. **GROSS POLOWY LLC 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williams-ville, NY 14221 (716) 204-1700 ATTORNEYS FOR SECURED CREDITOR 88936**

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

**PROBATE CITATION**  
File No. 2026-2 2  
**SURROGATE'S COURT, PUTNAM COUNTY**  
**CITATION**  
**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,**  
By the Grace of God Free and Independent

TO: The unknown Heirs at Law If living and if dead, to the heirs at law, next of kin and distributees whose names and places of residence are unknown and if they died subsequent to the decedent herein to their executors, administrators, legatees, devisees, assignees, and all other heirs at law, next of kin and distributees of Russell Bruno the decedent herein, whose names and places of residence are unknown and cannot, after diligent inquiry, be ascertained.

A petition having been duly filed by Janice Strain who is domiciled at 41 Wyndham Road Carmel New York 10512.

**YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE** by appearance before the Surrogate's Court, Putnam County, LOCATED at 44 Gleneida Ave Carmel New York 10512, on

Friday, April 24, 2026

at 9:30 a.m. why the court should not grant the following relief: Why a decree should not be made in the Estate of Russell Bruno, lately domiciled at 41 Wyndham Road Carmel New York 10512 Admitting to Probate a Will dated 5/28/2019 as the Will of Russell Bruno and Issue Letters Testamentary to Janice Strain

Dated, Attested and Scaled, March 12, 2026

HON. Joseph J. Spofford, Jr

Seal

Law Office of Patrick J Wynne  
Finn Name

## PUBLIC NOTICE

3453 East Tremont Ave, Bronx, New York 10465

Patrick J Wynne  
Print name of Attorney

(718) 828-8270  
Telephone  
patrick@pwynnelaw.com  
Address Email (optional)

NOTE: This Citation is served upon you as required by law. You are required to appear. If you fail to appear it will be assumed you do not object to the relief requested. You have a right to have an attorney appear for you.

**SURROGATE'S COURT STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF PUTNAM**  
**PRESENT: HON. JOSEPH J. SPOFFORD, JR., SURROGATE**

In the Matter of the Administration Proceeding, Estate of **RUSSELL J. BRUNO, a/k/a RUSSELL JOHN BRUNO, Deceased.**

**ORDER AUTHORIZING SERVICE BY PUBLICATION**

File No. 2026-22

Upon the application of Janice Strain, petitioner! made on January 23, 2026, by which it appears to the Court's satisfaction that petitioner has produced proof that the heirs at law, next of kin, and distributees of Russell J. Bruno, a/k/a Russell John Bruno, deceased, if living, and if any of them be dead to their heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, legatees, executors, administrators, assignees and successors in interest whose names are unknown and cannot be ascertained after due diligence are persons required to be cited upon the above entitled proceeding of said deceased, and

Whereas this Court has authority to issue orders regarding service of process and authorize substituted service by publication in a newspaper (see SCPA 307 [3] [a] [i]; see generally Matter of Pollina, 192 AD3d 118, 123-124 [2d Dept 2020]);

NOW, on the application of Janice Strain, petitioner; it is

**ORDERED** that the Court, pursuant to SCPA 307(a) and CPLR 316, grants petitioner permission to effectuate service by publication upon the heirs at law, next of kin, and distributees of Russell J. Bruno, a/k/a, Russell John Bruno, deceased, if living, and if any of them be dead to their heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, legatees, executors, administrators, assignees and successors in interest whose names are unknown and cannot be ascertained; and it is further

**ORDERED** that service of the citation herein, shall be made by publication thereof in two (2) newspapers, to wit: "Putnam County Times" and "Putnam County Press" once in each of four successive weeks, the first publication of which shall be at least twenty-eight (28) days prior to the return day thereof - said newspaper being published and circulated in the County of Putnam, State of New York, which is designated as the most likely newspapers to provide due notice that is reasonably calculated to apprise said persons of the pendency of this proceeding; and it is further

**ORDERED** that, pursuant to CPLR 316 (c), the first publication herein shall be made within thirty (30) days after the date of this Order; and it is further

**ORDERED** that, pursuant to

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CPLR 316 (c), service by publication shall be deemed complete on the twenty-eight (28th) day after the first publication; and it is further

ORDERED that petitioner shall cause an affidavit of service to upon completion of such service, as is set forth herein.

Dated: March 12, 2026  
Carmel, New York

d with the Court via NYSCEF

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK  
COUNTY OF PUTNAM

**US BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR VRMTG ASSET TRUST,**

-against-

**JANE M. DETORRES, ET AL.**

## NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Putnam on May 1, 2025, wherein US BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR VRMTG ASSET TRUST is the Plaintiff and JANE M. DETORRES, ET AL. are the Defendant(s). I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the PUTNAM COUNTY SUPREME COURT, COURTROOM 209, 20 COUNTY CENTER, CARMEL, NY 10512, on April 27, 2026 at 11:30AM, premises known as 468 PEEKSKILL HOLLOW ROAD, PUTNAM VALLEY, NY 10579; and the following tax map identification: 73-2-10.

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

Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No.: 500877/2022. Jack Elliot Schachner, Esq. - Referee. Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC, 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 310, Westbury, New York 11590, Attorneys for Plaintiff. All foreclosure sales will be conducted in accordance with Covid-19 guidelines including, but not limited to, social distancing and mask wearing. \*LOCATION OF SALE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DAY OF IN ACCORDANCE WITH COURT/CLERK DIRECTIVES.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK  
COUNTY OF PUTNAM

**U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CMLT1 ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-AMC3,**

-against-

**TAMMI GIORDANO, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF JACK GIORDANO, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE TO THE ESTATE OF RAMONA GIORDANO, ET AL.**

## NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure en-

## PUBLIC NOTICE

tered in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Putnam on January 20, 2026, wherein U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CMLT1 ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-AMC3 is the Plaintiff and TAMMI GIORDANO, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF JACK GIORDANO, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE TO THE ESTATE OF RAMONA GIORDANO, ET AL. are the Defendant(s). I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the PUTNAM COUNTY SUPREME COURT, COURTROOM 209, 20 COUNTY CENTER, CARMEL, NY 10512, on May 11, 2026 at 9:30AM, premises known as 130 DYKEMAN ROAD, CARMEL, NY 10512; and the following tax map identification: 44.5-1-52.

ALL THAT CERTAIN PLOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND, WITH THE BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON ERECTED, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE TOWN OF KENT, COUNTY OF PUTNAM AND STATE OF NEW YORK

Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No.: 501084/2017. Terry Raskyn, Esq. - Referee. Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC, 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 310, Westbury, New York 11590, Attorneys for Plaintiff. All foreclosure sales will be conducted in accordance with Covid-19 guidelines including, but not limited to, social distancing and mask wearing. \*LOCATION OF SALE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DAY OF IN ACCORDANCE WITH COURT/CLERK DIRECTIVES.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

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

**MIDFIRST BANK, Plaintiff - against - WILLIAM A. SORG, JR., et al Defendant(s).**

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on February 17, 2026. I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction in courtroom 209 of the Putnam Supreme Courthouse located at 20 County Center, Carmel, NY 10512 on the 11th day of May, 2026 at 2:30 PM. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of Patterson, County of Putnam and State of New York.

Premises known as 176 Big Elm Road, Brewster, (Town of Patterson) NY 10509. (SBL#: 35.-3-18)

Approximate amount of lien \$407,925.63 plus interest and costs.

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

Index No. 500379/2025. Ralph D. Amicucci, Esq., Referee. Davidson Fink LLP Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 400 Meridian Centre Blvd, Ste 200

Rochester, NY 14618  
Tel. 585/760-8218

For sale information, please visit Auction.com at [www.Auction.com](http://www.Auction.com) or call (800) 280-2832  
Dated: February 24, 2026

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

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Supreme Court of this County in addition to the conditions set forth in the Terms of Sale.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

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

**U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCF2 ACQUISITION TRUST, Plaintiff - against - DAVID SOTO, et al Defendant(s).**

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on March 19, 2024. I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction in courtroom 209 of the Putnam Supreme Courthouse located at 20 County Center, Carmel, NY 10512 on the 11th day of May, 2026 at 10:30 AM. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate at Lake Nimham, in the Town of Kent, County of Putnam and State of New York.

Premises known as 45 Chief Nimham Drive, Carmel, (Town of Kent) NY 10512.

(SBL#: 21.13-1-50)  
Approximate amount of lien \$182,448.72 plus interest and costs.

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

Index No. 501077/2022. Wendy Marie Weathers, Esq., Referee.

Davidson Fink LLP Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 400 Meridian Centre Blvd, Ste 200

Rochester, NY 14618  
Tel. 585/760-8218

Dated: March 16, 2026

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

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### Legal Notice

Extra Space Storage facility operators sale for non-payment of storage Charges Pursuant to the power of sale contained in State of New York, Lien Laws Re: Self Storage Facilities/NY CLS Lien Section 182(83) thru Chapter 738(94)4. General Charges and satisfaction of the facility operators. The Following Property will be sold at Public Auction on: April 23, 2026, at 11:00AM, on the premises of: Extra Space Storage/And online @ [www.storagetreasures.com](http://www.storagetreasures.com) 1639 Route 22, Brewster, NY 10598. Extra Space Storage Reserves the right to cancel a sale at any time for any reason whatsoever. Unit #1116 One (1) **2008 Sunset Creek Camper Trailer**, NY plate CB43875, Color White, Vin #4UBAS0P2081A79808, Belonging to: Gino Cabrera and/or Maxwell Avrum Dounn. By: [www.storagetreasures.com](http://www.storagetreasures.com), auctioneer. P. 4/8, 4/15 - 31

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### Liquor License LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that an On Premises liquor license, se-

## PUBLIC NOTICE

rial number NA-0340-25-233194 has been applied for by the undersigned to sell Beer, Wine and Liquor at a restaurant under the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law at 185 FAIRFIELD DR, BREWSTER, NY 10509 for On Premises Consumption.

### VILLAGE TAP & TABLE LLC THE VILLAGE TAP & TABLE

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### LLC

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Murchison Lischke, 35 Lakespring Dr, Brewster, NY 10509. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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Carmel social studies teacher Lisa Steiner with the first- and second-place winners of the Putnam County History Museum's annual history contest.

## Carmel Middle-Schoolers Are History Buffs

Students at George Fischer Middle School in Carmel swept the top honors in the Putnam County History Museum's annual history contest, showcasing their creativity and knowledge of Putnam's role in the Revolutionary War.

The competition drew entries from seventh-graders across the county, and winners were announced March 22 during a reception at the museum.

Adelia won first place and impressed judges with her project, "Spies of the Revolution," which featured handmade ciphers, turmeric ink, and encoded letters demonstrating spy techniques of the era.

"I learned that they used invisible ink during the revolution so that if their letters got stolen, their enemies would not be able to read them," said Adelia, who is 12. "Then I researched and found out how to make invisible ink."

Logan earned second place for "Benedict Arnold: Legendary Turncoat," a digital video presented as a first-person journal entry from Arnold's perspective.

Logan said he loves history, but thinks his teachers are the reason Carmel students took all the top prizes in the contest. "I

think Carmel put the most effort into the contest," he said. "At the awards ceremony, the announcer was talking about how involved the Carmel teachers were in getting students interested in this."

Abigail placed third with a poster display that explored the question, "How did Enoch Crosby compare to other spies of the time?"

"Enoch Crosby was only a spy for nine months, but he accomplished a lot," she said. "He shut down a lot of loyalist companies."

The winners received cash prizes ranging from \$100 to \$500.

Lisa Steiner, social studies teacher and department chairperson at GFMS, praised the students' efforts and accomplishments.

Earlier this year, Steiner organized the school's first internal history contest for seventh-graders to mark the nation's 250th anniversary. That contest was decided last month by judges made up of members of the Junior Honor Society and middle school staff. Some of the students who presented projects in the GFMS history contest went on to compete in the Putnam County History Museum's contest.

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### Carmel Business Owner Honored

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of Columbus council in Carmel. She has been a member of the Northern Westchester/Putnam St Patrick's Day Parade Committee

since 1999, serving as its treasurer for more than two decades.

She was selected as grand marshal of the parade in 2015.

"I congratulate our honorees for their remarkable accomplishments, which are woven into the fabric of our communities," said Harckham. "They exemplify the strength and dedication of our state's Irish American community and I am proud to honor them for their tireless efforts in enriching all our lives."

## Brief Foot Pursuit in Southeast

A Queens man was recently arrested after allegedly stealing from the Home Depot in Brewster.

According to Putnam County Sheriff Brian Hess, at about 9:15 a.m. March 19, members of the Conditions Unit responded to Home Depot for a report of two individuals known to have previously committed larcenies at the store, returning to the location. Deputies reportedly saw the suspects exiting the store

with stolen merchandise, and when advised that they were under arrest, both fled on foot.

Following a brief foot pursuit, Alex Mayorga Chimbo, 35, and a 16-year-old male were taken into custody. They were found to be in possession of more than \$4,000 worth of stolen merchandise.

Chimbo was charged with third-degree grand larceny and criminal possession of stolen prop-

erty, resisting arrest, and obstruction of governmental administration. He was arraigned in Southeast Town Court and released on his own recognizance.

The juvenile was charged with petit larceny, fifth-degree criminal possession of stolen property and conspiracy, resisting arrest, and obstruction of governmental administration. He was released to a guardian with an appearance ticket.

### Putnam Asks NYS to Pull the Plug on EV Bus Mandate

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able, the timeline is not.

"I don't think anybody – state, county, federal, or towns – has the capability of doing this now," she said. "I know we're all struggling with electric bills. I drive home and park my car, and I thank God I don't have to plug it in, after looking at my NYSEG bill."

Legislator Nancy Montgomery of Philipstown – the only Democrat on the board – said the county has spent decades putting off a plan to migrate to electric vehicles.

"The fact is we've been looking at this since the 70s and it's the Republican legislatures that have been denying it, therefore we do not have the infrastructure that we need for this legislation now," she said.

Further, Montgomery said the resolution leaves out the fact that "significant" federal and state funding has been available for infrastructure and buses throughout the years.

"So, 'unfunded mandate' is not exactly accurate," she said. "There has been significant funding. Other districts have accessed that funding, so we should be asking ourselves why we haven't, or how can we, instead of just saying no."

The lawmaker cited the state's Municipal Zone-Emission Rebate Program, the Environmental Protection Agency's Clean School Bus

Program, the New York School Bus Incentive Program through the New York State Energy & Research Development Authority, and even the JOBS Act as avenues to apply for funding.

"For years this county has been very hesitant to engage in climate and fleet transition planning and we've left that money on the table," said Montgomery, who noted that state legislators are advocating for more funding. "It would be irresponsible for us to just close the door before we've explored solutions."

Putnam Valley School Board Trustee Sam Oliverio Jr., a former Democratic legislator, implored the governing body to pass the resolution.

"We're not talking about a car, we're talking about a bus that carries children," he said. "A bus that costs \$475,000 compared to a hybrid at \$225,000, or a gas-powered at \$185,000."

According to Oliverio, Putnam Valley Schools has three hybrid vans, which can still run on gas if the batteries die.

"We like hybrid – that's the way to go," he said. "People are being killed by the school taxes... As far as grants and anything else, it's miniscule. We've gone and applied and the costs were still double what we would pay for any other bus."

Oliverio also noted that going electric in New York State won't make a pinprick in the global climate.

"These buses are not going to change the climate one iota – not until countries like Pakistan, India, China, countries in Africa stop burning coal and oil," he said. "We can

be the cleanest nation in the world; it's not going to help this planet until we stop the mass deforestation of the Amazon – knocking down all those trees and breeding animals that put methane and everything else in the air. This stupid mandate is not going to save anything."

Legislator Amy Sayegh, R-Mahopac Falls, agreed.

"Even if the State of New York went to zero emissions, it would have zero impact," she said. "But it will have a massive impact on our school districts, on our municipalities, on our businesses."

Brewster School Board Trustee Scott Seaman said studies have shown that it would cost Brewster roughly \$36 million, with state incentives, to switch over to an all electric fleet; it would cost Carmel and Mahopac about \$38 million.

"That's for the whole nut," he said, meaning the buses and infrastructure.

And infrastructure upgrades would definitely be needed, since the electric buses are much heavier than gas-powered vehicles, and not build for local roads, he said.

"They're probably two to three times heavier, so there's more wear and tear on the roads, and a lot of our curbing and stuff on the roads are not designed to stop them," said Seaman. "It is the best thing for our students to get them out of gas buses and fuming buses. Fine. It's on the timeline – to think we can replace, in New York State, 700 school districts, roughly 10,000 school buses... That's \$3.5 billion."

The committee voted unanimously to move the resolution to the next meeting of the full Legislature for a vote.

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# Putnam Artists Featured at Pawling Gallery



"Stairways" by James Stasiak.



"Red Rock Tea Set" by Eva DeFranco.



"Spring is Coming" by Kathy Peck

The Sherman Artists Association is presenting its April showcase at the Live 4 Art Gallery in Pawling through April 26, at 20 Charles Colman Boulevard. The show features paintings, photographs, glass, woodworks, and pottery by 30 artists who have created more than 80 pieces.

Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursdays through Sundays.

Best in Show, as well as first-, second-, and third-place ribbons will be awarded.

Participating artists hail from Patterson and Pawling, as well as Bethel, Kent, New Fairfield, New Milford, Newtown, Redding, and Sherman, Conn.

For more information, visit [www.shermanartists.org](http://www.shermanartists.org).

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## Peer Support Groups

Join us for peer-led wellness programs focused on helping people cope with mental health challenges and addiction. These sessions are FREE to attend and open to all residents of Putnam County.



### Healing Through Art

Every Monday, 12pm - 1pm  
Running through June

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



### Grounding & Grace

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

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



### Moods & Musicality

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

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



### Emotional Life Skills

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

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



### The Power of Hobbies

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

Creative wellness through crafting, creative art, writing, and journaling. Focused on stress reduction, self-expression, and skill-building through hobbies.



### Light After

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

An empowerment-focused group centered on confidence-building, personal growth, and self-advocacy skills.

All sessions held at the MHA Putnam Engagement Center  
1620 NY-22, Brewster, NY

## Drum Circles

The Town of Southeast Cultural Arts Coalition is launching a new monthly community drum circle led by local shamanic energy healer Joshua 2.

Beginning April 11 and held on the second Saturday of each month from 1 to 3 p.m., at the Studio Around the Corner, 67 Main St., Brewster, these drum circles are open to all. No prior experience is required, and drums will be provided or you can bring your own.

The cost is \$10.

Participants are invited to explore drumming as a practice for stress relief and emotional expression – as well as reconnection with self, community, and the natural world.

Drumming is one of humanity's most universal forms of expression. Across cultures and traditions, rhythm has been used as a way to communicate, celebrate, heal, and create belonging. In these gatherings, the drum becomes a shared language – one that gives sound and vibration to feeling, intention, and collective experience.

Joshua 2 is a multidisciplinary artist, musician, and shamanic energy healer whose work spans visual art, performance, music, community arts, and teaching. A lifelong creative, his artistic path has included theater, fine art, fashion illustration, blues- and gospel-influenced music, and community-based arts projects focused on healing, inclusion, and social connection.

For more information, visit [www.culturalartsco.com](http://www.culturalartsco.com).