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Members of the Putnam County Emergency Response Team during a February 2018 training session at the Carmel firehouse. Photo courtesy of the PCSO Facebook page.

Emergency Response Team Disbanded Carmel & Kent P.D. Express Outrage

By Holly Crocco

Members of various law enforcement agencies throughout the county expressed shock and concern over the abrupt disbandment of the Putnam County Emergency Response Team in December.

During the County Legislature's Dec. 18 Protective Services Committee meeting, Sheriff Kevin McConville explained that the Putnam County Emergency Response Team was created in about 2002 and included about 17 members from the sheriff's department, four members of the Carmel Police Department and three members of Kent P.D., who made up an agency tasked with training for and responding to critical incidents including hostage situations, barricaded individuals, active shootings, mass casualty and other major incidents.

However, it was brought to the attention of the Putnam County Personnel Department that while new team members were being



One of the ERT vehicles was featured in parades in recent years.

required to complete and pass physical fitness tests and have their personal physicians issues letters clearing them to take such tests, the personnel department had no paperwork or records of

any legislative action that approved these measures, according to McConville.

In early December, all the agencies involved received a letter
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Dandreano Resigns From Patterson Town Board

Cook Wished Farewell Upon Retirement

By Holly Crocco

Patterson Town Councilman Peter Dandreano resigned from his seat Dec. 20, effective immediately.

According to a letter from Dandreano read by Councilman Charles Cook at the Dec. 27 meeting, the decision was made "with regret."

"I am grateful for having the opportunity to serve on the town board for the Town of Patterson for the past 10 years and I offer my best wishes for continued success," he wrote. "I thank the residents of the Town of Patterson for electing me and entrusting me to represent them."

According to a post Dandreano made on Facebook, the former councilman is relocating.

"After serving the residents of Patterson for 10 years, I have decided to move permanently upstate to spend more time with my family," he wrote. "This decision didn't come easy, as I have made many great friends and met some amazing people. Thank you for all you've done for me and my family. God bless you all!"

Dandreano had two years left on his term, and the town board now has the option to appoint a replacement, or keep the seat vacant.

Also during the Dec. 27 meeting, Town Supervisor Richard Williams acknowledged

outgoing Councilman Cook, who retired after a combination of almost two decades of service to the town.

"We will be losing someone who has been with us for a very long time, Mr. Cook, who is stepping down and moving on to bigger and better things, I hope," he said.

Cook has served a total of 17 years on the planning and town boards.

"I've met a lot of good people and I'd like to give another shout out to the town employees, both full-time and part-time," he said. "These people work very hard. They're diligent, they know their jobs, they do their jobs day-in and day-out, and for me it's just been a pleasure meeting, knowing and working with them."

Councilman Shawn Rogan thanked Cook for his dedication and hard work.

"We've learned a lot from you over the years, Charlie, and I've always enjoyed working with you," he said. "You're a gentleman, you care about what you do, you approach it in the right way, and I'm honored to have spent the time working with you."

The Patterson Town Board will hold its organizational meeting Tuesday, Jan. 2 at 5 p.m. at Town Hall.

Haldane Senior Killed in Crash; Junior Hospitalized

By Holly Crocco

A senior from Haldane High School in Cold Spring was killed Dec. 15 in a crash in Cortlandt, and a junior was critically injured.

According to New York State Police, at about 8 p.m., Vladislav Saban, 17, of Cold Spring, was driving a 2012 Toyota Prius southbound on Route 9/Albany Post Road when he sideswiped a Subaru Forester while passing illegally on the right shoulder. He apparently lost control of the vehicle, striking a utility pole and then a tree.

Garrison and Continental Village fire departments, along with Peekskill EMS, extracted Saban from the vehicle and pronounced him deceased at the scene, according to NYSP.

During extraction, an un-

responsive Theresa Timmons, 16, was found in the rear of the vehicle. She was transported to Westchester Medical Center in critical condition.

According to his obituary, Saban "reveled in the company of friends and family, leaving an indelible mark on those fortunate enough to share in his life. Vlad was known for his lively sense of humor and generosity to all."

Since the crash, a GoFundMe page has been set up for Timmons' family, at www.gofundme.com/f/theresa-timmons, where \$59,000 had been raised as of Dec. 28.

"Theresa is a beautiful, loving and caring 16-year-old," reads the post on the page. "Theresa, who works at Homestyle Dessert's Bakery & Creamery



Vlad Saban died in a car accident Dec. 15.

in Peekskill and Cold Spring, is an amazing girl who is loved by all. The friends of Theresa's started this GoFundMe and all donations will go directly to the



Theresa Timmons is in critical condition at Westchester Medical Center.

family to help pay for extensive hospital bills."

In a letter to the Haldane school community, Superintendent Phil Benante called

the district a close-knit one. "I know that our collective heart hurts for the families that have been impacted by this tragedy," he wrote.

The district's Crisis Response Team met the following morning to develop a plan for supporting students and staff members, including a point-of-contact for the families involved, clinical staff available to grieving students, additional counseling staff on-hand in the days following, and more.

"I know that the Saban and Timmons families have appreciated the many messages of support they have received from our community over the past two days," wrote Benante. "Please join me in keeping both families in our thoughts and prayers in the days ahead."

Register for Free Upcoming Fall Prevention Class

Registration for the upcoming free "A Matter of Balance" winter 2024 class is now open.

This is an eight-session, in-person class presented by the Center for Balance, Gait & Fall Prevention at the Hudson Valley Regional Community Health Centers, 15 Mt. Ebo Road South, Brewster. It runs from 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, from Jan. 11 through Feb. 6.

Many older adults experience concerns about falling and restrict their activities. "A Matter of Balance" is an award-winning program designed to manage falls and increase activity levels. After 10 years, it continues to be a great success.

"The class had the right mix of information and exercises to help class attendees become aware of their surroundings in order to make modifications to improve their safety, as well as increase their mobility to improve their bal-

ance," said one past participant. "I also appreciate that the class was available to people outside the New York area."

"I have had one of the best experiences in the program – I cannot say enough about it," added another.

The program emphasizes practical strategies to manage falls. Participants learn to view falls as controllable, set goals for increasing activity, make changes to reduce fall risks at home and exercise to increase strength and balance.

Anyone who is concerned about falls, who has fallen in the past, who has restricted activities because of falling concerns or who is interested in improving balance, flexibility and strength is recommended to register.

For more information, email Marc Kaplan, program director, at drmarckaplan.gait@gmail.com, or call 845-278-6930, ext. 5944.



Brewster-Carmel Garden Club Raises Funds for Kent Library Friends

The holiday tables of 17 Kent Public Library supporters were graced by lovely centerpieces made by the Brewster-Carmel Garden Club, as members of the garden club made the centerpieces Dec. 14 at the library, before raffling them off by The Friends of Kent Library that same day. The proceeds from the raffle will be used to buy museum passes and pay for programs offered by the library.

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County Employee Recognized for Service

Kim Roberts of the Putnam County's Department of Health was honored as the Employee Recognition Program honoree for 2022 during a recent brief ceremony at the county office building in Carmel.

Roberts was chosen by a selection committee of her peers consisting of five union-agreement-covered employees. Her name was added to a plaque that hangs in the main lobby of the county office building year-round.

"Kim possesses an energy that is infectious and a personality that shines through in the work she does," said County Executive Kevin Byrne. "She has a terrific reputation among her coworkers and always treats everyone with kindness and dignity."

More than 30 individuals packed into the lobby to celebrate Roberts, who currently works as a public health programs assistant and has been a county employee since 2004.

"I'm overwhelmed with gratitude," she said. "I love the work I do, connecting with county employees, our community partners and the residents of Putnam County. I couldn't do this without the support of my Putnam County CSEA co-workers."

Prior to this year, the last employee of the year was recognized in 2011 by then-County Executive and current Director of Personnel Paul Eldridge. Following that, the



From left are County Executive Kevin Byrne, Employee Recognition Program honoree Kim Roberts and Putnam County Healthy Commissioner Dr. Michael Neishewat in front of the plaque honoring Roberts in the County Office Building.

program was disbanded, and the plaque removed from public sight. It was found in storage by County Clerk Michael Bartolotti last year.

Byrne solicited appointments of the selection committee from Bartolotti, Sheriff Kevin McConville, Putnam Legislature Chairman Paul Jonke and District Attorney Bob Tandy. The committee named Roberts as the honoree for the year 2022, and will begin accepting nominations for

the 2023 honoree beginning early this year.

"Our public employees are vital to the success of Putnam County as they work tirelessly to serve our residents," said Byrne. "The Employee Recognition Program is an opportunity for us to show our appreciation for their hard work and dedication while at the same time highlighting the importance of the work they do and the many lives they touch."

Mahopac 7th Graders Complete DARE Program



DARE Instructor Vincent Serio talks to students.



Police Officer Ryan Piekarski from the Kent Police Department explains a lesson, while Officer Vincent DeSantola of Carmel P.D. demonstrates with K9 Saber (KPD).

Carmel Police Department DARE Officer Vincent Serio and the Mahopac Central School District teamed up this year to

extend the Drug Abuse Resistance Education program to the seventh grade, with the goal of educating young adults and encouraging

them to make healthy and safe choices.

At the conclusion of the course, Serio changed up the les-

son with some surprise guests: Police Officer Vincent DeSantola with K9 Pietro, and Police Officer Ryan Piekarski and K9 Saber

from Kent Police Department. The officers and K9s conducted a demonstration and showed off some of their policing skills.

\$25M Available to Support Volunteer Fire Depts.

A total of \$25 million in capital grants is available to help volunteer fire departments across the state upgrade their facilities and equipment, announced Gov. Kathy Hochul last month.

As part of the state's continued effort to strengthen New York's volunteer fire service, the funding was secured in the 2023-24 state budget for this initiative, along with \$10 million to offset the costs of training courses that volunteer firefighters are required to complete. The program's request for applications is available at www.dhss.ny.gov/state-funded-programs.

Administered by the state's Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Services, the program supports volunteer fire departments by upgrading and improving facilities and response capabilities through: ensuring fire stations and training facilities are safe and support or promote effective and safe firefighting practices; supporting volunteer firefighter safety and health and wellness by providing personal protective equipment, decontamination equipment and supplies and effective exhaust removal systems; and supporting consolidation of fire service resources through regionalization efforts to expand above and beyond jurisdictional boundaries to enhance local, county and statewide response efforts.

Two funding options are available through the grant program: \$20 million is available for construction, renovation and/or facility purchase projects including fire stations, substations and joint/shared stations, fire training towers, instructional classrooms and meeting spaces, exhaust systems and shower facilities

for decontamination.

In addition, \$5 million is available for allowable fire service equipment projects including personal protective equipment, washer/extractor and dryers; radios/communications equipment; rehab equipment; and mask service unit/air compressor.

"Volunteer fire departments are the backbone of emergency response in communities statewide, and in recent years they have been called upon to do more in the face of new threats and the growing impacts of climate change," said New York State Homeland Security & Emergency Services Commissioner Jackie Bray. "Unfortunately, however, many departments struggle to make the facility upgrades and equipment purchases needed to fulfill these expanded missions."

Only eligible entities located within New York and serve one or more local governments may apply. All applications must articulate how they meet the eligibility requirements within their application.

Eligible organizations include: volunteer fire companies that are comprised of 100 percent volunteer firefighters that are responsible for providing fire protection services to one or more jurisdictions; municipalities including villages, towns, cities and fire districts responsible for providing fire protection through a fire department comprised of 100 percent volunteer firefighter membership; and counties and municipal shared services applications.

Nonprofit fire companies are eligible to apply and are subject to prequalification or prequalification exempt status.

"Volunteer fire departments

are a critical component of the state's overall ability to respond to emergencies at any given time, and it is important to provide as much funding as we can to improve their capabilities and increase their overall health and safety," said NYS Fire Administrator Jim Cable.

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Mahopac Students Join 'Tuba Christmas'

In December, the Mahopac Central School District Music Department's low brass section participated in the 50th annual Tuba Christmas. Cassian Fabbie, Connor Lowery, Cameron Dinsmore, Andrew Brunetti, Joaquin Martinez, Maxine Van Nortwick, Keira Kadan and Cooper Grimm, accompanied by band teacher Rich Williams, played with 300 other musicians at the Rockefeller Center in New York City.

Nutrition Corner



By Allison J. Stowell
MS, RD, CDN

Bringing Fruit and Veggies to Your Holiday Table

This holiday season let's put fruits and vegetables in the spotlight, and not just make them an afterthought that takes second place to the dishes your friends and family really want to eat. When we put produce on the menu, we're adding antioxidants, and vitamins and minerals we need. We're also giving our bodies balanced nutrition during what could be a decadent season. Lastly, we're ensuring that friends and family living with diabetes, heart disease or obesity feel they can celebrate without compromising their health.

Use fruits and vegetables to bring color, flavor and texture to your charcuterie board, holiday table, and dessert spread. Begin with a plant-forward menu that weaves fruits and vegetables into every dish, making them the star of the party.

Appetizers

Rather than separating fruits and vegetables from other appetizers, skewer them along with cheese or other ingredients to encourage guests to consume them. Or include dried fruit on your charcuterie board. Alternatively, use crunchy cucumbers as "crackers" with a dollop of hummus or other dip. For a heartier appetizer, prepare a Butternut Squash and Feta Focaccia or make a flatbread topped with sauteed vegetables, fresh herbs, and shaved parmesan.

Dinner

Turn simple carrots into an elegant side (see the recipe below!). Or dice root vegetables for a colorful dish (prepare with olive oil, pepper, a sprinkle of salt and fresh herbs). For a guest-worthy entrée, prepare and serve Wine Braised Chicken with Squash and Figs. Lastly, for a casual holiday dinner, go meat free with individual vegetarian pot pies that won't have anyone missing meat.

Dessert

Yes, you can have fruit with dessert and still make it delicious and decadent. Serve Bananas Foster or Strawberries with Maple and Vanilla alongside a scoop of ice cream. If desired, prepare bananas with an

alternative to brown sugar such as coconut sugar or a non-nutritive sweetener to make it more diabetic friendly. Alternatively, fresh berries and whipped cream bring holiday colors to your table.

Visit Hannaford.com for the recipes mentioned in this article.

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

Roasted Carrots with Pistachios & Honey Hannaford.com

Honey and paprika come together to make the perfect sweet and smoky carrot glaze. With the addition of crunchy roasted pistachios, this dish goes beyond your average roasted veggies.

- Ingredients:**
 2 lbs. rainbow carrots, peeled and halved lengthwise
 2 Tbsp. olive oil
 1 tsp. smoked paprika
 1 Tbsp. honey
 1 lime, quartered
 1/4 tsp. crushed red pepper (optional)
 1/4 cup roasted pistachios, coarsely chopped
 2 Tbsp. chopped cilantro

Directions:
 Preheat oven to 400 degrees F. Line a rimmed baking sheet with parchment. Place carrots on baking sheet and drizzle with oil. Sprinkle with smoked paprika and season with salt and pepper. Roast 20 minutes, until tender and slightly browned.

Remove carrots from oven and drizzle with honey. Toss to coat. Return to oven and roast 5 minutes, until honey begins to caramelize.

Transfer carrots to a serving platter. Squeeze juice of 2 lime quarters over carrots and sprinkle with crushed red pepper, if using. Garnish with pistachios and cilantro. Serve with remaining lime quarters.

Poblano Frittata

(Family Features)
Poblano Frittata

- Ingredients:**
 4 large eggs
 1/4 cup fat-free milk
 2 tbsp chopped fresh cilantro
 1 teaspoon olive oil
 2 medium poblano peppers, seeds and ribs discarded, chopped
 2 cups frozen whole-kernel corn, thawed
 2 medium green onions, chopped
 1/4 cup finely shredded Cotija cheese or crumbled queso fresco
 1 medium tomato, chopped
 1/4 cup fat-free sour cream

Directions:
 In medium bowl, whisk eggs, milk and cilantro.
 In medium skillet over medium heat, heat oil, swirling to coat bottom of skillet. Cook poblano pep-



pers 3 minutes, or until browning on edges, stirring frequently.

Stir in corn and green onion. Reduce heat to medium-low and carefully pour in egg mixture. Cook, covered, 10 minutes, or until mixture is just set on edges and still soft in center. Avoid overcooking. Remove from heat.

Sprinkle with cheese. Cut into eight wedges. Place two wedges on each plate. Top with tomatoes and sour cream.

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Assemblyman Matt Slater at Green Chimneys in Brewster on Dec. 21 with Kristin Dionne, Green Chimneys interim executive director, and Carol Grubman in government relations.

Green Chimneys Named Putnam's First NYS Historic Business

Green Chimneys in Brewster was recognized Dec. 21 by Assemblyman Matt Slater, R-Yorktown, as a New York State Historic Business – the first in Putnam County.

Since 1947, Green Chimneys has been an accredited special education school and a resident treatment center, offering nature-based therapeutic programs and public education and recreation opportunities for all ages. Slater nominated Green Chimneys as part of the state's Historic Business Registry to highlight businesses that have been in operation for at least 76 years.

Its nurturing approach includes small class sizes, a high staff-to-student ratio and certified teaching staff, offering comprehensive academic, behavioral and emotional support for kindergarten through grade 12. The goal is to assist students in reaching their full potential, enabling them to return to their home school district with the highest likelihood of success.

"I am so thrilled to be able to present Green Chimneys as the first recognized historic business in Putnam County," said Slater.

"We are beyond thankful for their invaluable contributions and dedicated efforts."

Interim Executive Director of Green Chimneys Kristin Dionne said the school is honored to have the recognition.

"Assemblyman Slater's support underscores the transformative impact of our innovative nature-based programming," she said. "As we have for the past 76 years, Green Chimneys will continue to serve children in New York, providing residential, educational, clinical and recreational services in a safe and supportive environment that nurtures connections with their families, the community, animals and nature."

"Green Chimneys is a local treasure for so many families in Putnam and the Hudson Valley," said County Executive Kevin Byrne. "They have helped countless children succeed in their highly structured, supportive educational environment by focusing on the individual needs of each child that comes to their campuses."

Green Chimneys continues to cater to more than 200 students

through distinguished therapeutic day and residential school initiatives. The Farm & Wildlife Center provides a haven for nearly 200 domesticated farm animals and wildlife species, including injured and imprinted birds of prey. Animal-assisted therapy remains integral to the educational and therapeutic practices, with children not only gaining from the animals' presence, but actively participating in their care and contributing to their overall well-being.

Philipstown Burglary Suspect Arrested

A New Jersey man was arrested recently for a burglary he reportedly committed in Philipstown more than a year prior.

According to Putnam County Sheriff Kevin McConville, at about midnight Aug. 3, 2022, deputies were sent to a residence on Route 9D for a burglary complaint, whereby the tenant at a residence came home and found that a sliding glass door was broken and items were taken from inside.

Deputies and investigators began a probe that included reviewing surveillance camera footage and collecting blood and fingerprint evidence. Based on the video footage, a bulletin was put out to law enforcement agencies for assistance in identifying the suspect.

Investigators were later contacted by the Metropolitan Transportation Authority Police who had dealt with the same individual at the Garrison train

station earlier that evening.

Further investigation based on DNA evidence was gathered and a warrant was issued for the arrest of Steven Moye, 23, of Haledon.

On Dec. 14, 2023, investigators learned that Moye was to be in White Plains City Court on an unrelated matter, and he was taken into custody without incident. He was arraigned in Philipstown Town Court and was remanded to the Putnam County Correctional Facility in lieu of \$25,000 cash bail or \$50,000 bond until his next hearing date.

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Sheila M. Williams, 70, December 23, Cargain Funeral Home, Carmel, (845) 225-3672.

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DiNapoli: Taxpayers Moving Out of State Spiked in 2020

A report released last month found more than one of every 100 resident personal income tax (PIT) filers left New York State in 2020, according to State Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli.

The COVID-19 pandemic caused a significant shift in taxpayer movement, with net out-migration quadrupling in 2020 compared to the prior year. While declining in 2021, the net number of taxpayers leaving remained one-third greater than the pre-pandemic average. The report examines PIT filings for the pandemic years of 2020 and 2021 and follows up on DiNapoli's May 2022 report that looked at pre-pandemic taxpayer migration trends.

"The pandemic upended everyone's life and caused a big shift in the movement of New York taxpayers in 2020," said DiNapoli. "While patterns shifted closer to pre-pandemic trends in 2021, net out-migration rates remained higher, particularly for families. Policy-makers need to make sure the state remains an attractive, affordable place to work and to live. Doing so will help maintain the

state's largest revenue source to ensure vital services continue to provide a high quality of life for all New Yorkers."

Taxpayer Filings in 2020 & 2021

PIT is New York's largest revenue source, with \$60 billion in tax liability paid by 10.9 million taxpayers in 2021. Despite the recession of 2020, the number of taxpayers grew, likely due to high financial market levels and enhanced unemployment benefits that increased personal income. In 2021, the number of filers declined but was slightly greater than the number in 2019.

The vast majority (87 percent in 2021) of PIT filers are residents; 10 percent were non-residents who only pay New York PIT on income received from work, businesses or other income sources located in New York. An additional 3 percent are part-year residents who file a return if they move into or out of the state.

The 2020 increase in filers was concentrated in full-year resident taxpayers, up by 161,679. The 2021 decrease was also attribut-

able to these taxpayers, down by 235,000 compared to 2020 and 73,500, or 0.8 percent, lower than 2019. Most of the decline in 2021 was concentrated at incomes less than \$100,000, partially offset by an increase in the number of higher income filers.

The number of nonresident taxpayers declined in 2020 but bounced back in 2021, exceeding pre-pandemic levels at all income thresholds.

The number of part-year filers increased in both 2020 and 2021 and was 19 percent greater in 2021 than in 2019, building on a steady increase in part-year resident PIT returns filed since 2009. This "churn" of taxpayers is important to closely examine and monitor. Nearly two-thirds of filers who moved out in 2021 retained no New York source of income after they left, suggesting a potential loss of economic activity.

Pandemic's Impact on Taxpayer Movement

From 2015 to 2019, there was a consistently larger number of taxpayers leaving the state than coming in, with an average an-

nual net out-migration of roughly 28,700 taxpayers during this period. In 2020, the number moving out of state increased dramatically, resulting in a net out-migration of nearly 112,500 – almost four times the number in 2019.

In 2021, the number of people moving into the state rebounded and was more than one-and-a-half times over the year prior, and was also higher than the average immigration from 2015 to 2019. Still, the number of taxpayers moving out was greater, resulting in a net out-migration of over 39,200, more than one-third greater than the pre-pandemic average.

In the aggregate, out-migration rates declined to just over 4 in every 1,000 taxpayers in 2021 from almost 12 in 1,000 in 2020. However, this rate was greater than the 2019 rate of 3 in 1,000.

Single filers comprise the largest share of state PIT taxpayers, and accounted for over half of the net out-migration in 2020. Married and head of household taxpayers (families) also left New York at elevated rates in 2020, nearly double those in 2019. In

2021, families continued to exit New York at higher rates than prior to the pandemic.

In 2021, an equivalent of one in every 100 married resident filers left New York. Married filers earning between \$100,000 and \$500,000 continued to experience the greatest out-migration, a trend that continued from prior to the pandemic.

NYC Drove

2020 Outmigration

State net out-migration in 2020 was driven by a sharp increase in taxpayers leaving New York City. With the pandemic impacting the city earlier and more severely, net out-migration from the city to places both in and outside the state spiked, with more than two in every 100 city residents moving out in 2020. The surge was driven by taxpayers who left the state altogether, and city residents represented 71.5 percent of the state's net out-migration in 2020.

In 2021, the migration pattern shifted once again. The city experienced a net gain of 2,221 taxpayers. The gain was mostly attributable to taxpayers from other parts of the state, and would have been greater if not for a total net loss of 761 taxpayers who left New York. Prior to and during the pandemic, the majority of taxpayers leaving NYC relocated to the two other downstate regions, with the largest number moving to Long Island.

However, the number of city taxpayers moving to the other regions of the state more than doubled in 2020 and remained above pre-pandemic levels in 2021.

View the report at www.osc.ny.gov/files/reports/pdf/taxpayer-movement-during-the-pandemic.pdf.

Academic Honors

The following Putnam County students have earned academic honors at the Harvey School for the fall term.

Several have been recognized for making the head's list as Cavalier Scholars with grade-point averages of 4.0 or higher, the head's list with a 3.7 GPA, or the honor roll with at least a 3.3:

Brewster – Jackson Saccomanno, grade 11, honor roll.

Mahopac – Drew Scarfone, grade 7, head's list; Ally Zimmerman, grade 7, head's list; and Jack Zimmerman, grade 9, Cavalier Scholar.

Patterson – Patrick Cuneo, grade 9, head's list.

Putnam Valley – Dylan Cuddy, grade 9, head's list; and Sophia Collum, grade 10, honor roll.

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Putnam County Community Events

Book Barn

Buy ten or more books at the Friends of the Mahopac Public Library Book Barn and receive one free book (excluding collectibles) or one free tote bag. Hours are Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Wednesday from 10 a.m. to noon, Thursday from 4 to 6:45 p.m., and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the library.

Art Gallery

Arbor Gallery, located inside Promenade on 6, 1875 Route 6, Carmel, is currently featuring framed archival prints by Carmel residents Kelly Edwards and Scott Garrette, wooden bowls by Edward Bryan of Hudson Valley Woodworking, illuminated fused glass pieces by Christine Groppe of CG Glasswork, and more. Hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. weekends. For information on shows, events and opportunities, visit www.arborgallery.art.

Farmers' Market

The Hudson Valley Regional Farmers' Market takes place every Sunday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Hudson Valley Cerebral Palsy Association, 15 Mt. Ebo Road South, Brewster. Fresh vegetables, fruits, meats, eggs, baked goods (gluten-free, too), hand-made objects, knife sharpening and more. A community market experience year-round. Voted best Farmers Market in Putnam County.

Coloring for Adults

Mahopac Public Library will offer coloring for adults every second and fourth Friday of the month from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Enjoy an afternoon of relaxation, stress relief, focus and fun. For ages 18 and older. Materials provided. Drop-in program, no registration needed.

GOP Women

The Putnam County Republican Women's Club meets the first Thursday of each month from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Brewster VFW, 262 Peaceable Hill Road, Brewster. New members welcome. For information, email putnamwomensgop@gmail.com.

Italian-American Club

The Italian-American Club of Mahopac is seeking new members to join in celebrating Italian heritage and culture. Monthly meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. at 141 Buckshollow Road. Contact President Giulio Cefaloni for more information at 845-745-2655 or gcefaloni@fordham.edu.

Wednesday, Jan. 3

Healthy Habits

Join Brianna Moura at Kent Public Library on Wednesday, Jan. 3 at 5:30 p.m. for a one-hour workshop on healthy habits. Brianna is a certified Empowerment Life Coach whose focus is on empowering people to find the inner courage to learn what they truly want out of life. Discuss her system of five habits that lead to an overall happier, healthier and more fulfilling life. For adults. Registration is required at <https://kentlibrary.org>, by email to Programs@KentLibrary.org or calling 845-225-8585.

Thursday, Jan. 4

Teen Gaming Nights

Teens are invited to hang out in Brewster Public Library's teen

room for an hour of video game fun Thursdays from 5 to 6 p.m. beginning Jan. 4. Choose from a variety of Nintendo Switch games. Bring a friend. No need to register. For ages 13 to 18. For more information, visit brewsterlibrary.org or call 845-279-6421.

Growing Small Fruit

Cornell Cooperative Extension-Putnam County will present Growing Small Fruit on Jan. 4 from noon to 1:30 p.m. via Zoom. Tailored for new farmers, small berry producers and part-time growers, this focuses on best management practices taught by Eastern New York Commercial Horticulture Small Fruit & Vegetable Specialist Laura McDermott. \$10. Register at <https://cceputnamcounty.org/events>.

Saturday, Jan. 6

Coat Drive

The Lake Mahopac Rotary Club is sponsoring a one-day coat drive Saturday, Jan. 6 at The Perrone Family Chiropractic offices, 925 Route 6, Mahopac, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. All new or gently-used coats are needed.

Monday, Jan. 8

Gamers Club

The Gamers Club at Mahopac Public Library invites kids in grades six through to enjoy a gaming experience Jan. 8 from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. Snacks and beverages provided. Have a game idea? Recommend it! Bonus option: write a review of the experience or a specific game, or share ideas on how to improve the club; each statement will count as an hour of community service. Registration is required at www.mahopaclibrary.org or 845-628-2009, ext. 100.

Make-It Mondays

Kids can get creative at the Brewster Public Library from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. on Make-It Mondays, which is next scheduled Jan. 8. Have fun making a seasonal or holiday-themed craft on the second Monday of each month. For ages 7 to 12. Registration is required at brewsterlibrary.org or 845-279-6421.

Tuesday, Jan. 9

Vision Boards

Teens in grades seven through 12 are invited to Kent Public Library on Tuesday, Jan. 9 from 3:30 to 5 p.m. to create vision boards for the new year, using library crafting supplies including inspirational stickers, scrap paper and magazines, markers and colored pencils. Bring any photos, magazine cut-outs or crafting tools you would like to use. Register at <https://kentlibrary.org>.

Thursday, Jan. 11

'Music of the Civil War'

Putnam History Museum will present a hybrid lecture on "Music of the Civil War" with Marc Ferris on Thursday, Jan. 11 at 7 p.m. at 63 Chestnut St., Cold Spring, and via Zoom. During the American Civil War, music was a huge part of how soldiers and civilians alike passed the time, entertained themselves and memorialized the war. This program features original arrangements of selections from both the Union and Confederate sides, including many songs most

Americans know today. Register at www.putnamhistorymuseum.org.

'What Happens Later'

Patterson Library will show "What Happens Later" on Thursday, Jan. 11 at 1 p.m. Follow the story of two ex-lovers who find themselves trapped together overnight in an airport. Rated: R. To register, call 845-878-6121 or go to www.pattersonlibrary.org.

Agroforestry Exploration

Cornell Cooperative Extension-Putnam County will present Agroforestry Exploration on Thursday, Jan. 11 from noon to 1 p.m. via Zoom. The integration of farming with trees, shrubs and forest ecosystems, holds the key to enhancing the resilience of small farms. By diversifying income streams, promoting environmental stewardship and providing adaptive strategies against climate change, it opens new avenues for sustainable and prosperous farming. \$10. Register at <https://cceputnamcounty.org/events>.

Sunday, Jan. 14

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. \$15 for adults, \$10 for teens, age 12 and younger eat for free.

Ernie Sites & Friends

The Hudson Valley Blues Society will present "Ernie Sites & Friends" on Sunday, Jan. 14 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Studio Around the Corner, 67 Main St., Brewster, providing an afternoon of traditional and original roots music. Sites is a western performer, songwriter, cowboy poet, trick roper, bull rider, rodeo clown, bareback rider, team roper and calf roper. Tickets are

\$20 and available at www.thvbs.org.

Monday, Jan. 15

Holiday Train Show

Arts on the Lake's annual Holiday Model Train Show at 640 Route 52, Kent Lakes, for both children young and old, is greatly expanded and includes The Nutcracker Railroad. The show runs through Jan. 15. More information at www.artsonthelake.org.

Thursday, Jan. 18

Raising Goats & Sheep

Cornell Cooperative Extension-Putnam County will present Beginner Sheep & Goats on Jan. 18 from noon to 1 p.m. via Zoom. Learn infrastructure needs, forage, and the management basics for health and lambing/kidding. Discuss an introduction to breed selection, regulations, marketing and other factors for meat, dairy and fiber production. Resources for raising small ruminants available through CCE programs will be shared. \$10. Register at <https://cceputnamcounty.org/events>.

Saturday, Jan. 20

Intro. to Feng Shui

Tori McBrien, a certified Feng Shui practitioner and interior designer, will explain the basics of Feng Shui and how we can apply these principles to design spaces that are energetically balanced and support our well-being Saturday, Jan. 20 at 1:30 p.m. at Patterson Library. For adults 18 and older. To register, call 845-878-6121 or go to www.pattersonlibrary.org.

Wednesday, Jan. 24

Calling All Musicians

Putnam Symphony Orchestra has openings for all qualified musicians to join its Olympic-

themed spring concert April 14. Rehearsals are Wednesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. at Brewster High School beginning Jan. 24. There are no auditions and no fee to join. For more information, visit putnamsymphonyorchestra.org or Facebook, email putnamsymphony@verizon.net or call 845-228-4167.

Educational Consulting

Students and caregivers are invited to Kent Public Library for a presentation by Dustin Horvath, M.S.ED, exploring the transition process upon graduation from high school to post-secondary education for students with disabilities, Wednesday, Jan. 24 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. IDEA vs. ADA, applications, self-advocacy, self-disclosure and more. There will be a Q&A session. Registration is required at <https://kentlibrary.org>, by email to Programs@KentLibrary.org or calling 845-225-8585.

'Dreamin' Wild'

Patterson Library will show "Dreamin' Wild" on Wednesday, Jan. 24 at 1 p.m. Follow the story of Donnie and his family, the Emersons, after an album he and his brother recorded 30 years ago is rediscovered and labeled a lost masterpiece. Rated PG. To register, call 845-878-6121 or go to www.pattersonlibrary.org.

Saturday, Feb. 3


The U.S. Parks System

Drawing on his years of teaching the National Parks & World Heritage Sites course at Central Connecticut State University, Richard Benfield will tell the story of the U.S. National Parks to create an immersive experience for all participants, Saturday, Feb. 3 at 1 p.m. at Patterson Library. For adults 18 and older. To register, call 845-878-6121 or go to www.pattersonlibrary.org.

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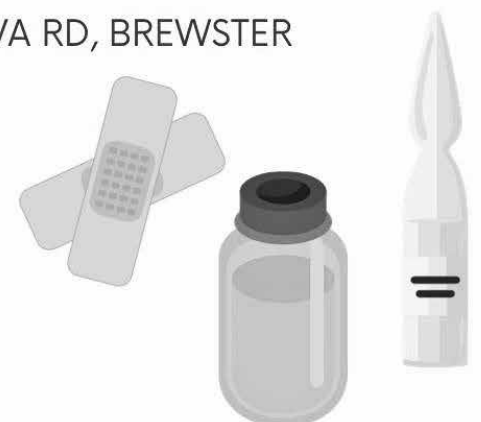
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Mahopac Falls Volunteer Fire Department spent Dec. 9 collecting toy donations and handing out goodies to families.



Carmel Volunteer Fire Department had several crews covering multiple routes Dec. 16 for its candy cane run. ShopRite of Carmel and residents across town donated toys toward the department's collection for Maria Fareri Children's Hospital.



Since his reindeer were occupied this holiday season, Santa got a little help from Life Net Air 2 and Mahopac Volunteer Fire Department in getting all the donations that were collected during the department's Dec. 17 annual candy cane run to Maria Fareri Children's Hospital.

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Putnam Lake Volunteer Fire Department made the rounds Dec. 9, handing candy canes out around the hamlet.



The Brewster Volunteer Fire Department brought Santa around town Dec. 16 during its annual holiday loop, handing out goodies to neighbors and friends.



Kent Volunteer Fire Department hosted a breakfast with Santa on Dec. 17, when children, families and their pets were able to get pictures with the jolly old soul.





State Sen. Pete Harchkham, D-Peekskill, with community members at a roundtable discussion he recently hosted.

Priority Issues for the Hispanic Community Discussed

Hispanic leaders from throughout the 40th New York State Senate District joined together recently to discuss crucial issues of concern in their community, during a roundtable discussion in Peekskill hosted by State Sen. Pete Harchkham.

Putnam County community leaders Norma Pereira-Gross and Mariella Ramirez participated in the event.

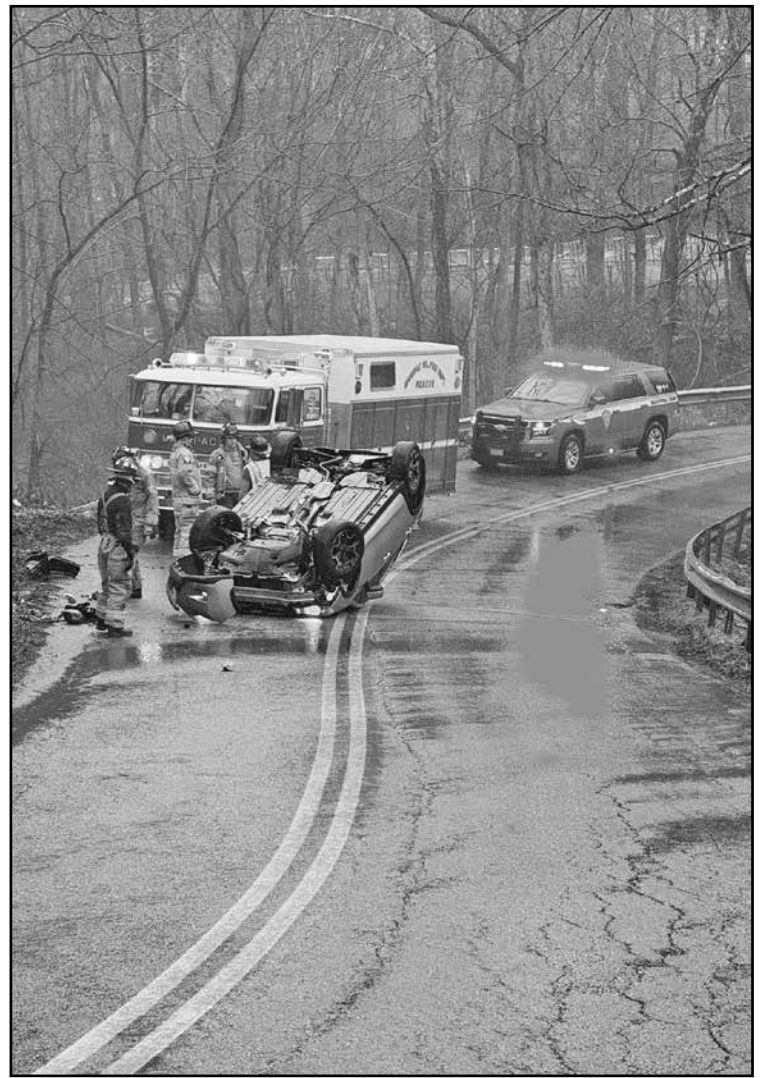
“It was important to meet

with the leaders of the Latino community to learn first-hand of the challenges they and other members of the community face each day,” said Harchkham. “We need to hear from members of historically marginalized communities and partner with them to create a more equitable and just society.”

The discussion included the problems Latinos face with language barriers, housing, low

income, representation in the criminal justice system, health care and education. Harchkham said this is an ongoing dialogue, and he expects to schedule more such discussions at different locations in the 40th Senate District.

Hispanics officially comprise 26 percent of the population in Harchkham's Senate district, but that number may be undercounted.



No Injuries in Mahopac Rollover

Mahopac Volunteer Fire Department and Carmel Police Department were dispatched Dec. 10 at about 2:20 p.m. to the area of 212 Union Valley Road for a one-car rollover crash. No injuries were reported. The road closed to traffic for about 40 minutes, until the vehicle could be turned upright and removed.

New Law Affects Local Elections

Legislation to “expand access to the ballot box and make it easier for New Yorkers to vote in local elections” was signed into law by Gov. Kathy Hochul last month.

Legislation S3505-B/A4282-B updates the election calendar by aligning many local elections currently held in odd-numbered years with statewide and legislative elections that are held in even-numbered years.

The law will also move many county and town elections from odd-numbered years to even-numbered years. This legislation impacts all elections for which the dates can be changed through legislative action; changing election dates for certain offices, including judgeships and offices in any city, must be done through a constitutional amendment.

Hochul also announced her support for a future amendment to the New York State Constitution that would align elections for all offices, which she called a fiscally responsible approach that would reduce the taxpayer cost of election administration by avoiding the need for elections to be held every single year.

By consolidating more elections in even-numbered years, when most voters are already planning to participate in an election, this change will increase voter participation in important local races, she said.

Voter participation in elections held in even-numbered

years in New York State is substantially higher than participation during odd-numbered years. For example, millions more New Yorkers participated in elections in 2020, when approximately 64 percent of eligible voters cast their ballots, than in 2021, when 25 percent of eligible voters turned out to take part in local elections around the state.


When elections are held in odd-numbered years, away from the traditional election cycle that voters are most familiar with, the cost of participating in the democratic process is increased, particularly for voters who may have a difficult time arranging for time off of work and traveling to their polling site, according to Hochul.

Other states and jurisdictions around the country have made similar adjustments to their election calendars and have subsequently seen significant increases in voter participation in local elections, she said.

“Robust, equitable turnout is a sign of a healthy democracy,” said New York Civil Liberties Union Director of Voting Rights Project Perry Grossman. “By making it easier for all New Yorkers to participate in local elections, this law will not only increase the legitimacy of our state’s elections, but bolster the accountability and responsiveness of our lawmakers. New Yorkers deserve representation that better reflects the will of the people.”



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Brewster Community Supports Those in Need



Photos courtesy of Brewster Central School District.

Faculty and staff at the Brewster Central School District were joined by community members in gifting their time and resources this holiday season for those less fortunate.

Social workers from C.V. Starr Intermediate School in Brewster spent a day before the Christmas holiday delivering essentials like comforters and pots and pans to families in need.

In addition, Brewster, Southeast and Patterson Rotarians joined

the Brewster High School's Life Skills Department and other community members in giving out 55 new coats and hats to neighbors in the district.

Also, power packs filled with nutritious foods were created by the Bear Essentials students for

in-need families so they wouldn't go hungry over the winter break.

Lastly, Wells Middle School student government collected toys for the Putnam County Sheriff's Department toy drive, and JFK Elementary School students organized a food drive.



Excelsior Scholarship Application Open

The application for the Excelsior Scholarship for new applicants for the spring 2024 term is now open online. The scholarship, in combination with other student financial aid, allows eligible full-time students to attend a SUNY or CUNY two- or four-year college tuition-free.

Students from households with federal adjusted gross incomes up to \$125,000 are eligible for a spring Excelsior Scholarship award. Students must also plan to complete 30 credits per year toward their program of study (including summer and winter terms) and be on track to graduate with an associate degree in two years or a bachelor's degree in four years.

"With this program's continued implementation, we are breaking down barriers so more low- and middle-income students can benefit from a quality education, opening doors to more job opportunities, enhancing socioeconomic mobility and fostering a more inclusive society," said New York State Higher Education Services Corporation President Dr. Guillermo Linares.

The spring 2024 Excelsior

Scholarship application is open to first-time students entering college in the spring 2024 term, and current college students who have never received the scholarship. Students currently receiving an Excelsior Scholarship do not need to complete this application to receive continued award payments.

"Eliminating barriers to higher education is vital to create an equitable playing field for all New Yorkers," said State Education Commissioner Betty Rosa. "The Excelsior Scholarship is another tool for students and families, making college more affordable and accessible, putting them on their best paths to success."

New York's investment in student financial aid, including the NYS Tuition Assistance Program and Excelsior Scholarship, helped more than 180,000 New York State residents; 58 percent of full-time resident undergraduate students attended SUNY and CUNY tuition-free in 2022, including 53 percent at SUNY state-operated campuses and 67 percent at CUNY colleges.

Applications will be accepted through Feb. 2.

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Emergency Response Team Disbanded

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ter from the Putnam County Law Department advising the ERT to cease its actions until this matter could be resolved.

The law department “made a determination that since the team was never approved by the appropriate legislative action, nor did it receive insurance, that we had to stop the team as constructed,” said the sheriff. “That caused great concern. We are a small county, but we are experiencing a number of different events throughout our threat assessment that potentially – and we hope this never occurs – but operationally could require the deployment of the ERT team.”

So, with the ERT disbanded, McConville said the sheriff’s department created its own team of 19 members as a Sheriff’s Response Team who are trained and experienced to respond to the same type of situations.

“As previously constructed, one can obviously see the litigation involved in a team that was not authorized by this legislative body, not the full legislative body, nor the towns of Carmel or Kent through a legislative process,” he said. “It was a good idea, and I can’t speak to why those things didn’t happen, but our concern was we wanted to be able provide protection to the individuals that comprised the team, as well as the county and towns that

participate. So we wanted legislative approval and we wanted them to be indemnified for their actions.”

McConville said a captain was tasked with writing a policy that includes practices and procedures for the team, which is being reviewed by his command staff before it goes to the Legislature for approval. In January, he anticipates the policy to be approved and implemented for the Sheriff’s Response Team.

“Looking to the future, we anticipate at some point in time... to come to you and explain and initiate the process of reconstitution a countywide team, given lawful authority and indemnification,” he said. “What we’re talking about tonight is not to exclude anyone. It’s the liability issue which is the greatest threat.”

While McConville said some of the problem stems from not having the proper memorandums of understanding authorized for all the agencies to work together, Carmel Police Chief Anthony Hoffmann said that’s not the case.

“We have an MOU that was passed by all three jurisdictions by (former) Sheriff Smith on the 18th of October, 2006, plus we have an executed resolution from the Town of Carmel – and I believe Kent does, as well – authorizing that,” he said. “We authorized the mutual aid agreement for the Town of Carmel to operate with the sheriff’s department or any agencies in Putnam County. So the ERT team that’s been in operation, as far as we know, on paper since 2006, has been working well.”

Hoffmann said the town was surprised to learn that the sheriff was creating his own team.

“We don’t understand why the

sheriff is pursuing this in the way that he is,” said Hoffmann. “That he’s constituting a team solely under the sheriff’s department... For the law department to say that the team had no lawful authority, I believe that to be incorrect.”

Legislator Ginny Nacerino, R-Patterson, chairwoman of the Protective Services Committee, said the missing piece is the legislative approval – which is a big piece, seeing as the county could be implicated if a lawsuit is initiated.

“We have to do what we have to do to make sure we are accountable and we are not remiss in our liability, and we are just being cautious in how we proceed and that we are doing it in the right way,” she said. “The onus is on the county. It’s a tremendous risk and I’m happy that we caught this in time because it’s a slippery slope to continue without the proper protocol and procedures in place.”

Carmel Town Supervisor Mike Cazzari, who previously served as the town’s police chief, said the reason the ERT was born was because all three law enforcement agencies felt time is of the essence in the event of an emergency and it couldn’t wait for a coordinated response from Westchester County or the New York State Police, and disbanding the team leaves the county vulnerable.

In addition, he said it’s not a decision the sheriff should make unilaterally.

“It is not a Putnam County sheriff’s team, it’s a multi-jurisdictional team,” said Cazzari. “If the sheriff wants to remove themselves from the multi-jurisdictional team, there’s a mechanism in the agreement that we originally signed that

you have 60 days that you can say, ‘I want out.’ That leaves Carmel and Kent; the team is still intact... I think it’s foolish to go the route that you’re going. I don’t think it’s insurance. We’re covered. Kent’s covered.”

Incoming Carmel Town Councilman Robert Kearns agreed. “Quite frankly, it seems like a power grab to me,” he said.

Kent Police Chief Kevin Owens said the claim that legislative approval was never granted for the ERT is disingenuous.

“I know it was discussed in front of the Legislature,” he said. “Back then (in 2006) and it has been, since. You guys have known about this team. Maybe not everybody on this current Legislature, but we get payments from the county for some of the training we do.”

During a Feb. 11, 2020 meeting of the County Legislature’s Protective Services Committee meeting, Lt. Kevin McManus of the sheriff’s department and Lt. John Dearman of CPD, who lead the team at that time, provided legislators with a background on how the unit operates.

At that time, McManus explained that the team was funded through a grant from the federal Department of Homeland Security that covered about half of its training costs. In addition, Putnam allocated \$35,000 for equipment and \$10,000 to reimburse the towns of Carmel and Kent for its officers, he said.

“We were sharing services before it was politically cool to say ‘sharing services,’” added Dearman. “We knew no department could man and equip a team, so we

did it together.”

During the 2020 meeting, Nacerino said she found the discussion enlightening. “These are little pockets of things that are done under the radar,” she said. “The training and expertise that go into this are not things that people are widely aware of.”

Last month, Legislator Greg Ellner, R-Carmel, said he hopes the issue can be resolved so the agencies can work together once again, to best protect citizens.

“That could mean most available boots on the ground, because let’s have the largest potential talent pool, and that includes Kent and Carmel,” he said at the December meeting.

Legislator Nancy Montgomery, D-Philipstown, said she doesn’t like to see any team that’s been operating disbanded.

“Why couldn’t we have addressed the mutual aid agreement and the insurance aspect of this, which we have done in the past very rapidly to correct situations like this?” she asked. “Where we could have managed the administrative end of it and the paperwork end of it and the insurance end of it, rather than disband an entire team and eliminate people who had been serving on that team for a number of years.”

Lt. Neil Brown of CPD reiterated Cazzari’s comment that if the sheriff feels there’s a liability to the county to participate in the ERT, then he can pull out of it; it doesn’t have to be disbanded.

“He wants to control this team and that’s all it’s about,” said Brown. “That’s why he won’t give you an answer on if it’s going to be a reconstituted ERT or we’re going to be able to join the Sheriff’s Response Team – whatever legal works out. It has nothing to do with legal. It has to do with his control.”

The sheriff took offense to the accusations, saying he had no choice but to put an end to the ERT once he was in receipt of the letter from the county’s law department. “This was not of my doing,” he said.

Further, McConville said the team was not being properly run, with members not meeting the required number of trainings, among other shortfalls, and that if such a team is going to exist, it should be top-notch.

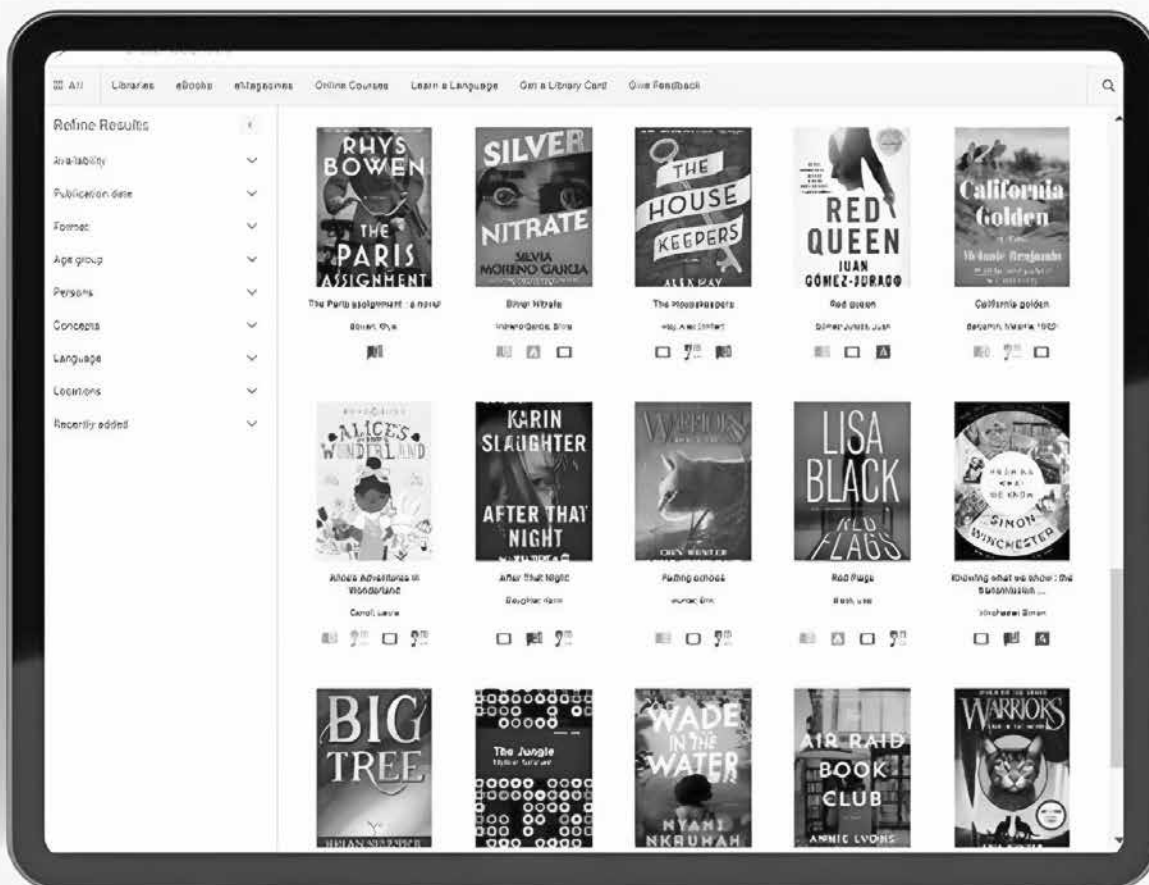
“There was a complete failure of leadership by the board of directions,” he said. “Once I started looking into it, I asked the questions that had to be asked. It’s that simple. Do I want control and command of it? Only if it’s going to revert back to the way it was, absolutely... If we’re going to stand up an ERT team or an SRT team, we want to make sure we’re professional, we’re adept, we’re highly trained and we can perform those assignments as directed by the incident commander.”

No action on the matter was taken at the Dec. 18 meeting.

“So, in summary, just to recap, we are implementing the Sheriff’s Response Team so we are not skipping a beat and not jeopardizing any safety measures within the county and moving forward in coordination with the law and mismanagement,” said Nacerino. “We will be making a decision whether or not you need to go to the outside agencies or the fact that your team is able to encompass the needs of the county, and that remains to be seen.”

The sheriff added: “We would certainly look forward to a partnership with our associate law enforcement agencies on this.”

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Sealed proposals must be filed in the above office on or before **1:00 P.M., FRIDAY, JANUARY 19, 2024.**

dated: Carmel, New York December 21, 2023
Sgd/John Tully, Purchasing Director
Putnam County Purchasing Department

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held before the County Executive of the County of Putnam at **Room 300** of the County Office Building, 40 Gleneida Avenue, Carmel, New York 10512 on the **9th** day of **January** at **3:30 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.** concerning:

A LOCAL LAW

Establishing the 2024 SALARY OF CERTAIN APPOINTED OFFICERS SERVING FOR FIXED TERMS, which was adopted by the Putnam County Legislature on December 21, 2023, by Resolution #272.

This Local Law sets the 2024 Salaries for Certain County Officers appointed for a fixed term as follows:

Michael Bartolotti
Putnam County Clerk
...\$148,312

Kevin McConville
Putnam County Sheriff
...\$170,376

John Bourges
Putnam County Coroner
...\$ 25,688

Wendy Erickson
Putnam County Coroner
...\$ 25,688

Michael Nesheiwat
Putnam County Coroner
...\$ 25,688

Joseph Castellano
Putnam County Legislator
...\$ 45,518

Erin Crowley
Putnam County Legislator
...\$ 45,518

Greg Ellner
Putnam County Legislator
...\$ 45,518

Paul Jonke
Putnam County Legislator
...\$ 45,518

Nancy Montgomery
Putnam County Legislator
...\$ 45,518

Ginny Nacerino
Putnam County Legislator
...\$ 45,518

• Additional Stipend for Legislature Chairperson
...\$11,380.00

Copies of the Local Law are available at the Office of the Putnam County Legislature, Room

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318, 40 Gleneida Avenue, Carmel, New York 10512.

At the aforesaid time and place all persons interested in the subject matter thereof will be heard concerning same. Comments will also be accepted via regular mail submitted to the above referenced address, to send an email: Please go to the following website and click "Send us a message" https://www.putnam-countyny.com/county-executive, and facsimile to (845) 808-1901.

This Local Law shall take effect forty-five (45) days after its passage and is subject to permissive referendum.

Dated: December 28, 2023
Carmel, New York

C. Compton Spain
Putnam County Attorney

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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This Local Law sets the 2024 Salaries for Certain County Officers appointed for a fixed term as follows:

Paul Eldridge
Personnel Director...\$154,355

Commissioner of Health
...\$ 220,000 (Maximum Amount)

Sara Servadio
Commissioner of Social Services/Mental Health/Youth Bureau ... \$157,968

Patricia McLoughlin
Director of Real Property Tax Services ... \$106,860

Kelly Primavera
Commissioner Board of Elections ...\$104,470

Catherine Croft
Commissioner Board of Elections ...\$104,470

Michele Alfano-Sharkey
County Auditor ...\$130,305

Diane Schonfeld
Clerk of the Legislature ...\$116,762

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Carmel, New York

PUBLIC NOTICE

C. Compton Spain
Putnam County Attorney

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Southeast

2024 PUBLIC NOTICE

TAX ROLL & WARRANT LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF SOUTHEAST NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF TAX ROLL AND WARRANT TAKE NOTICE that I, AnnMarie Milano, the Receiver of Taxes for the Town of Southeast, County of Putnam, State of New York, have duly received the tax roll and warrant for the collection of taxes within the Town of Southeast for the year 2024 and that I will be in attendance at the Town Hall, 1360 Route 22, Brewster, New York from December 29, 2023; 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, except holidays, for the purpose of receiving taxes listed on said roll.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the taxes may be paid on or before

January 31, 2024 without charge or interest. On all taxes received after that date, there shall be an added interest of one percent for each additional month or fraction thereof, thereafter, until such taxes are paid or until return of unpaid taxes to the Commissioner of Finance, pursuant to law.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that

\$2.00 shall be charged against each parcel if taxes remain unpaid, and a second notice is mailed, pursuant to law.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that pursuant to the provisions of law, the Tax Roll of the Town of Southeast will be returned to the Commissioner of Finance of the County of Putnam on the first day of April 2024.

Dated: December 27, 2023

AnnMarie Milano
Receiver of Taxes
Town of Southeast
County of Putnam
State of New York

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PUBLIC NOTICE

SOUTHEAST PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Planning Board/Architectural Review Board of the Town of Southeast, New York, in accordance with Chapters 78 and 138 of the Code of the Town of Southeast, and NYCRR Part 617 of the Environmental Conservation Law (as applicable), will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, January 8, 2024 at 7:00 p.m., at Southeast Town Offices, 1360 Route 22, Brewster, New York to consider the following:

DIGNELLI VENTURES, LLC – Application is being made for Special Permit for Excavation and Grading and a Wetland Permit for a proposal to excavate and grade 0.41 acres of 5.03-acres of properties located at 357 and 361 Route 312, Brewster, Putnam County, in the ED Zoning District and identified as Tax Map Numbers 45.-2-46 & 47. The proposed work is adjacent to an existing parking area. The application is in response to a stop work order issued 7/12/23. The proposed project requires Planning Board Special Permit per § 69-15. The buffer of NYSDEC Wetland BR-18 may extend onto the property and a wetland permit may be required.

220 DOANSBURG ROAD – Application is being made for Site Plan and a Wetland Permit

PUBLIC NOTICE

for a proposal by Augusta Metell Equestrian, LLC, to construct a 20,000 sq. ft. indoor riding ring in the place of the existing outdoor ring within an equestrian training and boarding facility on a 30-acre property. The project will result in disturbance within the wetland buffer but not within the wetland on a property located at 220 Doansburg Road, Brewster, Putnam County, in the R-160 Zoning District and identified as Tax Map Number 47.-1-33.

Thomas LaPerch, Chairman
Town of Southeast Planning Board
Dated: December 11, 2023

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Carmel

Environmental Conservation Board TOWN HALL - MAHOPAC, NY 10541 – (845) 628-1500

Date: 12/26/23
TAX MAP #64.11-1-16

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A WETLAND PERMIT

Pursuant to the Town of Carmel Wetland Ordinance, Chapter 89-5.

Applicant: **William Shilling**

Address: **37 Kirk Lake Drive, Mahopac, NY 10541**

Has filed an application with the Clerk of the Town of Carmel where the application and associated documents and maps along with published rules and regulations are available for public inspection.

The applicant requests that a permit be issued to:

Legalize pergola and install shed.

The property is located: **37 Kirk Lake Drive, Mahopac, NY 10541**

Situated within the periphery of a fresh water wetland and the "adjacent areas". (100 feet of the wetlands associated with) **Kirk Lake, Mahopac, NY 10541**

In the Town of Carmel, Putnam County, New York.

Any person interested in this application who wishes to become a "party in interest" in this proceeding must file a statement of the precise grounds of support of, or opposition to, or interest in the application, with the undersigned no later than **Wednesday, January 17, 2024.**

Any party in interest will be eligible to be heard if a public hearing is ultimately held in connection with application.

Robert Laga,

Chairman, Environmental Conservation Board

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Environmental Conservation Board TOWN HALL - MAHOPAC, NY 10541 – (845) 628-1500

Date: 12/26/23
TAX MAP #64.19-1-62

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A WETLAND PERMIT

Pursuant to the Town of Carmel Wetland Ordinance, Chapter 89-5.

Applicant: **Alison & Daniel Brown**

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Address: **14 Boxwood Place, Rye Brook, NY 10573**

Has filed an application with the Clerk of the Town of Carmel where the application and associated documents and maps along with published rules and regulations are available for public inspection.

The applicant requests that a permit be issued to:

Add a second story over the existing first floor and build new deck.

The property is located: **18 Frederick Street, Mahopac, NY 10541**

Situated within the periphery of a fresh water wetland and the "adjacent areas". (100 feet of the wetlands associated with) **Kirk Lake, Mahopac, NY 10541**

In the Town of Carmel, Putnam County, New York.

Any person interested in this application who wishes to become a "party in interest" in this proceeding must file a statement of the precise grounds of support of, or opposition to, or interest in the application, with the undersigned no later than **Wednesday, January 17, 2024.**

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Robert Laga,

Chairman, Environmental Conservation Board

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Supreme Court

SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS-SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, COUNTY OF PUTNAM – **SPECIALIZED LOAN SERVICING, LLC**, Plaintiff, -against- **TROY E. PAYSON**, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF NANCY A. PAYSON; **DEBRA ANN PAYSON** AND **JOHN B. KEANE, III**, AS HEIRS AND DISTRIBUTIBLES OF THE DECEDENT **GEORGE H. PAYSON II**, AS HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF NANCY A. PAYSON; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS-AT-LAW, NEXT-OF-KIN, DISTRIBUTIBLES, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, TRUSTEES, DEVISEES, LEGATEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS AND SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST AND GENERALLY ALL PERSONS AND PARTIES HAVING OR CLAIMING, UNDER, BY OR THROUGH THE DECEDENT **GEORGE H. PAYSON II**, BY PURCHASE, INHERITANCE, LIEN OR OTHERWISE, ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN AND TO THE PREMISES DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT HEREIN, **WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.**, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (SOUTHERN DISTRICT); **NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE**; "JOHN DOE #1" through "JOHN DOE #10" inclusive, the names of the ten last name Defendants being fictitious, real names unknown to the Plaintiff, the parties intended being persons or corporations having an interest in, or tenants or persons in possession of, portions of the mortgaged premises described in the Complaint, Defendants - Index No. 500773/2022 Plaintiff Designates Putnam County as the Place of Trial. The Basis of Venue is that the subject premises is situated in Putnam County. To the above named Defendants-**YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED** to answer the Complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or,

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if the complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the Plaintiff's Attorney(s) within 20 days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York); and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. That this Supplemental Summons is being filed pursuant to an order of the court dated November 2, 2023. **NOTICE-YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME** - If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to the mortgage company will not stop the foreclosure action. **YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (SPECIALIZED LOAN SERVICING, LLC) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT.** The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an order of the Honorable Gina C. Capone, J.S.C. Dated: November 2, 2023 Filed: November 2, 2023. The object of this action is to foreclose a mortgage covering the premises known as 102 Hillair Road, Lake Peekskill, NY 10537. Dated: November 17, 2023 Filed: November 17, 2023. Knuckles, Komosinski & Manfro, LLP, Attorney for Plaintiff, By: Richard F. Komosinski, Esq., 565 Taxter Road, Suite 590, Elmsford, NY 10523 P: (914) 345-3020

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF PUTNAM U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE FOR THE RMAC TRUST, SERIES 2018 G-CTT, Plaintiff AGAINST CHRISTOPHER POOLE AS ADMINISTRATOR AND AS HEIR OF THE ESTATE OF NANCY A. DANIELSON AKA NANCY DANIELSON, ET AL., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered October 11, 2023, 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 January 22, 2024 at 9:30AM, premises known as 51 Ellen Avenue, Mahopac, NY 10541. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being at Lake View Park, Lake Mahopac, Town of Carmel, Putnam County, New York, Section: 75.51 Block: 1 Lot: 12. Approximate amount of judgment \$193,989.47 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index #500760/2022. The aforementioned auction will be conducted in accordance with the PUTNAM County COVID-19 mitigation protocols and as such all persons must comply with social distancing, wearing masks and screening practices in effect at the time of this foreclosure sale. Christopher York, Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC 1775 Wehrle

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Drive Williamsville, NY 14221 22-001369 78700

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF PUTNAM WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff AGAINST ROSE A. EDDY AS EXECUTOR TO THE ESTATE OF THEODORE J. ILLAR AKA THEODORE ILLAR, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered October 19, 2023, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Supreme Court in Courtroom 209 of the Putnam Supreme Court, 20 County Center, Carmel, NY 10512 on January 22, 2024 at 10:30AM, premises known as 162 Tibet Drive, Carmel, NY 10512. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of Kent, County of Putnam and State of New York, Section 30.16 Block 1 Lot 13. Approximate amount of judgment \$223,733.44 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index #501114/2022. The aforementioned auction will be conducted in accordance with the PUTNAM County COVID-19 mitigation protocols and as such all persons must comply with social distancing, wearing masks and screening practices in effect at the time of this foreclosure sale. A. Albert Buonamici, Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC 1775 Wehrle Drive Williamsville, NY 14221 22-002349 78506

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF PUTNAM SANTANDER BANK, N.A., Plaintiff AGAINST ERIC MOORE, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered October 20, 2023, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Supreme Court in Courtroom 209 of the Putnam Supreme Court, 20 County Center, Carmel, NY 10512 on January 22, 2024 at 2:30PM, premises known as 25 Ferris Drive, Garrison, NY 10524. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of Philipstown, County of Putnam, and State of New York, Section: 90.8, Block: 1, Lot: 29. Approximate amount of judgment \$467,899.32 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index #800093/2022. The aforementioned auction will be conducted in accordance with the PUTNAM County COVID-19 Protocols located on the Office of Court Administration (OCA) website (<https://ww2.nycourts.gov/Admin/oca.shtml>) and as such all persons must comply with social distancing, wearing masks and screening practices in effect at the time of this foreclosure sale. For sale information, please visit Auction.com or call (800) 280-2832. Craig M. Wallace, Esq., Referee McMichael Taylor Gray, LLC 7 Wells Street, Suite 205B Saratoga Springs, NY 12866 23-001045-01 78635

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SUPREME COURT OF

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE STATE OF NEW YORK - COUNTY OF PUTNAM

MORTGAGE ASSETS MANAGEMENT, LLC,

V.

EUGENE BAYERSDORFER, JR., AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTTEE OF THE ESTATE OF IRENE BAYERSDORFER, ET AL.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated November 03, 2023, and entered in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Putnam, wherein **MORTGAGE ASSETS MANAGEMENT, LLC** is the Plaintiff and **EUGENE BAYERSDORFER, JR., AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTTEE OF THE ESTATE OF IRENE BAYERSDORFER, ET AL.** are the Defendant(s). I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the PUTNAM COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 20 COUNTY CENTER, CARMEL, NY 10512, on January 22, 2024 at 11:30AM, premises known as 5 CARILLON ROAD, BREWSTER, NY 10509: Section 56.14, Block 2, Lot 50:

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

Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 501028/2022. Christopher York, Esq. - Referee, Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 310, Westbury, New York 11590, Attorneys for Plaintiff. **All foreclosure sales will be conducted in accordance with Covid-19 guidelines including, but not limited to, social distancing and mask wearing. *LOCATION OF SALE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DAY OF IN ACCORDANCE WITH COURT/CLERK DIRECTIVES..**

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NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT-COUNTY OF PUTNAM

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff, AGAINST CHARLES KOHN, et al. Defendant(s)

Pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale duly entered on June 20, 2023.

I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction in Courtroom 209 of the Putnam Supreme Courthouse at 20 County Center Carmel, NY 10512 on January 29, 2024 at 10:30 AM premises known as 2003 Kings Way, Carmel, NY 10512.

Please take notice that this foreclosure auction shall be conducted in compliance with the Foreclosure Auction Rules for the Ninth Judicial District, Putnam County, and the COVID 19 Health Emergency Rules, including proper use of masks and social distancing.

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, Putnam County, New York, Section 44.11, Block 1 and Lot 22.-2003.

Approximate amount of judgment \$103,436.62 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment. Index #501487/2019.

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Emily Barile Boccardi, Esq., Referee,

Aldridge Pite, LLP - Attorneys for Plaintiff - 40 Marcus Drive, Suite 200, Melville, NY 11747

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NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT: PUTNAM COUNTY. WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, AS TRUSTEE OF UPLAND MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST B, Pltf. vs. KATHRYN C. MADDEN, et al, Defts. Index #501454/2019. Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale dated Nov. 15, 2022, I will sell at public auction in Room 209 of the Putnam County Courthouse, 20 County Center, Carmel, NY on January 29, 2024 at 11:30 a.m., prem. k/a 402 Hortontown Road, Hopewell Junction, NY a/k/a Section 9, Block 1, Lot 23. Said property being in the Town of Kent, Country of Putnam and State of NY, designated as Lot No. 1 on a certain Map filed in the Putnam County Clerk's Office as Map No. 1540 on October 13, 1976. Approx. amt. of judgment is \$515,059.66 plus costs and interest. Sold subject to terms and conditions of filed judgment and terms of sale. GORDON B. FINE, Referee. MARGOLIN, WEINREB & NIERER, LLP, Attys. for Pltf., 165 Eileen Way, Ste. 101, Syosset, NY. #101015

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF PUTNAM FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION, Plaintiff AGAINST DANIEL P. MCGEE, KATHLEEN E. MCGEE, Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered November 9, 2023, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Supreme Court in Courtroom 209 of the Putnam Supreme Court, 20 County Center, Carmel, NY 10512 on January 29, 2024 at 9:30AM, premises known as 51 Sherwood Hill Road, Brewster, NY 10509. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of Southeast, County of Putnam, State of New York Section: 36, Block: 2, Lot: 10. Approximate amount of judgment \$480,866.21 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index #501005/2021. The aforementioned auction will be conducted in accordance with the PUTNAM County COVID-19 mitigation protocols and as such all persons must comply with social distancing, wearing masks and screening practices in effect at the time of this foreclosure sale. Edward T. McCormack, Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC 1775 Wehrle Drive Williamsville, NY 14221 22-001714 78860

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF PUTNAM, US BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR VRMTG ASSET TRUST, Plaintiff, vs. MARGARET DUKE AS HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF JOHN J. DUKE, ET AL., Defendant(s).

Pursuant to an Order Discharging Guardian Ad Litem and Military Attorney, Confirming Referee's Report and Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly

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entered on November 1, 2023, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at courtroom 209 of the Putnam Supreme Courthouse at, 20 County Center, Carmel, NY 10512 on February 5, 2024 at 9:30 a.m., premises known as 111 North Brewster Road, Brewster, NY 10509. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of Southeast, County of Putnam and State of New York, Section 45.84, Block 1 and Lot 19. Approximate amount of judgment is \$310,973.98 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 500118/2020. Cash will not be accepted. COVID-19 safety protocols will be followed at the foreclosure sale.

Joseph A. Charbonneau, Esq., Referee

Knuckles, Komosinski & Manfro, LLP, 565 Taxter Road, Suite 590, Elmsford, NY 10523, Attorneys for Plaintiff

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PUBLIC NOTICE

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF PUTNAM SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS Index No. 800038/2021

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO WACHOVIA MORTGAGE, FSB, FORMERLY KNOWN AS WORLD SAVINGS BANK, FSB, Plaintiff,

ANY UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, DISTRIBUTTEES OR SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST OF THE LATE MICHAEL S. CASCARANO AKA MICHAEL CASCARANO AKA MIKE S. CASCARANO AKA MIKE CASCARANO, IF LIVING, AND IF ANY BE DEAD, ANY AND ALL PERSONS WHO ARE SPOUSES, WIDOWS, GRANTEES, MORTGAGEES, LIENORS, HEIRS, DEVISEES, DISTRIBUTTEES, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, OR SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST OF SUCH OF THEM AS MAY BE DEAD, AND THEIR SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, DISTRIBUTTEES AND SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST, ALL OF WHOM AND WHOSE NAMES ARE PLACES OF RESIDENCE ARE UNKNOWN TO PLAINTIFF, NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF LAKE MAHOPAC WOODS ASSOCIATION, Defendants.

To the above named Defendants:

You are hereby summoned to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or if the complaint is not served with this summons, to serve a notice of appearance on the Plaintiff's attorneys within thirty days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service, and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint.

NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME

If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with

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the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home.

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

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

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

This is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an order of Honorable Victor G. Grossman, Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, signed the 18th day of December, 2023 at Carmel, New York.

The object of this action is to foreclose a mortgage on the following property:

SBL No.: 64.12-1-17
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, bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point on the northerly line of North Lake Boulevard, distant 281.6 feet westerly from the westerly terminus of the curve which connects the northerly line of North Lake Boulevard with the westerly line of Bench Road; and

RUNNING THENCE the following twelve (12) courses and distances:

1) Along the North line of North Lake Boulevard and on a curve to the left having a radius of 423.31 feet an arc length of 101.02 feet to a rod;

2) RUNNING THENCE on a course of North 41 degrees 50 minutes 50 seconds West a distance of 158.99 feet to a point;

3) RUNNING THENCE on a course of North 78 degrees 43 minutes 02 seconds West a distance of 10.00 feet to a point;

4) RUNNING THENCE on a course of South 48 degrees 09 minutes 10 seconds West a distance of 36.21 feet to a point;

Thence continuing along the same course a distance of 48.36 feet to a point;

5) RUNNING THENCE on a course of North 56 degrees 34 minutes 20 seconds West a distance of 130.90 feet to a rod set in the easterly line of a 20 foot wide right of way leading to Oakland View Drive;

6) RUNNING THENCE on a course of North 30 degrees 27 minutes 10 seconds East along the easterly line of the aforementioned Right of Way a distance of 48.05 feet to a point on the southerly terminus of Oakland View Drive;

7) RUNNING THENCE on a course of South 47 degrees 32 minutes 10 seconds East along the southerly terminus of Oakland View Drive a distance of 10.00 feet to a rock with an "X" cut found;

8) RUNNING THENCE on a course of North 42 degrees 27 minutes 50 seconds East, 25.00 feet along the easterly line of Oakland View Drive and the westerly line of the premises intended to be described a distance of 145.00 feet to a rod set; and

9) RUNNING THENCE on a course of South 46 degrees 00 minutes 10 seconds East a distance of 146.01 feet to a point;

10) RUNNING THENCE on a course of North 48 degrees 09 minutes 10 seconds East a distance of 17.39 feet to a rod set;

11) RUNNING THENCE on a course of North 54 degrees 55 minutes 50 seconds East a distance of 13.73 feet to a rod set;

12) RUNNING THENCE

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on a course of South 38 degrees 59 minutes 34 seconds East a distance of 162.40 feet to the northerly line of North Luke Boulevard the point and place of BEGINNING.

Subject to easements, covenants, and restriction of record.

These premises are also known as 16 Oakland View Road aka 16 Oakland View Drive, Mahopac, NY 10541.

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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT PUTNAM COUNTY

NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING, Plaintiff against

MARY LYNN MILLER A/K/A M. LYNN MILLER A/K/A MARY L. MILLER A/K/A MARY MILLER, et al Defendant(s)

Attorney for Plaintiff(s) Stern & Eisenberg, P.C., 20 Commerce Drive, Suite 230, Cranford, NJ 07016 and 1131 Route 55, Suite 1, Lagrangeville, NY 12540.

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered November 30, 2023, I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder at the Putnam County Courthouse, Courtroom 209, 20 County Center, Carmel, NY 10512 on February 5, 2024 at 11:30 AM. Premises known as 30 Bank Street, Cold Spring, NY 10516. Sec 49.5 Block 4 Lot 68. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Village of Cold Spring, Town of Philipstown, County of Putnam and State of New York. Approximate Amount of Judgment is

\$343,124.52 plus interest, fees, and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No 501195/2022. For sale information, please visit www.Auction.com or call (800) 280-2832.

During the COVID-19 health emergency, Bidders are required to comply with all governmental health requirements in effect at the time of the 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. Should a bidder fail to comply, the Referee may refuse to accept any bid, cancel the closing and hold the bidder in default. 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.

Jack Elliot Schachner, Esq., Referee File #NY-73000236-16-3

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE AND SALE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK - COUNTY OF PUTNAM

SUNMARK CREDIT UNION, Plaintiff, v. RICKY NELSON VENTURA; MARK HAMILTON VENTURA; AMERICAN EXPRESS TRAVEL RELATED SERVICES, CO., INC.; WEST-CHESTER MEDICAL CENTER TAYLOR CARE CENTER, C-2; CUDDY & FEDER, LLP; TOWN OF PHILIPSTOWN; RNV GREEN PROCESSING & SUPPLY CORP.; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE;

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PATRICIA PATINELLA; and JEFFREY PHILLIPS, Index No. 500792/2020 In pursuance and by virtue of judgment of foreclosure and sale duly granted by this Court on June 28, 2023 and entered in the Putnam County Clerk's Office on June 28, 2023, in the amount of \$324,937.77, plus continuing interest, plus costs and legal fees totaling \$36,177.86, I, 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 Supreme Court, Putnam County, 20 County Center, Carmel, New York 10512, in Room 209, on the 5th day of February 2024, at 10:30 a.m. of that day, the mortgaged premises directed in and by said judgment and be sold and in said judgment described as follows: All that certain piece, plot or parcel of land situate lying and being in the TOWN OF PHILIPSTOWN, COUNTY OF PUTNAM, State of New York, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at the intersection of the southerly side of Lane Gate Road with the westerly side of Route 9; THENCE along Route 9, South 20° 34' East 647.01 feet to land now or formerly Jerome and Nickolas Rossi; THENCE along Rossi, South 79° 53' 30" West 233.50 feet, South 31° 00' West 18.91 feet, South 28° 08' 50" West 158.04 feet, South 52° 49' 10" West 58.47 feet, South 35° 50' 30" West 26.21 feet, South 22° 12' 40" West 61.50 feet and South 82° 46' West 259.61 feet to lands conveyed to Wayne and Lisa Stephens in Liber 1605 cp 378; THENCE along Stephens, North 8° 32' 20" West 26.34 feet, North 9° 47' 20" West 18.80 feet, North 3° 42' 20" West 31.40 feet, North 6° 49' 20" West 148.60 feet, North 4° 57' 20" West 21.10 feet, North 7° 17' 20" West 89.70 feet, North 3° 06' 20" West 17.60 feet, North 7° 07' 20" West 60.70 feet, North 7° 52' 20" West 33.80 feet, North 8° 32' 20" West 20.00 feet, North 5° 40' 20" West 64.60 feet and North 9° 35' 20" West 23.76 feet to Lane Gate Road; THENCE along Lane Gate Road, North 44° 14' East 30.50 feet, North 49° 22' East 79.10 feet, North 52° 33' East 63.00 feet; northeasterly on a curve to the left having a radius of 200.00 feet a distance of 82.67 feet, North 28° 52' East 14.72 feet, northeasterly on a curve to the right having a radius of 150.00 feet a distance of 67.81 feet, North 54° 46' East 89.36 feet, North 34° 39' West 3.63 feet, North 54° 43' East 129.10 feet South 35° 20' East 4.10 feet, North 54° 40' East 31.30 feet, South 34° 56' East 3.41 feet, northeasterly on a curve to the right having a radius of 150.00 feet a distance of 38.77 feet and North 76° 03' East 17.55 feet to the point and place of BEGINNING.

Joseph J. Tock, Esq., Referee, FALCON RAPPAPORT & BERKMAN LLP, Attorneys for Plaintiff, 265 Sunrise Highway, Suite 50, Rockville Centre, New York 11570, (516) 599-0888. Location of Property to be Foreclosed: 1 LANE GATE ROAD, COLD SPRING, NEW YORK 10516.

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LLC

Notice of Formation of **PLAN-Kent LLC**. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2023-10-06. Office location: Putnam County, SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to PLAN-Kent LLC: PO Box 1549 Carmel NY 10512. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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CCE Presents Winter Farmer Lunchtime Series

Cornell Cooperative Extension-Putnam County recently announced its Winter Farmer Lunchtime Series, designed for both seasoned professionals and those just starting out in the agricultural journey, bringing fresh insights and hands-on solutions to tackle the challenges of modern farming.

To participate, register at cceptnampcounty.org/events and secure your spot to receive the Zoom link.

On Jan. 4 is "Growing Small Fruits." Join Laura McDermot as she delves into the world of small fruits, focusing on blueberries, blackberries and raspberries. Gain invaluable insights into site and plant selection, pruning techniques, weed control, fertility management and labor-saving methodologies.

On Jan. 11 is "Agroforestry Basics" (fruit-bearing trees and

forest floor crops). Discover the essentials of agroforestry with the dynamic duo of Jen Lerner from CCE-Putnam and Jess Alba, watershed forest stewardship educator. Explore topics such as perennial forest floor crops, fruit-bearing trees, My Woodlot, and Watershed Agricultural Council resources and funding opportunities.

On Jan. 18 is "Beginner Sheep & Goats." Livestock Educator Kathryn Brignac (CCE-Ulster) will guide beginners through considerations for raising sheep and goats. Topics include infrastructure needs, forages, and management basics for health and lambing/kidding.

These sessions are accessible online and scheduled during lunchtime. Register at cceptnampcounty.org/events to save your spot. There is a sliding scale of fees for registration.

Summer Meals for Children of Low-Income Families

Following the state's decision to opt New York into the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Summer Electronic Benefit Transfer Program for Children, more than \$200 million in federal funding has been allocated for summer meals for approximately 2 million school-aged children of low-income families in New York, it was announced last week.

"This program will help us ensure that students whose families rely on school meals during the year can continue to access healthy foods when school is out of session for the summer by simply using an EBT card to purchase food," said New York State Office of Temporary & Disability Assistance Acting Commissioner Barbara Guinn.

The program is aimed at reducing hunger and food insecurity among children who are unable to access free and reduced-price school meals during the summertime. Eligible families with school-age children will receive \$120 per child during the summer months. Approximately 2 million New York children are expected to qualify.

More information on eligibility and benefit issuance will be available in the coming months.

The state has committed to covering 50 percent of the administrative costs of operating the program, as required by the federal government. USDA will cover the other half.

Research has shown that providing families with summer food benefits reduces childhood hunger while promoting better nutrition. A demonstration project tested by the U.S. Department of Agriculture during the pandemic found that Summer EBT decreased the number of kids with very low food security by one-third.

"No child should have to worry about having access to healthy, nutritious meals when school is out of session for the summer," said Senate Majority Leader Charles Schumer. "We know that hunger never takes a vacation, and thanks to the Summer EBT initiative, over 2 million children across New York who rely on school meals during the year will get the assistance they need while on summer break."

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