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## Happy St. Patrick's Day!



Many community and civic organizations participated in the 47th annual Putnam/Northern Westchester St. Patrick's Day parade March 10 along Route 6 in Mahopac.



This year's parade grand marshal was Brendan McDonald. Additional photos are on pages 8 and 9.



Pipes and drums were popular at the event, as attendees crowded the street to celebrate the beloved Irish holiday. Photos by Jack Alcott.

## Brewster Schools Approve Tax Break For Warehouse *First Vote Unsuccessful*

By Holly Crocco

Although a vote to approve a PILOT agreement with Brewster Industrial Owner, LLC, failed the Brewster School Board during its Feb. 27 meeting, a revote of the board at its March 12 meeting pushed the agreement through, meaning the commercial business will receive a \$5.7 million tax break over the course of a decade.

BIO is nearing completion on construction of two warehouse distribution/logistics facilities totaling 921,000 square feet, to be leased to end users on Pugsley Road in the Town of Southeast. It has applied for "financial assistance" through the Putnam County Industrial Development Agency, which includes a Payment In Lieu of Taxes agreement.

As required under the rules of the IDA, the school district – as well as the town and county that would receive property tax payments from the business – must approve the agreement. The town

and county previously approved the PILOT.

Under the agreement, BIO would pay 50 percent less in property taxes the first year of operation, with the discounted percentage decreasing 5 percent each year until it is paying the full amount (10 years).

In a January letter to the school board, IDA Chairman Bill Nulk said the PILOT is "a necessary component for the rental success of the building space" and that they are proposing the "standard progression for property tax abatements that bring increased revenue to the town, county and school district, as well as new jobs and access to other properties in the area."

During the Feb. 27 meeting of the school board, during which two members were absent, the vote to approve the PILOT failed because, while three members voted "yes" and two voted "no,"

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## Training Stipend Program for NY Vol. Firefighters

New York's first training stipend program for volunteer firefighters was recently launched.

According to Gov. Kathy Hochul, the draft regulations support the state's efforts to strengthen and stabilize its volunteer fire service, and a total of \$10 million will help offset the costs of training courses that volunteer firefighters are required to complete.

"New York's volunteer fire service plays a critical role in protecting our communities but, departments statewide face serious recruitment and retention challenges," said NYS Homeland Security & Emergency Services Commissioner Jackie Bray. "That's why Gov. Hochul prioritized rewriting the rules to allow our division to provide stipends for the foundation training courses. These stipends will allow more New Yorkers will be able to sign up to become volunteer firefighters and strengthen our more than 1,000 volunteer departments across the state."

Volunteer fire departments serve approximately 9 million New Yorkers – nearly half of the state's

population. In recent years, however, more than three-quarters of these departments have reported a decrease in the number of individuals willing to volunteer and serve. This is further compounded by the increased operational responsibilities beyond fire protection to include vehicle accidents, medical emergencies, hazardous material spills and weather-related rescue operations.

At the same time, calls for service have increased 29 percent from 1997 to 2020.

As part of the effort to strengthen and stabilize the state's volunteer fire service, the Office of Fire Prevention & Control will administer a \$750 stipend for the Basic Exterior Firefighting Operations course, a \$1,250 stipend for the Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus/Interior Firefighting Operations course, and a \$1,000 stipend for the Fire Officer 1 course – for completion on or after Aug. 31, 2023.

Additionally, a local fire training stipend may be authorized

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Life Skills participants at Henry H. Wells Middle School in Brewster man the coffee station. Photo by Brewster Central School District.

## ‘Bears Brew’ Serves Up Coffee & More

Bears Brew is now percolating! The business, run by students in the Life Skills class at Henry H. Wells Middle School in Brewster, is a coffee cart located in the classroom. Teachers and staff are invited to fill out a Google form in advance to place an order.

Since Bears Brew is open all day long this year for coffee and treats, there are more customers. On opening day alone, there were 20 teachers that bought coffee and cake. Life Skills students – who have been in training, working the first half of the year to build the skills needed to work the cart,

such as communication, money math and vocabulary – were ready to take orders and complete transactions.

The cart is also now equipped with picture cards to help students retrieve items, so there are lots of happy customers.

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## Letters to the Editor

### Save the Belden House

Dear Editor:  
I read recently in your newspaper an article titled “Community Continues to Rally to Save Belden House” regarding a program at the historic Reed Memorial Library, directed by our precious Ann Fanizzi. She has been so wonderful as a leader when we had our Friends of Belden House meeting at the Mahopac Public Library several months ago. It was there that one gentleman told us he had worked for our former County Executive Robert Bondi the year of 2006, when the DEP gave the grant for the renovation of our precious friend. Since Bondi has resurfaced just recently, being awarded a plaque by our County Executive Kevin Byrne, maybe he can help us in our mission of restoration. Even the sign “Help Save,” referring to Belden House, is located on the side of the main road and signed by Friends of the Belden House in Putnam County. To me, the DEP means Department of Environmental Protection, no decimation, as they continue to sleep instead of using our grant for renovation of our beloved Belden House. I’m sure there is someone who has the strength emotionally to contest this lack of interest, along with Ann Fanizzi. May we be blessed to find this person within a few hours or days. Kevin Byrne, our county executive, was totally engaged in renovating our Koehler Senior Center in Mahopac a few months ago. I’m hoping that through Ann Fanizzi he’ll be selected to help us, as well, with our friend Belden House.  
*Elizabeth Joshi  
Mahopac*



## Working Mom By Holly Crocco

# When You’re Dead, You’re Dead

When it comes to parenting, when you decide to just throw your hands up, it’s not always in defeat. Sometimes you’re just choosing to let whatever situation, statement or chain of events that has occurred, lie.

Picking your battles, if you will.

Example: Mikey walked up to me out of the blue a couple of weeks ago and said, “Hey, Mom, guess what?”

“What?” I answered. I was pulling stuff out of the refrigerator for dinner.

“You’re going to die before Dad because you were born first,” he said casually. And then he shrugged and walked away.

I stood there, dumbfounded, for a few minutes as many thoughts swirled through my head. The first was, “Gee, thanks, kid.” That was followed by the idea that I should tell him that’s not necessarily the case, as people died at all different ages and walks of life for many reasons. But I also appreciated his understanding of chronology and that, in theory, people get old and die.

Then I thought that perhaps this would be a good time to have a talk about death and what it means to be dead and that it can happen to anyone at any time... But he was playing with his action figures without a care in the world and I had chicken marinating and we had to be at swim lessons in an hour.

So I just let that teachable moment pass right by.

Well, then it seemed like suddenly everything was about “being dead.” I don’t know if it was his buddies at school talking about this, or maybe something on one of the shows he watches (despite the parental controls), but everything had death as a consequence.

“You have to eat your dinner or you’re going to be dead,” he would tell me.

“The person who doesn’t make this basket is going to die.”

“Mom, if I get you with a Nerf blaster, you have to lay on the floor with your tongue out cuz that means you’re dead.”

Finally, I realized I couldn’t sidestep the topic anymore. So one day after his reference to something or someone “being dead” or “going to die” I asked him, “Mikey, do you understand what that means, to be dead? That it’s final, and you never come back?”

“Yep,” he said, and refilled his Nerf device.

“That’s why we don’t call your toys ‘guns’ and ‘bullets,’ we call them ‘blasters’ and ‘darts.’ Because real guns can make someone dead for real, and don’t want that, right? Because then they would be gone forever, right?”

“Yep,” he said as he fired a dart right at my rib.

“No, Mikey, I’m serious.” I put down my weapon (rookie mistake!) and after taking a few

more body shots, I got his attention and started the whole conversation about how everyone and everything dies and it’s OK because that’s how it’s supposed to be and you don’t have to be scared. But also while for many people that doesn’t happen until they are older, sometimes it happens by surprise...

And he really seemed like he couldn’t care less. So you know what, again, I just threw my hands up, quickly backpedaled out of the whole conversation, picked up my blaster and returned fire.

I honestly feel like sometimes we adults overanalyze situations. Maybe he wasn’t burdened by these heavy thoughts and I took the conversation to a place it didn’t need to go to. Or, maybe I should have pushed the issue farther. I’m not saying my approach was right. I never know if my approach is right.

I will say, though, that just like potty talk and making fart noises and all the other obnoxious things kids do, after a while of just letting all the talk about “being dead” fly, he eventually stopped talking about it so much.

Now, however, he’s moved on to pushing my buttons by using a word that is dangerously close to a curse word and that I don’t like him using but, again, I’m picking my battles.

At some point during the school year, Mikey came off the bus singing the pop song with the lyrics, “I’m good, yeah, I’m feeling alright. Baby I’m a have the best freaking night of my life.”

The first time I heard him sing it I gasped and yelled at him. But then it would come on the radio in the car and he would get all excited and sing along to it. And then he would just be humming and mumbling it as he played independently.

And then, finally, I decided, freak it! If it’s good enough for the school bus radio, then it’s good enough for the Crocco Household! So now, Mikey is allowed to say that word only when he is singing that song. He can’t say it in any other context. The singer is allowed to say it because she is an adult, and adults can say whatever the H-E-double-hockey-sticks they want to say.

My hope is this song will also eventually lose its novelty and phase out, just like the death talk.

But in the meantime, now the whole freaking family is singing it because we can’t get it out of our minds.

But at least I’ll be put out of my misery first. Since, you know, I’m gonna die first.

Oh, and by the way, Mikey is 6 now.

*Holly Crocco is editor of the Putnam County Times/Press and mother of a 6-year-old. She can be reached at editorial@putnampresstimes.com.*

# Carmel Debuts 'George Fischer Day'



George Fischer Middle School music students played "Happy Birthday" as their peers arrived to school March 6.



P.A.C.E. students show off the 3D paper birthday cakes they made for the occasion.

The George Fischer Middle School community joined together March 6 to celebrate the first "George F. Fischer Day."

A resident of Carmel for more than 30 years, Fischer served as a member of the Carmel School Board Study Council and was instrumental in planning the middle school to fill an urgent need for more classroom space. He passed before the new building opened.

However, Fischer's legacy lives on, with the middle school being named in his honor.

Students and staff were greeted upon arrival to school March 6 with a rousing rendition of

"Happy Birthday" played student musicians. Some danced through the balloon arch created by the parent-teacher association, while others sang along.

A banner created by Alice Holtzman and family and consumer science students graced the library entrance, and P.A.C.E. students created 3D paper birthday cakes and decorated the cafeterias.

Teachers and staff created birthday cards and handprints with what they love about GFMS during the day, while in physical education class, students warmed up with movement sets equaling 128 – in honor of Fischer's 128th birthday.

# NJ Man Faces Drug Charges in Putnam

A New Jersey man was recently arrested by the Putnam County Sheriff's Office for allegedly possessing illegal drugs.

According to Sheriff Kevin McConville, at about 12:15 p.m. March 6, the Real Time Crime Center at Westchester County Police headquarters broadcast an alert that a vehicle wanted in connection with fleeing a traffic stop in Elmsford was traveling northbound on Oregon Road into Putnam County. Multiple Westchester County law enforcement agencies tried to stop the car, which failed to comply with a lawful order to stop prior to entering Putnam County.

Narcotics Enforcement Unit investigators who were in the area were able to locate the vehicle traveling northbound on Peekskill Hollow Road. The vehicle continued into the Town of Yorktown briefly, before heading north on the Taconic State Parkway in the Town of Putnam Valley.

The vehicle, which was unregistered and had switched plates, eventually came to a stop on the parkway, just north of the Bryant Pond Road exit, and the driver was taken into custody without further incident.

According to McConville, Sean McDermott, 34, of Hoboken,

was in possession methamphetamine at the time of his arrest. He was charged with fourth-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance, second-degree reckless endangerment, third-degree unlawfully fleeing an officer in a motor vehicle, second-degree aggravated unlicensed operation, and various vehicle and traffic law violations.

McDermott also had an outstanding extraditable felony bench warrant out of Pennsylvania State Police for failing to appear for a driving-while-ability-impaired drug arrest, said McConville. Pennsylvania State Police confirmed that the warrant was still active, and McDermott was also processed as a fugitive from justice.

He was arraigned by Judge Kevin Douchkoff in Kent Town Court and remanded to the Putnam County Correctional Facility pending a county court hearing. On March 7, Putnam County Court Judge Joseph Spofford remanded McDermott to the correctional facility pending an extradition hearing for Pennsylvania.

Westchester County Police, New York State Police, and Carmel and Yorktown police all assisted with the investigation.

# Ferrets Found Abandoned in Patterson

The Putnam County SPCA Law Enforcement Division is seeking information regarding the abandonment of two ferrets who were recently found inside a plastic crate at the park-and-ride parking lot on Route 311 in Patterson.

A good Samaritan contacted New York State Police on March 13 after seeing the animals inside the crate in a grassy area of the lot early that morning. Upon responding to the scene, the state police requested the assistance of the SPCA.

The animals – a light-colored young male and a dark-colored young female, both with long nails – were transported to a local small animal expert, who is caring for them.

The SPCA Law Enforcement Division is investigating this as a case of animal abandonment under the NYS Agriculture & Markets Law, a class A misdemeanor.

"Leaving animals at a rest stop and hoping for the best is not the act of a responsible person and definitely not in the animals' best interest," said SPCA Chief Ken Ross. "They become easy prey for other animals and are unaccustomed to foraging for food and finding shelter."

Anyone with information as to who may have abandoned these animals is asked to call 845-520-6915. Calls remain anonymous.

The ferrets are not currently available for adoption.



Two ferrets were found abandoned in a crate at the park-and-ride parking lot on Route 311 in Patterson.

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# County & PBA Sign 5-Year Contract

The Putnam County Legislature unanimously approved a five-year contract with the Putnam County Sheriff's Police Benevolence Association on March 12, and County Executive Kevin Byrne signed the resolution the next day – solidifying the agreement.

The contract – which includes a yearly 3.5 percent salary increase for years 2023-27 – successfully negotiated by Byrne and Sheriff Kevin McConville, represents a collaborative effort to ensure fair compensation, benefits and working conditions for deputies covered under the PBA, said the county executive. This agreement comes after extensive discussions and reflects the commitment of both parties to prioritize the needs of law enforcement officers while maintaining fiscal responsibility, he said.

The deal was originally announced at Byrne's State of the County presentation the previous week, following an overwhelming vote of approval by members of the PBA.

"This agreement underscores our commitment to supporting our dedicated law enforcement personnel who work tirelessly to ensure the safety and security of our communities," he said. "I thank Sheriff McConville and the PBA leadership for their constructive engagement throughout the negotiation process. And I thank the Legislature for moving swiftly to ratify this contract so we can get our deputies the increased compensation they've earned."

McConville expressed his appreciation for the collaborative effort.

"This is a good deal, a good contract for everyone, and it recognizes the hard work and dedication of our deputies," he said. "I am grateful for the positive working relationship between the county administration, the County Legislature and the PBA leadership. Together, we have reached a mutually beneficial resolution that will benefit our deputies and the residents of Putnam County."

Legislature Chairman Paul Jonke emphasized the importance of the contract for both deputies and the community.

"The approval of this contract reflects our ongoing commitment to supporting our law enforcement personnel and ensuring the effective delivery of public safety services in Putnam County," he said. "We appreciate the dedication and professionalism of our deputies and are pleased to provide them with the compensation and benefits they deserve."

PBA President Dan Hunsberger expressed gratitude for the support of the membership and the successful outcome of the negotiations.

"On behalf of the PBA membership, I want to thank the administration for their commitment to reaching a fair and comprehensive agreement," he said. "This contract provides our deputies with the resources they need to continue serving our community with professionalism and dedication."

## Nutrition Corner

By Allison J. Stowell  
MS, RD, CDN



## Celebrating Women

March is Women's History Month, a time to focus on the many contributions women have made throughout history. It's also a time to consider how we can lift the women we love now and in the future. One way to do that is through health, wellness, and encouraging each other to live our best, healthiest lives at every stage.

Maintain strength

There's nothing more empowering than feeling strong. Women are often reminded to consume calcium and engage in weight bearing exercise to maintain high bone density. However, we speak less about the significant need for women to maintain muscle mass as we age. Sarcopenia, or the slow loss of muscle mass, begins in the 4th decade and accelerates as we age. With significant loss in muscle mass comes decreased stamina, increased risk of injury and overall weakness. Encourage the women you love to maintain muscle through strength training and a balanced diet. It's also important to know that individuals with chronic diseases like COPD and obesity are at greater risk of sarcopenia.

Have a safe relationship with food

One of the most important things we can do for the women we love is to encourage a safe relationship with food. This means an approach to eating that is about balance, emphasizes responding to true hunger, and celebrates an all-inclusive, non-diet approach to eating. I work with many women who are deeply rooted in diet culture and the cycle of moving from one diet to the next. I can confirm that this doesn't serve them. If you know someone who is always on a diet, lives with food guilt and struggles to maintain a safe relationship with food, consider how you can positively support them to reframe their relationship with food.

Reduce risk of chronic disease

Lastly, to care for and lift the women we love, we should help them to adopt a lifestyle that limits potential for developing chronic

diseases like type two diabetes, heart disease, and obesity. These illnesses, while sometimes impacted by family history and age, are considered "illnesses of environment", and made worse when one's lifestyle increases risk.

Allison Stowell MS, RD, CDN is a registered dietitian for Hannaford Supermarket. For more information on free, virtual nutrition classes and more, email: [astowell@hannaford.com](mailto:astowell@hannaford.com).

### Halloumi Couscous Salad with Balsamic Vinaigrette Hannaford.com

Halloumi, a firm cheese that's milder than feta, holds its shape and becomes gorgeously golden when seared-like cheesy croutons! They make a special addition to this Mediterranean salad.

Ingredients:

- 1 cup couscous
- 1 large bunch Italian parsley leaves, chopped
- 1/2 cup chopped tomatoes
- 1/2 cup chopped English cucumber
- 1/4 cup chopped green onions
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh mint
- 6 Tbsp. olive oil, divided
- 2 Tbsp. balsamic vinegar
- 2 tsp. Dijon mustard
- 1 (8-oz.) package halloumi cheese, cut into 3/4" cubes

Directions:

Cook couscous according to package directions. Transfer couscous to a large bowl, fluff with a fork and let cool slightly. Add parsley, tomatoes, cucumber, green onions, mint, 4 tablespoons oil, vinegar, and mustard. Season with salt and pepper. Toss until well combined. Set aside.

Meanwhile, heat 1 tablespoon oil in a 12" nonstick skillet on medium. Add halloumi and sear 5 minutes per side, until golden.

In a medium bowl, toss baby lettuce with remaining 1 tablespoon oil. Season with pepper. Divide lettuce, couscous mixture and halloumi croutons among 4 bowls.

## Refrigerator Rolls

(Family Features)  
Refrigerator Rolls

Ingredients:

- 2 packages yeast
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 2 cups lukewarm water
- 6-7 cups all-purpose flour, divided
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 2 eggs
- 1 stick softened butter oil, divided

Directions:

In large bowl, dissolve yeast and sugar in lukewarm water. When yeast is foamy, add 3 cups flour. Mix in salt, eggs and butter.

Once mixed well, add remaining flour 1 cup at a time and knead dough into ball in bowl. Remove dough from bowl and place on clean surface.

Wash and dry bowl then grease with drizzle of oil. Place dough in



bowl and let rise 1 hour or store in refrigerator if making in advance.

When ready to use, grease muffin pan with oil. Roll dough into hand-size balls and place in each muffin hole; cover 1 hour.

Heat oven to 350 F. Bake rolls 30 minutes.

Note: Dough can be made in advance and stored in refrigerator up to six days. If making ahead, punch down dough, cover and place in refrigerator. Punch down daily until ready to use.

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# Happy Trails! Scout Project Enhances Brewster Community



Family and fellow Scouts helped etch, paint and put polyurethane on the signs.

Boy Scout Michael Rusinko has been cleaning up and labeling all the cross-country trails at Brewster High School, as part of his required community service project in his quest to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout. And in the next few weeks, he will be installing new exercise equipment.

"I'm a cross-country runner and I use those trails, and I thought it would be great to clean up and mark the trails so people always know where they are," he said. "And the new equipment will just be great for everyone."

Rusinko, who is a senior, has spent hours planning, organizing and watching YouTube videos to learn skills like how to install a wooden post into the ground. He has worked with physical education teacher Kristen Oberg to create the theme of the trails, which are named "Bear's Trails."

To add a local feeling, he color-coded five trails and named them each for a SUNY school: Albany, New Paltz, Cortland,

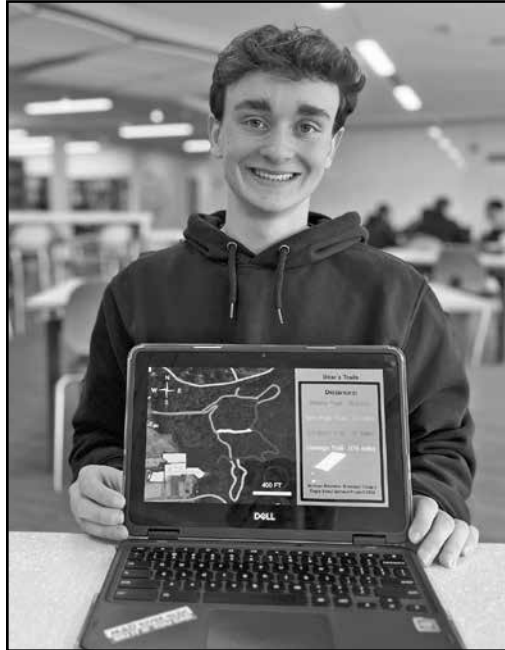
Binghamton and Oswego. Carpentry teacher Michael Honey helped him etch and create 25 trail signs; Glen Fryer, head of buildings and grounds, helped confirm routes of the trails and equipment logistics; while Dean Berardo gave him ideas for equipment.

Of course, Scout leaders Steve Mattson, Perry Veriono and Bruce Markert provided advice and support along the way, as well.

After initial approvals in the fall, Rusinko walked the five trails with a distance meter to record all distances. The idea was to have clearly marked signs, but also to make it so that people walking the trails always know where they are, for training and safety purposes.

Rusinko also used his National Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps skills and created a map and key, which he will use for a trailhead sign.

The biggest expense and addition will be new exercise equipment for the trails. Rusinko has been fundraising to make up the



Scout Michael Rusinko is working to improve the running trails at Brewster High School, having mapped out the area for signage.



Rusinko received help installing the signposts.

money he spent to pay for an 8-foot balance beam, a pull-up bar, parallel bars and a sit-up bench.

"Green for Brewster, of course," he said. "And it will last, as it's powder coated and has a warranty. The equipment will sit on concrete footing with bolts in case it ever needs to be removed."

Through pancake breakfasts and bake sales, Rusinko has raised approximately \$4,200 of the \$7,300 he has spent. "I hope to break even, but if not, it's a great donation for the community," he said.

Boy Scout Troop One and members of Rusinko's family have helped in the cause. On special workdays, they painted and polyurethaned wood in Rusinko's garage, which was converted into a workstation.

The hope is not just that

Rusinko earns his final badge to become an Eagle Scout, but that the entire Brewster community – cross-country runners, NJROTC members, students studying sci-

ence or physical education, and community members who walk the trails for enjoyment – will benefit from the new and improved trail system.

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## Academic Honors

The Harvey School in Katonah has announced the names of Putnam students who have earned academic honors for the winter 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 at least 3.7 GPA, or the honor roll with at least a 3.3 GPA.

Mahopac – Drew Scarfone, grade 7, head's list; Ally Zimmer-

man, grade 7, head's list; and Jack Zimmerman, grade 9, cavalier scholar.

Patterson – Patrick Cuneo, grade 9, honor roll.

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

The Harvey School is an independent, coeducational college-preparatory school for students in grades six through 12.

## We Will Miss

### Cold Spring

Audrey Mazza, 85, March 1, Clinton Inc Funeral Homes, Cold Spring, (845) 265-3333.

### Mahopac

Antenogenes Silva-So-

brino, 75, March 9, Yorktown Funeral Home, Shrub Oak, (914) 962-0700.

Dominick V. DeRobertis, 85, March 8, Joseph J. Smith Funeral Home, Mahopac, (845) 621-1992.

Mildred Ann "Millie" Limitone, 87, March 9, Joseph J. Smith Funeral Home, Mahopac, (845) 621-1992.



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# P.A.C.E. Students Make Delightful Deliveries

“Would you like a Delightful Delivery?” asked Sophia and Carlos, who recently went around the Carmel Central School district bearing gift bags filled with healthy goodies.

“We are trying to spread happiness,” said Sophia. “It’s a nice thing.”

The students are part of the Carmel High School Personal, Academic & Community Experience program, which teaches life skills.

Allison Woolston, who is head of the P.A.C.E. program, received a grant from the Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley to buy the supplies for the Delightful Delivery bags, and used the initiative as an opportunity to teach job skills.

The bags were filled with hand sanitizer, tissue packs, and healthy snacks like granola bars, nuts and berries and dried fruit. They also included bookmarks with uplifting sayings, such as “Do what makes



Sophia shows off a goodie bag made in the P.A.C.E. program at Carmel, which was delivered as a “Delightful Delivery.”

your soul shine.”

Abbey Fedigan, the teaching assistant/job coach who accompanied the students on their deliver-

ies, said putting the bags together was good practice for the students.

“It was like an assembly line,” said Sophia. “We were super-fast.”



## Elder Law Advice Alan D. Feller, Esq.

### Medicaid Marvels

I knew a guy. In the late 1990s, as a young elder-law-clerk-soon-to-be-attorney, the Medicaid system was wildly different than today.

The Nursing Home Eligibility Division of New York City had a phone number that I would call regularly. Picking up the phone was a gentleman of advancing years who knew the status of all of my cases. I think his name was Frank, but don’t hold me to it.

I looked forward to my conversations with him – his old timey New York good humor and friendly advice. For a city the size of New York, it still amazes me that during those years, only one or two people sat at a bureaucratic intersection and were able to pull information accurately from a

motley collection of analog files and slow computers.

Years before the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 complicated Medicaid planning, at least in my experience, elder law practice mimicked the neighborliness of Sesame Street. Paperwork and people merged to create a system that was not perfect, but more manageable.

Medicaid is the U.S. government health insurance program that covers low-income/low-resourced individuals and long-term care for the disabled and chronically ill. While Medicare pays for basic doctor visits, prescription drugs, short hospital stays and up to 100 days of rehabilitation, Medicaid covers longer, continuous care. Medicaid is means-based and requires financial eligibility.

The steps required for a disabled or chronically ill person to reach or maintain financial eligibility is called Medicaid planning.

Nursing home planning is more restrictive than home care or assisted living planning.

Luckily for us, New York remains one of the most flexible states for reaching Medicaid financial eligibility.

Elder law attorneys focus on assets and income. Assets include homes, bank accounts, retirement accounts, whole life insurance policies and vehicles. Some assets can be excluded from Medicaid consideration; others cannot.

Transferring general assets to spouses and disabled children or homes to caregiver children or siblings residing in the same home are allowed. Irrevocable trusts are often used to protect assets from Medicaid consideration. Income from Social Security, pensions, rent, interest and dividends are tracked.

Community-based Medicaid allows income in excess of regulated limits to be protected through the use of pooled supplemental needs trusts. These special trusts hold excess income, set aside those funds to pay for expenses, and allow a Medicaid recipient to maintain eligibility. The downside is that these funds remain with the pool after the Medicaid recipient dies.

For nursing home cases, income is owed to the facility and cannot be protected unless a spouse remains in the community and is under an income threshold.

Working together with local departments of social services agencies, the merging of paperwork and people continues, albeit under a slightly more digitized system. Elder attorneys are tasked with obtaining subsidized long-term health care solutions for chronically ill people while protecting a family’s money. For many of us, it is a labor of love and an appreciation of the efforts of everyone involved with setting up care for our loved ones.

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# Putnam County Community Events

## Library Election

Mahopac Public Library is seeking candidates to run for three open seats (three-year terms) on its Board of Trustees (must be residents of the Mahopac Central School District). Petitions available at the library, and must be signed by at least 25 qualified voters of the district, and returned no later than 5 p.m. Friday, April 5. The election will be held Tuesday, June 4, from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

## Plant Sale

The Brewster Carmel Garden Club is having its annuals' plant sale just in time for Mother's Day. There are many beautiful plants, hanging baskets and planters for sale. Orders are being taken through April 9 and delivery will be Wednesday, May 8, at 140 Pumphouse Road, Brewster, between 1 and 4 p.m. Order a <https://forms.gle/j8vLJvT1wleJELjBN9>.

## ZBA Openings

The Town of Kent is accepting resumes for the Zoning Board of Appeals. All interested residents should submit a resume to Kent Town Clerk Yolanda Cappelli at 25 Sybil's Crossing, Kent Lakes, NY 10512; or [lcappelli@townofkentny.gov](mailto:lcappelli@townofkentny.gov).

## Overeaters Anonymous

Overeaters Anonymous meets from 7 to 8 p.m. Tuesdays at First Presbyterian Church of Mahopac (library entrance), 411 Route 6N. Do you eat even when you're not hungry? Do you eat in reaction to either positive or negative emotions? Have you tried endless and failed diets? OA might be for you. Call 914-552-7367 or 914-843-9076 for more information.

## Veteran Program

"Homefront," a six-week educational program for families living with a veteran who faces a mental health challenge, is scheduled Saturdays from 9 to 11:30 a.m. through April 20, via Zoom. Registration is required by calling 914-203-2054.

## Tuesday, March 19

### Carmel School Board

The Carmel School Board will meet Tuesday, March 19 at 7 p.m. at the Carmel High School library on fair street. Sign up to speak at <https://forms.office.com/r/SnQBCFWYy8>. The board will also discuss the 2024-25 budget at 6:30 p.m. in the CHS library on March 26. A presentation is scheduled April 16 at 6:30 p.m. at the George Fischer Middle School auditorium. The annual budget hearing is May 7 at 6:30 p.m. at the CHS library, with the vote May 21. Visit [carmelschools.org](http://carmelschools.org), click "District Information" and then "Budgets & Audits," for more.

### IDA Meeting

The Putnam County Industrial Development Agency will hold a board meeting Tuesday, March 19 at 6 p.m., at 2 Route 164, Patterson. View the meeting at [www.facebook.com/putnamida](http://www.facebook.com/putnamida). The minutes and a recording of this meeting will be posted to [www.putnamida.com](http://www.putnamida.com) as soon as possible after the meeting has been adjourned.

### Italian Mass

The Italian American Club of Mahopac is sponsoring a mass in Italian and English celebrating the

Feast of San Giuseppe (St. Joseph) on Tuesday, March 19 at 7:30 p.m. at St. John's The Evangelist Church, 221 East Lake Blvd., Mahopac. Refreshments will be served in the Social Hall after the mass. For information, contact Linda Cefaloni at 914 582-4373.

### Crafternoon

Spring Suncatchers meets Tuesday, March 19 at 4:30 p.m. at Reed Memorial Library in Carmel. This is a "Crafternoon" for children age 6 and older. Registration is required at 845-225-2439.

### SPCA Program

Reed Memorial Library in Carmel will host the SPCA to present a humane education program March 19 at 5 p.m. Registration is required at [www.carmellibrary.org/calendar](http://www.carmellibrary.org/calendar).

### Kent Library Board

The Board of Trustees of the Kent Public Library meets at the library the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m., which for the first half of the year will be March 19, April 16 and May 21.

### Storytime & Crafts

Putnam History Museum will have a Women's History Month-themed storytime and crafts Tuesday, March 19 from 3:30 to 5 p.m. for ages 4 to 7 at 63 Chestnut St., Cold Spring.

### Thrift Shop Sales

Drew Thrift Shop, 26 Gleneida Ave., Carmel, will hold an Easter porch and lawn sale March 19 and 21 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and a grand re-opening sale April 2 and 4, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

### Kent Town Board

The Kent Town Board will meet at 7 p.m. at Town Hall on the following Tuesdays: March 19, April 9 and 16, May 7 and 21, June 4 and 18, July 2 and 16, Aug. 6 and 20 (daytime), Sept. 3 and 17, Oct. 1 and 15, Nov. 12 and 19, and Dec. 3 and 17.

## Wednesday, March 20

### Carmel Town Board

The Carmel Town Board will meet at 7 p.m. at Town Hall on the following Wednesdays: March 20; April 3, 10 and 17; May 1, 8 and 15; June 5, 12 and 19; July 3; Aug. 7; Sept. 4 and 18; Oct. 9 and 16; Nov. 6, 13 and 20; and Dec. 4 and 11. The March 6 and Oct. 9 meeting will be held at the Carmel firehouse.

### Cancer Support Services

Support Connection, Inc., will hold the following virtual (telephone/Zoom) support groups for women with breast, ovarian and gynecological cancer Wednesdays, March 20 and 27 at 7 p.m. Advance registration is required at 914-962-6402 or 800-532-4290, or [supportconnection.org/contact-a-counselor](http://supportconnection.org/contact-a-counselor).

### Bigfoot

Reed Memorial Library in Carmel will present "Bigfoot - Fact or Fiction" on March 20 at 1 p.m. Registration is required at [www.carmellibrary.org/calendar](http://www.carmellibrary.org/calendar). Join producer and lead investigator Mike Familant as he brings his "Searchin' America Tour '24," aka the Bigfoot Experience, to the Mahopac Public Library on Wednesday March 20 from 6 to 7 p.m. Registration is required and can be completed at [mahopaclibrary.org](http://mahopaclibrary.org) or by calling 845-628-2009, ext. 100.

## Thursday, March 21

### Southeast Town Board

The Southeast Town Board will meet at 7 p.m. at Town Hall on the following Thursdays: March 21, April 11 and 25, May 9 and 30, June 13 and 27, July 11 and 25, Aug. 8 and 29, Sept. 12 and 26, Oct. 10 and 24, Nov. 7 and 21, and Dec. 5 and 19.

### History of the Yankees

Award-winning sportswriter Martin Gitlin will highlight exciting and nostalgic videos of the finest teams, players, moments and events in Yankees history Thursday, March 21 at 6:30 p.m. at Patterson Library. Copies of his book will be available for sale. Adults only. Register at 845-878-6121 or [www.pattersonlibrary.org](http://www.pattersonlibrary.org).

## Friday, March 22

### Rummage Sale

A spring rummage sale will be held First Presbyterian Church, 411 Route 6N, Mahopac (at Secor Road), on Friday, March 22 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Saturday, March 23 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. (\$8 bag day). Donations may be made Sunday, March 17 between noon and 3 p.m.; Monday, March 18 between noon and 7 p.m.; and Tuesday, March 19 between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m.

### Light Up the Sky

Light Up the Sky to raise funds for St. Jude Children's Hospital on March 22 at Arts on the Lake, 640 Route 52, Carmel. Release lanterns and participate in a silent auction. Vendors sought. Follow Instagram for information. Text or call 407-545-5061, or email [lightupthesky2939@gmail.com](mailto:lightupthesky2939@gmail.com).

## Saturday, March 23

### Bottle Collecting

Join Alex and Viktor Prizgintas at the Putnam Valley Library on Saturday, March 23 at noon as they discuss the fundamentals behind dating and identifying antique bottles. Register online.

### Easter Bunny Pictures

Free pictures with the Easter Bunny will be offered March 23 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Stack'n Stor, 2160 Route 22, Patterson.

### Egg Hunt

The Town of Carmel Recreation & Parks Department will hold an egg hunt for residents only Saturday, March 23 beginning at noon at Airport Park, 161-165 Hill St., Mahopac. Bring a basket. Arrive at 11 a.m. to visit the Easter Bunny, enjoy a DJ and snacks. Free.

### 'Dirt'

The Putnam Theatre Alliance will present "Dirt" on Saturday, March 23 at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, March 24 at 3 p.m. at Tompkins Corners Cultural Center in Putnam Valley. Tickets are available at [Eventbrite.com](http://Eventbrite.com).

### Mental Health Program

"Family to Family," an eight-week educational program for families living with a loved one with a mental health challenge, is scheduled Saturdays from 10 a.m. to noon, from March 23 to May 11 at Mahopac Public Library on Route 6. Registration is required by calling 914-522-3812.

### Early Voting

Early voting for the 2024 presidential primary election will take

place at the Putnam County Board of Elections, 25 Old Route 6, Carmel; and the North Highlands Fire Department, 504 Fishkill Road, Cold Spring, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Sunday and Monday, March 23, 24 and 25; 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 26; 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 27; 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, March 28; and 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, March 29 and 30.

### Rabies Vaccine Clinic

A free rabies vaccination clinic for dogs, cats and ferrets is scheduled Saturday, March 23 from 10 a.m. to noon at Putnam County Veterans Memorial Park (Upper Park), 201 Gypsy Trail Road, Carmel. Bring photo ID as proof of Putnam residency, as well as proof of prior rabies vaccination. Tags not acceptable. If you do not have proof, your pet will receive a one-year vaccine. Pets must be at least 12 weeks old. All dogs must be leashed and controlled, or else muzzled. Cats and ferrets must be in carriers. 845-808-1390, ext.43160.

### Hiking Trail

Enjoy some light to moderate physical activity, learn trail etiquette, share stories and have fun Saturday, March 23 at 10 a.m. by hiking the trails around Kent Town Center. Meet at the library. Portions of this trail have a steep incline and may be challenging for some patrons. For adults. Weather permitting. Registration is required at <https://kentlibrary.org>, [Programs@KentLibrary.org](mailto:Programs@KentLibrary.org) or 845-225-8585.

## Tuesday, March 26

### Table Talk Tuesdays

CoveCare Center will present Table Talk Tuesday to promote resilience and family connections, at 6 p.m. at Gaetano Pizza & Café, 100 Independent Way, Brewster, on March 26. Reservations are required. Email [prevention@covecarecenter.org](mailto:prevention@covecarecenter.org) or call 845-225-2700, ext. 117. Includes complimentary pizza, soda and light dessert.

### Art, Money, Fiction

Join author, attorney and publisher Tad Crawford at the Kent Public Library for a multi-faceted discussion of money, law and art Tuesday, March 26 at 5:30 p.m. He will speak about business and legal issues for artists and writers, money myths and misconceptions, and his latest novel, "On Wine-Dark Seas: A Novel of Odysseus and His Fatherless Son Telemachus." For adults. Register at <https://kentlibrary.org>, [Programs@KentLibrary.org](mailto:Programs@KentLibrary.org) or 845-225-8585.

## Wednesday, March 27

### Patterson Town Board

The Patterson Town Board will meet the following Wednesdays at 7 p.m. at Town Hall: March 27, April 10 and 24, May 8 and 22, June 12 and 26, July 10 and 24, Aug. 14 and 28, Sept. 11, Oct. 9 and 23, Nov. 6 and 20, and Dec. 4 and 18.

### 'Ferrari'

Patterson Library will show "Ferrari" on Wednesday, March 27 at 1 p.m. Set in the summer of 1957, with bankruptcy looming over his auto empire, Enzo Ferrari pushes his drivers to the edge by betting it all on the treacherous 1,000-mile

Mille Miglia race across Italy. Rated R. Register at 845-878-6121 or [www.pattersonlibrary.org](http://www.pattersonlibrary.org).

## Thursday, March 28

### Holy Thursday Service

A Holy Thursday service is scheduled March 28 at 7 p.m. at Patterson Community Church, 1062 Route 311. An interactive journey to the Last Supper, remembering the story of our faith. Trace the life of Jesus from Bethlehem to Calvary, remembering and lifting beloved stories of the Risen Lord. [www.pattersoncommunitychurch.org](http://www.pattersoncommunitychurch.org).

## Sunday, March 31

### Easter Celebration

First United Methodist Church in Brewster will hold an Easter celebration Sunday, March 31 at 83 Main St., Brewster. All are welcome.

### Chabad Lecture

Carmel resident Dr. Michael Taub, a retired professor of Jewish studies, will discuss the Eastern European background to the American "Fiddler on the Roof" and other well-known theater and film works, such as "Yentl," at Chabad of Putnam, 5 Fair St., Carmel, on Sunday, March 31 at 7 p.m. The lecture will compare what he knows about shtetl life and the stage/screen portraits known by most Americans today. RSVP at [www.PutnamChabad.org/RSVP](http://www.PutnamChabad.org/RSVP) or 845-225-4770.

## Monday, April 1

### Cake Decorating

Join Chef Mirtha P., owner of Pink Sugar Pastries, for an April Fool's Day-themed mini-cake decorating class Monday, April 1 at Kent Public Library. Adult and senior session at 2 p.m.; teen session at 5 p.m. Each student will take home a 5-inch cake they decorated. Visit <https://kentlibrary.org>, email [Publicity@KentLibrary.org](mailto:Publicity@KentLibrary.org) or call 845-225-8585.

## Tuesday, April 2

### Garden Club Meets

The monthly meeting of the Lake Mahopac Garden Club will be held Tuesday, April 2 at Airport Park in Mahopac. Participants are welcome and asked to bring their own lunch. The meeting begins at 11:30 a.m., and the program presentation, beginning at 1 p.m., will be "petite design in a teacup." The presenter is member Lois Chanofsky. Bring a teacup; flowers will be provided. For information, visit [www.lakemahopacgc.com](http://www.lakemahopacgc.com) or email [lakemahopacgarclub@gmail.com](mailto:lakemahopacgarclub@gmail.com).

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# Everyone's a Little Bit Irish



Photos by Jack Alcott.



Spectators old and young donned green and shamrocks as they cheered on parade participants.





# for St. Patrick's Day Parade

Marching bands, pipes and drums, Scouts, sports teams, charitable organizations, businesses and many others marched in the 47th annual Putnam/Northern Westchester St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 10 on Route 6 in Mahopac.



## Hudson Valley Restaurant Week Returns in April

The complete list of restaurants participating in the spring 2024 Hudson Valley Restaurant Week is now live, at [valleytable.com/hvrw](http://valleytable.com/hvrw).

More than 140 restaurants spanning eight counties – including Putnam, Westchester, Rockland, Ulster, Orange, Sullivan, Dutchess and Greene counties – are participating in this annual celebration of the local culinary scene.

Putnam eateries that are participating include My Cousin's in Mahopac, Clock Tower Grill and Tilly's Table in Brewster, and Hudson House River Inn in Cold Spring. Menus can be found online.

For two weeks, from April 8 to 21, the Hudson Valley will be celebrating restaurant dining with creative dishes featuring locally sourced ingredients. Prix-fixe lunches and dinners will be offered at \$24.95, \$29.95, \$39.95 or \$44.95 (excluding tax, beverages and gratuity.)

"The many restaurants participating in Hudson Valley Restaurant Week highlights the bounty of culinary greatness our region has to offer," said Mike Martinelli, Today Media's Hudson Valley Group publisher. "This season's Restaurant Week promises to be bigger and better than ever. We're excited to have more restaurants participating and with four different price points, diners will have a variety of options to choose from."

A biannual event held each spring and fall, Hudson Valley Restaurant Week is the perfect time for local residents to show their support for the restaurant community and continue to drive the eat-and-drink-local movement. The event is a key economic driver in the region, and 92 percent of HVRW participants report an average 25 percent increase in sales during the promotion.

The regional impact translates to \$10 million in estimated sales revenue during HVRW. Among the sponsors of the spring 2024 Hudson Valley Restaurant Week is Putnam County Tourism.

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## Comedy Show

CAREERS Support Solutions will host a comedy show April 12 from 6:30 to 10 p.m., at Travelers Rest, 25 Route 100, Ossining, to raise money to support its programs and services that help people with disabilities.

Tickets are \$75 and include a lineup of nine comedians, as well as appetizers, a buffet dinner, dessert and an open wine/beer bar. Tickets may be purchased at [www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/b832fde8-d716-4a4f-af98-c73a84064a2a](http://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/b832fde8-d716-4a4f-af98-c73a84064a2a).

CAREERS Support Solutions is a not-for-profit organization that provides support services to hundreds of individuals annually throughout Westchester, Putnam and lower Dutchess counties. Its mission is to empower people with disabilities by teaching workforce readiness skills and providing job placement, on-the-job training and ongoing support – at no cost to the individual or employer.

Learn more at <https://careersupportsolutions.org>.

## Student Programs Dazzle at Garrison Art Center



Eowyn Kolarek with his mentor, Lisa Knaus.



Samantha Quinio, whose mentor is Brian Beaton, adds to her piece.

Student artwork will be on display at Garrison Art Center with a school invitational exhibit titled "The Year Was 1964," and the high school mentor program exhibition, both on view from March 23 through April 7. An opening reception Saturday, March 23 from 1 to 3 p.m., at 23 Garrison's Landing.

As cornerstones of GAC's commitment to community engagement, the school invitational exhibit, established in 1994, and the mentor program, established in 1988, continue to be integral to the center's outreach initiatives, celebrating the outstanding talents and contributions of participants.

Students hail from many local schools, including Austin Road, Fulmar Road and Lakeview elementary schools, and the middle and high school in Mahopac; Carmel High School; Garrison Union Free School District; and Putnam Valley High School – in addition to districts in Dutchess and Westchester counties, and beyond.

"The Year Was 1964" features



Alexa Shuster, who is being mentored by Dan Loxton, works on a painting.

the creative artwork of kindergarten-through-12th-grade students, and the mentor program exhibit features the work of high school students enrolled in GAC's mentor program.

The school invitational theme exhibition has remained a steadfast outreach initiative of GAC. It encourages teachers from the region's schools to engage students in a theme-based project, and this year's theme, "The Year Was 1964," marks the celebration of GAC's 60th anniversary. The program nurtures artistic confidence and serves as a platform for students to exhibit their creative endeavors.

A total of 17 regional schools are participating in this year's exhibition.

The mentor program for high school students has provided a distinctive opportunity for students to collaborate with professional artists, fostering their growth in a specific area of interest. This unique pairing allows students to push the boundaries of their skills in a medium they are already proficient in and gain valuable insights from their mentor's professional experience.

Garrison Art Center is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday.

For more information about these, and other exhibits and programs at GAC, which is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit arts and education organization founded in 1964, visit [garrisonartcenter.org](http://garrisonartcenter.org) or call 845-424-3960.

## Antique Bottle Detecting

Have you ever come across that lone bottle residing on your kitchen shelf or living room counter begging to tell a story?

It is often forgotten how glass bottles were once a primary method of storing and transporting substances of all kinds. Join Alex and Viktor Prizzintas at the Putnam Valley Library on Saturday, March 23 at noon as they discuss the fundamentals behind dating and identifying antique bottles. Register at [putnamvalleylibrary.org](http://putnamvalleylibrary.org).

Alex has been collecting bottles from the Hudson Valley for more than 10 years, served as president of the Hudson Valley Bottle Club from 2018 to 2020, and currently leads the Woodbury Historical Society in Highland Mills. His research on local

bottles and bottle history has been published in "Antique Bottle & Glass Collector" magazine, Marist College's "Hudson River Valley Review" and "New York Archives Magazine."

His PowerPoint presentation will be accompanied by a collection of more than 50 antique glass bottles, and the audience is encouraged to bring bottles from their homes for identification.

"Alex and Viktor did an informative and wonderful presentation about the art of antique bottle detecting," said Francisco Miranda of the Warner Library in Tarrytown. "Alex's collection of antique bottles was fascinating. I highly recommend his presentation for anyone interested in antique bottles and local history in general."

## SHORT STORY DISCUSSION GROUP



Join us every other Wednesday, on Zoom, at 1PM, for a lively discussion of short stories. Story and Zoom links will be emailed prior to each meeting.

Next Session begins February 7th

To register, email [devans.durkin@carmellibrary.org](mailto:devans.durkin@carmellibrary.org)





From left are Brewster DPW Superintendent Dominick Consentino, Village Trustee Mary Bryde, State Sen. Pete Harckham, Brewster Mayor Jim Schoenig and Village Trustee George Gaspar. Photo by James Person/Harckham's office.

## State Grant Allows Brewster to Purchase New Backhoe

The Village of Brewster was able to purchase a new tractor backhoe loader with the help of a \$50,000 state grant secured with the help of State Sen. Pete Harckham.

"One way I can support our local municipalities is by helping them with the financial resources to carry out their high-level of service," said Harckham, who recently visited Wells Park to see the heavy equipment in use by the Brewster Department of Public Works. "I am proud to have secured this critical state grant for the Village of Brewster to purchase a new piece of equipment that will be utilized throughout the community while also lessening the burden on local taxpayers."

The New Holland B95C Backhoe Loader can be used in extreme lifting, digging and breakout force action at either end of the equipment. It has a backhoe bucket digging force of nearly 13,000 pounds and can lift more than 11,000 pounds to full height. Additionally, the backhoe has a loader breakout force up to 14,000 pounds, which

is an essential need in excavating work, as it denotes the amount of power that can be exerted at the tip of the attached bucket.

The new backhoe loader uses a big, curved boom design to achieve superior dump reach, allowing operators to position material into the truck center, making the loading work faster and more efficient with increased payloads. The cab's floor-to-ceiling windows provide enhanced visibility to the trench and comfort features and help reduce operator fatigue.

The loader complies with the strict "Tier 4 Final" regulations by utilizing a selective catalytic reduction solution to cut emission levels while running at peak performance for maximum power.

"The new tractor backhoe loader is a much-needed addition to the DPW's equipment inventory and will be a big boost to the department," said Mayor Jim Schoenig. "It is a versatile piece of equipment that will be used multiple times a week for tasks like snow removal, water main breaks and sidewalk repair, to name a few.

Thank you, Sen. Harckham, for providing the money to invest in this essential piece of equipment."

The grant funding was secured within the Community Resiliency, Economic Sustainability & Technology Program, which is among the grant programs administered by the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York to support community and economic development.

## Free Program to Help File Taxes Online

A new, innovative tool by leading civic tech nonprofit Code for America aimed at making it easier for eligible New Yorkers to file their taxes at no cost launched March 12.

FileYourStateTaxes, a joint effort of New York State and Code for America, allows eligible New York residents to file their state taxes for free and provide integration with the Internal Revenue Service's Direct File pilot, allowing eligible individuals to file federal tax returns online, as well.

New York is one of 12 states participating in the Direct File pilot, and one of only three providing seamless, integrated state tax filing. Upon completing the federal return on the IRS website, New Yorkers can export their information from Direct File to FileYourStateTaxes and complete a state return within minutes.

Built in partnership with Code for America, FileYourStateTaxes can help low- and middle-income New Yorkers save hundreds of dollars in tax preparation fees and improve access to critical credits like the state and city Earned Income Tax Credit, and the newly expanded Empire State Child Credit.

"Direct File is a great new tool that will allow certain New York taxpayers to file their federal and state taxes for free – saving hundreds of dollars in tax preparation fees," said NYS Department of Taxation & Finance Acting Commissioner Amanda Hiller. "I urge

taxpayers to check to see whether it's right for them."

Consistent with plans laid out by the IRS, Direct File and FileYourStateTaxes are open to all eligible taxpayers. Both products have been undergoing iterative rounds of scaled testing over the last several weeks and are currently available to the public in their final beta testing phase.

Interested taxpayers can start their free tax filing process at [directfile.irs.gov](https://directfile.irs.gov)

Eligibility to participate in the Direct File pilot is limited to filers reporting certain common types of income and claiming common credits and deductions. It is likely you will be eligible to use Direct File if: you lived in New York all year and do not have income from another state; your only income sources are wages, Social Security benefits, unemployment benefits and/or up to \$1,500 of interest; you want to claim the EITC, Child Tax Credit or Credit for Other Dependents; and you only plan to claim the standard deduction and/or deductions for student loan interest and educator expenses.

Full information on Direct File and FileYourStateTaxes eligibility is available at [www.tax.ny.gov/pit/efile/direct-file/](https://www.tax.ny.gov/pit/efile/direct-file/), [directfile.irs.gov](https://directfile.irs.gov) and [fileyourstatetaxes.org](https://fileyourstatetaxes.org).

FileYourStateTaxes is one of several free or low-cost tax filing options for New Yorkers, and free file services for low-income New Yorkers remain in place.

## NAMI Offers 'Family to Family' Programs

The National Alliance of Mental Illness-Putnam County will present "Family to Family," an eight-week educational program geared toward family members, partners and friends of loved ones who have been diagnosed with a mental illness.

The program will help give attendees a better understanding of what mental illness is, how medications and treatment can help, what kind of care is available, how the overall family is impacted by a loved one who has been diagnosed with a mental illness, and how to best advocate for a loved one.

Classes begin Saturday, March 23, and continue Saturdays through May 11, from 10 a.m. to noon at Mahopac Public Library on Route 6.

Pre-registration is required; contact Wanda Crowley at 914-522-3812 or Lucille Ettore at 914-879-5211.

NAMI-Putnam is also offering a Homefront Education Program

for family, friends and significant others of military service members and veterans with mental health conditions. The free, six-week sessions focus on the unique needs of the military and veteran community, such as post-deployment and post-discharge transitions.

It is being offered Saturdays through April 20, from 8 to 10:30 a.m., via Zoom. To register, contact Megan Castellano at 914-203-2054 or [megancastellano@guardianrecovery.org](mailto:megancastellano@guardianrecovery.org).

The course is designed to help family members understand and support their loved ones while maintaining their own well-being. The trained teachers have experience with military culture and know what it's like to have a loved one living with symptoms of a mental health condition.

For more information about NAMI-Putnam, visit [www.namiputnam.org](https://www.namiputnam.org) or email [namiputnam@gmail.com](mailto:namiputnam@gmail.com).

## Adoptable Pet of the Week



### Mama

The Putnam Humane Society has dozens of animal friends in need of homes. Mama was adopted and brought back because her owner passed away. She is an older girl who is desperate to be loved again. Mama has to be the only dog in the home. She loves toys and bones, and to be right by your side. She makes a perfect companion. To learn more, contact Putnam Humane Society, 68 Old Route 6, Carmel, at 845-225-7777.



Assemblyman Matt Slater with members of Putnam Community Action Partnership at this year's diaper drive.

## More than 50 Families Benefit from Diaper Drive

Assemblyman Matt Slater, R-Yorktown, recently wrapped up his first diaper drive with Putnam Community Action Partnership, with a large number of donations received.

With New York's persistent affordability crisis, many families in the Hudson Valley are struggling to not only make ends meet, but to provide basic necessities for their children.

Donations during the holidays are always at their peak, but toward this time of year, those numbers typically start to dwindle, according to the assemblyman. However, this year's diaper drive was a huge success, as more than 50 families

received donations.

"I'm always happy to join forces with Putnam CAP in support of families facing challenges in meeting their children's basic needs," said Slater. "This year's drive was a great turnout and we thank everyone who came and made a donation. Too many families are grappling with the burden of providing essential resources for their children, but it's always a great reminder of how willingly we all step up to the plate for one another. We look forward to keeping that spirit alive throughout the entire year."

CAP Director Marisa O'Leary

also expressed her appreciation.

"Putnam CAP is incredibly grateful for the donation of diapers collected by Assemblyman Matt Slater's office," she said. "Our low-income clients accessing our food pantry program often request diapers, as they cannot be purchased with Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program or Special Supplemental Program for Women, Infants & Children benefits and are expensive. By making them available to our clients, not only are we helping to offset families' expenses, but we are also helping to ensure that babies/toddlers remain healthy."

## Annual Residential Brush Burn Ban in Effect

The annual statewide ban prohibiting residential brush burning is now in effect.

Since 2009, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation enforces the annual brush burning ban from March 16 through May 14, to prevent wildfires and protect communities during heightened conditions for wildfires.

"Last month, DEC encouraged everyone to be extra vigilant when burning brush because of the risk for wildfires caused by early dry conditions, but starting Saturday, March 16, it is illegal to burn brush for the next two months," said DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos. "Due to the drier and warmer winter, New York State is at a greater risk for wildfires this spring. This ban is essential to protecting communities and natural resources, as well as the rangers and other firefighters called to extinguish wildfires."

Even though some areas of the state remain blanketed in snow, warming temperatures can open burning of debris is the single-largest cause of spring wildfires in New York. When temperatures warm and the past fall's debris and leaves dry out, wildfires can start and spread easily, further fueled by winds and a lack of green vegetation.

Each year, DEC forest rangers extinguish dozens of wildfires that burn hundreds of acres. In addition, local fire departments – many of which are staffed by volunteers – all too often have to leave their jobs

and families to respond to wildfires caused by illegal debris fires.

New York first enacted strict restrictions on open burning in 2009 to help prevent wildfires and reduce air pollution. The regulations allow residential brush fires in towns with fewer than 20,000 residents during most of the year, but prohibit such burning in spring when most wildfires occur.

Backyard fire pits and campfires less than 3 feet in height and 4 feet in length, width or diameter are allowed, as are small cooking fires. Only charcoal or dry, clean, untreated or unpainted wood can be burned.

Burning garbage or leaves is prohibited year-round in New York.

Some towns, primarily in and around the Adirondack and Catskill parks, are designated "fire towns," and open burning is prohibited year-round in these municipalities unless an individual or group has a permit from the DEC.

Forest rangers, DEC Environmental Conservation Police officers and local authorities enforce the burn ban. Violators of the open burning regulation are subject to criminal and civil enforcement actions, with a minimum fine of \$500 for a first offense.

To report a wildfire or illegal activity on state lands and easements, call 1-833-NYS-RANGERS (1-833-697-7264). To report environmental law violations, call 1-844-DEC-ECOs (1-844-332-3267).



The Brewster Fire Department held a recent training night on pump operations and supply lines outside the fire headquarters.

### Training Stipend Program for NY Vol. Firefighters

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fighters a training stipend, subject to local funding, for the completion of certain courses, identified by OFPC.

For more information, visit [www.dhcs.ny.gov/new-york-state-volunteer-firefighter-stipend-program](http://www.dhcs.ny.gov/new-york-state-volunteer-firefighter-stipend-program).

The Office of Fire Prevention & Control delivers a wide breadth of essential services to firefighters, emergency responders, state and local government agencies, public and private colleges and the citizens of New York to help ensure the safety of all stakeholders. The office advances public safety through training, education, fire prevention, investigative, special operations and technical rescue programs.

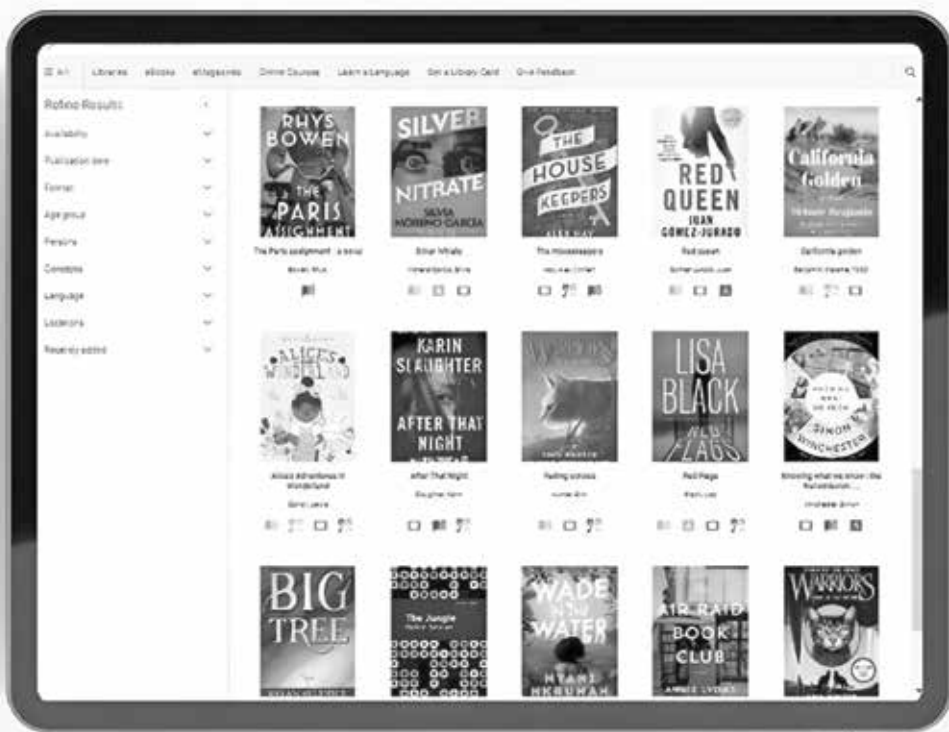
The Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Services provides leadership, coordination and support to prevent, protect against, prepare for, respond to, recover from and mitigate disasters and other emergencies.

for the completion of any OFPC training course or equivalents, as determined by OFPC, up to \$500.

Stipends are for first-time course completions. Students must be a member of good standing as determined by their department, and stipend applications are submitted by the fire chief.

To be eligible, fire departments must have submitted fire reporting for the previous calendar year and complete the annual fire department demographics form. This regulation also authorizes volunteer fire departments to pay volunteer fire-

## Brand New Library Catalog



[discover.midhudsonlibraries.org](http://discover.midhudsonlibraries.org)

# PUTNAM COUNTY AND TOWN NOTICES

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

JOHN MAXWELL  
Chairman  
PHILIP AGLIETTI  
Vice-Chair

#### TOWN OF CARMEL ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

60 McAlpin Avenue  
Mahopac, New York 10541  
Tel. (845) 628-1500 - Ext 187  
[www.ci.carmel.ny.us](http://www.ci.carmel.ny.us)

MICHAEL  
CARNAZZA  
Director of Code  
Enforcement

BOARD MEMBERS  
ROSE FABIANO  
SILVIO BALZANO  
JOHN STARACE  
JULIE MCKEON  
WILLIAM SANTINI

### LEGAL NOTICE

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

**MARCH 28, 2024 - 7:30 P.M.**

To hear the following applications:

### HOLD OVER APPLICATIONS:

- 1. Application of **ROBERT LATAWIEC** for a Variation of Section 156-45.2B(1) & 156-20 seeking an Area Variance for permission to retain accessory apartment & fence. The property is located at 1350 Route 6, Carmel NY and is known as Tax Map #54.15-1-17.

Code Requires/Allows	Provided	Variance Required
Structure to be existing 1/21/98	Structure (garage) built after 1/21/98	To allow accessory apartment in garage built after 1/21/98
4' high fence in front	96 inches (8) high	48 inches (4)

- 2. Application of **ROBERT ALTERO** for a Variation of Section 156-15 seeking a Variance for permission to retain gazebo and legalize room above garage. The property is located at 3 Curry Spur, Mahopac NY and is known as Tax Map #53.12-1-17

Code Requires/Allows	Provided	Variance Required
10' rear (gazebo)	2'	8'
25' front (garage)	0' (over property line. Easement agreement needed.)	25'

- 3. Application of **MICHAEL J FESTO** for a Variation of Section 156-101 & 156-47A(1) seeking a Use Variance for permission to encroach upon front & rear setbacks with garage, and expand non-conforming Use (two-family). The property is located at 247 Buckshollow Road, Mahopac NY and is known as Tax Map #75.16-2-1.

Code Requires/Allows	Provided	Variance Required
Accessory front setback of 25'	23.75'	1.25'
Accessory front setback of 25'	8.83'	16.17'

- 4. Application of **DRANA VUKAJ** for a Variation of Section 156-47A(1) seeking a Use Variance for permission to put up a pergola near the pool on lot with: two 1-family dwellings and one 1-family dwelling. The property is located at 515 Route 6N, Mahopac NY and is known as Tax Map #75.10-1-18.

- 5. Application of **WENDY GUTHRO** for a Variation of Section 156-45.2 seeking to amend D&O dtd 2/21/90 to eliminate condition "no residential use of structure"; to add accessory apartment above garage built before 1998. The property is located at 73 Myrtle Avenue, Mahopac NY and is known as Tax Map #75.14-1-16.

Code Requires/Allows	Provided	Variance Required
Code requires Accessory Apartment no more than 35% of size of the Main House	Accessory Apt. is 76% of the size of the Main House; Main House = 1,011 s.f.; Accessory Apt. = 772 s.f.	41% variance or 418 s.f.

- 6. Application of **THOMAS SIMONE** for a Variation of Section 156.15 & 156.47A(1) seeking a Use Variance for permission to retain deck. The property is located at 9 Battista Dr., Mahopac NY and is known as Tax Map #75.16-1-30.

Code Requires/Allows	Provided	Variance Required
25' Front	23' (to steps)	2'
10' Side	.5'	9.5'

### NEW APPLICATIONS:

- 7. Application of **RICHARD & ARISTID SHLLAKU** for a Variation of Section 156-15 seeking an Area Variance for permission to subdivide the existing 5.84 +/- acres (254,364 s.f.) into two building lots. The property is located at 345 Austin Road, Mahopac and is known as Tax Map #64.9-1-13.

Code Requires/Allows	Provided	Variance Required
Lot 1: Width 200 ft.	64.71 ft.	135.29 ft.
Lot 1: Frontage 100 ft.	77.11 ft.	22.89 ft.
Lot 2: Width 200 ft.	65.21 ft.	134.79 ft.
Lot 2: Frontage 100 ft.	77.11 ft.	22.89 ft.
	Lot 1: Depth line exits & re-enters the lot	
	Lot 2: Depth line exits & re-enters the lot	

- 8. Application of **VINCENT SCARFONE** for a Variation of Section 156-20 seeking an Area Variance for permission to replace/repair front wall & fence. The property is located at 799 South Lake Blvd., Mahopac and is known as Tax Map #75.43-1-17.

Code Requires/Allows	Provided	Variance Required
4' fence (front)	6' 2"	2' 2"

- 9. Application of **LUIS MORGADO** for a Variation of Section 156-15 seeking an Area Variance for permission to add front porch to commercial building (ADA access). The property is located at 14 Fair Street, Carmel and is known as Tax Map #44.18-1-18.

Code Requires/Allows	Provided	Variance Required
40' front	10'	30'
25' side	18.08'	6.92'

- 10. Application of **DAG ROUTE SIX, LLC (Nick Crecco)** for a Variation of Section 156-15 seeking an Area Variance for permission to construct a 3,240 sf light impact industry use building 7' from the property lines to the north and east. Code requires 25'. The property is located at 395 Route 6, Mahopac and is known as Tax Map #75.20-2-5.

Code Requires/Allows	Provided	Variance Required
25' side yard setback	7'	18'

### MISCELLANEOUS:

#### MINUTES:

- January 25, 2024
- February 22, 2024

By Order of the Chairman,  
John Maxwell

### PUBLIC NOTICE

## Southeast

The Town of Southeast Highway Department will receive sealed bids in duplicate form for **Asphalt Paving Services and Equipment Rentals**. Technical Specifications will be available at town hall. Sealed bids will be accepted at Town Hall, 1360 Route 22, Brewster, NY 10509 until **10:00 AM, March 27, 2024**. All sealed bids must be clearly marked on the exterior of the mailing envelope: **Town of Southeast Highway 2024, Sealed Bids, Blacktop/Equipment**. The Town of Southeast reserves the right to reject one or all bids or accept the bid deemed most favorable to the town. The sealed bids must be accompanied by a Non-Collusive-Bidding Certificate along with a certificate of insurance to indemnify the Town of Southeast. Date: 3/4/2024 P. 3/13, 3/20 - 28

### PUBLIC NOTICE

The Town of Southeast Highway Department will receive sealed bids for one **Asphalt Hot Patcher on a Truck Mounted Sub-frame**. Sealed bids will be accepted at Town Hall, 1360 Route 22, Brewster, NY 10509, until **MARCH 27, 2024 10:00 AM**. All bids must be clearly marked on the exterior of the mailing envelope as follows: **Southeast Highway 2024 HOT PATCHER BID**. Technical specs. Will be available at Town Hall. After such time bids will be opened by the Town Clerk. The Town reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to accept any bid and or bids which it deems most favorable to the interest of the Town of Southeast. Dated: 3/4/2024 P. 3/13, 3/20 - 26

### PUBLIC NOTICE

The Town of Southeast Highway Department will receive sealed bids for one **Rock Crushing Services**. Sealed bids will be accepted at Town Hall, 1360 Route 22, Brewster, NY 10509, until **MARCH 27, 2024 10:00 AM**. All bids must be clearly marked on the exterior of the mailing envelope as follows: **Southeast Highway 2024 Rock Crushing Services BID**. Technical specs. Will be available at Town Hall. After such time bids will be opened by the Town Clerk. The Town reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to accept any bid and or bids which it deems most favorable to the interest of the Town of Southeast. Dated: 3/4/2024 P. 3/13, 3/20 - 26

### PUBLIC NOTICE

The Town of Southeast Highway Department will receive sealed bids in duplicate form for materials to be purchased by the Town Highway Department. Sealed bids will be accepted at Town Hall, 1360 Route 22, Brewster, NY 10509 until **10:00 AM, March 27, 2024**. All bids must be clearly marked on the exterior of the mailing envelope as follows: **Southeast Highway 2024, Sealed Material Bids**. Technical specifications will be available at town hall. The Town reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to accept any bid and or bids which it deems most favorable to the interest of the Town of Southeast. Dated: March 4, 2024 P. 3/13, 3/20 - 24

### PUBLIC NOTICE

**Putnam**  
PUTNAM COUNTY  
LEGISLATURE  
(845) 808-1020

### PUBLIC NOTICE

## APRIL DESIGNATED AS 30 DAY PERIOD FOR REQUESTS FOR INCLUSION IN COUNTY AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT FOR 2024

The Putnam County Legislature has designated the month of April as the time period when landowners may file a request for inclusion of land in the Putnam County Agricultural District. To be eligible for inclusion, the property must be a viable agricultural entity or business. The necessary information for consideration for inclusion is the name of the owner of the property, the address of the property, the tax map number(s) of the property and the amount of acreage that is in agricultural use. Enrollment forms can be found on the County website at [www.putnamcountyny.gov](http://www.putnamcountyny.gov) on the Planning Department's webpage under "Keep Putnam Farming / Agricultural & Farmland Protection Board." Requests for inclusion should be sent to the Clerk of the Putnam County Legislature, 40 Gleneida Avenue, Carmel, New York 10512 no later than April 30, 2024. Please call the Legislative Office at (845) 808-1020 or the Director of Real Property Tax Services at (845) 808-1000 ext. 49315 for additional information or see the Putnam County website. P. 3/20 - 50

### County of Putnam Local Law #1 of 2024

## LOCAL LAW #1 ESTABLISHING THE 2024 SALARY OF CERTAIN ELECTED OFFICIALS SERVING FOR FIXED TERMS

### ABSTRACT PROVISION:

This Local Law sets the 2024 Salaries for Certain County Officials elected 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**

### PLEASE NOTE:

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

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### County of Putnam Local Law #2 of 2024

## LOCAL LAW #2 ESTABLISHING THE 2024 SALARIES OF CERTAIN APPOINTED OFFICERS SERVING FOR FIXED TERMS

### ABSTRACT PROVISION:

### PUBLIC NOTICE

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**

### PLEASE NOTE:

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

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## COUNTY OF PUTNAM NOTICE FOR PROPOSAL

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that sealed bids will be received by the Director of Purchasing of Putnam County for the following commodities and/or service:

### RFP-02-2024 - REAL ESTATE BROKERAGE AND PORTFOLIO SERVICES

Detailed specifications may be secured at the office of the Director of Purchasing, Putnam County Office Building, 40 Gleneida Avenue, Room 105, Carmel, New York 10512 between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M., Monday through Friday or you may download from the Empire State Bid System's website at [www.empirestatebidsystem.com](http://www.empirestatebidsystem.com). Sealed proposals must be filed in the above office on or before **1:00 P.M., FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 2024**.

dated: Carmel, New York  
March 14, 2024  
Sgd/John Tully, Purchasing Director  
Putnam County Purchasing Department

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## COUNTY OF PUTNAM NOTICE FOR BID

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that sealed bids will be received by the Director of Purchasing of Putnam County for the following commodities and/or service:

### RFB 07-24 - Board of Elections Exterior Renovations

Detailed specifications may be secured at the office of the Director of Purchasing, Putnam County Office Building, 40 Gleneida Avenue, Room 105, Carmel, New York 10512 between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M., Monday through Friday or you may download from the Empire State Bid System's website at [www.empirestatebidsystem.com](http://www.empirestatebidsystem.com). Sealed bids must be filed in the above office on or before **1:00 P.M., WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 2024**.

dated: Carmel, New York  
March 14, 2024  
Sgd/John Tully, Purchasing Director  
Putnam County Purchasing Department

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

## Patterson

TOWN OF PATTERSON  
PLANNING & ZONING OFFICE

# PUTNAM COUNTY AND TOWN NOTICES

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### Notice of Public Hearing

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** by the Town of Patterson Planning Board of a public hearing to be held on April 4, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as may be heard, at the Patterson Town Hall, 1142 Route 311, Patterson, Putnam County, New York to consider an application entitled "**Benderson Development Amended Site Plan Application**" for the construction of a **3,333 s.f. commercial building**. There are two parcels involved in the application which will be required to be combined into 1-parcel in order to properly support the proposed development. One part of the proposal is the removal of the former Woodbench building and the construction of the 3,333 s.f. building in its place, which will be occupied by Chase Bank. The proposed plans also include the reconfiguration of the existing parking and drive aisles for the existing Dunkin Donuts. Access to the proposed building will be gained from Route 22. The properties are located at 3089 Route 22 and 3101-3115 Route 22 (C-1 Zoning District) Patterson, New York. All interested parties and citizens will be given an opportunity to be heard in respect to such application.

By Order of the Planning Board  
**Ron Taylor, Chairman**

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### Supreme Court

NOTICE OF SALE  
SUPREME COURT -  
COUNTY OF PUTNAM

**WILMINGTON TRUST, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY, BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE OF MFRA TRUST 2014-2,**

Plaintiff,

Against

**PRENKA DJELJEVIC, DRITA DJELJEVIC, ET AL,**

Defendant(s)

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale, duly entered 01/04/2024, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction, courtroom 209 in the Putnam Supreme Courthouse, 20 County Center, Carmel, NY 10512 on 4/1/2024 at 9:30AM, premises known as 34 Avery Road, Carmel, NY 10512, And Described As Follows:

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

Section 55.20 Block 1 Lot 33  
The approximate amount of the current Judgment lien is \$406,040.02 plus interest and costs. The Premises will be sold subject to provisions of the aforesaid Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale; Index # 501411/2022

John M. Crane, Esq., Referee.  
Richland & Falkowski, PLLC, 28-07 Jackson Avenue, 5th Floor, LONG ISLAND CITY, NY 11101

Dated: 1/23/2024 File Number: DJELJEVIC CA

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE OF SALE  
SUPREME COURT OF  
COUNTY OF PUTNAM  
UNIFIED BOARD OF  
MANAGERS OF THE REED

## PUBLIC NOTICE

**FARM CONDOMINIUMS**, on behalf of the unit owners of ORCHARD VIEW at REED FARM CONDOMINIUM IV, and the REED FARM HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., plaintiff, against ESTATE OF **KENNETH W. POWELL**, et al, defendants.

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered August 4, 2023, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction in Courtroom 209 of the Putnam County Supreme Courthouse, 20 County Center, Carmel, NY 10512.

on the 25th day of March 2024, at 9:30 a.m. the premises lying and being in Town of Southeast, County of Putnam and State of New York, in the Condominium known as "Orchard View at Reed Farm Condominium IV" also designated as Unit 8-203B. Together with the undivided 1.3147 percent interest in the common elements.

Said premises known as 203 Apple Tree Lane, Brewster, NY 10509

Approximate amount of the lien is \$83,517.23 plus interest and costs.

Premises will be sold subject to the provisions of the filed judgment and terms of sale under Index Number 500212/2023

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

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

Craig M. Wallace, Esq., Referee

Goldenberg & Selker, LLP  
Attorneys for Plaintiff  
399 Knollwood Road, Suite 112, White Plains, NY 10603

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF PUTNAM **PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION**, Plaintiff AGAINST **JOHN F. POWER, III AKA JACK POWER, III, ET AL.**, Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered January 23, 2024, 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 April 8, 2024 at 2:30PM, premises known as 690 Gipsy Trail Road, 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, Putnam County, State of New York, Section 21.18 Block 1 Lot 35. Approximate amount of judgment \$229,198.66 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index #501180/2022. 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. Juliana LoBiondo, Esq., Referee  
Gross Polowy, LLC 1775 Wehrle Drive Williamsville, NY 14221 22-000562 79514

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF PUTNAM, **NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING**, Plaintiff, vs. **CHRISTIAN MARNELLI, ET AL.**, Defendant(s).

Pursuant to an Order Confirming Referee's Report and Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered on January 23, 2024, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction in Courtroom

## PUBLIC NOTICE

209 of Putnam Supreme Court-house, 20 County Center, Carmel, NY 10512 on April 8, 2024 at 10:30 a.m., premises known as 8 Todt Hill, Putnam Valley, NY 10579. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of Putnam Valley, County of Putnam and State of New York, Section 84.15, Block 1 and Lot 28. Approximate amount of judgment is \$462,302.31 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index #501173/2022. Cash will not be accepted. COVID-19 safety protocols will be followed at the foreclosure sale.

Maureen Fleming, 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

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC D/B/A MR. COOPER,

V.

LAURIE MARIGLIANO, ET AL.

### NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated September 26, 2023, and entered in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Putnam, wherein NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC D/B/A MR. COOPER is the Plaintiff and LAURIE MARIGLIANO, 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 April 15, 2024 at 9:30AM, premises known as 495 EAST MOUNTAIN ROAD NORTH, COLD SPRING, NY 10516: Section 8, Block 2, Lot 2.22:

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

Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 500166/2021. Joseph F. Buono, Esq. - Referee. Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 310, Westbury, New York 11590, Attorneys for Plaintiff. **All foreclosure sales will be conducted in accordance with Covid-19 guidelines including, but not limited to, social distancing and mask wearing. \*LOCATION OF SALE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DAY OF IN ACCORDANCE WITH COURT/CLERK DIRECTIVES.**

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK  
COUNTY OF PUTNAM  
INDEX # 501052/2023  
Filed Date: 7/14/2023  
Summons

Plaintiff designates Putnam County as the place of trial based on the location of the mortgaged premises in this action Mortgaged Premises: 601 Holly Stream Court a/k/a 601 Holly Stream Court 601, Brewster, New York 10509, Plaintiff's principal place of business is c/o Cenlar FSB, 425 Phillips Boulevard, Ewing, New Jersey 08618.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

**UNITED SHORE FINANCIAL SERVICES, LLC D/B/A UNITED WHOLESALE MORTGAGE**, Plaintiff, against **TARSIDA CASTILLO POSSIBLE HEIR AT LAW AND NEXT OF KIN TO CARMEN J. GARCIA A/K/A CARMEN GARCIA; EILEEN SANTOS POSSIBLE HEIR AT LAW AND NEXT OF KIN TO CARMEN J. GARCIA A/K/A CARMEN GARCIA; WASHINGTON ALVARADO POSSIBLE HEIR AT LAW AND NEXT OF KIN TO CARMEN J. GARCIA A/K/A CARMEN GARCIA; WASHINGTON A. ALVARADO POSSIBLE HEIR AT LAW AND NEXT OF KIN TO CARMEN J. GARCIA A/K/A CARMEN GARCIA; ROSA M. GARCIA POSSIBLE HEIR AT LAW AND NEXT OF KIN TO CARMEN J. GARCIA A/K/A CARMEN GARCIA; JOHN DOE AND JANE DOE 1 THROUGH 50**, INTENDING TO BE THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DISTRIBUTORS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, TRUSTEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, AND ASSIGNEES OF THE ESTATE OF **CARMEN J. GARCIA A/K/A CARMEN GARCIA**, WHO WAS BORN IN 1959 AND DIED ON AUGUST 6, 2020, A RESIDENT OF PUTNAM COUNTY, WHOSE LAST KNOWN ADDRESS WAS 601 HOLLY STREAM COURT A/K/A 601 HOLLY STREAM COURT 601, BREWSTER, NEW YORK 10509, THEIR SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST IF ANY OF THE AFORESAID DEFENDANTS BE DECEASED, THEIR RESPECTIVE HEIRS AT LAW, NEXT OF KIN, AND SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST OF THE AFORESAID CLASSES OF PERSON, IF THEY OR ANY OF THEM BE DEAD, AND THEIR RESPECTIVE HUSBANDS, WIVES OR WIDOWS, IF ANY, ALL OF WHOM AND WHOSE NAMES AND PLACES, ARE UNKNOWN TO PLAINTIFF; BOARD OF MANAGERS OF HOLLY STREAM CONDOMINIUM; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA O/B/O INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; "JOHN DOE #1" to "JOHN DOE #10," the last 10 names being fictitious and unknown to plaintiff, the persons or parties intended being the persons or parties, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the mortgaged premises described in the complaint, 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 twenty (20) days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within thirty (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. NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME IF YOU DO NOT RESPOND TO THIS SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE MORTGAGE COMPANY WHO FILED THIS FORECLOSURE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT, A DEFAULT JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED AND YOU CAN LOSE YOUR HOME. SPEAK TO AN ATTORNEY OR GO TO THE COURT WHERE YOUR CASE IS PENDING FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON HOW TO ANSWER THE SUMMONS AND PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY. SENDING A PAYMENT TO YOUR MORTGAGE COMPANY WILL NOT STOP THIS

## PUBLIC NOTICE

FORECLOSURE ACTION. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (CITIZENS BANK, N.A.) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. MCCABE, WEISBERG & CONWAY, LLC Attorneys for Plaintiff 1 Huntington Quadrangle, Suite 4N25 Melville, NY 11747 631-812-4084 855-845-2584 facsimile. HELP FOR HOMEOWNERS IN FORECLOSURE NEW YORK STATE LAW REQUIRES THAT WE SEND YOU THIS NOTICE ABOUT THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY. SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME. IF YOU FAIL TO RESPOND TO THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT IN THIS FORECLOSURE ACTION, YOU MAY LOSE YOUR HOME. PLEASE READ THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT CAREFULLY. YOU SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CONTACT AN ATTORNEY OR YOUR LOCAL LEGAL AID OFFICE TO OBTAIN ADVICE ON HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF. SOURCES OF INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE The State encourages you to become informed about your options in foreclosure. In addition to seeking assistance from an attorney or legal aid office, there are government agencies and non-profit organizations that you may contact for information about possible options, including trying to work with your lender during this process. To locate an entity near you, you may call the toll-free helpline maintained by the New York State Department of Financial Services at 1-800-342-3736 or visit the Department's website at www.dfs.ny.gov RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO LEAVE YOUR HOME AT THIS TIME. You have the right to stay in your home during the foreclosure process. You are not required to leave your home unless and until your property is sold at auction pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale. Regardless of whether you choose to remain in your home, YOU ARE REQUIRED TO TAKE CARE OF YOUR PROPERTY and pay property taxes in accordance with state and local law. FORECLOSURE RESCUE SCAMS Be careful of people who approach you with offers to "save" your home. There are individuals who watch for notices of foreclosure actions in order to unfairly profit from a homeowner's distress. You should be extremely careful about any such promises and any suggestions that you pay them a fee or sign over your deed. State law requires anyone offering such services for profit to enter into a contract which fully describes the services they will perform and fees they will charge, and which prohibits them from taking any money from you until they have completed all such promised services. § 1303 NOTICE. File # 22-300838

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

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

**BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.**, Plaintiff - against - **CAROL FURCI A/K/A CAROL B. FURCI**, et al Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on January 22, 2024, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Putnam Supreme Courthouse located at 20 County Center, Carmel, NY 10512 on the 22nd day of April, 2024 at 9:30 AM. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Town of Patterson, Putnam County, New York.

# PUTNAM COUNTY AND TOWN NOTICES

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

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Index No. 501314/2022. Raymond A. Cote, Esq., Referee. Davidson Fink LLP Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 400 Meridian Centre Blvd, Ste 200

Rochester, NY 14618 Tel. 585/760-8218 For sale information, please visit Auction.com at www.Auction.com or call (800) 280-2832 Dated: February 21, 2024

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT PUTNAM COUNTY

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. AS TRUSTEE FOR WAMU MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2004-PR2 TRUST, Plaintiff against

NANCY MARINACCIO A/K/A NANCY A. MARINACCIO, et al Defendant(s)

Attorney for Plaintiff(s) Fein

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Such & Crane, LLP, 28 East Main Street, Suite 1800, Rochester, NY 14614.

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered July 14, 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 April 22, 2024 at 10:30 AM. Premises known as 2 Mountain Brook Drive, Brewster, NY 10509. Sec 58.5 Block 1 Lot 1. 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. Approximate Amount of Judgment is \$426,579.49 plus interest, fees, and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No 500967/2022.

The foreclosure sale will be conducted in accordance with 9th Judicial District's Covid-19 Policies and foreclosure auction rules. The Referee shall enforce any rules in place regarding facial coverings and social distancing.

Andrew Walter Szczesniak, Esq., Referee File # SP-SNY667

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### LLC

Notice of Formation of **Hearth, Horse & Home, LLC**. Articles of Org filed with SSNY on 11/14/2023. Office Location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: United States Corporation Agents, Inc. 7014 13th Avenue, Suite 202, Brooklyn, NY 11228, USA. Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity.

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## Brewster Schools Approve Tax Break For Warehouse

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approval requires a quorum of the total board, not just the members present.

"After the vote I was contacted by our legal counsel regarding the vote, and thereafter the board received legal advice," said School Board President Kerry Cunningham at last week's meeting. "As a result, a majority of the board decided it would be put back on the agenda... I want to make clear this is not the result of any particular board member being unhappy with the result of the vote. This came about based on contact from our counsel and legal advice."

Trustee Jamie Callanan, who voted "no" in February and again last week, said BIO claimed the value of the project to the community is in economic output and job creation, and that labor income during the construction phase was expected to reach \$45 million at the local level.

The project broke ground in January 2023, and is near completion, with the certificate of occupancy expected in the spring, she said. "So, within 18 months, \$45 million of local-level labor income was expected in Putnam and the mid-Hudson Valley," said Callanan. "Was that the actual outcome?"

She said \$100 million in "economic output" was expected to go toward the Town of Southeast economy during construction. "Where are the metrics that are able to demonstrate this actually happened?" she asked.

Callanan said that during an October meeting of the IDA, members recognized that the project was not living up to its end of the agreement on local labor income – specifically not giving jobs to locals.

Callanan asked if the 600 construction jobs that were promised ever materialized, or if the 665 jobs that are anticipated once the site opens can be counted on. "What are the claw-backs if that doesn't happen?" she asked.

"The principal of a PILOT is that it's good for you and it's good for me," said Callanan. "It means drawing this project to the area would be good for the community, and the PILOT would be good for the developer to make this their location. This project is here and built, so we don't need to attract them. There is very little incentive for the district to offer a \$5 million tax break after the completion."

Board Vice President Cynthia Fox agreed.

"Our policy, in my opinion, is well written, and it says (a PILOT) is to attract commercial and industrial development, and this is already here and is already finished," she said. "So, in my opinion, it does not need this PILOT."

Trustee Erik Grutzner said the valuation of the property each year depends on the occupancy of the buildings, so the PILOT does impact how BIO will attract tenants to fill the buildings, and therefore bring in more tax revenue.

He also said that if the board denies the PILOT, the company may very well take the district to

court to get it.

"It is my understanding that, were we to vote 'no,' there is still a very good chance that we are going to end up with the same terms of taxation as per 485-B of the taxation law," said Grutzner. "The process that we'll get to that point is irrelevant... But we may need to defend ourselves and pay for a lawsuit up to that point."

Further, he said PILOTs are designed to attract business at any point in the process.

"There are other projects that are potentially in the works," said Grutzner. "The IDA is working to potentially generate more commercial and corporate revenue for our school district, and I don't think – especially if there's a good chance we are going to see a savings – that we send a message to the business community or the corporate community that may be looking to develop or expand in Brewster that we don't appreciate their efforts."

Lastly, he said the district should welcome the tax revenue, even if it is at a discount.

"Usually, the districts that can provide exceptional service and facilities have a strong corporate or commercial tax base," he said. "I think it sends a strong message if we tell other businesses that may want to come and invest in our community and provide us with a huge amount of tax money at absolutely no cost to the district, 'Well, we don't like the way you're doing it, we think you came too late,'" he said. "That's a problem."

Cunningham noted that the board is not tasked with looking at the propriety of the project itself, just the tax implications for the district.

"The town approved this PILOT, the county approved this PILOT," she said. "This board and previous boards of different members have approved PILOTs, and I think it's not a good idea for the board to pick and choose projects – that comply with the tax law and comply with our polity – to pick and choose wish ones we're going to approve."

Also, Cunningham pointed out that the board approved a PILOT for Ace Endico's expansion project. While it was for new construction, it was for a business that already existed in town, she said.

"I just want the board to be consistent with the way that we respond to PILOTs," she said. "We are the primary beneficiary of the PILOT payments and taxes thereafter, and we have done nothing for it. The town has had to do some work... We haven't, and we are the primary beneficiary of this. From my perspective, I'm fulfilling my fiduciary duty to the district and to our community by approving the PILOT."

Prior to the vote, resident

Jeff Saccomanno said the full tax potential from the project could be used to fund teacher raises and offer more programs and services for students.

"I don't know why we're giving them the opportunity for this PILOT program," he said. "They're not really bringing anything to this community, that I can see... It's bringing traffic, pollution."

Saccomanno added that if the company benefitted the school community, maybe he would feel differently.

"I'm all for the PILOT for ProSwing," he said. "They're going to be an advantage to our children and to our community. A giant warehouse? No. Sorry, I disagree. And to revote on this, to me, I think is a giant shame."

Resident Paul Castle said BIO is not in need of a handout.

"That company was ready to build its own on- and off-ramp on I-84, which would have cost millions and millions and millions of dollars... but the state shot them down all three times when they wanted to build it," he said. "So, they have the money to pay. You are shortchanging yourselves and everybody in the community, and the kids, if you vote 'yes' for this PILOT program."

Ellen Lepere said she was shocked the board was taking a revote. "I don't ever get to revote when things don't go my way," she said.

Scott Seaman said the PILOT will likely be granted no matter what, with BIO taking the district to court. However, he said the district can still send a message with its vote. "Warehouse jobs, while they are necessary to this world, they do not do anything for our students," he said.

Nulk also addressed the board before the vote, reminding it that a PILOT is not a complete abatement of all taxes.

"You're going to be getting 50 percent of the assessed value, once it gets the certificate of occupancy," he said. "And it will go up over 10 years... By the time you get done, you're looking at more than several million dollars in new taxes."

A representative of BIO explained at last week's meeting that, even though the project is already in the works, the tax breaks are needed to attract tenants.

"So in order to lease the property – and the market is difficult now – this is a help," he said. "And you're helping someone that, at one angle looks like they don't need help. But the project does need help."

The vote passed 4-3, with Cunningham, Grutzner, and Trustees Lenor Volpe and Dehisy Jimenez-Vazquez voting "yes," and Callanan, Fox and Trustee Melissa Finateri voting "no."

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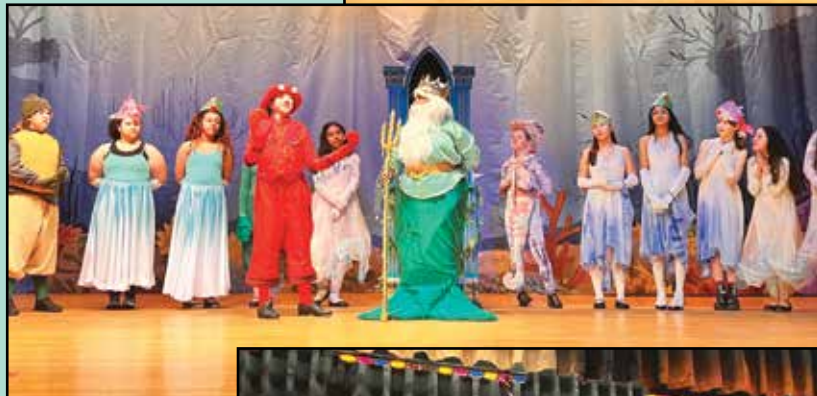
# Student Artwork on Display Around Carmel

Carmel Central Schools student artwork can be viewed at various libraries, town halls, businesses and other locations this month.



# Brewster Students Take Audiences 'Under the Sea'

Henry H. Wells Middle School in Brewster recently presented "The Little Mermaid," featuring 45 actors and 10 stage crew members. Mermaids, fish, eels, seagulls, lobsters, frogs, shrimp and sailors – all wearing colorful costumes and singing in harmony – pulled off an amazing show.

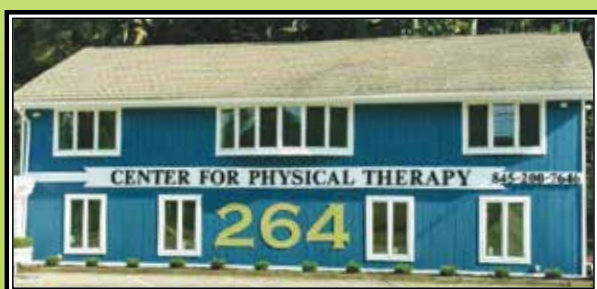


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Carmel High School art student Ava Brenneman has had her work displayed across the Carmel community many times. A talented artist, the senior is a natural to be included in the district's annual community art show, which features the work of students from elementary, middle and high school. This year, Brenneman's contribution is a watercolor painting of her bedside table. "That piece is one of my favorites," she said. "From what I know, this one will be displayed at Carmel Town Hall." Art created by Carmel Central School District students will be on display at multiple locations around the community during

Youth Art Month in March. The annual student exhibit is sponsored by the Carmel/Kent Chamber of Commerce. "We have about 120 students represented this year," said Christine Wisniewski, the district's art department chairperson. "They have created work in ceramics, graphics, drawing, painting and mixed-media." The student work is on display at Kent, Patterson and Carmel Town Hall; Putnam Hospital in Carmel; Meadowlands of Carmel; the Kent and Patterson libraries; and more. Chamber of Commerce members will judge the show and announce awards in April.