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Olympics of Visual Arts students in Brewster have been busy creating various projects in anticipation of an Olympics-style event at the end of April that will take place in Saratoga Springs. Here, a biomorphic classroom – a bee hive made of egg cartons – features cells that each contain a different classroom for bees.

## Brewster Students Train in The ‘Olympics of Visual Arts’



Fifth-graders affixed neon-colored fish to a gown they sewed, and when you shine a black light on the features, they glow.

Hot glue guns, papier mache strips, Mod Podge containers, and Model Magic are the accoutrement of Olympics of Visual Arts students in Brewster.

The students – in a new class this year for eighth-graders at Henry H. Wells Middle School and a before-school club for C.V. Starr Intermediate School fifth-graders – are broken into groups such as fashion, architecture, illustration, and painting.

The groups are given a prompt, such as “create a biomorphic school,” and then create projects for an Olympics-style event at the end of April that will take place in Saratoga Springs.

Students start out brainstorming ideas and quickly turn their ideas into art.

The biomorphic classroom is a bee hive made of egg cartons – a bit like a cave – with cells that each contain a different classroom for bees: a music room, a library,



Painting, gluing, and constructing is all part of the program.

and a history class. Inside each classroom are bees made out of Model Magic who are involved in activities such as writing essays, playing music, and reading books.

“See down below, there are peanut bees and baby bees,”

explained Cayden, a member of the beehive group. “We are going to hang bees from yarn from the top. We created a beehive you can actually walk into.”

The fashion groups are work-  
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## Legislature Votes Down Independent Counsel Position

By Rob Sample

The Putnam County Legislature again wrestled with the fractious issue of hiring independent legal counsel for the governing body during its April 8 meeting, ultimately failing to achieve the six votes needed to make it law.

Legislative counsel is employed through a contract the Legislature has for legal services under the County Attorney’s Office. While the Legislature has typically had its own outside counsel, that contract was not renewed in 2024.

At that time, the county attorney appointed a deputy county

attorney to serve as counsel to the Legislature. However, legislators say their branch of government needs to have counsel separate from and not dependent upon the approval and resources of the executive branch, to maintain checks and balances.

In an about face, Legislator Jake D’Angelo, R-Carmel, who introduced the resolution in its original form, voted against it at the April 8 meeting – after it was amended.

Legislator Amy Sayegh, R-Mahopac Falls, noted that as

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## Mahopac NYPD Sgt. Makes Bail; Fights Conviction

By Holly Crocco

A New York Police Department sergeant from Putnam County was sentenced to three to nine years in state prison last week by Bronx State Supreme Court Justice Guy Mitchell. However, according to news reports, he was granted \$300,000 bail and released, to remain free as he fights the conviction.

“He should have never been in there to begin with,” said Sergeants Benevolent Association President Vincent Vallelong.

Sgt. Erik Duran, 38, of Mahopac, was found guilty in February

of second-degree manslaughter after throwing a cooler at a fleeing suspect in August of 2023, leading to the man’s death. He pleaded not guilty during his bench trial, in which there was no jury – just a judge hearing the arguments and rendering the verdict.

Duran, who faced up to 15 years, was also facing a criminally negligent homicide charge, which was waived.

Eric Duprey, 30, died Aug. 23, 2023, after he took off on a motorized scooter along a sidewalk in the Bronx, attempting to flee arrest

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## Cold Spring Eyes 3.7% Tax Levy Hike

By Holly Crocco

The Cold Spring Village Board continued discussions on its tentative 2026-27 budget during its most recent meetings, with the public offering input on the spending plan.

The proposed \$5.5 million budget increases the tax levy by 3.7 percent, or \$2 million, which is within the state-mandated cap.

“It’s an unstable economy and costs in every sector are skyrocketing into double-digit percentages,” said Mayor Kathleen Foley during the April 8 board meeting, where she opened the public hearing on the budget. “Just as individual households are experiencing, the village is facing steep cost increases in ma-

terial, fuel, electricity, and more.”

Foley highlighted some achievements from the current year, including a sales-tax-sharing agreement with the county, new municipal agreements with highway departments across Putnam, and engaging a labor attorney to bring best practices to the village.

“We had a big year on the infrastructure and capital project side,” she added, noting that the village completed two FEMA disaster recovery projects, as well as replaced the stormwater culvert on Fair Street that was a long time in the making, paved and repaired several village streets, repaired sidewalks,

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## Mahopac Was Ready to Rumble at Rotary Fundraiser!

Wrestling fans were treated to a star-studded wrestling event April 11 at Mahopac High School, when the Lake Mahopac Rotary Club presented its second annual East Coast Pro Wrestling fundraiser. Hundreds of enthusiastic fans saw high-energy wrestling matches including three East Coast Pro Wrestling Championship contests and a 20-man, over-the-top battle royal. Former WWE stars Nunzio and Afa Jr. didn't disappoint, and Mahopac showed its love to WWE Hall-of-Famer Tito Santana.

## Letters to the Editor

### Support for 'New York for All'

Dear Editor:

Much has been said recently about so-called "sanctuary" jurisdictions, referring to locations where local officials protect residents by limiting the collection and sharing of information about individuals' immigration status. Those complaining about "sanctuary" the loudest are typically very quiet about the enormous amount of needless suffering our federal government is currently inflicting on those who come into contact with immigration enforcement – documented and undocumented immigrants alike, and even U.S. citizens.

Renee Good and Alex Pretti were killed while documenting such actions. Other American citizens have found themselves in the crosshairs of ICE while simply trav-

eling to work, like veteran George Retes; or on their way to a doctor's appointment, like Aliya Rahman.

Federal leaders who criticize local jurisdictions for policies that protect immigrants are, first and foremost, deflecting blame for their own negligence. Under both political parties, the federal government has mismanaged immigration for decades, undermining our ability to benefit from one of our greatest strengths as a nation – our ability to attract newcomers.

America was built by people who came here from abroad, voluntarily and involuntarily, and each successive wave of migrants has contributed enormously to our culture and our economy. Both documented and undocumented immigrants pay taxes; in 2022, undocumented immigrants paid nearly \$100 billion in federal, state, and local taxes. Immigrants typically

take jobs that complement those of native-born Americans, which boosts our economy.

Therefore, reducing immigration undermines our economic prospects and does not benefit American workers.

We do ourselves a major disservice when we treat immigration as a problem instead of a gift to be harnessed. Immigrants commit crimes at far lower rates than native-born Americans, and as the highest-funded law enforcement agency in the country, ICE has all of the resources it needs to pursue the small percentage of immigrants who do commit crimes.

However, it appears those resources are currently being mis-allocated. ICE agents have complained to outlets like the New York Post that the current quota-driven approach to immigration enforcement has led them to take their focus off of criminals and direct it instead toward anyone they can get their hands on. The incompetence and cruelty boggles the mind – we have innocent people being locked up while dangerous individuals roam free.

Public safety requires that all residents, regardless of immigration status, feel safe coming forward to report crimes. I continue to support passage of the New York for All Act because this legislation will help keep us safe from criminals and an increasingly tyrannical federal government. This legislation would require federal officers to produce judicial warrants and behave lawfully when conducting immigration enforcement, and to use their own resources rather than diverting local resources away from local issues.

Nothing in New York for All would prohibit law enforcement from investigating, detaining, executing a criminal judicial warrant, or taking any otherwise lawful action against a person under state criminal law.

Moreover, New York – like every other state – already shares fingerprints with the federal government. Anyone arrested by local law enforcement already has their information shared federally. New York for All would not change that.

We will all be better off when ICE resumes pursuing criminals instead of terrorizing easy targets. Nothing in New York for All would prevent that. We need this legislation now to ensure safety and justice for all New Yorkers.

*Assemblymember Dana Lev-  
enberg  
D-Ossining*

## Kidney Donor Needed

A living kidney donor is needed for a Lake Carmel resident.

Melissa Depra has been living with "Berger's Disease" for a long time, and there is no cure. The main organ this disease attacks is the kidney, and since diagnosis, Depra has been taking medicine to slow the progression of kidney failure. However, recent bloodwork shows that she is now on stage 4 chronic kidney disease, and the doctors advised her to enlist now for kidney transplant before it's too late.

If you know someone who has type O blood, is healthy, and willing to donate a kidney, contact Ben at 914-374-7329, or Melissa at 914-471-1334.

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Members of Brewster Theater Company rehearse for "Middletown."

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Ave., Carmel, at 7:30 p.m. April 24 and 25, May 1 and 2, and May 8 and 9; as well as 2 p.m. April 26 and May 3.

Tickets are \$28 and available at [www.brewstertheater.org](http://www.brewstertheater.org), and at the door – although reservations are encouraged.

"Middletown" presents us with slices of ourselves that we do not choose to recognize until days, months, or even years later," said Bob Dumont of Patterson, the show's director, who chose this quietly-known play for the complexity it reveals of everyday life.

The cast and crew includes Stephanie Straface and Debbie Poe of Carmel, Brian Dallas Field and Carolyn and Kevin McCarthy of Brewster, Rose Ann Martin of Lake Carmel, Austin Morgan of Tarrytown, Nick Byrne of Valhalla, Barry Schilmeister of Millwood, Bruce Mandia of Wilton, Elizabeth Darcy of Somers, and Jeff Lawrence of Yorktown.

The show is produced by Ben Kistinger and stage managed by Bill Bernhey, both of Carmel. It is presented through special arrangement with Concord Theatricals.

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after he had just sold drugs to an undercover officer. Video shows Duran, who was a member of the NYPD Narcotics Borough Bronx Tactical Response Unit, throwing a picnic cooler at Dupey's head in an attempt to stop him.

Dupey was reportedly driving 30 miles per hour and not wearing a helmet when he was struck, which caused him to swerve and slide under a vehicle. He later died from blunt force trauma to the head.

The case was prosecuted by New York State Attorney General Letitia James' office.

According to reporters who were in the courtroom during sentencing, Duran, a 13-year veteran of the force, told the court that he "did everything he could" to assist

the badly injured suspect, adding, "I never wanted this to happen."

He reportedly addressed Duprey's family and apologized directly to his mother.

According to News 12 Westchester, outside the courtroom, supporters said they accept the sentence, noting that officers are often not held accountable.

"He will get what he deserves," said Hawk Newsome of Black Lives Matter Greater New York. "The court said that Eric's life had value."

Duran is the first member of the NYPD in a decade to be convicted of killing a civilian.

Police union leaders and Duran's defense team criticized the outcome. Vallelong called it "a terrible message to hard working cops about the costs of defending themselves and fellow officers."

Defense attorney Arthur Aidala said, "We're here because it's a police officer... not only gets wrongly convicted, but he gets a sentence that is so out of step with what's been going on in law enforcement," reported News 12 Westchester.



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# Join Bob Palmer Day on April 26

Bob Palmer Day will take place Sunday, April 26, when volunteers place more than 1,200 American flags on veterans' graves in 15 Southeast cemeteries. The day will start at 9 a.m. at the historic Milltown Cemetery, and continue at the Saint Lawrence and Methodist cemeteries at noon.

With this year celebrating the country's 250th anniversary since the American Revolution, additional special attention this year will be given to cemeteries where Revolutionary patriots rest. This includes the Old Southeast, Drew Cliff, Ellis, Fowler, Townsend/Gilbert, Gage, Barnum, and Brush Hollow cemeteries – among others.

Robert Palmer was born in Brewster in May 1921 and died in October 2018 at the age of 97. He served in the U.S. Army from August 1942 to December 1945, achieving the rank of platoon sergeant, commanding a 16-man gun section. During his service he earned the American Service Medal, the European-African-Middle Eastern Service Medal, the World War II Victory Medal, and the Good Conduct Medal.

Following his WWII service, Palmer joined the railroad and retired after 41 years with Conrail. A life member of Brewster VFW Post 672, he served for 20 years as chaplain of the post.

For 30 years leading up to each Memorial Day, Palmer categorized and organized the placing of more than 1,200 flags on the



The late Bob Palmer places a flag on a veteran's grave.

graves of veterans buried within the Town of Southeast – placing most flags by himself.

In 2012, at the age of 91, he decided it was time to have others take over the annual project.

To acknowledge his years of work, the Bob Palmer Project was born – not to duplicate his singular effort, but to follow Palmer's intent.

Jack Duncan, a veteran and retired master sergeant, was named chairman of the Bob Palmer Proj-

ect and for the last 14 years has led a team effort from the community, including veteran organizations, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, the Elks Club, NY-Riders, Brewster High School's JNROTC and Semper Fi Club, DAR, and more.

The community now places the 1,200-plus flags before each Memorial Day, to not only honor and remember veterans, but to honor Bob Palmer and his commitment to this community – and its veterans.

## Nutrition Corner

By Allison J. Stowell  
MS, RD, CDN



## No-Waste Cooking

According to the USDA, over 400lbs of food is wasted annually per household. Consumers report two reasons for food waste. The first is that it goes bad before it's used. The second is that food is over purchased. Given current food prices, this waste is particularly impactful (and wasteful). Here are some easy ways to reduce waste in your home:

To avoid over-purchasing, I highly recommend building shopping lists based on what you have on hand, what's expiring soon, and double-checking pantry staples before going to the store.

Lower food waste with versatile recipes like the one below that can be made with what you have on hand. Visit [Hannaford.com](http://Hannaford.com) for a list of "No Waste Cooking" recipes that use a variety of convenient ingredients. Use these recipes to make use of ingredients before they expire.

Take advantage of easy, versatile meals like grain bowls, quesadillas, and salads. These recipes are ideal for smaller amounts of leftover ingredients. They're perfect "fridge cleanout" dishes because you need only small amounts of a variety of ingredients to bring them together.

Lastly, remember that your home kitchen doesn't need to be a small supermarket with "back stock". Maintain a clean pantry, refrigerator and freezer with just enough. Avoid having excessive options that are likely to expire before you can use them.

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

### Veggie Fritters with Soy Dipping Sauce (2 Guiding Stars) Hannaford.com

These crispy fritters can easily be customized with whatever

veggies you have available. Try grating any vegetables you have on hand to make the fritters, aiming for 6 cups total of grated or finely chopped vegetables. An easy soy dipping sauce provides the perfect savory boost.

#### Ingredients:

- 2 medium zucchini, trimmed
- 1 large carrot
- 1 medium red bell pepper
- 3/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 3 Tbsp. chopped green onions
- 2 large eggs, beaten
- 3 Tbsp. canola oil, divided
- 1 Tbsp. reduced-sodium soy sauce

sauce

- 1 Tbsp. rice vinegar
- 1 tsp. sesame oil
- 1 tsp. sugar
- 1 tsp. red pepper flakes (optional)

#### Steps

1. Using a box grater, coarsely grate zucchini. Place zucchini in a colander set in a large bowl and sprinkle lightly with salt. Toss and let stand 10 minutes to release liquid. Meanwhile, coarsely grate carrot and finely chop bell pepper. Transfer zucchini to a clean dish towel or cheesecloth and squeeze out excess liquid.

2. Transfer zucchini, carrot and bell pepper to a large bowl and toss to combine. To bowl, stir in flour, Parmesan, green onions and eggs. Season with salt and pepper.

3. In a 12-inch nonstick skillet, heat 1 tablespoon canola oil over medium. Use a 1/4-cup measure to form vegetable mixture into patties. Working in batches, add to pan, flattening slightly (do not overcrowd pan). Cook fritters until golden brown and crispy, 2-3 minutes per side. Transfer to a paper towel-lined plate and season with salt. Repeat with remaining 2 tablespoons canola oil and vegetable mixture.

4. Meanwhile, to a small bowl, add soy sauce, vinegar, sesame oil, sugar, 2 tablespoons water and crushed red pepper, if desired. Stir to combine. Serve veggie fritters with dipping sauce.

## Picnic Party Sandwiches

(Family Features)  
Picnic Party Sandwiches

#### Ingredients:

- 1/4 cup salted butter
- 2 tablespoons fresh parsley, minced
- 1 large fresh baguette
- 1/4 cup fig preserves
- 6-8 ounces cured meats, such as prosciutto, salami and capocollo
- 6 ounces brie cheese, sliced
- 2 cups arugula
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1 pinch kosher salt

#### Directions:

Mash together room temperature butter with fresh parsley. Set aside.

Cut fresh baguette lengthwise and smear bottom half of the baguette with herbed butter. Top with fig preserves.



Layer on cured meats followed by slices of brie cheese. For brie, cut off any large pieces of rind.

In small bowl, toss arugula with lemon juice and salt. Add arugula to sandwich followed by top half of baguette.

Cut baguette into four even sandwiches and eat immediately or wrap each one tightly in paper or plastic wrap.

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# Youth Applauded for Volunteer Service

## Three Earn James F. Reitz Adult Award



Fifteen high school students and three adults were honored at this year's Youth Awards Dinner at Putnam County Golf Course in Mahopac for their community service.



The Putnam County Youth Bureau and Youth Board honored the recipients of the 2026 Youth Awards and the James F. Reitz Adult Award during the 41st annual Youth Awards Dinner on April 9 at the Putnam County Golf Course in Mahopac.

This year's honorees included 15 high school students who have demonstrated a strong commitment to serving their communities.

They include Alexander Romero and Samantha Sanchez Gil of Brewster; Sean Kmiotek of Carmel; Polina Buslovich, Christine Junjulas, Corinna Mueller, Leo O'Neil, and Maxwell Sanders of Haldane High School in Cold Spring; Kevin Behrendt, Isabella DeRosa, and Chloe Lex of Ma-

hopac; Jacob Lasch of Putnam Valley; and John F. Kennedy Catholic Preparatory School (Somers) students Carleigh Effinger of Putnam Valley, Liam Mortimer of Mahopac, and Jake Vanga of Baldwin Place.

The James F. Reitz Adult Award went to Lauren Johnson of Brewster, and Virginia Redlon and Wayne Ryder of Carmel.

"The young people we honor this year are true examples of what makes Putnam County such a special place," said County Executive Kevin Byrne. "Their selflessness, leadership, and commitment to service embody the best of our community. We are proud to celebrate their efforts and recognize the positive impact they have on so many lives."

April 9. Joseph J. Smith Funeral Home, Mahopac, (845) 621-1992.

**Patterson**  
**Stanley P. Vishinski II,** 78, April 9 25. Beecher Funeral Home, Brewster, NY, (845) 279-3615.

**Putnam Valley**  
**Eileen Reilly,** 78, April 10. Cargain Funeral Homes Inc., Mahopac, (845) 225-5655.

### We Will Miss

**Cold Spring**  
**Robert Davis Jr,** 46, April 9. Clinton Inc Funeral Homes, Cold Spring, (845) 265-3333.

**Carmel**  
**Stephen Nichlos Marino,** 73, April 4. Cargain Funeral Home, Carmel, (845) 225-3672.

**Mahopac**  
**Vincent J. Kehayas,** 72,

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originally introduced, the resolution would create a new counsel position but didn't make clear its independence from the county's own attorney or the county executive.

"This Legislature must have its own independent counsel... period," she said. "We cannot do our job, protect this institution, or provide real oversight if our legal advice and representation are dependent on the county executive or the executive branch or department head selected by the county executive. This is not novel, radical, or even optional."

Sayegh also traced the rather complicated history of the legislative counsel's role, pointing to the selection of an individual in late 2021 for a role that ran through 2022, 2023, and 2024. In December 2024, legislators approved a one-year extension of that role and voted to amend the county attorney's charter.

This vote, she said, was then countermanded by the county attorney.

"We were hit then with a lawsuit from the county executive, and we were told to accept counsel assigned to us," said Sayegh.

The lawsuit came after an ethics complaint filed by County Attorney Compton Spain, accusing Legislator Toni Addonizio, R-Kent, of failing to disclose that the person seeking to buy a county-owned property was her son-in-law. The Legislature then voted 6-3 to pass a charter amendment that would allow it to fire the county attorney, which County Executive Kevin

Byrne alleged was in retaliation.

Four later amendments – three introduced by Legislator Nancy Montgomery, D-Philipstown, and a fourth by Addonizio – clarified the role's necessary independence.

Montgomery said she introduced the amendments to provide an affirmative statement that the proposed legislative counsel would be independent of both the county attorney and the county executive.

"My amendments, and what I've been trying to preserve, is exactly what closes those gaps in Legislator D'Angelo's proposal," she said.

Legislator Laura Russo, R-Patterson, said hiring additional counsel is unnecessary.

"Back when we had the budget process, I approved the money in the budget for outside legal counsel," she said. "But my point and my oath that I've taken for the residents of Putnam County – including my town, Patterson – is to properly spend taxpayer dollars. And I feel, as everybody on this Legislature has said many times, our legal counsel – provided by Putnam County residents' taxpaying dollars – has been superb."

Russo said she was unclear on how the county might handle legal representation for the county executive, to which Chairman Dan Birmingham, R-Southeast, responded that in the event of a conflict between the Legislature and the county executive, the county charter does afford the executive with county-paid outside counsel.

"This doesn't change that," he said.

Legislator Thomas Regan, R-Brewster, called on D'Angelo to cast an affirmative vote.

"A negative vote will prolong this discussion" he said. "This is not exactly the proposal that perhaps you wanted or even myself... but I do look for you to support this initiative tonight so we can move

on from discussion of this topic and get to the business of the people."

D'Angelo responded that he opposed the resolution because, with the amendments, it sets up a mechanism for the county to proliferate spending on multiple attorneys – which goes counter to what he had originally sought.

"The county executive has a county-funded counsel that he can then retain," said D'Angelo. "So, we have the county attorney, legislative counsel, and now the county executive can spend money and get counsel for himself. We're just spending and spending and there's no answer... This is an incomplete bill (and) the charter change and the ramifications of it made this incomplete. I don't like to vote on things that don't have answers. This is just shortsighted."

Legislator William Gouldman, R-Putnam Valley, said he agreed in principle with the need for an independent legal counsel and had introduced measures in support of that in the past. He later was told that such a change required the county to convene a charter review commission which, he said, nobody on the Legislature seemed to want.

Birmingham interjected that such commissions can only be convened every 10 years, with the last one taking place in 2021.

Gouldman further said such a commission would help the Legislature make the decision on the counsel measure. "Or we can go back to the original proposal that we all put together two months ago, without any amendments," he said. "So, I'll be abstaining for that reason."

The final vote had Montgomery, Regan, Sayegh, and Birmingham supporting the resolution, with D'Angelo and Russo voting against it.

Addonizio and Legislator Erin Crowley, R-Mahopac, were absent from the meeting.

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# Putnam County Community Events

## Planning Board Vacancy

The Carmel Planning Board is looking for someone to fill a vacancy. Send a letter of interest and resume by May 8 to Supervisor Michael Cazzari, Carmel Town Hall, 60 McAlpin Ave., Mahopac, NY 10541; or [kjk@townofcarmel-ny.gov](mailto:kjk@townofcarmel-ny.gov).

## Road Closed

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

## Carmel Cruisers

The Carmel Cruisers are back at Wendys on Route 6 for its fifth year of free car shows every other Saturday from 3 to 8 p.m., starting May 2; and every Sunday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., starting May 3, through the end of September. Follow "Carmel Cruisers" on Facebook for a full schedule of events.

## Tuesday, April 21

### Earth Day Program

Celebrate Mother Earth with a storytime followed by a seed planting project April 21 from 3:15 to 4 p.m., at Julia L. Butterfield Memorial Library in Cold Spring. Participants can take their projects home and nurture new life. Register at [www.butterfieldlibrary.org/calendar](http://www.butterfieldlibrary.org/calendar).

### Kent Town Board

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

### IDA Meeting

The Putnam County Industrial Development Agency will meet Tuesday, April 21 at 6 p.m., at 2 Route 164, Patterson. View the meeting at [www.facebook.com/putnamida.com](http://www.facebook.com/putnamida.com) as soon as possible after it has been adjourned.

### Grow & Read

Celebrate Earth Day with stories and hands-on fun Tuesday, April 21 at 4:45 p.m., at Brewster Public Library. A special storytime full of nature-themed tales, followed by a planting activity where kids can pot seeds to take home and watch them grow. Registration is required at [brewsterlibrary.org](http://brewsterlibrary.org).

### Patterson

#### Library Meeting

The Patterson Library Board of Trustees will meet April 21 and May 19 at 6:30 p.m., at 1167 Route 311, Patterson.

### Library Olympics

Brewster Public Library will hold Library Olympics on Tuesday, April 21 at 5:30 p.m., for ages 7 to 12. Celebrate National Library Week with games and challenges like book balancing, speed sorting, and more. Compete for fun, bring a friend or make new ones, and show your library pride. Registration required at [brewsterlibrary.org](http://brewsterlibrary.org).

## Wednesday, April 22

### Earth Day Tree Planting

Join CCE-Putnam for Earth Day 2026 at the Restore & Regenerate Forest to start us off with a planting of native trees and shrubs, Wednesday, April 22 from 2 to 5 p.m., at Tilly Foster Farm in Brewster. Learn how to plant and care for

a bareroot seedling. Tools will be provided for hands large and small. Go home with a native tree or shrub to plant. Children welcome with an attending adult. Siding fee scale. Register at [cceptutnamcounty.org](http://cceptutnamcounty.org).

### Author Talk

Mahopac Public Library will host a virtual author talk, "Lush Lyricism and Intimate Confessions," with Miranda Cowley Heller on Wednesday, April 22 at 2 p.m. Journey through the life stages of a woman in her new poetry collection, "What the Deep Water Knows." Ages 18 and older. Register at [www.mahopaclibrary.org](http://www.mahopaclibrary.org) or call 845-628-2009, ext. 100.

### 'Chernobyl at 40'

Kent Public Library will present "Chernobyl at 40: How Not to Run a Nuclear Power Plant" on Wednesday, April 22 at 6 p.m. An interactive look at one of history's most infamous catastrophes that occurred April 26, 1986. Through guided activities and group discussion, explore the miscommunication, the pressure, and the choices that changed the world. Then create an edible craft. For Adults. Registration is required at [kentpl.librarycalendar.com](http://kentpl.librarycalendar.com).

### Climate Change

Join Dr. Mitch Wagener of Western Connecticut State University for a presentation exploring what is causing the dramatic swings in temperature and storms, and how climate change is affecting the Hudson Valley, on Wednesday, April 22 at 6:30 p.m., at Patterson Library. Wagener will break down the science in clear, understandable terms and connect global climate trends directly to the local experience. For adults 18 and older. Register at 845-878-6121 or [www.pattersonlibrary.org](http://www.pattersonlibrary.org).

## Friday, April 24

### Putnam Chorale

The Putnam Chorale invites audiences on a musical and spiritual journey with "From Darkness to Dawn: Mozart's 'Requiem' & Ola Gjeilo's 'Sunrise Mass,'" on Friday, April 24 at 7:30 p.m., at the Brewster High School Performing Arts Center, 50 Foggintown Road; and Saturday, April 25 at 7:30 p.m., at St. John the Evangelist Church, 221 E. Lake Blvd., Mahopac. Tickets are \$25, or \$20 for seniors and free for children 12 and younger, and are available at [putnamchorale.org/](http://putnamchorale.org/) next-event and at the door.

### 'Middletown'

Brewster Theater Company will present "Middletown" by Will Eno weekends from April 24 to May 9. A moving and funny play that explores the lives of residents in the universe of a small American town. The play focuses on the developing friendship between newcomer Mary Swanson and longtime resident John Dodge as their lives intersect in poignant and strange ways. Tickets are \$28 and available at [www.brewstertheatercompany.org/middletown](http://www.brewstertheatercompany.org/middletown).

### Library Week

Celebrate National Library Week with an inclusive program for all ages Friday, April 24 at 10 a.m., at Brewster Public Library. Interactive stations featuring crafts, LEGO building, and coloring for both adults and kids. This drop-in event is designed for all interests, all ages, and all ways of enjoying the library.

### Sybil Ludington

"The Life and Ride of Sybil Ludington" will be presented April 24 at 5 p.m., **Putnam History Museum** in Cold Spring; and April 25 at 4 p.m., at **Reed Memorial Library** in Carmel. Author and historian Vincent Dacquino brings the life and legendary ride of 16-year-old Sybil Ludington to light in an engaging program about the teen who rode through the night to rally her father's militia against a British attack on Danbury. Registration is required at <https://carmellibrary.org/calendar>.

## Saturday, April 25

### Sybil's Ride

In celebration of Ludington's Ride, the public is invited to dress in revolutionary era clothing for an event April 25 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Patterson Library. There will be a story time, snacks, crafts, and pony rides. Register at [pattersonlibrary.org](http://pattersonlibrary.org).

### Kent Clean Up Day

Volunteers are encouraged to participate in Kent Clean Up Day on Saturday, April 25 (rain date: April 26) from 9 to 11 a.m. Sign in at the Kent Police Department, 40 Sybil's Crossing. Gloves, trash bags, reflective safety vests will be provided. Swag bags for volunteers (limited number). For information, email [eolifiers@townofkentny.gov](mailto:eolifiers@townofkentny.gov).

### Medicare Seminar

Learn Medicare basics, how to avoid common mistakes that may lead to lifetime penalties, how to save money, and how to get the most out of your benefits April 25 at 10:30 a.m., at Julia L. Butterfield Memorial Library in Cold Spring. Register at [www.butterfieldlibrary.org/calendar](http://www.butterfieldlibrary.org/calendar).

### Tacos &

#### Tequila Fundraiser

A fun event featuring food and beverages from Juanita's Kitchen in Cold Spring, hosted by the Friends of the Butterfield Library, will take place April 25 from 5 to 7 p.m., at Julia L. Butterfield Memorial Library in Cold Spring. Tickets are \$55 in advance. Purchase in person, online, or over the phone. Must be 21 or older. [www.butterfieldlibrary.org](http://www.butterfieldlibrary.org) or 845-265-3040.

### 'Peter and the Wolf'

The Chapel Restoration will present "Peter and the Wolf" on Saturday, April 25 at 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., at 45 Market St., Cold Spring. The classic "symphonic fairy tale for children" by Sergei Prokofiev performed live for two shows, accompanied by an old fashioned crankie, each followed by an instrument petting zoo. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$10 for kids, at [chapelrestoration.org](http://chapelrestoration.org).

### Earthfest

Earthfest at Boscobel is scheduled Saturday, April 25 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at 1601 Route 9D. Browse unique finds from local makers, wander the blooming landscapes, hike the woodland trail, shop the farmers' market. Admission is free.

### Community Day

Garrison Art Center will host Community Day on Saturday, April 25 from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., at 23 Garrison's Landing. Free. A day of arts, workshops, demonstrations, and sales.

### Men Who Cook

Patterson Rotary will host its annu-

al Men Who Cook fundraiser April 25 from 6 to 10 p.m., at the Patterson Recreation Center, 65 Front St. Tickets are \$75 and available at <https://pattersonrotary.org/events/men-who-cook-2026>.

## Sunday, April 26

### Bob Palmer Day

Bob Palmer Day will take place Sunday, April 26, when volunteers place more than 1,200 American flags on veterans' graves in 15 Southeast cemeteries. The day will start at 9 a.m. at the historic Milltown Cemetery, and continue at the Saint Lawrence and Methodist cemeteries at noon.

### Paddle the Great Swamp

Friends of the Great Swamp will hold its first paddle on the North Flow this season, Sunday, April 26 at 9:30 a.m., launching from the DEC site at Wheeler Road in Wingdale. Approximately 2 hours on the water. There may be a need to haul canoes over downed trees. No children younger than 16 allowed. Arrive at least 15 minutes early for check-in. \$15 for members; \$25 for non-members – includes canoes, paddles, life vests, insurance, and donation. To sign up, email Ken Luhman at [frogspaddle22@gmail.com](mailto:frogspaddle22@gmail.com).

### Penny Social

The ladies auxiliary of the Putnam Lake Fire Department will be holding a Penny Social on Sunday, April 26. Doors open at noon, calling starts at 1 p.m. An afternoon of raffles, prizes, food, and fun.

### Autism Walk

The Putnam County Community Engagement & Police Advisory Board, in partnership with the county's Department of Mental Health and sheriff's office, will host the second annual Acceptance Autism Walk on Sunday, April 26 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Tilly Foster Farm, 100 Route 312, Brewster. Free.

### 50K Ultra Marathon

In honor of the 250th anniversary of American Independence, the Taconic Road Runners will once again host the Sybil Ludington 50K Ultra Marathon, on April 26 at 7 a.m. The race follows 31 of the 40 miles of Sybil Ludington's journey to warn the local militia that the British were invading Danbury. Registration and details at [www.runner.org/sybil](http://www.runner.org/sybil).

### Blood Drive

St James the Apostle Church will host a blood drive Sunday, April 26 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., in Doherty Hall, 14 Gleneida Ave., Carmel. Walk-ins are welcome, or schedule an appointment at [Donate.nybc.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/330249](http://Donate.nybc.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/330249).

## Monday, April 27

### Lost in Space with Dr. Z

Dr. Zeilnhofers will present an engaging space talk on cosmic pollution Monday, April 27 at 6 p.m., at Kent Public Library. Learn what causes space debris. Explore cutting edge cleanup technologies, smarter satellite design choices, and the global cooperation needed to protect this final frontier. Ages 7 and older. Register at [kentpl.librarycalendar.com](http://kentpl.librarycalendar.com).

## Tuesday, April 28

### Home Sellers Workshop

Join Pam Blecker, Laura Fasciglione, and Diane Cremin for an interactive workshop designed specifically for home owners looking to sell or downsize in the future, Tuesday, April 28 at 5:30 p.m., at Kent Public Library. Learn inexpensive tips to prepare your home for a successful future sale. Register at [kentpl.librarycalendar.com](http://kentpl.librarycalendar.com).

### Pressed Flower Craft

Reed Memorial Library in Carmel will present "Bloom: A Pressed Flower Craft" on April 28 from 1 to 3 p.m. Design your own pressed-flower bookmarks. Pressed flowers, materials, and guidance provided. Registration is required at [carmellibrary.org/calendar](http://carmellibrary.org/calendar).

### 'Fisherman's Friends'

Patterson Library will screen "The Fisherman's Friends" on Tuesday, April 28 at 1 p.m. A fast living, cynical London music executive heads to a remote Cornish village on a stag weekend where he's pranked by his boss into trying to sign a group of shanty singing fishermen. He becomes the ultimate "fish out of water" as he struggles to gain the respect or enthusiasm of the unlikely boy band and their families. PG: 13. Register at 845-878-6121 or [www.pattersonlibrary.org](http://www.pattersonlibrary.org).

## Wednesday, April 29

### Explore the Milky Way

Mahopac Public Library will host "Galaxies: Exploration of the Milky Way" on Wednesday, April 29 at 6 p.m. Join Mike Zeilnhofers to journey through our home galaxy, learning about its earliest discoveries to its dramatic evolution, and explore where we fit within this immense cosmic system. Ages 18 and older. Register at [www.mahopaclibrary.org](http://www.mahopaclibrary.org) or call 845-628-2009, ext. 100.

### Intro to AI

Mahopac Public Library will present "AI: An Introduction" on Wednesday, April 29 at 6:30 p.m. Learn about generative AI, concerns, usage, and what to look for when considering tools. This is a hybrid class. Register at [www.mahopaclibrary.org](http://www.mahopaclibrary.org) or call 845-628-2009, ext. 100.

## Friday, May 1

### Historical Exhibit

On the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution, the Desmond-Fish Public Library in Garrison presents an exhibition depicting that conflict as seen through the eyes of a young Patriot, Major Nicholas Fish. The exhibit will open with a reception Friday, May 1 at 5:30 p.m., and will remain on display through June 15. As part of the opening celebration, the library will present a talk by storyteller Jonathan Kruk, taking on the role of an older Col. Fish.

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# Guest Column

**Denise Martens**  
*Reed Memorial Library Director*

## Reed Library Serves Community With Pride

My name is Denise Martens and I'm the new-ish director here at Reed Memorial Library in Carmel. I've been in the role for about a year now and while this introduction may be a little overdue, it's only because we hit the ground running.

On my very first day, I started at 8 a.m. with a meeting with a construction manager, and ended the evening at my first Board of Trustees meeting after the library closed – and it hasn't slowed down since.

Honestly, I wouldn't have it any other way.

I come to this role with more than 20 years of experience in the library field, along with a Master's in Library Science from St. John's University. I also come from a family of public servants – police officers and teachers – who taught me that community service is more than a job... It's a calling.

When I'm not at the library, I'm usually surrounded by my children and grandchildren, or indulging in my love of history, interior design, basic crochet, and gardening. I see Reed Memorial Library through two lenses: as a professional entrusted with being a careful steward of your tax dollars, and as someone who truly appreciates the historic charm of this beautiful building.

Fun fact: Reed is the oldest library in Putnam County, and we still use most of our original furniture from 1913!

We are incredibly fortunate to have a stellar team here – one that truly views this library as a home – and our patrons often tell us they can feel that warmth the moment they walk through the doors. We take great pride in balancing the old with the new, by honoring the history and character of this special place while continuing to grow, improve, and serve our community in meaningful, modern ways.

Whether we're making sure the Wi-Fi is lightning fast or ensuring the latest New York Times bestsellers are on our shelves, our goal is the same: to make you feel welcome the moment you walk through our doors.

We take our role as stewards of your tax dollars seriously, and we've been working hard, often before and after hours, to update and repair our beautiful library while preserving the history that makes it so special. And we want you to see the results of that hard work.

But while we're proud of our history, being historic doesn't mean being dated. We are committed to providing 21st century service within our 20th century walls – preserving what makes Reed special while continuing to meet the needs of the community we're here to serve.

Another development I am particularly proud to share is the official formation of the new

Friends of Reed Memorial Library. As a newly established 501(c)3 non-profit organization, this dedicated group of volunteers is committed to the long-term enhancement of our collections, programs, and services.

More than just a fundraising arm, the Friends serve as vital advocates for our future, helping to spark public interest and ensure our library remains a cornerstone of Carmel life. It's a beautiful example of our community coming together to invest in itself, and I am

thrilled to have them as partners in our mission.

Our annual report to the community is now available. It offers an overview of how we've been serving you and where we're headed. You can find an abbreviated version featured here (as an advertisement in this newspaper), pick up a physical copy at the library or Carmel Town Hall, or view it digitally on our website and social media channels.

This report is more than just numbers – it's a testament to how we are managing your investment in this community. I invite you to read it, but more importantly, I invite you to visit us. I want to hear your questions, your suggestions, and your concerns. My "door" is always open, whether by email at [director@carmellibrary.org](mailto:director@carmellibrary.org), by phone at 845-225-2439, or when you stop by in person.

Reed Memorial Library may be small, but we are mighty. I look forward to serving as your partner in the community for many years to come.

*Denise Martens is the director at Reed Memorial Library in Carmel.*

### Brewster Students Train in The 'Olympics of Visual Arts'

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ing with an underwater theme. Fifth-graders took a more traditional route, affixing neon-colored fish to a gown they sewed themselves, and when you shine a black light on the features, they glow.

Eighth-graders designed a gown based on a Japanese story involving an empress and a dragon, and features a kimono top and a skirt with designs that look like waves. Topping it all off, there are magical jewels and a papier mache dragon headpiece.

The children's book, "Owl Moon," is the theme of the illustration group's project: a tent with painted scenes from the book on each side. There is also a tree with painted leaves and real feathers, and inside is a diptych with a giant painted owl.

Around the classrooms, stu-

dents are working in groups, collaborating and creating.

"We planned out our idea at the beginning," explained Callum. "But as we go along we have new ideas and incorporate those into the project."

Callum's group is design, and her team created a seasonal dining table inspired by nature. There are colorful place settings, each with treats like winter-themed, snowflake-shaped macaroons, and at the center there is a tiered cake with each tier representing the different seasons.

Above the table is an arch with a tree on one side and leaves that turn from spring to summer, to fall colors. Under the table are soft cushions that match the colors of the seasons – which students cut, sewed, and stuffed themselves.

"We're going to put animals on the table, too," said Callum. "There's a hedgehog and squirrels that will go under the tree trunk decorations."

The Olympics of Visual Arts experience is all about the process, but the final projects are incredible.

# Reed Memorial Library Annual Report 2025

## A Year in Review

Library Cards

**4052** ↑ 7.1%

Digital Items Loaned

**11,729** ↑ 29%

All Items Loaned

**36,662** ↑ 5.3%

Library Visitors

**47,781** ↑ 19%

Website Visitors

**25,336** ↑ 30%

Summer Reading Participants

Check-outs % by Book Type

### Major Achievements

Renewal & Creation of Community Partnerships

MHLS Road Trip participation

New Doors installed

Friends Group formation

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Mozart's Requiem and Gjeilo's Sunrise Mass

Friday, April 24 / 7:30pm  
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Saturday, April 25 / 7:30pm  
St. John the Evangelist Church  
221 E Lake Blvd, Mahopac

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## Pups Steal the Show a



Putnam Service Dogs hosted its annual Funminster on April 11 at the Patterson Recreation Center. Awards were presented for best wiggle butt, shaggiest coat, dog/owner look-alike, best senior, best dressed, best tail, best ears, most talented, and largest and smallest dog. Congratulations to all the winners! Provided photos.



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# Annual Funminster



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# JFK Students Set Kids Heart Challenge Record



Olivia Pastrano, Aaron Haynes, Jackson Bourquin, Giavanna Dioguardi, Holden Jackson, Ophelia Drivas, Aubrey Schmitz, Ryder Bourquin, and Leo Tabisel got to pie their physical education teachers, after raising the most in their grade levels for the American Heart Association's Kids Heart Challenge.



Coach Purcell, Coach Buzzetto, and Coach Jamieson were good sports about getting pied. Photos provided by Brewster Central School District.

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Students participate in heart-healthy activities during physical education class.

Students at JFK Elementary School in Brewster raised a total of \$21,450 this year for the American Heart Association's Kids Heart Challenge – the highest amount in the school's history.

To celebrate this record-breaking success, JFK held its annual "Pie the Coach" event March 25, when the top three fundraisers from each grade level had the honor of pieing the JFK physical education coaches.

Students gathered outside the school to watch the ritual pieing. At the front of the crowd, holding whip-cream-filled pie tins, were Olivia Pastrano, Aaron Haynes, Jackson Bourquin, Giavanna Dioguardi,

Holden Jackson, Ophelia Drivas, Aubrey Schmitz, Ryder Bourquin, and Leo Tabisel.

"I raised the money because I like to be kind," said Pastrano.

On the count of three, students pied their coaches and the crowd went crazy.

"Thank you all for your continued support in making this year's challenge such a resounding success," said P.E. teacher Jennifer Purcell.

"Thank you all from the bottom of my heart," added Cara Donohoe from the American Heart Association, who stood by and cheered on students.

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**Scribbles on a Notebook**  
By Rich Thomaselli

# Season Looks Bright for Baseball

Here's a little sneak-tip for you... Watch out for the Mahopac High School baseball team.

Is this the year that a Putnam County school finally breaks the stranglehold formed in Section 1 by Roy C. Ketcham, Arlington, Fox Lane, and others?

Perhaps.

I'm not really into picks and prognostications, but this Wolfpack team looks awfully good. It clobbered Fox Lane 13-0 and barely lost to Ketchum 3-1. Those two teams are always mentioned as perennial sectional championship contenders. After seeing both twice in five days, maybe it's time to mention Mahopac as a contender as well.

Pitcher Nick Masciarelli is

as good as they come and catcher Drew Lichtenberger is an outstanding backstop. They are the quiet leaders of a very good baseball team – and chemistry is an important component of the game!

Those two games alone show that the 'Pac has it together. Now they just need to avoid injury... And hubris.

One is simply out of their control; the other is already under control.

Like I said, I'm not into predictions... But it's nice to be along for the ride.

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



Luis Serna has been named the first South Atlantic League Pitcher of the Week in the 2026 season.

# Good News for the Renegades

Some good news for the Hudson Valley Renegades – and it happened off the field.

Minor League Baseball has announced that Renegades right-hander Luis Serna has been named the first South Atlantic League Pitcher of the Week in the 2026 season. Hudson Valley is the High Class A affiliate of the New York Yankees.

Serna, 21, threw seven shut-out innings in his High-A debut April 9 against Wilmington, allowing only one hit and one walk while striking out 10. He was one of only two pitchers in the SAL during its first full week to strike out double-digit batters, and the only one to do so while throwing

more than five innings.

He also became the first Renegades starter to complete 7.0 innings in a start in 2026. He set career-highs in innings pitched and strikeouts in the start, needing only 85 pitches (63 strikes) to navigate his outing.

Serna was signed by the Yankees as a non-drafted free agent May 11, 2021. The announcement came as a bright spot for the Renegades in what otherwise was a dismal start.

Hudson Valley lost five of six games to Wilmington, all at

home. But the road has proven to be more welcoming.

After winning all three games at Brooklyn to begin the season, HV melted down at home. The Renegades then traveled to Maryland and came away with a doubleheader sweep of the Frederick Keys, 10-2 and 7-3. The first game was the continuation of a suspended contest due to bad weather; the second was regularly scheduled. Both games took place April 15.

The Keys are a farm club of the Baltimore Orioles.

# High School Sports Roundup

PUTNAM VALLEY – Blow-out!

The Putnam Valley High School girls lacrosse team used a potent offense and strong defense to stifle New Rochelle 18-8. Leading the way was Ella Wendol, who had four goals and four assists in the victory, meaning she had a hand in almost half of PV's scoring output.

Teammates Maci Martinelli and Makayla Glenn each scored three times, and Cass Lewis stopped 11 shots for the Tigers in goal.

Mahopac 11, Lakeland/Panas 8; Mahopac 16, Hendrick Hudson 7 – It was a big week for Ashley Koch, who had a combined eight goals in the two games, including the 150th of her career. She is a senior. The Wolfpack's Gianna Cirelli also tallied eights goals in the pair of games.

**Boys Lacrosse**

REDDING, Conn. – The Mahopac High School boys' lacrosse team crossed state lines to play at Connecticut powerhouse Joel Barlow and came away with a 7-6 win.

Gavin Okeefe and Liam Jones each had two goals while teammates Landon Saracco, Tommy Vitello, and Patrick Stirpe registered one apiece. Kevin Feeley made 12 saves for Mahopac.

COLD SPRING – It's official... Haldane High School girls' lacrosse standout Kayla Ruggiero is a scoring machine. She scored eight goals in an 18-10 win over Hastings. For good measure, she added two assists and two ground balls.

Sami Thomas added four goals and an assist while Marisa Peters had three goals, two assists, six groundballs, and 11 draw controls for the Blue Devils.

But wait, there's more for Ruggiero.

That performance came on the heels of her scoring nine goals in a 14-13 victory over Hastings. Teammates Anna-Cat Nelson scored two goals and Viv Eannacony made 16 saves.

**Baseball**

BEDFORD – The Mahopac High School baseball team is

making some noise. In a highly anticipated game against perennial Section 1 power Fox Lane, it was all Mahopac.

Nick Masciarelli spun a two-hit shutout on the mound as the Wolfpack recorded a 13-0 victory in a contest shortened to five innings because of the Mercy Rule, which is enacted when one team leads another by 10 runs or more in the fifth inning.

Alas, Mahopac lost to Section 1 rival and state power Roy C. Ketcham in its next game, 3-1.

Masciarelli was not only brilliant on the mound against Fox Lane, but he also hit a two-run home run. He has been practically untouchable as a pitcher, improving to 3-0 after beating the Foxes. A three-run double by Drew Lichtenberger helped break it open.

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### Putnam

#### LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

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

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held before the County Executive of the County of Putnam at **Room #102** of the County Office Building, 40 Gleneida Avenue, Carmel, New York 10512 on the **30th day of April, 2026 at 4:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.** concerning:

#### APPROVAL/LOCAL LAW/AMEND CHAPTER 41/ CODE OF PUTNAM COUNTY/ENTITLED "DEPOSIT AND INVESTMENT POLICY"

Amending the Code of the County of Putnam, as approved and adopted by the Putnam County Legislature on April 7, 2026 by resolution #76, by amending Chapter 41, section 5 of the Code, entitled "Designation of official depositories"

Section 41-5, Designation of official depositories to be amended to provide authorization to potential successors and assigns in the event an authorized Depository experiences a change in control.

Copies of the Local Law are available at the Office of the Putnam County Legislature, Room 318, 40 Gleneida Avenue, Carmel, New York 10512.

At the aforesaid time and place all persons interested in the subject matter thereof will be heard concerning same. Comments will also be accepted via regular mail submitted to the above referenced address, to send an email: Please go to the following website and click "Send us a message" [countyexecutive@putnamcountyny.gov](mailto:countyexecutive@putnamcountyny.gov), and facsimile to (845) 808-1901.

This Local Law shall take effect immediately.

Dated: April 16, 2026  
Carmel, New York  
C. Compton Spain  
Putnam County Attorney

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#### APPROVAL OF A LOCAL LAW AMENDING ARTICLE V OF CHAPTER 220 OF THE CODE OF PUTNAM COUNTY TO (1) CLARIFY APPLICATION OF REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW §467 AND (2) INCREASE THE MAXIMUM SENIOR CITIZEN PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION

Amending the Code of the County of Putnam, as approved and adopted by the Putnam County Legislature on April 7, 2026 by resolution #82, by amending Chapter 220, section 29 and section 30, entitled "Exemp-

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tion Granted" and "Schedule of Exemptions" respectively, to ensure the County exemption administration operates with the full framework of Real Property Tax Law section 467 and applicable Town-level options; and to align the County's maximum exemption authority with current state law, permitting exemptions up to 65%.

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This Local Law shall be filed with the Secretary of State of the State of New York and shall take effect as of March 1, 2026.

Dated: April 16, 2026  
Carmel, New York  
C. Compton Spain  
Putnam County Attorney

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### Carmel Schools

#### CARMEL CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT Patterson, NY 12563

#### NOTICE OF ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING AND ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual District Meeting and Election by the qualified voters of the Carmel Central School District, in the Counties of Putnam and Dutchess, New York (the "District"), will be held in each of the voting districts set forth below at the place specified in each election district where the annual budget vote and election will be conducted by voting machine on Tuesday, May 19, 2026 between the hours of 6:00 AM and 9:00 PM. A public hearing shall be held for the purpose of presentation of the expenditure of funds and the budgeting thereof for the 2025-2026 school year on Tuesday, May 5, 2026, in the Carmel High School Library, 30 Fair Street, Carmel, NY 10512.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that two vacancies exist on the Board of Education for the seats of Trustee Jordi Douglas and Trustee James Wise as follows: two three (3) year terms commencing July 1, 2026, and expiring on June 30, 2029.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that petitions nominating candidates for the office of trustee of the Board of Education shall be filed with the Clerk of said School District at her office in the Administration Building, 81 South Street, Patterson, NY, not later than Monday, April 20, 2026, between 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM. Vacancies on the Board of Education are not considered separate, specific offices; candidates run at large. Nominating petitions shall not describe any specific vacancy upon the Board for which the candidate is nominated; must be directed to the Clerk of the District; must be signed by at least forty-nine (49) qualified voters of the District; must state the name and residence address of each signer and must state the name and residence address of the candidate.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the following proposition in substantially the following form shall be presented to the qualified voters of the District at

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such Annual District Meeting and Election:

(1) a proposition to adopt the annual budget of the School District for the fiscal year 2026-2027 and to authorize the requisite portion thereof to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the District.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that for the purposes of voting, the School District has been divided into three (3) election districts and that an accurate description of the boundaries of these election districts is on file and may be inspected at the Office of the Clerk, 81 South Street, Patterson, NY, on weekdays when school is in session, during regular work hours, 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM. The vote upon the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimated expenditures or propositions involving expenditure of money, or authorizing the levy of taxes, for the 2026-2027 school year, and for the election of Board members shall be held in each election district at the place designated as follows: Election District No. 1. Register and vote at Carmel High School. Election District No. 1 shall be comprised of Carmel Central School District residents who are within the Towns of Carmel, Southeast and parts of Putnam Valley. Election District No. 2. Register and vote at Kent Elementary School. Election District No. 2 shall be comprised of Carmel Central School District residents within the Towns of Kent in Putnam County, parts of Putnam Valley and East Fishkill in Dutchess County. Election District No. 3 Register and vote at Administrative Offices of Carmel Central School District. Election District No. 3 shall be comprised of Carmel Central School District residents within the Town of Patterson.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT a statement of estimated expenses for the school year will be completed, and copies shall be made available, including the tax exemption reporting form, at each school house in the District in which school is maintained from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM, at the District Office from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM on each day other than a Saturday, Sunday or holiday, and at any free association or public library in the School District, during the fourteen days immediately preceding the annual budget vote and election, together with the text of any proposition which will be presented to the voters. The Budget will also be available on the District website.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that pursuant to Section 2014 of the Education Law, personal registration of voters is required. No person shall be entitled to vote at the annual budget vote and election whose name does not appear on the register of the School District, or who does not register as herein provided.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that any person registered to vote with the Putnam or Dutchess County Board of Elections pursuant to the Election Law is eligible to vote at the annual meeting without prior registration with this school district. If any person has heretofore registered to vote with the school district and has voted at an annual or special school district meeting within the last four (4) calendar years, they are eligible to vote at the annual meeting on May 19, 2026.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the qualified voters of the District may register on any regular business day at the office of the District Clerk, 81 South Street, Patterson, NY, between the hours of 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM until five (5) days prior to the vote. No person shall be entitled to vote whose name does not appear upon the School Register or upon the registration list furnished by Putnam and Dutchess Boards of Election for election districts encompassing the District.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER

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NOTICE that the register of qualified voters, including military voters who have registered to vote, shall be filed in the office of the Clerk of the District at the School District Office, 81 South Street, Patterson, NY, in said School District; that such register shall be open for inspection by any qualified voter of said District on each of the five (5) days prior to the vote between the hours of 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM, except Sunday, on Saturday May 16, 2026 by appointment only, and at the polling places on the date of the annual meeting.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT, pursuant to Section 2018-a of the Education Law, applications for absentee ballots and early mail ballots for the budget vote and election of board members may be obtained at the office of the Clerk of the District. An application for an absentee or early mail ballot must be received by the District Clerk no more than thirty (30) and at least seven (7) days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election, if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter or the voter's authorized agent set forth in the application, at the District Office. A list of all persons to whom absentee and early mail ballots shall have been issued and a list of all military voters to whom military ballots have been issued, will be available for public inspection in the said office of the Clerk during regular office hours until the day of election. Any qualified voter may file a written challenge of the qualifications of a voter whose name appears on such list, stating the reasons for the challenge.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that military voters who are not currently registered to vote may obtain an application to register as a qualified voter of the District and military voters who are registered to vote in the District may obtain an application for a military ballot, for the Annual Meeting on May 19, 2026 by contacting the District Clerk at 81 South Street, Patterson, NY, Telephone (845) 878-2094, Ext. 6201, or email [jstevens@carmelschools.org](mailto:jstevens@carmelschools.org). The military voter may indicate their preference for receiving the registration and/or ballot application by mail, facsimile or email. The completed application to register and/or for a military ballot must be received by the District Clerk no later than 5:00 P.M. on April 24, 2026. Military ballots will be mailed or otherwise sent no later than 25 days before the election. Military ballots must be returned by mail or in person and received by the District clerk by 5:00 P.M. on May 19, 2026.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
CARMEL CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

DATED: Patterson, NY  
By: Joanne Stevens  
March 2024 Clerk, Board of Education  
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### Kent TOWN OF KENT, PUTNAM COUNTY LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE CONCERNING THE EXAMINATION OF ASSESSMENT INVENTORY AND VALUATION DATA

PURSUANT TO SECTION 501 OF REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE ASSESSMENT INVENTORY AND VALUATION DATA IS AVAILABLE FOR EXAMINATION AND REVIEW.

THIS DATA IS THE INFORMATION WHICH BEEN USED TO ESTABLISH THE ASSESSMENTS OF EACH PARCEL

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THAT WILL APPEAR ON THE TENTATIVE ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR THE TOWN OF KENT, NY. THE TENTATIVE ASSESSMENT ROLL WILL BE FILED ON OR BEFORE MAY 1, 2026. ONLINE ASSESSMENT INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE AT [WWW.TOWNOFKENTNY.GOV](http://WWW.TOWNOFKENTNY.GOV) ON THE ASSESSOR'S DEPARTMENT WEB PAGE.

ALTERNATIVELY, DATA CAN ALSO BE VIEWED AT THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE LOCATED AT: KENT TOWN HALL, 25 SYBIL'S CROSSING, KENT LAKES NY 10512. THE OFFICE IS OPEN MONDAY-FRIDAY FROM 8:00 AM TO 4:00 PM. **TO SPEAK WITH A REPRESENTATIVE, PLEASE CONTACT THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE AT 845-225-8020 OR VIA EMAIL AT [ASSESSOR@TOWNOFKENTNY.GOV](mailto:ASSESSOR@TOWNOFKENTNY.GOV).**

SETH PLAWSKY, ASSESSOR  
TOWN OF KENT

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### Patterson

#### NOTICE CONCERNING THE EXAMINATION OF ASSESSMENT INVENTORY AND VALUATION DATA

Pursuant to section 501 of Real Property Tax Law, notice is hereby given that the assessment inventory and valuation data is available for examination and review.

This data is the information which will be used to establish the assessments of each parcel that will appear on the tentative assessment roll of the Town of Patterson. The Tentative Assessment Roll will be filed on or before May 1, 2026. Online assessment information is available at [www.pattersonny.org](http://www.pattersonny.org) on the Assessor's department web page.

The information may be reviewed online, on the Assessor's page, at [www.pattersonny.org](http://www.pattersonny.org). Alternatively, data can be viewed at the Assessor's office, Patterson Town Hall, 1142 Rt. 311, Patterson, NY, Monday - Friday, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 pm. **For an appointment, please contact the office at 845-878-9300 or via email at [assessors@pattersonny.org](mailto:assessors@pattersonny.org).**

Donna M. DiPippo  
Assessor  
Town of Patterson

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#### NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF TENTATIVE ASSESSMENT ROLL PURSUANT TO SECTION 506 & 526 OF REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Assessor of the Town of Patterson, County of Putnam, NY has completed the Tentative Assessment Roll for 2026. A certified copy thereof will be available in the Assessor's Office, at the Patterson Town Hall, 1142 Rt. 311, Patterson, NY on May 1, 2026. It may be seen and examined by any interested person, until the fourth Tuesday in May, being May 26, 2026. The tentative assessment roll will be available online at [www.pattersonny.org](http://www.pattersonny.org). Further assessment information may be found on the Assessor's department web page.

The Assessor, or Assessor's designee, will be in attendance with the tentative roll Friday, May 1st, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.; Wednesday, May 6th, 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.; Saturday, May 9th, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.; Monday, May 11th, 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.;

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Tuesday, May 19th, 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.; Wednesday, May 20th, 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. and Friday, May 22nd, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
The Board of Assessment Review will meet on May 26, 2026 between 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. at the Patterson Town Hall Meeting Room, 1142 Rt. 311, Patterson, NY, to hear and examine all complaints in relation to assessments, on written application, of any person believing himself aggrieved.  
Donna M. DiPippo  
Assessor  
Town of Patterson

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## Putnam Valley

Town of Putnam Valley  
Planning Board  
265 Oscawana Lake Road  
Putnam Valley, New York  
10579  
(845) 526-3740  
NOTICE 04a/2026

Please be advised that the next meeting of the Planning Board will be held at Town Hall, 265 Oscawana Lake Road on Monday **April 27, 2026** for the purpose of considering the following applications:

**Regular Meeting Start Time: 6:00pm**  
**PUBLIC HEARING**

The following public hearings have been scheduled for April 27, 2026 at 6:00PM (or as soon thereafter as agenda conditions permit) at the Putnam Valley Town Hall, 265 Oscawana Lake Road, Putnam Valley, New York, 10579. All interested parties are invited to attend and will be heard. A copy of the application materials and plans may be inspected during normal business hours at the office of the Planning Board Clerk, Town of Putnam Valley Town Hall.

**AGENDA**

**1. Darbyshire, Gabrielle, 44 Cayuga Road (TM#62.64-1-25)**

The subject's property consists of + 0.48 acres of land and is located on 44 Cayuga Road, within the R-3 Zoning District.

The applicant proposes to legalize a short-term rental use within a single-family residence. The applicant requires a Special Use Permit.

**2. Yakovlev & Blend Residence-West Shore Drive (TM#62.9-1-4/File 2024-0279)**

The subject's property consists of +/- 6.67 acres and is located on

West Shore Drive & Upper Right of Way, within the CD Zoning

District. The applicant is proposing a single-family residence, well,

Septic, driveway and pool. The applicant requires a Site Development

Plan, Major Grading and Wetland Permit.

**REVIEW**  
**3. Josal/FC Putnam Sports-7 Bryant Pond Road (TM#63.-3-2/File 2026-0006)**

The subject property is comprised of +/- 13.5 acres and is located on

7 Bryant Pond Road within the R-3 Zoning District. The applicant is

requesting a reinstatement of the previously approved Special Use

Permit.  
**4. Rabbinical Seminary of America- Barger Street (TM# 85.13-29,33,2,31,32/File 2021-0234)**

The subject property consists of + 62.79 acres of land and is located on

Barger Street within the R-2 and PD Zoning District. The

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applicant is proposing the construction of a cemetery, access road, parking, chapel building, garage and other improvement to be constructed in three phases. The applicant requires, Site Plan Approval, Special Use Permit, Major Grading Permit, and a Wetland Permit

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**5. Approve Minutes April 13, 2026**  
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## Southeast

### Notice of Completion of Tentative Assessment Roll Pursuant to Section 506 of Real Property Tax Law

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

That the Assessor of the Town of Southeast, County of Putnam, has Completed the Tentative Assessment Roll for 2026. A copy thereof will Be available on the Town & County's website and in the Town Clerk's Office at Town Hall, 1360 Route 22, Brewster, NY on May 1, 2026 where any interested person May examine it Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00AM And 4:30PM until the fourth Tuesday in May, being May 26th, 2026 and on such day the Board of Assessment Review will meet at Lakeview Manor, 215 Shore Drive, Brewster, NY From 5:30PM to 9:30PM to hear and examine all Verified written complaints in Relation to such assessment on Application of any person believing Their property to be inaccurate. A Publication containing procedures For contesting an assessment is Available on the Assessor's website As of May 1, 2026 as well as online At www.tax.ny.gov (form RP-524). In addition to the above hours, the Assessor or her Designee will be in Attendance with the Tentative Roll On:

May 6th from 7:00PM	5:00 to 5:00
May 13th from 7:00PM	5:00 to 5:00
May 20th from 8:00PM	6:00 to 6:00
May 23rd from 2:00PM	10:00 to 10:00

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### NOTICE CONCERNING THE EXAMINATION OF ASSESSMENT INVENTORY AND VALUATION DATA

(Pursuant to Section 501 of the Real Property Tax Law)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Assessor of the Town of Southeast, County of Putnam, has completed the assessment inventory and valuation data.

A copy of the assessment inventory and valuation data is available for examination and review at the Assessor's Office, 1360 Route 22, Brewster, NY 10509 by appointment Monday-Friday, 10am-4pm.

Such inventory and valuation data is also available for review on the Town of Southeast's website at www.southeast-ny.gov. This data is the information which will be used to establish the assessments of real property for the forthcoming tentative assessment roll.

Dated: 4/15/2026  
Laurie Bell, Assessor  
Town of Southeast  
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## Miscellaneous

Pursuant to Article 6, Section 75 (7)(b) of the Public Lands Law, **891A South Lake LLC** on

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or after May 3,2026 will file an Application for the Use of Land Underwater to the New York State Office of General Services for a new underwater land license to retain and maintain I finger pier 24 feet by 5 ft along with a re-configuration perimeter on Lake Mahopac in the Town of Carmel, Putnam County. This notice shall be published for four consecutive weeks commencing April 15, 2025 with last published date of May 6, 2026. Any comments are due to the Commissioner of General Services no later than 40 days after the last publication date.

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Pursuant to Article 6, Section 75 (7)(b) of the Public Lands Law, **893 South Lake LLC** on or after May 3,2026 will file an Application for the Use of Land Underwater to the New York State Office of General Services for a new underwater land license to retain and maintain 5 boat berths up to 22 feet in length and 4 fingers up to 22 feet in length and up to 5 feet ft in width along with a reconfiguration perimeter on Lake Mahopac in the Town of Carmel, Putnam County. This notice shall be published for four consecutive weeks commencing April 15, 2026 with last published date of May 6, 2026. Any comments are due to the Commissioner of General Services no later than 40 days after the last publication date.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Pursuant to Article 6, Section 75 (7)(b) of the Public Lands Law, **895 South Lake LLC** on or after May 3,2026 will file an Application for the Use of Land Underwater to the New York State Office of General Services for a new underwater land license to retain 2 boat berths up to 22 feet in length, 3 boat berths up to 12 feet in length and 4 finger piers up to 22 feet in length and up to 5 feet in width and along with a reconfiguration perimeter on Lake Mahopac in the Town of Carmel, Putnam County. This notice shall be published for four consecutive weeks commencing April 15, 2025 with last published date of May 6, 2026. Any comments are due to the Commissioner of General Services no later than 40 days after the last publication date.

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### New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

#### Notice of Complete Application

Date: 04/09/2026  
Applicant: PECKHAM MATERIALS CORP.  
172 Prospect Hill Rd Brewster, NY 10509

Facility: PECKHAM-BURDICK ROAD ASPHALT PLANT BURDICK RD PATTERSON, NY 12563

Application ID: 3-3724-00018/00007

Permits(s) Applied for: 1 - Article 19 Air State Facility

Project is located: in PATTERSON in PUTNAM COUNTY

Project Description:  
This is a renewal of the Air State Facility permit. The facility currently operates a 240 ton per hour asphalt batch plant. The primary fuel source used is Natural Gas, with alternative fuel sources being No. 2 fuel oil and Waste Oil.

The permit includes a condition under 6 NYCRR Part 201-7 to cap emissions of Carbon Monoxide to 95 tons per year; and Oxides

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of Nitrogen to 30 tons per year.

Other regulations in the permit include Part 225 and 40 CFR 60 Subpart I.

Availability of Application Documents:

Filed application documents, and Department draft permits where applicable, are available for inspection during normal business hours at the address of the contact person. To ensure timely service at the time of inspection, it is recommended that an appointment be made with the contact person via email to mike.grosso@dec.ny.gov

State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) Determination  
Project is not subject to SEQR because it is a Type II action.

SEQR Lead Agency None Designated

State Historic Preservation Act (SHPA) Determination

The proposed activity is not subject to review in accordance with SHPA. The application type is exempt and/or the project involves the continuation of an existing operational activity.

DEC Commissioner Policy 29, Environmental Justice and Permitting (CP-29)

It has been determined that the proposed action is not subject to CP-29.

Availability For Public Comment

Comments on this project must be submitted in writing to the Contact Person no later than 05/15/2026

or 30 days after the publication date of this notice, whichever is later.

Contact Person  
MICHAEL V GROSSO  
NYSDEC

21 S Putt Corners Rd New Paltz, NY 12561 (845) 256-3165  
mike.grosso@dec.ny.gov

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## Supreme Court

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK  
COUNTY OF PUTNAM

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

-against-

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

NOTICE OF SALE

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

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map identification: 44.5-1-52.

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

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

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

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

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

Premises known as 176 Big Elm Road, Brewster, (Town of Patterson) NY 10509.

(SBL#: 35.-3-18)  
Approximate amount of lien \$407,925.63 plus interest and costs.

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

Index No. 500379/2025. Ralph D. Amicucci, Esq., Referee. Davidson Fink LLP

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

Rochester, NY 14618  
Tel. 585/760-8218

For sale information, please visit Auction.com at www.Auction.com or call (800) 280-2832

Dated: February 24, 2026  
During the COVID-19 health emergency, bidders are required to comply with all governmental health requirements in effect at the time of sale including but not limited to, wearing face coverings and maintaining social distancing (at least 6-feet apart) during the auction, while tendering deposit and at any subsequent closing.

Bidders are also required to comply with the Foreclosure Auction Rules and COVID-19 Health Emergency Rules issued by the Supreme Court of this County in addition to the conditions set forth in the Terms of Sale.

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

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

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on March 19, 2024. I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public

# PUTNAM COUNTY AND TOWN NOTICES

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

auction in courtroom 209 of the Putnam Supreme Courthouse located at 20 County Center, Carmel, NY 10512 on the 11th day of May, 2026 at 10:30 AM. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate at Lake Nimham, in the Town of Kent, County of Putnam and State of New York.

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

(SBL#: 21.13-1-50)

Approximate amount of lien \$182,448.72 plus interest and costs.

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

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

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

Rochester, NY 14618

Tel. 585/760-8218

Dated: March 16, 2026

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

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### LLC

Notice of Formation of The **Farmstand Society LLC**. Articles of Org filed with SSNY on 1/29/26. Office Location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process c/o The Farmstand Society LLC P.O. Box 199 Brewster, NY 10509. Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity.

P. 3/18, 3/25, 4/1, 4/8, 4/15, 4/22

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of formation of **KDT Property Services LLC**. Arts. of Org. Filed with SSNY on 3/05/26. Office location: Putnam county. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall Mail process- es to: 2 Azalea Dr. Putnam Valley, NY 10579 purpose any lawful active activity.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Formation of **10 Point Management LLC** Articles of Org filed with SSNY on 3/11/2026. Office Location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o 10 Point Management LLC 83 Bryant Pond Road Putnam Valley NY 10579 Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF **CAINSLEY FAMILY LEGACY LLC**. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York on January 14, 2026. Office location: Putnam County, New York. The Secretary of State of New York has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process

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to 415 Farm to Market Road, Brewster, New York 10509. Purpose: any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the laws of the State of New York.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Formation of **Clew Followed LLC**. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 2/9/26. Office location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Clew Followed LLC, 21 Twilight Ln, Putnam Valley, New York 10579. Purpose: any lawful act or activity

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Formation of **SOULS PROCLIVITY LLC**. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/16/2026. Office location: Putnam

County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Reg Agent for SOP: Selika E Murchison Lischke, 35 Lakespring Dr, Brewster, NY 10509. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of formation of **Root to Ascend LLC**. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/04/2026. Office location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Lora Nelson: 1080 E Mountain Rd S Cold Spring, New York 10516. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

**LEGGIO HOME RENOVATIONS LLC**. Filed with SSNY on 03/06/2026. Office: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 22 LAURO RIDGE CT, MAHOPAC, NY 10541. Purpose: Any Lawful

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Formation of **Third Track Ventures LLC**. Articles of Org filed with SSNY on 3/5/2026. Office Location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Third Track Ventures LLC, 2 Miller Rd, Putnam Valley, NY 10579. Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of formation of **Himalayan Food House, LLC**. Articles of org filed with SSNY on 02/13/2026. Office Location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Himalayan Food House, LLC, 609 Route 6, Mahopac, NY 10541. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of formation of **804-806 Berkshire Road LLC**. Arts of Org filed with the NY Secy of State (SSNY) on 5/31/2024. Office location: Putnam County.

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SSNY is designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to principal office location at 97 Commerce Drive, Carmel, New York.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

Formation of **CARMEL MOUNTAIN VIEW OASIS, LLC** filed with the Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/20/2026. Office loc.: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address SSNY shall mail process to Alissa Raines Schurr, 9 Berachah Ave., Nyack, NY 10960. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Formation of **Two Sips, LLC**. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 12/20/2025. Office location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Nicole Amerling: 22 Cole Drive, Mahopac, New York 10541. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

PROFESSIONAL LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY  
Notice of Formation of Professional Limited Liability Company (PLLC)

Name: **FPG Anesthesiology, PLLC**

Articles of Organization filed by the Department of State of New York on: 12/29/2025  
Office location: County of Putnam

Purpose: Medicine and any other lawful activity

Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) is designated as agent of PLLC upon whom process against it may be served.

SSNY shall mail a copy of process to:

The PLLC  
28 Deer Trail Drive  
Mahopac, NY 10541

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Formation of **Base Coat Coffee LLC**. Articles of Org filed with SSNY on 2/13/2026. Office Location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Zenbusiness, 41 State Street, Suite 112, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Formation of **CHORIPAN AL PASO LLC**. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/22/2026. Office location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: CHORIPAN AL PASO LLC, 29 CARLSON CT., COLD SPRING, NY, 10516. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Formation of **Sharp Wagon Co, LLC**. Articles of Org filed with SSNY on March 16, 2026. Office Location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Sharp Wagon Co LLC, 12 Main Street, Unit# 2120,

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Brewster, NY 10509. Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

**AVERY TRAVIS CORNERS LLC**. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/16/26.

Office: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process

against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o

Saidel & Saidel, P.C., P.O. Box 308, Yorktown Heights, NY 10598. Purpose:

Any lawful purpose.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Formation of **Del Vecchio Psychological Services, PLLC**. Articles of Org. filed with SSNY on 02/17/2026. Office Location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of the PLLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 346 Route 6 #695, Mahopac, NY 10541. Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

Arts of Org. of **The Logfather, LLC** filed with SSNY 02/26/26, Putnam Co. SSNY is designated as agent for process & shall mail to 35 Moss Hill Rd., Carmel, NY, 10512. Any lawful purpose.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

**1037 RT 22, LLC**. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/27/26. Office: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 1037 Route 22, Brewster, NY 10509. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

**SAFESTICKER, LLC**. Filed with SSNY on 02/24/2026. Formed in DE on 02/19/2026. Office: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 12 OLD ROD TRAIL, PUTNAM VALLEY, NY 10579. DE SOS: 401 Federal St #4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

**S&K 1638 REALTY, LLC**. Filed with SSNY on 02/24/2026. Office: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 121 CANOPUS HOLLOW RD, PUTNAM VAL-

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LEY, NY 10579. Purpose: Any Lawful

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

**S&K 2499 REALTY, LLC**. Filed with SSNY on 02/24/2026. Office: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 121 CANOPUS HOLLOW RD, PUTNAM VALLEY, NY 10579. Purpose: Any Lawful

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

**KEYSTONE TRI STATE PROPERTY, LLC**. Filed with SSNY on 01/11/2026. Office: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 31 RED FOX LN, BREWSTER, NY 10509. Purpose: Any Lawful

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

**538 44TH STREET, LLC**. Filed with SSNY on 03/05/2026. Office: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 165 SHORE DR, BREWSTER, NY 10509. Purpose: Any Lawful

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

**18LAKEVIEW ROAD, LLC**. Filed with SSNY on 03/11/2026. Office: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 288 TITICUS RD., NORTH SALEM, NY 10560. Purpose: Any Lawful

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

**COCINITA PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, LLC**. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/30/25. Office: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon

whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the

LLC, 543 East Mountain Road South, Cold Spring, NY 10516. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

**JMS1952 LLC**. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/03/26. Office: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 40 Barrett Circle Court, Carmel, NY 10512. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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### PUTNAM COUNTY PERSONNEL ISSUES CIVIL SERVICE EXAM PLEASE VISIT WEBSITE FOR DETAILS

Exam Title & No: Correction Officer CR-30

Exam Date: There is no exam date. This is a training & experience examination

Salary: \$63,485-\$95,618 (2026)

Last Filing Date: Applications accepted continually

Exam Filing Fee: \$60

To apply and for information about minimum requirements, job duties, and subject of the exam, as well as the exam announcement, please visit: <https://putnam.munisselfservice.com/employmentopportunities/default.aspx> or call Putnam County Personnel Department (845) 808-1650 X46105. EEO/AA

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## Cold Spring Eyes 3.7% Tax Levy Hike Continued from Page 1

and made upgrades at three critical intersections for pedestrian safety, including enhanced crosswalks and improved visibility.

For the coming year, Foley said the village is prioritizing essential projects and services to maintain the quality of life that residents have come to expect.

Expenses for the general fund – the largest of the three funds that make up the village’s budget – are broken down as follows: 26 percent for streets, parks, and infrastructure, including staff; 19 percent for the police department; 16 percent for employee benefits/retirements; 14 percent for salaries and contracts; 7 percent for professional services (engineering and legal expertise); 7 percent for garbage/recycling; 5 percent for the fire company; 3 percent for village court; and 3 percent for debt service.

Revenue is made up from 54 percent property taxes, 11 percent state aid, 11 percent from interfund transfers, 8 percent justice court fees, 5 percent parking fees, 1 percent hotel occupancy tax, 1 percent county sales tax, and another 9 percent in “miscellaneous.”

Foley noted that county sales tax sharing, which formally began in November, adds only about \$50,000 to the village’s coffers. “We’ll take it,” she said. “But it’s 1 percent. It’s a drop in the bucket compared to our expenses – particularly those related to visitation management.”

Goals for the next year include completing two more FEMA recovery projects from the July 2023 storm, additional street paving and sidewalk replacement, an engineering assessment of the village dock and pier, improved signage for metered and residential parking, installing wayfinding signage, engineering for rectangular rapid flashing beacons, undertaking a climate adaptability study, systemized

## CLASSIFIEDS WANTED

**WANTED** – toys, video games, VHS, cassettes, DVD, books, magazines, trading cards, posters, model kits. Call, or text pictures to 914-403-8759. 4/29

**WANTED** – Private collector buying firemen’s helmets, fishing, hunting items, rods, reels, lures, all types old or new, paintings of fishing, hunting, wildlife art, bows and arrows, no compound bows. Call 845-878-3665 or 845-661-9059. 6/24

## HELP WANTED

**HELP WANTED** - Looking for **FLAGGERS** for outdoor event for 4/25 and 4/26, 5/25 and 5/26, 9/5 and 9/6, 10/10 & 10/11. Call 845-221-6561. 6/24

## SERVICES PROVIDED

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fleet management, and expanding multiday garbage pickup on Main Street in longer months to meet the growing visitor season.

The water fund includes \$8 million for a repair project for the upper reservoir, for which a \$2.5 million grant has been secured for construction and engineering.

The water flat rate – the charge for delivering safe drinking water – will increase \$2 per month on average. This is the same for all residents inside the village and includes the operation and maintenance of five reservoirs and water impoundments, the operation and maintenance of the water treatment plant, and staffing.

The water usage rate will increase about \$1 per every 5,000 gallons used.

In the wastewater fund, the flat rate – the charge for treating the water before discharge, covering operation and maintenance of the plant, and staffing – will increase on average \$1.50 per month.

The usage rate will increase on average 55 cents for every 5,000 gallons.

Residents had mixed feelings about the tentative spending plan. “There are a lot of things in

this budget that don’t make sense,” said Bill Pew. “Reducing things the village residents care about while increasing the sales of village property and increasing the mayor’s compensation is disingenuous... Increasing the budget over 5 percent, while underspending the current budget 20 percent, risks creating a slush fund for wasteful spending.”

Ed Thompson disagreed.

“I think you’ve made some tough choices, and I think all the choices are fair choices for all the village residents,” he told the board. “Given the amount of time and effort that the board puts in, I think the remuneration is incredibly modest.”

Further, Thompson said the current board has been charged with correcting course from the prior administration.

“It’s a problem of legacy ... a problem of chronic underinvestment in the past, which has resulted in you having to do catch-up projects as well as having to deal with the high running costs of out-of-date infrastructure,” he said. “I think the budget is a step toward.”

Discussion on the tentative budget continued at the April 13 meeting.

Watershed Agricultural Council



## HELP WANTED

The Watershed Agricultural Council, a non-profit organization working to protect the NYC Watershed, while supporting farm and forest land uses, is seeking an East of Hudson Agricultural Program Manager. The Program Manager is responsible for the implementation of the Agricultural Program in the Croton Watershed. The Program Manager will act as a chief liaison with the general public representing the agricultural program specific to water quality initiatives. The position requires a dynamic, goal-oriented leader who is responsible for day-to-day supervision, contract management and strategic planning objectives. This position reports to the WAC Executive Director. To review qualifications and requirements, and to apply for this position, visit: <https://nycwatershed.org/careers>. Salary range: \$95,000-\$110,000. EOE. Review of applications will begin May 4, 2026.

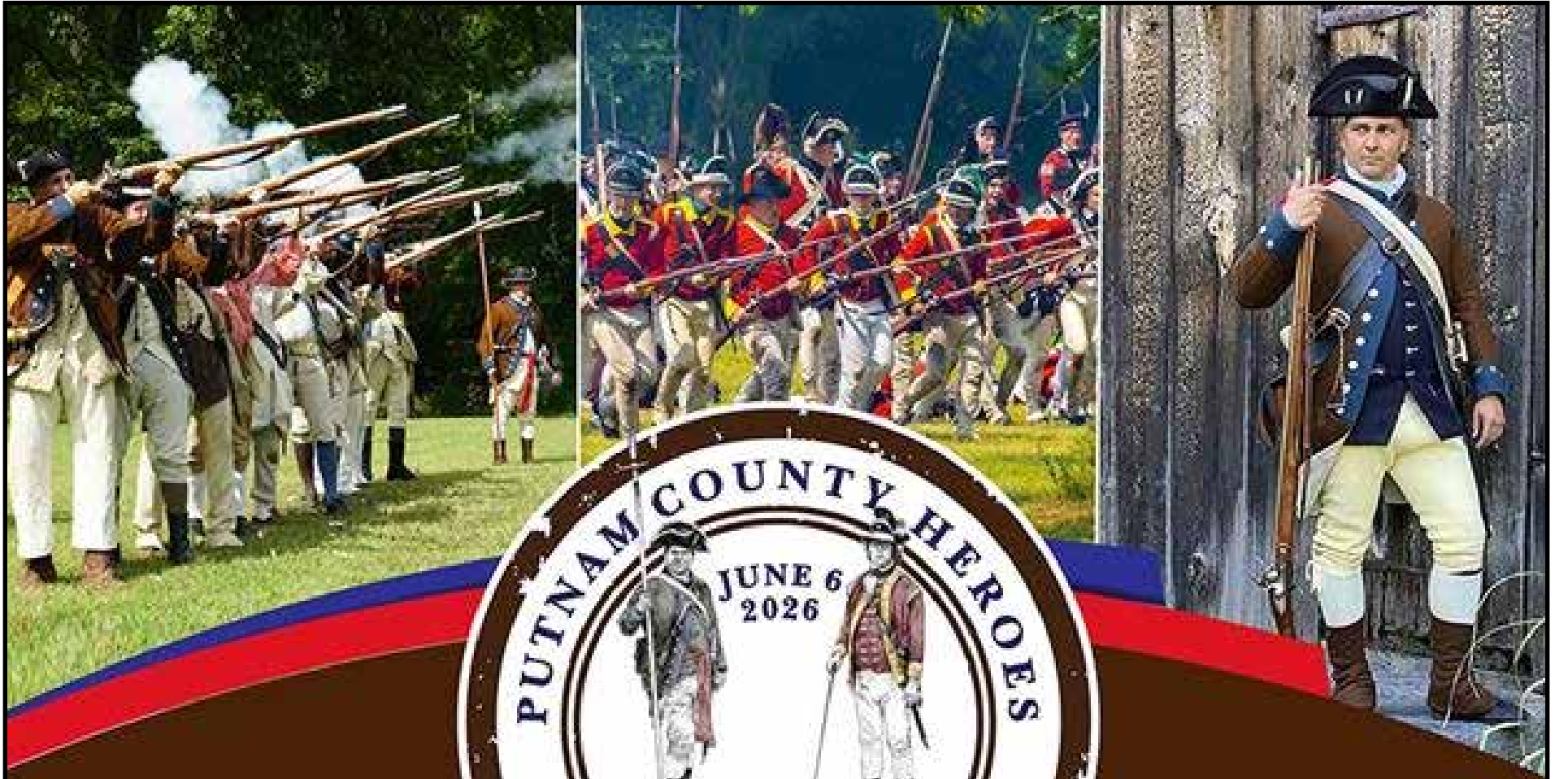
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