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Volunteers "Stuff the Truck" during a recent food collection in Carmel, organized by Second Chance Foods. Photo provided by County Executive Kevin Byrne.

Putnam Comes Together to Fight Hunger As SNAP Shuts Down, Food Banks, Businesses & Residents Take Up Collections



Putnam Community Action Partnership Director Marisa O'Leary speaks with State Sen. Pete Harckham during a recent visit. Photo by Tito Davila/Harckham's office.

By Holly Crocco

Whether you blame the Democrats or the Republicans for the current federal government's shutdown – the longest in U.S. history – what is undisputable is the bipartisanship and compassion shown by the local community that steps up when neighbors are in need.

In this case, it's to support the nearly 3,000 individuals in Putnam County who are not receiving their Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits, as – also for the first time in history – funding for the program has come to a halt.

While benefits were already not going to be delivered due to the shutdown, new rules also went into effect Nov. 1 that push some people out of the program due to an estimated \$186 billion federal spending cut over the next decade.

SNAP is a federal program

'This moment reminds me of the early days of COVID, when our community came together to ensure that no one was hungry.'

**Martha Elder,
executive director
of Second
Chance Foods**

designed to help low-income individuals and families afford nutritious food. It provides monthly benefits via an Electronic Benefits Transfer card that can be used to buy groceries at authorized retailers, including supermarkets and conve-



Foodtown of Cold Spring is coordinating with local food banks and encouraging shoppers to purchase food bags to donate.

nience stores.

According to USA TODAY, the Trump administration announced plans to distribute partial SNAP benefits in November, following two federal judges' rulings that the Department of Agriculture must continue covering food stamps during the government shutdown.

The USDA stated that it currently has \$4.65 billion in SNAP contingency funds, which is approximately half of the \$9.2 billion that it is projected SNAP will cost in November. It is not known when those benefits will be distributed.

Putnam County Approves Emergency Spending

County Executive Kevin Byrne explained that New York is one of 10 states in the country in which counties implement the SNAP program. However, the county cannot

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ELECTION RESULTS

Absentees to Decide Some Town Races GOP Sweeps County; Dems Take Some Town Seats

By Holly Crocco

Editor's Note: The following ballot counts are as of Friday, Nov. 7.

Absentee and mail-in ballots are still being counted – and received – by the Putnam County Board of Elections, and with several extremely close races, many winners are still undecided from the Nov. 4 election.

According to Democratic Election Commissioner Cathy Croft, ballots from civilians can be received through Nov. 12, with ballots from military members accepted through Nov. 19. All must be postmarked by Nov. 4 to be counted.

In Putnam Valley, the supervisor's race is still very much up for grabs. While Republican incumbent Town Supervisor Jacqueline Annabi came out with the most number of votes on election night, the counting of absentee ballots has turned the tables, and Democrat

Alison Jolicoeur was leading as of Friday, with a tally of 1,467 to 1,451 votes.

For Putnam Valley Town Board, Republican incumbent Christian Russo still had his seat as of last week, with 1,547 votes, while Democrat C.J. Brooks may have unseated incumbent Republican Stacey Tompkins by a vote of 1,526 to 1,504.

In the Town of Patterson, two sitting town board members appear to have been narrowly ousted. Democrats Stacy Dumont and Gwen Dougherty (1,095 and 1,077 votes, respectively) likely defeated Republicans Joseph Esposito and Mary Smith (1,048 and 1,019 votes, respectively).

In the Town of Kent, incumbent Republican Supervisor Jaime McGlasson seems to have kept her seat, with 1,716 votes. Challenger Democrat Alex Sewell earned 1,613 votes.

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County Mulls Home Tax Relief Program Would Be First in the State

By Holly Crocco

The Putnam Legislature has unanimously approved moving \$6.5 million from the county's fund balance in the 2026 budget toward a homeowner tax relief program.

"This is intended to give meaningful tax relief to single-family homeowners," said Legislator Paul Jonke, R-Southeast, during the Oct. 29 special meeting of the Legislature. "Even with putting this money in subcontingency because it's coming out of the unassigned fund balance, it's not going to have any impact on the tax rate."

The program puts aside \$200 per single-family, owner-occupied household. Legally, the funds cannot be returned via a "rebate," so lawmakers are considering how, exactly, to put the money back in homeowners' hands.

"The tax relief program is not going to benefit the City of

New York, it's not going to benefit large developers, it's not going to benefit the owner of Putnam Plaza, or corporations," said Jonke, who proposed the program. "It's going to benefit senior citizens, it's going to benefit veterans, it's going to benefit people who need that little bit of help when they get their oil bill or their electric bills ... So that's what it's intended for."

If enacted, Putnam would be the first county in the state to have such an initiative.

"It has never been done before, and wouldn't it be nice if Putnam County was first in line to be successful with a program like this?" asked Jonke.

While Legislator Erin Crowley, R-Carmel, was hesitant to support the program during prior discussions, she spoke in favor of it at the most recent meeting.

"If it's ultimately determined
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Letters to the Editor

Restore Dignity for Nursing Home Residents

Dear Editor:

Imagine you’ve paid off your primary living expenses and now you’re left with a mere \$50 monthly to buy a gift card for your grandchild, a favorite snack, better-fitting clothes, or countless other necessities.

Such is the case for tens of thousands of residents in nursing homes across New York State. This small sum – \$50 – is called the personal needs allowance, or PNA. For nursing home residents whose primary payor source is Medicaid, it’s the monthly discretionary amount they can spend on personal items such as toiletries, a phone service, stamps and stationary, or other similar items of their choice.

Stunningly, the \$50 PNA limit in New York hasn’t increased since 1988 – nearly four decades ago – and 28 states allow higher amounts. Simply adjusting for inflation, \$50 is equivalent to \$140 in today’s dollars.

Under Medicaid, nursing facilities are responsible to provide for a resident’s basic needs: nursing services, activities, room and board, and routine personal hygiene items. But Medicaid does not pay for other personal items or services, including items that

an individual might prefer, such as a favorite book, hobby materials, clothing, and other items that a person deems necessary, meaningful, and therefore intrinsic to their overall well-being.

The PNA is set by state law. Any change must happen in the state budget process, by raising the PNA to a livable threshold.

The state’s Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program is an advocate for residents of nursing homes and other long-term-care facilities. As a regional ombudsman coordinator, I’ve heard from countless residents who say what a PNA increase would mean for them: “I could breathe easier,” “it would be a new beginning,” “I’d feel human again.”

Sign our petition, and call the governor, your state Assembly member, and your senator. Urge an increase to the Personal Needs Allowance in this year’s state budget. Visit <https://forms.office.com/g/urMXCZJy42>.

Judy Farrell
Cold Spring
Director, Tri-County LTC Ombudsman Program

Extend ACA Tax Credits

Dear Editor:

I recently read Rep. Mike

Lawler’s Oct. 30 newsletter and I am appalled. He needs to stop his political games and lies and be truthful about why the Democrats are not willing to agree to what he refers to as a “clean continuing resolution.”

There is one huge obstacle in that resolution that people need to understand and he fails to mention – the refusal to extend Affordable Care Act subsidies, set to expire at the end of this year. He says he is working with some Republicans to get approval for a one-year extension. And where does that leave us in a year’s time?

Like the changes made under the Big Beautiful Bill, the bad stuff won’t go into effect until after the mid-terms, when it is too late for people to change their votes, as they realize how bad that BBB and the one-year extension are. Without an ongoing, unlimited, or minimum multi-year extension, millions of people will not be able to afford healthcare coverage, premiums may go up as high as 114 percent, and many young, healthy people will forgo health insurance altogether.

Health care should be a right, not a privilege. It is not free, but it should be affordable.

Maybe Mr. Lawler and the rest of Congress need to be reminded of their oaths to uphold and defend the Constitution and then do what is right for the country and for their constituencies. The House has been out of session for weeks and is not voting on anything. Mr. Lawler needs to demand that Speaker Johnson bring the House back, that they fund SNAP (we have the money – our people are starving while we send \$20 billion to Argentina), that they negotiate the unlimited extension of the ACA tax credits to protect everyone’s access to health care, and that they get to work passing a budget that helps Americans.

These are not extraordinary requests – this is asking Mr. Lawler and all of Congress to do their jobs.

I encourage everyone to contact Mr. Lawler at 202-255-6506 or <https://lawler.house.gov/> contact and urge him to extend the ACA tax credits indefinitely. This affects all of us.

Maria Modica-Snow
Peekskill

New Exhibits at Garrison Arts Center



“Wall Street, 1956” and “Harlem Fire Hydrant” by Leonard Freed.

Garrison Art Center is presenting two new exhibits this month.

“Leonard Freed’s New York,” an exhibition of works by renowned American photo-journalist Leonard Freed (1929-2006) of Garrison that traces the formative years of a photographer whose humanism and integrity never wavered, will be on view in the Balter Gallery through Nov. 23.

“Ultimately, photography is about who you are,” Freed was once quoted. “It’s the seeking of truth in relation to yourself. And seeking truth becomes a habit.”

“Leonard Freed’s New York” documents postwar opulence in Midtown to everyday poetry in Harlem, from Brooklyn’s Hasidic neighborhoods to the charged city streets. Together, the New York City photographs in the exhibit – most of which were done early in Freed’s five-decade career as a professional photographer – form a portrait of a city, country, time, and an artist, defined by curiosity, compassion, and clarity.

“Leonard Freed’s New York” features a curated selection of Freed’s most iconic images, each one printed by Hank Gans, who was Freed’s close friend for 36 years. Gans’ giclee prints of Freed’s images – produced using museum-grade pigments and papers – have not just great archival permanence, but also extraordinary tonal depth and detail. They are not mere reproductions but reinterpretations, shaped by memory, fidelity to Freed’s intent, and the artistic dialogue that continues beyond the photographer’s lifetime.

GAC is also presenting its biennial juried show “PHOTO-centric 2025,” an exhibition of photos submitted by the public focusing on this year’s theme, “State of Our Union,” in the Gillette Gallery through Nov. 23. It features 35 photographs across three categories – people, places, and politics – captured between 2015 and 2025, exploring life in the U.S. over the past decade.

In a time of deep polarization, the nation has experienced major events, movements, and cultural shifts that continue to shape its identity. This exhibition presents compelling images that reflect the diverse realities, struggles, hopes, and contradictions of contemporary American life.

Exhibiting artists include Norman Aragonese, Harmony Chamberlain Harrington, Mike Chune, Andrew Courtney, Bob Debski, Kev Filmore, Margaret Fox, Jeffrey Friedkin, Maureen Gates, Richard Getler, Lowell Handler, Dave Higgins, Barry Jordan, Susan Kaprov, Lonna Kelly, Guntis Lauzums, Mick McGuire, Victoria Loren Miller, John Millington, Edward Rubin, Kerry Sclafani, Brooke Sessions, Brian Sheridan, Anne Sorino, Sharon Sturgis, John Verner, Miroslav Vrzala, Michael Washburn, Locke Wood, and Kathy Yacoe Skura.

Visitors are invited to participate in an interactive installation by responding to the prompt, “The past ten years – better or worse?” Using a Post-It note, participants can share their thoughts, memories, or reflections on events, trends, or ideas that have shaped the past decade – for better or worse. These responses will be displayed as part of the exhibition, creating a collective snapshot of shared perspectives and experiences.

First place awards will be given in each of the three categories, and there will also be one Best in Show Award granted to an outstanding overall submission.

For more information about exhibitions, classes, and other programs at Garrison Art Center, located at 23 Garrison Landing, visit garrisonartcenter.org or call 845-424-3960. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Sunday.

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Putnam Symphony Orchestra to Perform 'Santa's Workshop'

Putnam Symphony Orchestra has been heralding the start of the holiday season for more than 45 years. Join in this year's annual extravaganza as it brings holiday favorites to life under the skilled direction of Christine Smith.

On Sunday, Nov. 23 at 3 p.m., at the Brewster High School Performing Arts Center, meet Santa and Frosty, join in a snowball fight, trim the "tree," count down to the shimmering lights, and join in caroling with the orchestra as it ushers in the holiday season.

This year's performance will feature music inspired by Santa and his magical workshop – as well as some fan favorites.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students and seniors – or bring the whole family for \$40. Tickets are available at www.putnamsymphonyorchestra.org and at the door. Group discounts are available by emailing info@putnamsymphonyorchestra.org.



Putnam Symphony Orchestra will perform Nov. 23 in Brewster.

Utilities Prepared to Meet Demand This Winter

The New York State Public Service Commission recently announced that it expects the state's utilities will have adequate supplies of natural gas and electricity on hand to meet the demands of residential and commercial customers in New York State this winter.

According to Chairperson Rory Christian, the gas utilities serving New York have adequate natural gas supply, delivery capacity, and storage inventory to satisfy current firm customer demands under severe winter design conditions for this winter. Gas utilities continue to file long-term gas system plans, as required by commission orders. The Department of Public Service continues to review and analyze gas utilities' long-term plans separate from the present annual winter preparedness review.

Staff cautioned that reliability margins are tight in both the electric and natural gas sectors and investments will be needed to improve resilience and to address various contingencies.

Department staff expects that full-service residential electric commodity bills will be similar to last winter's, on a statewide average. Based on current data indicating lower forecasted commodity prices, coupled with a normal weather forecast and

increased delivery rates for several gas utilities for this winter, customer's gas bills are expected to be higher than last year's, on average.

Customers may see varying price levels based on their service territory, actual experienced weather, and individual usage.

Discounts through commission-approved utility Energy Affordability Programs are available to income-eligible households. Beginning in 2026, eligibility will extend to all residential utility customers below median income.

The electric utilities continue to effectively reduce the electric supply price volatility of their full-service residential customers. Gas utilities continue to use financial hedges and gas held in storage to help protect against market price swings. However, customers are not completely shielded from global market price volatility.

On a statewide average, a residential electric customer using 600 kWh per month is expected to pay about \$60 per month for supply this winter, up 1.4 percent from the same period a year ago, but the actual amount varies by utility. Meanwhile, the average residential customer using 719 therms of natural gas can expect to pay an estimated \$224

per month during the winter heating season (November through March), up 8 percent from the same period a year ago, but the actual amount will vary widely by region due to the weather and usage.

A colder-than-normal winter will cause usage and bills to increase.

The state's investor-owned utilities take steps to reduce the volatility of electric and gas supply prices to their full-service residential customers.

New Yorkers can take advantage of cost-efficient programs in anticipation of the winter to adopt energy efficiency and electrification solutions for homes and businesses. Applications are currently being accepted for the Home Energy Assistance Program, which can provide more than \$900 to eligible homeowners and renters depending on income, household size, and how they heat their home.

To qualify for heating assistance from HEAP, a family of four's annual income cannot exceed \$80,165.

When income-eligible customers enroll in HEAP, they are automatically enrolled in utilities' commission-approved discount programs that provide further monthly discounts on gas and electric utility bills.

Route 52 Paving Project Complete

The long-awaited Route 52 resurfacing project in the towns of Kent and Carmel is now complete.

The project was made possible through \$3.6 million in state funding secured by state legislators in partnership with local leaders who have long advocated for increased investment in Putnam County infrastructure.

"Since taking office, I have been advocating for the paving of Route 52, and I'm thrilled to see this project finally completed thanks to the collective efforts of our local leaders and state representatives," said Kent Town Supervisor Jaime McGlasson. "Ensuring residents' safety and quality of life is always a top priority, and the completion of Route 52 is an important investment in our community and in the lives of Kent residents."

The paving work, which began in June, extended from Fowler Avenue in the Town of Carmel to just past the intersection with Route 311 in the Town of Kent. In addition to repaving the corridor, the New York State Department of Transportation completed repairs to stormwater catch basins and made other drainage improvements to enhance climate resilience.

The project wrapped up on schedule, meeting its targeted completion date.

"This project has been a long time in the making and I'm

thrilled to see it finally completed," said Assemblyman Matt Slater, R-Yorktown, a member of the Assembly's Transportation Committee. "Drivers will now have a smoother, safer ride through Kent and Carmel. Improving the safety and quality of life for our residents is always one of my top priorities."

State Sen. Pete Harckham, D-Peekskill, said the investment represents a win for Putnam County residents that will make travel safer, extend the life of the roadway, and strengthen local climate-resilient infrastructure.

"Working together, we're ensuring that our roads and infrastructure reflect the quality of life our residents deserve," he said.

This marks the completion of the second phase of Route 52 improvements; the first section was repaved in 2023 thanks to a bipartisan effort led by Harckham and Slater. Building on that success, the two legislators worked together again to secure additional state funding announced in 2025 to finish the remaining portion of the roadway.

Kent Highway Superintendent Richard Othmer thanked the leaders for their advocacy.

"Additionally, I was thrilled to hear from Supervisor McGlasson that she was able to secure funding from Assemblyman Slater and Sen. Harckham to pave the Kent section of Route 311 next year," he said.



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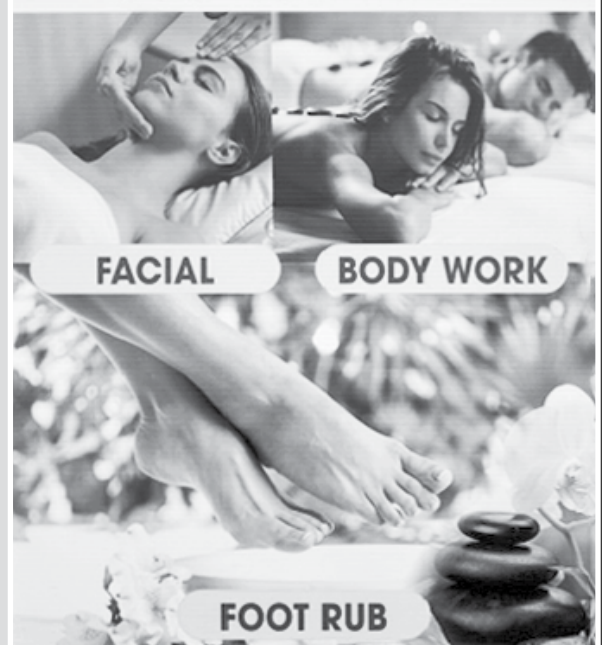
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Reward Increased for Info. About Dead Birds

The Putnam County SPCA, along with the New York State Humane Association, is increasing the reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for mutilating and decapitating birds found on a roadside in Kent, to \$2,000.

At about 4:30 p.m. Oct. 3, the

Putnam County SPCA Law Enforcement Division was notified by Kent police that a clear garbage bag containing two mutilated and decapitated roosters/chickens and one mutilated and decapitated white dove was located on the side of Holland Drive near Route 52, in the area of Lake Carmel.

According to Ross, the area

where this bag was found was only a short distance from where other bags of mutilated animals have been found in recent months – possibly the result of ritualistic killings.

Anyone with information is asked to call 845-520-6915 or visit www.spcaputnam.org. Reports can remain anonymous.



Lake Mahopac Rotary Distributes Grants

During its Oct. 15 luncheon, the Lake Mahopac Rotary Club presented \$28,500 in grants to a number of nonprofit organizations serving the local community, including Second Chance Foods, Putnam Community Action Partnership, Putnam/Northern Westchester Women’s Resource Center, Putnam County Children’s Committee, CoveCare Center, Putnam Communities That Care Coalition, Putnam Arts Council, Putnam Service Dogs, BluePath Service Dogs, Putnam Humane Society, Putnam County SPCA, Prevention Council of Putnam, Pegasus Therapeutic Riding, and Putnam Chorale. Pictured are Rotary Club President Rick Dutra and Grants Chairman Bernie Kosberg with grant recipients.

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Nutrition Corner

By Allison J. Stowell
MS, RD, CDN



Food Talk

Welcome to holiday season 2025! The weeks ahead will bring wonderful family time and social gatherings, along with the potential for chatting about popular subjects like health, diet, and nutrition. No doubt that these have been hot topics in 2025. It’s also true that they’re likely not easy to discuss at the holiday table. Let’s think of some ways to navigate conversation to a better place. (Just be glad you aren’t the dietitian at the table).

“I love that there are so many opportunities for people to find something that works for them.”

With this simple statement, we remember that we all benefit from finding a path to better health. The important thing is finding one that helps us to meet and sustain wellness goals that reduce our risk of developing chronic disease. Our path may not be the same as another’s and may not work or even make sense to them. This is important to remember both for us, and for our loved ones.

“What’s your favorite thing that you cooked or ate recently?”

Food is wonderful, delicious and to be enjoyed. Moving the focus here diffuses diet focused conversation. You can highlight some wonderful cooks or restaurants you follow on social media. Or chat about the meaningful holiday dishes you look forward to sharing together.

“So, what does 67 mean anyway?”

Or why are so many adults into K-Pop Demon Hunters? Put questions out to the holiday table, especially a multigenerational group that includes adolescents, to spur conversation. While it may leave the adults confused, it will likely bring up lots of laughs and diffuse any other conversation.

A final note...

If you leave a gathering with questions or concerns about a dietary approach or wellness concept, please use hospital and university websites for your research. Additionally, consider professional sites for the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, Academy of Pediatrics, and American Medical

Association for science-based information.

Allison Stowell MS, RD, CDN is a registered dietitian for Hannaford Supermarket. For more information on free, virtual nutrition classes and more, email: astowell@hannaford.com. To learn more about the Guiding Stars nutrition guidance program, visit GuidingStars.com.

**Slow Cooker Pork
Tenderloin with Arugula Pesto
(3 Guiding Stars)
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Pork tenderloin and carrots get super tender in the slow cooker. A finishing drizzle of fresh, home-made arugula pesto on top adds a burst of bright, nutty flavor.

Ingredients:
3 medium carrots
1 lb pork tenderloin
6 cloves garlic, divided
1 ¼ cups reduced-sodium chicken broth
2 cups packed arugula
½ cup chopped walnuts
½ cup grated Parmesan
½ cup olive oil
Crusty bread, to serve (optional)

Directions:
Peel and cut carrots into ½” pieces. To a 6-qt. slow cooker, place pork tenderloin in the center and season generously with salt and pepper.

Mince 3 cloves garlic. To slow cooker, add carrots and garlic around pork. Pour broth over top, tossing carrots and turning pork to coat. Season with salt and pepper.

Cover and cook on low until carrots are tender and pork reaches an internal temperature of 145°F, 3 to 4 hours. Remove carrots and pork and let rest 10 minutes.

Meanwhile, in a food processor, combine arugula, walnuts, Parmesan and remaining 3 cloves garlic. Season with salt. Pulse while drizzling olive oil into food processor. Spoon pesto over pork and carrots. Serve with crusty bread, if desired.

Sweet Pumpkin Soup

(Family Features)
Sweet Pumpkin Soup

Ingredients:
1/2 cup carrots, chopped
1/2 cup celery stalks, diced
1 cup shallots, chopped
3 tablespoons butter
30 ounces canned pumpkin (not pie filling)
6 c chicken or vegetable broth
1/2 teaspoon ground cloves
1/4 teaspoon ground allspice
1/4 teaspoon ground ginger
1 cup heavy cream
1/4 cup Busy Bee Raw Honey
salt and pepper, to taste
parsley (optional)
red pepper flakes (optional)

Directions:

In stockpot, saute carrots, celery and shallots in butter until slightly browned.

Add pumpkin, broth, cloves,



allspice and ginger. Bring mixture to simmer and cook about 20 minutes.

Remove from stockpot and puree using immersion blender.

Return to stove and slowly add cream and honey until well combined. Return to simmer and adjust seasoning with salt and pepper, to taste.

Garnish with parsley and red pepper flakes, if desired.

Source: Barkman Honey

‘Brewster Caesar’ Brings Clown Mayor Back to Life

What happens when a flamboyant former circus clown runs for mayor in an “upstate” burg hoping for revival?

That was Brewster village in the mid-1980s, when local man-of-many-trades and onetime Ringling Bros. clown John Cesar ran for office while living in his van.

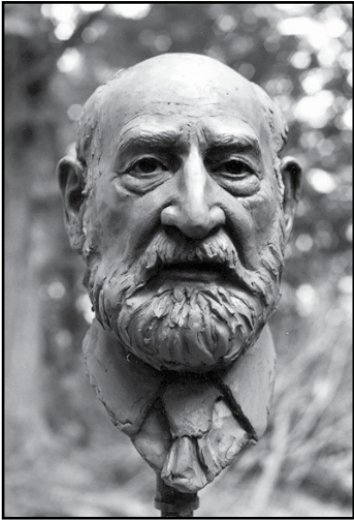
His ensuing wacky and highly entertaining mayoral campaign is chronicled in Southeast Historian J.J. Alcott’s fact-and-fantasy play “Brewster Caesar,” presented by the Cultural Arts Coalition’s Old Town Hall Theatricals in the historic theater at 67 Main St., Brewster. Direction is by Daniel Basiletti, founding member of Old Town Hall Theatricals.

The world premiere is Friday, Nov. 14 at 8 p.m., followed by a Saturday, Nov. 15 show at 8 p.m., and a half-price matinee Sunday, Nov. 16 at 2 p.m.

Tickets are \$25, or \$20 for students and seniors. They are \$10 for all Sunday.

Purchase tickets at www.culturalartsco.com/store/p22/Brewster_Caesar.html.

Locals might remember Brewster’s colorful Mayor Cesar, who often appeared on Main Street dressed in wildly clashing plaid clothes with a rakish Tam o’ Shanter



A memorial bronze sculpture of John Cesar by Michael Keropian.

perched on his head – all set off by his flowing Santa Claus beard. Not a shy bone in his clown body, he’d greet everyone on the sidewalk with a hearty handshake, a ready joke, or maybe a welcoming laugh and a couple of dance steps.

Occasionally, he’d show up on the street dressed as a clown.

Alcott covered Cesar’s campaign in the 1980s. He notes that the play is meant as a character study of a larger-than-life personality and does not attempt to judge Cesar’s mayoral triumphs or missteps.



Carmel High School students in the treble choir, mixed choir, orchestra, and band will perform Nov. 21 and 22 at Arlington High School.

Carmel Students to Perform at All State Music Fest

About 40 Carmel High School students will perform with the top high school musicians from throughout Putnam, Dutchess, and Columbia counties at the New York State School Music Association Area All State Festival at Arlington High School on Nov. 21 and 22.

Carmel students will participate in four ensembles – treble choir, mixed choir, orchestra, and band.

Percussionist Sean Kmietek is attending the festival for the second year in a row. “It was great being around all those talented musicians,” he said of his prior

experience.

Students are selected for the Area All State Festival based on their spring NYSSMA solo evaluation scores.

Orchestra teacher Peter Ballantoni said the event creates a great opportunity for students. “It pushes them to be stronger musicians,” he said. “Their performance at NYSSMA allows them to participate and because of that they are inspired to work harder.”

Sophomore Parker Vanacoro is looking forward to participating in Area All State for the first time. “It’s going to be a great experience,” said the vocalist. “I think I

will learn a lot.”

Junior Neenah Julien will sing in the treble choir. “I am so excited to go,” she said. “I think it will be great.”

Carmel Central School District is known for its strong music department.

“We are honored every year for our students to be chosen for this high achievement,” said Meghan Cabral, band teacher and co-chairperson of the district’s music department. “Each year the talent and competition gets stronger for these honors ensembles, and we are proud to have such a great representation once again.”

‘X-Eye’ Photos on Display at Kent Library

Art by Henry Hennings will be on display through Nov. 30 at Kent Public Library.

Hennings’ interest in cross-eye – or x-eye – three-dimension pictures hit a high point in the 1950s when he was on a school trip and found himself on the observation deck, high up on the Empire State Building in New York City.

“I had an early Eastman Kodak Brownie Hawkeye roll film camera,” he said.

At the Empire State Building, Hennings took one picture of the city from one corner of the observation deck, and the usual stereo second picture from about 4 inches to the left – and then he took the same picture from the other corner of the observation deck, about 50 feet away, knowing even then that he was experimenting with x-eye stereo.

“Usually an x-eye stereo pair are taken only a few inches apart, the width of the space between your eyes,” explained Hennings.

The idea to take the third picture was to enhance or exaggerate

the third effect by making the distance between the two pictures larger.

“Today you can do many interesting things much easier in photography,” said the artist. “With inexpensive digital cameras or a cellphone camera and a modest computer with free image software, you can do many things we couldn’t dream of back then.”

Hennings said his hope is that interested folks will try out the x-eye viewing and eventually get comfortable crossing their eyes and possibly producing their own collection of pictures.

“We all are refocusing constantly as we look at things that are close and far away, and we usually don’t realize we are refocusing,” he said.

To be able to view a x-eye pair, you need to focus your eyes at a point half way between your eyes and the images – whether they are held at arm’s length, on the computer screen, or on the wall several feet away.

For more information, visit KentLibrary.org.

We Will Miss

Brewster
Kelly Meghan Mytych, 24, October 28. Beecher Funeral Home, Brewster, NY, (845) 279-3615.

Cold Spring
Virginia Bruno Kops, 70, October 28. Clinton Inc Funeral

Homes, Cold Spring, (845) 265-3333.

Mahopac
Dolores V. Soedler, 90, November 1. Cargain Funeral Homes Inc., Mahopac, (845) 225-5655.

Putnam Valley
Nancy E. Heller, 80, October 21. Heritage Funeral Home, Putnam Valley, (845) 526-3000.

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Young Carmel ‘Doctors’ Dissect Language Arts



Carmel first-graders recently put together skeletons, wore aprons decorated with internal organs, and learned about the human body.

Students in Corinne Phillips and Julie Ann Burton’s first grade class at Kent Primary School put on lab coats and became doctors for a day – putting together skeletons, donning aprons decorated with internal organs, and listening to each other’s hearts with a stethoscope.

Carmel Central School District’s reading program – Core Knowledge Language Arts – is a science of reading-based programs that emphasizes skills like phonics, decoding, and blending sounds.

“The reading program introduces young readers to a wide vocabulary while building on topics like science and social studies,” said Dr. Jeff Gorman, assistant superintendent for instruction.

When the first-graders finished their unit on the body, their teachers let them dress up and act like doctors so they could experience some of the topics they read about.

“We had a memory game with germs, a food pyramid sort, and some playdough body systems,” said Phillips. “The class enjoyed rotating through each station. They enjoyed calling each other ‘Dr.’ and then their last name, as well as using the vocabulary we learned.”

Field Study Has Mahopac Students Exploring Hudson River Ecosystem

Mahopac High School science teacher Scott Rizzo and his students stepped out of the classroom and onto the banks of the Hudson River on Oct. 15 for a hands-on day of environmental exploration.

Participating in the Day in the Life of the Hudson & Harbor program, Mahopac youth scientists joined more than 5,000 students and educators from more than 90 schools across the Hudson Valley to conduct real-world scientific testing on the river’s ecology.

The annual event, coordinated by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation in partnership with the Hudson River National Estuarine Research Reserve, and Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory of Columbia University, provides students with the opportunity to gather and ana-



Mahopac High School students measured pH levels, salinity, nitrates, phosphates, and other indicators of water health.



Students examined wildlife on the river – including eels.



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lyze data about the river’s health.

At the Mahopac group’s site in Verplanck, students took part in biological, chemical, and physical testing stations, collecting data that would later be uploaded and compared with results from schools up and down the river.

“This project allows our students to apply scientific concepts in a real-world setting,” said Rizzo. “By testing and recording data from the Hudson, they see how environmental factors like water quality impacts species diversity. It also helps them build

data literacy and an understanding of how science contributes to environmental stewardship.”

At the biological station, students used seine nets to capture and identify fish and macroinvertebrates, including striped bass and jellyfish. At the chemical station, they measured pH levels, salinity, nitrates, phosphates, and other indicators of water health. Meanwhile, at the physical station, students examined sediment samples and recorded observations of surrounding wildlife and human activity on the river.



“Family,” an oil painting by Therese Fokine, won Best in Show.

Juried Fine Art Show on Display at PAC

Putnam Arts Council’s annual juried fine arts show is currently on display in the A. Eric Arctander Gallery at 521 Kennicut Hill Road, Mahopac. The exhibit features more than 80 pieces of original fine art created by 50 artists from across the region and includes drawings, paintings, photographs, sculpture, stained glass, fashion, mixed-media, and ceramics.

The Jeanne Demotse Awards of Excellence were selected by Kathy Feighery, a professional artist and educator.

Terry Fokine earned Best in Show for an oil painting, “Family;” Maria Kaprielian won first place for her watercolor painting, “Eastern Phoebe;” Juliana Van Benthuyzen won second place for her photograph, “Autum Shells;” Said Reda won third place for her pottery, “Botanical Vase;” and honorable mentions went to Andy Sachs, Peter Stratman, and Ted Berkowitz.

The A. Eric Arctander Gallery is open to the public and free of charge through Nov. 16, with gallery hours of 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday, and 1 to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday – or by appointment.

An artist talk is scheduled from 3 to 4 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 16. Meet the artists and learn about their art, their inspiration, and their process. This is a free event open to the public.

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Brewster Student Gov. Leaders Sworn In

Just one day after the national elections, Henry H. Wells Middle School in Brewster held its own important civic event – the Student Government swearing-in ceremony. Families, teacher advisors, and administrators gathered Nov. 5 to watch as the newly elected student leaders officially took their oaths of office.

The candidates have been hard at work since the end of September, campaigning with creativity and enthusiasm. They designed posters, came up with platforms, and delivered speeches – just like in a real election. Candidates all spoke passionately about their visions for the school.

Voting took place in social studies classes, during which Kaylee Dwarika-Persad was elected Student Government president and Claire Brondo was elected Student Government vice president.

Social studies teacher and Student Government advisor



Kaylee Dwarika-Persad is the new president and Claire Brondo is the new vice president of the Student Government at Wells Middle School.

John Gregorio explained the process.

“To qualify for the ballot, each candidate gathered 25 student signatures, two teacher

endorsements, and an administrator’s approval – demonstrating real commitment and leadership,” he said.

The ceremony was led by the head of the social studies department Susan Barbato, looking the part of judge in her black college graduation robe as she administered the oath, which was modeled after the official Oath of Office of the president of the United States.

Families beamed with pride as they watched their students take on this new responsibility.

“Kaylee practiced her speech at home,” said parent Krystal Mohamed. “I suggested that she record herself to improve. Her brother Cayden even helped out with the campaign. He wore his ‘Vote for Kaylee’ T-shirt and campaigned for his sister.”

The newly sworn-in officers are eager to make good on their campaign promises and serve their classmates with integrity, creativity, and school spirit.

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Putnam County Community Events

Food & Toy Drive
Putnam Community Action Partnership is accepting donations of turkeys and \$25 gift cards to local grocery stores, and \$50 gift cards to stores such as Kohl’s, Walmart and Amazon to give to parents to purchase presents for their children. All will be distributed during the Thanksgiving food distribution. Donations needed by Nov. 14, at 121 Main St., Brewster.

Holiday Train Show Help
Arts on the Lake in Kent Lakes will be begin constructing its fourth annual holiday train show layout in November and welcomes any model train enthusiasts who would like to help plan and participate. Email office@artsonthelake.org with “holiday trains” in the subject line.

Gift Card Drive
The Putnam/Northern Westchester Women’s Resource Center is holding its annual gift card drive through Dec. 8. Gift cards for \$25 and \$50 may be dropped off between 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. weekdays at 935 S. Lake Blvd., Mahopac. Suggested retailers are Vissa, Mastercard, Amazon, Shop & Shop, ShopRite, ACME, Tops Market, Citgo, Mobil, Shell, BP, Walmart, Target, Kohl’s.

Learn Italian
The Italian American Club of Mahopac is planning to offer Italian classes in 2026, taught by a certified Italian teacher Saturdays during the months of March and April. Classes will be for ages 5 to 9, 10 to 14, and adult. Anyone interested may call Giulio Cefaloni at 845-745-2655 or Linda Cefaloni 914-582-4373.

Tuesday, Nov. 11
Roaming Reeders
Reed Memorial Library in Carmel presents Roaming Reeder, a friendly walking group, at 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays through November, weather permitting. Meet at the library and enjoy a walk through Carmel. All fitness levels. Registration required at carmellibrary.org/calendar.

Veterans Day Ceremony
The Brewster American Legion will again be hosting a Veterans Day ceremony at the monument at Electrazone Field on Nov. 11 at 11 a.m.

Garden Club Meets
The Brewster-Carmel Garden Club will meet Tuesday, Nov. 11 at the Laura Spain Memorial Cornerstone Park building on the corner of Fair Street and Gleneida Avenue in Carmel. The meeting will begin at 10:30 a.m., followed by a brief social before the club’s presentation. This month’s program is “Climate Change & Gardening,” presented by Janis Butler from the Cornell Cooperative Extension. Club members and their guests are encouraged to bring a light lunch. https://brewstercarmelgardenclub.org.

‘Diary of a Wimpy Kid’
Mahopac Public Library will present “Diary of a Wimpy Kid” on Tuesday, Nov. 11 at 3 p.m. Rated PG, approximately 90 minutes. Open to kids in kindergarten through grade five. No registration required.

Wednesday, Nov. 12
Line Dancing
Lake Carmel Fire Department will host a line dancing night Wednesday, Nov. 12 from 7 to 10 p.m., at 851 Route 52, Carmel. Raffles, food and drink, music and fun for all ages.

Carmel Town Board
The Carmel Town Board will meet at 7 p.m. the following Wednesdays at Town Hall: Nov. 12 and 19; and Dec. 3 and 10.

Marine Corps League
The Marine Corps League Putnam County Detachment meets the second Wednesday each month at noon at George’s Place on Gleneida Avenue in Carmel. For membership, email MCLPutnamCounty242@gmail.com.

Mahopac Library ‘At Home’
With your Mahopac Public Library card, you have access to many resources at home, including movies and TV shows on hoopla and Kanopy. Join the library Wednesday, Nov. 12 at noon to learn more about what you can watch with your library card. Register at www.mahopaclibrary.org or call 845-628-2009, ext. 100.

Thursday, Nov. 13
Meditation Circle
Reed Memorial Library in Carmel will host a mediation circle via Zoom on Nov. 13 from 6 to 7 p.m. Reconnect with yourself in a calming virtual meditation circle. Kris Noelle of Kris Noelle Wellness will gently guide participants through a soothing meditative journey designed to restore the spirit. Registration is required at carmellibrary.org/calendar.

‘Good Morning, Vietnam’
Patterson Library will screen “Good Morning, Vietnam,” on Thursday, Nov. 13 at 1 p.m. Loosely based on the true story of radio funny man Adrian Cronauer, who is sent to Vietnam to bring a little comedy back into the lives of the soldiers with his morning show. His irreverent take on the war delights the G.I.s but infuriates his superiors. Rated R. Adults 18 and older. To register, call 845-878-6121 or go www.pattersonlibrary.org.

Learn Mail Merge
Learn mail merge with Microsoft Word at Mahopac Public Library on Thursday, Nov. 13 at 10 a.m. Mail merge can make it quick and easy to create personalized letters for potential customers, make labels for mass mailings, and more. Register at www.mahopaclibrary.org or call 845-628-2009, ext. 100.

‘Consent & Healthy Relationships’
Mahopac Public Library will present “Consent & Healthy Relationships” on Thursday, Nov. 13 at 6 p.m., to provide parents and caretakers with the tools they need to have meaningful conversations about consent with their young person. Identify and define the different components of consent, discuss how to understand consent as a requirement for any and all sexual interactions, and identify strategies to becoming an “askable” parent. Register at www.mahopaclibrary.org or call 845-628-2009, ext. 100.

‘Manhattan’s Buried Ship’
Mahopac Public Library will present “Manhattan’s Buried Ship & its Journey Across Time” on Thursday, Nov. 13 at 6 p.m. Join Eugene Boesch for a dive into the history of the Princess Caroline, a merchant ship built around 1715 that sank along Manhattan’s East River shoreline around 1740. It was discovered beneath 6 to 8 feet of frozen asphalt, concrete, and 19th century building rubble. Excavations recovered more than 300,000 artifacts. Register at www.mahopaclibrary.org or call 845-628-2009, ext. 100.

Friday, Nov. 14
‘Brewster Caesar’
Old Town Hall Theatricals will present “Brewster Caesar,” a play by Southeast Historian J.J. Alcott, on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 14 and 15 at 8 p.m.; and Sunday, Nov. 16 at 2 p.m. (half-price matinee), at Old Town Hall, 67 Main St., Brewster. Tickets are \$25 or \$20 for students and seniors, at www.culturalartsco.com. Loosely on true events in Brewster Village in the mid-1980s, when former clown and local character John Cesar ran for mayor while living in his van.

Mahjong
Play mahjong at Kent Public Library with Dana Murry amidst a relaxed group of fellow beginners Fridays, Nov. 14 and 21 at 3 p.m. All levels welcome. Register at kentpl.librarycalendar.com.

‘Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon’
The Carmel High School Drama Club will present “The Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon” by Don Zolidis on Friday, Nov. 14 at 7 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 15 at 2 and 7 p.m., and Sunday, Nov. 16 at 5 p.m., at CHS. You may think you know the story of Cinderella, Rapunzel, or Hansel and Gretel, but you’ve never seen them quite like this. Guided by a team of narrators, “The Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon” is a madcap ride through all 209 of the Brothers Grimm fairy tales. For all ages. Visit chsperform.booktix.com for tickets.

Saturday, Nov. 15
Arty Martini Party
Garrison Art Center will present Local Art Mingle with artists and art lovers from across the Hudson Valley while enjoying handcrafted martinis and cocktails Nov. 15 from 5 to 7 p.m., at 17 Garrison Landing. www.garrisonartcenter.org/artymartiniparty.

Champlain Trio
Music at St. Mary’s continues its free monthly concert Saturday, Nov. 15 at 2 p.m., at 1 Chestnut St., Cold Spring, featuring the Champlain Trio in a chamber music program in an historic and acoustically excellent venue. The concert is free and open to people of all ages.

Leadership at AotL
Arts on the Lake is holding a meeting Saturday, Nov. 15 from 7 to 9 p.m., at 640 Route 52, Kent, for all artists and creatives who are interested in becoming part of the new leadership team that will help shape the future of the arts center. In addition, anyone who might be interested in joining

the board of directors or applying for the executive director position should email Ed Durkee at office@artsonthelake.org.

Bingo
The Carmel Knights of Columbus 6318 Ladies Auxiliary will host “Bags & Bucks Bingo” on Saturday, Nov. 15 at 10 Fair St., Carmel. Doors open at 3 p.m., first game at 4 p.m. Cost is \$60 at Eventbrite.com or \$65 at the door. Proceeds go to women veteran services. Concessions, bell jar raffles and more.

Sunday, Nov. 16
‘Algonkians of the Revolution’
The Putnam History Museum will present “Loyalty & Zeal: Algonkians of the Revolution Lecture” on Sunday, Nov. 16 at 2 p.m., at 63 Chestnut St., Cold Spring, as well as via Zoom. Join Drew Shuptar-Rayvis, citizen of the Pocomoke Indian Nation, to honor the contributions, struggles and sacrifices made by Algonkian peoples during the War of American Independence. Register at putnamhistorymuseum.org.

Repair Café
Sustainable Putnam’s Repair Cafe takes place Nov. 16 from noon to 3 p.m., at Arts on the Lake, 640 Route 52, Kent Lakes. Bring broken household items for a free repair by expert volunteers. Lamps, clocks, toasters, small appliances, audio equipment, small furniture, clothing, and more. Refreshments provided. Registration appreciated, walk-ins welcome. sustainableputnam.org/repair-cafe or 646-598-6560.

‘Goldberg Variations’
Pianist Steven Beck will bring his annual performance of J.S. Bach’s “Goldberg Variations” to the Chapel Restoration’s Sunday Music Series on Nov. 16 at 4 p.m., at 45 Market St., Cold Spring. The concert is free and open to all. For more information, visit www.chapelrestoration.org.

Monday, Nov. 17
Astronomy Presentation
An astronomy presentation will take place Monday, Nov. 17 at 6 p.m., at Kent Public Library. Join Dr. Michael Zeilnhofer for “The Real Death Star: Uncovering the Mysteries of Mimas.” In person and via Zoom. Register at kentpl.librarycalendar.com.

Tuesday, Nov. 18
IDA Meeting
The Putnam County Industrial Development Agency will meet Tuesday, Nov. 18 at 6 p.m., at 2 Route 164, Patterson. View the meeting at www.facebook.com/putnamida.com as soon as possible after the meeting has been adjourned.

Kent Town Board
The Kent Town Board will meet the following Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at Town Hall: Nov. 18 and 25, and Dec. 2 and 16.

Library Meetings
The **Kent Public Library** Board of Trustees will meet at 7 p.m. in the library on the following Tuesdays: Nov. 18 and Dec. 16. The **Patterson Library** Board of Trustees will meet Nov. 18 at 6:30 p.m.

‘Bob Trevino Likes It’
Patterson Library will screen “Bob Trevino Likes It” on Tuesday, Nov. 18 at 1 p.m. Lily Trevino unexpectedly befriends an online stranger with the same name as her self-centered, estranged father Bob. Their friendship exemplifies the power of connection and its profound impact on a person’s life. Rated PG-13. Adults 18 and older. To register, call 845-878-6121 or go www.pattersonlibrary.org.

‘Festive Flora’
Reed Memorial Library in Carmel will present “Festive Flora: The Poisonous Plants of the Holiday Season” on Nov. 18 from 5 to 6 p.m. Join Madame Datura, esteemed druid and horticulturist, for an enchanting exploration into the poisonous plants that have long been associated with the holiday season. Learn a deeper understanding of how nature and myth have intertwined to create the holidays we know and love. Registration is required at carmellibrary.org/calendar.

Solid Waste Management Plan
Putnam County is requesting public comment for the Putnam County Local Solid Waste Management Plan with the planning period of 2025-34. The plan will be presented Nov. 18 from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m., at the Putnam County Bureau of Emergency Services, 112 Old Route 6, Carmel. The public comment period will be open through Dec. 31. For information about attending the presentation, visit https://ow.ly/7pCH50XmcLL.

Wednesday, Nov. 19
Self-Defense
Carmel Police Department will provide defense training for the community Wednesday, Nov. 19, with a session for seniors and parents from 1 to 2:30 p.m., and a session for older teens and adults from 7 to 9 p.m., in Doherty Hall at St. James the Apostle Church, 14 Gleneida Ave., Carmel. 845-225-2079 or www.stjamesapostle.org.

Thursday, Nov. 20
Fall Coffeehouse
The Town of Southeast Cultural Arts Coalition invites the public to share their talents in a safe and inclusive space at its fall coffeehouse/open mic Thursday, Nov. 20 in the Studio Around the Corner, 67 Main St., Brewster. Signups start at 7 p.m.; open mic starts at 7:30 p.m. There is a \$5 suggested donation.

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Absentees to Decide Some Town Races

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“Thank you to the residents of Kent for your continued trust, confidence, and support – it truly means the world to me,” said McGlasson. “I work hard for all of our residents and will continue to do my best every day to make Kent a place we can all be proud to call home.”

For Kent Town Board, it looks like incumbent Democratic Councilwoman Anne Campbell held onto her seat, with 1,673 votes as of Friday. Republican Eileen Olfiers was next in line for the other board seat, with 1,632 votes – a mere 10 votes more than incumbent Republican Jorma Tompuri (1,622 votes). Democrat Becca Niitzel received 1,459 votes.

A proposal to fund the Kent Public Library was approved 2,095 to 1,143.

In the Town of Carmel, incumbent Republican Town Supervisor Michael Cazzari was victorious against challenger Democrat Jean Hopper by a vote of 3,994 to 2,669, as of last week.

For Carmel Town Board, incumbents Michael Lugo and Robert Schanil Jr. were successful in their bid for re-election, with 4,363 and 4,091 votes, respectively. Democrat Brett Wieland received 2,884 votes.

In the Town of Southeast, a proposal to fund the Brewster Public Library was approved 2,230 to 1,021.

For county-wide races, Acting Sheriff Brian Hess, a Republican,



Republican Jake D'Angelo celebrates his win for County Legislature, with friends, family, and supporters. Come January, he will become the youngest Putnam legislator in the county's history.

was victorious in securing a long-term position, defeating independent Larry Burke by a vote of 12,201 to 5,592.

“I am truly humbled and honored to be elected as your sheriff of Putnam County,” said Hess. “This campaign was never about me alone. It was about our community, our families, and our shared commitment to safety, accountability, and service. I have seen firsthand the strength, heart, and pride of the people of Putnam County throughout this process and that will guide me every day moving forward.”

He promised to lead with integrity, transparency, and respect. “I promise to listen. And I promise to work tirelessly to ensure the safety and well-being of every resident, every neighborhood, every day,” continued Hess.

Elected to the Putnam County Legislature in the Fifth District, which represents parts of Carmel and Kent, was Republican Jake D'Angelo, who defeated Democrat

Brett Yarris by a vote of 1,353 to 1,210, as of Friday.

“I am beyond grateful for every single person who supported me during this race,” said D'Angelo, who will become the youngest legislator in Putnam County history come January. “We must stand together and stay firm before we lose the country we love. To the Republicans who continue to divide our party – get on board or get out of the way. Our country is crumbling, and we can't afford to lose it over petty politics.”

Yarris wished the newly-elected lawmaker well.

“For me, this journey has been unforgettable, and I have no regrets,” said Yarris. “This seat had its closest margin in decades, decided by less than 150 votes. The For The People line was competitive with the Conservative Party line with only a 52-vote difference.”

In legislative District Six, which represents Southeast, Republican Tommy Regan seemed to



Acting Sheriff Brian Hess celebrates his victory with family.

have narrowly defeated Democrat Thomas Sprague by a vote of 1,205 to 1,170, as of Friday.

In the Ninth District, which represents Carmel and Mahopac, Republican incumbent Erin Crowley was re-elected with a vote of 1,228, defeating Democrat Lenny Harrington who earned 1,022 votes.

“Thank you to the voters of Putnam County for re-electing me to a second term in the County Legislature,” said Crowley. “Serving our community is one of the greatest privileges of my life, and I look forward to continuing to work for you and your families over the next three years – fighting for lower taxes, transparency, public safety, and the quality of life that makes Putnam County home.”

The Putnam County Democratic Committee celebrated not only its apparent winners, but the increased number of votes for its candidates – even for those who were not victorious.

“Democrats in Putnam made their voices heard in numbers and ways that put cracks in the ceiling

of an entrenched one-party system,” stated the committee in the days after the election, noting that Republicans “did eke out narrow wins in what are usually deep red districts who seem to be hungry for change.”

According to the committee, Carmel and Kent town candidates won the highest number of votes in recent history, particularly Carmel Town Board candidate Wieland. In addition, all three Putnam County legislative candidates lost by small margins.

“These results show that Republicans across Putnam should be concerned: Putnam is on the map for Democrats, who are winning more hearts and minds – and votes – every cycle,” stated the committee.

Also according to the committee, a recent change in voting laws that moves many local elections to even years will change the election dynamics, so more voters can have a say in local government in 2026. The ballot will be long, including federal, state, county, and local races.

Putnam Comes Together to Fight Hunger

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legally backfill a federal program. “I can't take county tax dollars and make a Putnam-ized SNAP,” said Byrne.

What the county can do is beef up its own services and support systems.

According to Byrne, of the 2,900 SNAP-eligible individuals in Putnam, 950 (one-third) are seniors.

“We have enhanced inter-agency collaboration between our departments, specifically the Office for Senior Resources and the Department of Social Services, to help SNAP-eligible seniors,” he said. This way, DSS can refer individuals to the Office for Senior Resources, where they may not be able to get SNAP right now, but they can receive other services to help meet their needs.

The county is also prepared to increase staffing in these departments because, even if the funding hasn't started flowing again, applications are still being submitted and casework still needs to be done.

The County Legislature on Nov. 5 unanimously approved an emergency proposal to designate \$150,000 to support local food-assistance programs.

Since the county doesn't have contracts with the individuals food

pantries, Putnam is filtering funding through partners that have the necessary contracts with the pantries, to save the time and money that would be spent if the county's law department had to draft up contracts.

A total of \$75,000 is going to United Way of Westchester & Putnam for the purchase and distribution of supermarket gift cards to SNAP recipients and the awarding of grants to food pantries throughout the county. United Way is also working with DSS, Cornell Cooperative Extension-Putnam County, and Second Chance Foods to deliver food and meals directly to affected residents.

This initiative may also help non-SNAP-eligible individuals, which Byrne said is another win.

A total of \$50,000 is going to Putnam Community Action Partnership. “They actually track the SNAP-eligible population that they already provide services for, and they are a partner we already have a contract with,” said the county executive.

Lastly, a total of \$25,000 is going to CCE, which works with Second Chance Foods, to scale up the Bountiful Meals program in which freezers are stocked with meals at local libraries, senior centers, and other locations for anyone to take.

Another \$150,000 has also been added to the county's 2026 budget for food insecurity for the Legislature and administration to distribute as needed next year.

Byrne said that, hopefully, the federal government will reopen and services will start flowing again – especially before the winter hits and

Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) benefits are in jeopardy.

“I hope the federal government does the right thing and ends this silly, childish shutdown before more people get hurt, before people go hungry,” he said. “Pass a clean resolution. Reopen the government.”

Agencies Answer the Call

Putnam Community Action Partnership in Brewster serves almost 500 families per week at its food-pantry operation.

During a recent visit to the site, State Sen. Pete Harkham, D-Peekskill, was able to see firsthand the scale of need, meet staff and volunteers, and spotlight both the challenges and successes of local food-security responses.

“Food pantries serve as vital community lifelines when public-assistance programs fall short, are delayed, or non-existent,” he said. “We may not be able to replace the federal nutrition safety net, but every donation can help a working family keep food on the table.”

Martha Elder, co-founder and executive director of Second Chance Foods, also in Brewster, issued a plea to the community in the days before SNAP benefits were cut off.

“In the 60 years since SNAP began, this has never happened before,” she said. “This is a crisis that we cannot ignore.”

The agency recently hosted a stuff-the-truck event to collect shelf-stable donations to distribute to residents.

“We can't do this alone. We need your help,” said Elder. “This moment reminds me of the early

days of COVID, when our community came together to ensure that no one was hungry. That movement was a pivotal moment for Second Chance Foods. And when a crisis arises, our community and Second Chance Foods rise even higher.”

Second Chance Foods was recently awarded \$100,000 in state funding to support the purchase of a cargo van, outdoor walk-in cooler, outdoor walk-in freezer, three reach-in refrigerators, and a reach-in freezer, as part of the state's ongoing effort to properly manage wasted food, prevent food from needlessly being thrown away, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and feed hungry New Yorkers.

Gov. Kathy Hochul last month announced more than \$11 million to support emergency food relief across the state. More than \$5 million in Local Emergency Food Relief Equipment Grants were awarded to nearly 100 not-for-profit organizations, including food pantries, soup kitchens, and other programs dedicated to assisting New Yorkers experiencing food insecurity.

In addition, more than \$6 million will support a renewed partnership with Feeding New York State and the 10 regional food banks by funding critical staffing and essential operations at food banks and their local partners statewide.

Even Businesses Are Stepping Up

PSK Supermarkets, operator of Foodtown in Cold Spring, has directed its store managers to order and donate \$22,000 worth of groceries to local food banks around its

stores. In addition, the company has set up displays of “food bags” that shoppers can purchase and which will also be donated to the local food banks.

“There are people that certainly need the SNAP assistance to put food on the table for their family and this is a way that our associates can help them get through this issue,” said Ed Hunt, company vice president. “We are an employee-owned company and our associates have asked to get this set up for our customers during this difficult time.”

ShopRite and Wakefern Food Corporation are pledging \$1.25 million in food and funds to food banks across the region.

Wakefern, the retailer-owned supermarket cooperative with members who own and operate supermarkets across nine states, said the donation will be distributed among regional food banks in the communities where Wakefern supermarkets – such as ShopRite or Carmel – operate.

“Wakefern members represent family-owned businesses and live and work in the communities where their supermarkets operate,” said Sean McMenamin, Wakefern chairman and president of Philadelphia-based McMenamin Family ShopRite. “We know the people who come into our stores – they are friends and neighbors. We've watched their kids grow up, celebrated milestones with them, and now, in this challenging moment, we want to help make things a little better for those who are struggling.”

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Carmel

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Carmel, Putnam County, New York, at a regularly scheduled meeting held on the 5th day of November 2025 duly adopted the following resolution subject to permissive referendum:
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ENTRY INTO CONTRACT FOR SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Carmel hereby authorizes the entry into a contract for the sale of certain real property located at Route 6, Mahopac, NY Tax Map #76.22-1-55 to 728 Route 6, LLC; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said contract shall be in general form and content as currently on file in the Office of the Town Supervisor; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Town Supervisor Michael Cazzari is hereby authorized to execute said contract of sale and any and all other documentation to effectuate and consummate the sale and title transfer of said real property by the Town of Carmel; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the sale transaction is subject to a permissive referendum pursuant to NY Town Law §64(2).

By Order of the Town Board of the Town of Carmel
Alice Daly, Town Clerk

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Town Board of the Town of Carmel will conduct a Public Hearing at the Town Hall, 60 McAlpin Avenue, Mahopac, New York 10541 on Wednesday, November 19, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter that evening as possible on a proposed Local Law to consider the adoption of a local law to override the limit on the amount of real property taxes that may be levied pursuant to General Municipal Law § 3-c as follows:

PROPOSED LOCAL LAW # OF THE YEAR 2025 A LOCAL LAW TO OVERRIDE THE TAX LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHED IN GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW 3-C

SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE INTENT
It is the intent of this local law to override the limit on the amount of real property taxes that may be levied by the Town of Carmel, County of Putnam pursuant to General Municipal Law § 3-c, and to allow the Town of Carmel, County of Putnam to adopt a town budget for (a) town purposes (b) fire protection districts and (c) any other special or improvement district governed by the Town Board for the fiscal year 2026 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the “tax levy limit” as defined by General Municipal Law § 3-c.

SECTION 2. AUTHORITY
This local law is adopted pursuant to subdivision 5 of General Municipal Law § 3-c, which expressly authorizes the town board to override the tax levy limit by the adoption of a local law approved by a vote of sixty percent (60%) of the town board.

SECTION 3. TAX LEVY LIMIT OVERRIDE
The Town Board of the Town of Carmel, County of Putnam is hereby authorized to adopt a

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budget for the fiscal year 2026 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the limit specified in General Municipal Law § 3-c.

SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY
If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this Local Law or the application thereof to any person, firm or corporation, or circumstance, shall be adjusted by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such order or judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this Local Law or in its application to the person, individual, firm or corporation or circumstance, directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment or order shall be rendered.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE
This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

At said Public Hearing, all interested persons shall be heard on the subject thereof. The Town Board will make every effort to assure that the Public Hearing is accessible to persons with disabilities. Anyone requiring special assistance and/or reasonable accommodations should contact the Town Clerk.
By Order of the Town Board of the Town of Carmel
Alice Daly, Town Clerk

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Patterson

TOWN OF PATTERSON PLANNING & ZONING OFFICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY THE TOWN OF PATTERSON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS of the following public hearings to be held on *Tuesday, November 18, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.* at the Patterson Town Hall, 1142 Route 311, Patterson, Putnam County, New York to consider the following applications:

1. **Rebeca & Steven Bonacci: Case #12-25– Area Variances (Held Over since October 15, 2025):** Applicants are requesting three area variances pursuant to §154-27A(12) of the Patterson Town Code in order to legalize a 12 ft. x 10 ft. shed in a front yard. Town Code §154-27A(12)(a) prohibits accessory structures from being located in the front yard. The subject property has frontage on two streets and, therefore, is deemed to have two front yards. Shed is located between the side of the dwelling and Wallace Place; **variance requested is to allow the shed to be located in a front yard.** Town Code §154-27A(12) (b) prohibits accessory structures from being located nearer than 15 ft. to the principal dwelling. Shed is 7 ft. from the dwelling; **variance requested is for 8 ft.** Town Code §154-7 requires accessory structures to meet a minimum front yard setback of 15 ft. Shed is 12 ft. from the front property line; **variance requested is for 3 ft.** This property is located at 15 Sharon Road. Tax Map 36.23-1-20 (RPL-10 Zoning District).

2. **New York SMSA Limited Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless: Case #19-25– Use Variance and Area Variance (Held Over since October 15, 2025):** Applicant is requesting a use variance and area variance in order to install a public utility wireless telecommunications facility. The Patterson Town Code does not permit wireless telecommunications facilities in the GB Zoning District. The proposal

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includes the installation of a 125 ft. monopole. Town Code §154-7 states that the maximum height for a structure is 38 ft.; **variance requested is for 87 ft.** This property is located at 4 Fairfield Drive. Tax Map 36.9-1-24 (GB Zoning District).

3. **Rebecca Mersand: Case #22-25– Area Variances:** Applicant is requesting two area variances pursuant to §154-27A(12)(a) & §154-7 of the Patterson Town Code in order to construct a 24 ft. x 21 ft. carport in a front yard. Town Code §154-27A(12)(a) prohibits accessory structures from being located in the front yard. The proposed carport will be located between the front of the dwelling and Farm to Market Road; **variance requested is to allow for a carport to be located in a front yard.** Town Code §154-7 requires accessory structures to meet a minimum front yard setback of 40 ft. Carport will be 30 ft. from the front property line; **variance requested is for 10 ft.** This property is located at 485 Farm to Market Road. Tax Map 23.-2-53 (R-4 Zoning District).

4. **Margaret Noah: Case #23-25– Special Use Permit and Area Variance-Accessory Apartment:** Applicant is requesting a special use permit and one area variance pursuant to §154-105 of the Patterson Town Code in order to legalize an accessory apartment in a single-family dwelling. Town Code §154-105A(3) limits accessory apartments to a maximum floor area of 600 sq. ft. Existing apartment is 710 sq. ft.; **variance requested is for 110 sq. ft. over the 600 sq. ft. maximum permitted.** This property is located at 387 Cornwall Hill Road. Tax Map 13.-3-51 (R-4 Zoning District).

5. **Paul DeMarinis: Case #24-25– Area Variances:** Applicant is requesting three area variances pursuant to §154-7 of the Patterson Town Code in order to remove an existing deck and construct a new 44 ft. x 12 ft. deck. Town Code §154-7 requires principal structures to meet a minimum side yard setback of 40 ft. Deck will 30 ft. from the side property line; **variance requested is for 10 ft.** Town Code §154-7 also requires principal structures to meet a minimum rear yard setback of 80 ft. Deck will be 68 ft. from the rear property line; **variance requested is for 12 ft.** Town Code §154-7 limits impervious surface coverage levels to 10% of the site. The new deck will bring impervious surface coverage levels to approximately 17.9%; **variance requested is for 8%.** This property is located 383 Route 164. Tax Map 24.-1-25 (R-4 Zoning District).

6. **Daniel McLaughlin: Case #25-25– Area Variances:** Applicant is requesting two area variances pursuant to §154-27A(12) of the Patterson Town Code in order to legalize an aboveground swimming pool and a jungle gym. This property is located at 51 Bullet Hole Road. Tax Map 34.13-1-55 (R-4 Zoning District). The variances required are as follows:
• Swimming Pool: Town Code §154-27A(12)(b) requires accessory structures to meet a minimum separation distance of 15 ft. from the principal building. Pool exists approximately 8.5 ft. from the dwelling; **variance requested is for 7 ft.**
• Jungle Gym: Town Code §154-27A(12)(a) prohibits accessory structures from being located in the front yard. Jungle gym is located between the front of the dwelling and Bullet Hole Road; **variance requested is to allow for a jungle gym to be located in a front yard.**

7. **Caccioppoli Engineering, PLLC (Pat Moretti): Case #26-25 – Area Variances:** Applicant is requesting two area

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variances pursuant to §154-7 of the Patterson Town Code due to insufficient lot frontage and lot width for Lot #1 of a proposed 2-lot subdivision. Town Code §154-7 requires a minimum road frontage of 225 ft. Lot #1 will have 108 ft.; **variance requested is for 117 ft. of road frontage.** Town Code §154-7 also requires an average lot width of 250 ft. Lot #1 has a proposed average lot width of 187 ft.; **variance requested is for 63 ft.** This proposed subdivision is located at 66 Somerset Drive. Tax Map 23.-1-21.3 (R-4 Zoning District).

8. **Carlos Coronel: Case #27-25– Area Variance:** Applicant is requesting one area variance pursuant to §154-27A(12) (a) of the Patterson Town Code in order to legalize a shed on a wooden platform in a front yard. Town Code §154-27A(12)(a) prohibits accessory structures from being located in the front yard. Shed is located nearer to Panorama Drive than the closest point of the dwelling and is, therefore, located in a front yard; **variance requested is to allow for a shed be located in a front yard.** This property is located at 22 Panorama Drive. Tax Map 4.18-1-52 (R-1 Zoning District).

By Order of the ZBA
Robert Schmitt, Chairman

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Kent

TOWN OF KENT NOTICE OF HEARING

OVERRIDE OF THE PROPERTY TAX LEVY FOR THE 2026 BUDGET

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that there has been introduced before the Town Board of the Town of Kent, New York, on November 6, 2025, Local Introductory Law No. ____ of the year 2025, which Local Law will authorize the Town Board of the Town of Kent to exceed the property tax levy for the 2026 budget pursuant to General Municipal Law §3 c;
NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to Section 20 of the Municipal Home Rule Law, the Town Board of the Town of Kent, New York will hold a public hearing on the aforesaid Local Law at the Town Offices, 25 Sybil’s Crossing, Kent Lake, New York, on November 18, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in the evening of that day, or as soon thereafter as may be held, at which time all persons interested therein shall be heard. The Town Board will make every effort to assure that the hearing is accessible to persons with disabilities. Anyone requiring special assistance and/or reasonable accommodations should contact the Town Clerk.
Dated: November 6, 2025
BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF KENT

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TOWN OF KENT NOTICE OF HEARING

AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 61 OF THE KENT TOWN CODE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that there has been introduced before the Town Board of the Town of Kent, New York, on October 21, 2025 an amendment to Kent Town Code Chapter 61, entitled “Sewer Use, Connections and Rents which amendment will revise Section 61-79, entitled “Sewer connection fee.”

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NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to Section 20 of the Municipal Home Rule Law, the Town Board of the Town of Kent, New York will hold a public hearing on the aforesaid Amendment at the Town Offices, 25 Sybil’s Crossing, Kent, New York, on November 18, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the evening of that day at which time all persons interested therein shall be heard. The Town Board will make every effort to assure that the hearing is accessible to persons with disabilities. Anyone requiring special assistance and/or reasonable accommodations should contact the Town Clerk.
Dated: November 6, 2025

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF KENT

YOLANDA D. CAPELLI, TOWN CLERK

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Brewster

PUBLIC NOTICE VILLAGE OF BREWSTER WORK SESSION

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Brewster will hold a Work Session on Wednesday, November 12, 2025, beginning at 7:00 P.M. at Village Hall - 50 Main Street, Brewster, NY. The work session is to evaluate and rework the current Fee Schedule, and no public comment will be taken during this time.

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

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Southeast

SOUTHEAST PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE
that the Planning Board/Architectural Review Board of the Town of Southeast, New York, in accordance with Chapters 78 and 138 of the Code of the Town of Southeast, and NYCRR Part 617 of the Environmental Conservation Law (as applicable), will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, November 24, 2025 at 7:00 p.m., at Southeast Town Offices, 1360 Route 22, Brewster, New York to consider the following:

APAP LAND MANAGEMENT – Application is being made for Site Plan and Conditional Use Permit for a proposal to redevelop the 1.63-acre property located at 1912 Route 22, Brewster, NY, in the OP-2 Zoning District, and identified as Tax Map Number 35.-2-6. The redevelopment proposes to construct a two-story combined office/garage style building, to be used as a painting contractor business. The proposed building would include approximately 5,000 square feet of office space on the upper level, and approximately 5,000 square feet of garage/storage space on the lower level. The project includes nine off-street parking spaces and an approximately 5,700 square foot outdoor storage area.

Thomas LaPerch, Chairman
Town of Southeast Planning Board
Dated: October 27, 2025

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County Mulls Home Tax Relief Program.

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that a rebate cannot be legally issued, I will propose that the money be placed into a tax stabilization fund, ensuring it continues to benefit residents by helping to prevent future tax increases,” she said. “In concept it’s wonderful. I’d like to see it happen... I hope that in the future we can do a little more research to have a better understanding before we propose stuff.”

Legislator Toni Addonizio, R-Kent, also voiced support for the program.

“The people who built this community deserve to see a tax relief program, and I believe that we can return some tax relief to every single-family, owner-oc-

cupied household in the county,” she said. “This is a tangible way to thank our taxpayers for their trust and ensure that they benefit from our sound financial stewardship.”

And that stewardship has certainly put Putnam in a good position.

Legislator Dan Birmingham, R-Brewster, explained that, as of 2024, an outside audit showed the county having \$87 million in its unassigned fund balance.

“We’re sitting on a lot of money, folks,” he said, adding that the nonrestricted fund balance is the largest it’s ever been on a budget-to-fund-balance ratio. “I think this is the first step in helping to return some of that to the taxpayers... If we are the first to do something like that, that’s great. Nothing ventured nothing gained.”

According to Legislator Greg Ellner, R-Carmel, it’s critical that the Legislature approve the program now so steps can be taken to see how it can legally and successfully be implemented.

“I don’t care if we call it a credit, a refund, a check – whatever is necessary to get the \$200 into the hands of all the single-family homeowners, that’s what I hope can be done,” he said.

Legislator Nancy Montgomery, D-Philipstown, supported the concept, but said she wished there was more material to back it up. “We have an ask here without any program,” she said.

Further, Montgomery said there are more than just homeowners who need relief.

“My thought is, there are many ways we can offer tax relief to Putnam County residents and not just homeowners,” she said. “I’d love to see money go back to homeowners ... but let’s not exclude anybody. We don’t even know that this is legal. My prediction is this is going to be a very hard sell and it probably won’t be legal.”

Jonke countered that the Legislature had the opportunity to give people a break through reduced sales tax. “That was the

time to grant relief to the people who are not homeowners,” he said.

Birmingham added that if the county can get traction on the initial program, it can try and implement additional saving measures for other cohorts.

“I think we should take the shot first at the homeowner and see if we can get that legislatively approved,” he said.

Birmingham also noted that “the worst thing that will happen” if the program is approved by the County Legislature but deemed unlawful by the state, is that the money will be in subcontingency and can be put toward another avenue to provide tax relief.

“Without exploring new options, things will never change,” he said.

Legislator Laura Russo, R-Patterson, also supported the concept, but said the proposal needs work.

“I am pro-tax-relief for all Putnam County residents, whether you’re a homeowner or you’re

not,” she said. “Renters help homeowners pay their taxes or their mortgage. If this is going to be just for homeowners, I understand, but I don’t believe we have the proper mechanism in place to do it.”

Legislator Bill Gouldman, R-Putnam Valley, also supported putting the money into subcontingency.

“I like the idea of tax relief for Putnam County residents,” he said. “We’ve been advised that the way it’s structured now is not legal, and there’s a reason this hasn’t been done before... This gives the Legislature more time to get advice, have discussion, and review this type of concept, since we only learned about it two weeks ago.”

Legislature Chairwoman Amy Sayegh, R-Mahopac Falls, said the concept is nothing but positive for homeowners.

“I know we have a long way to go,” she said. “It might be an uphill battle, but I think we should put the taxpayer first on the list.”

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NYSDEC

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
Notice of Complete Application

Date: 10/31/2025

Applicant: VEOLIA WATER NEW YORK, INC.
162 Old Mill Rd
West Nyack, NY 10994

Facility: ARCHER WELL - PFAS COMPLIANCE PROJECT F
9 COLTON RD
Carmel, NY 10541

Application ID: 3-3720-00471/00002

Permits(s) Applied for: 1 - Article 24 Freshwater Wetlands

Project is located: in CARMEL in PUTNAM COUNTY

Project Description:
The applicant proposes approximately 0.129 acres of disturbance to NYS regulated Freshwater Wetland, as well as 0.348 acres of disturbance to NYS regulated Freshwater Wetland Adjacent Area associated with upgrades to the existing Archer Well site.

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.

State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) Determination
Project is an Unlisted Action and will not have a significant impact on the environment. A Negative Declaration is on file. A coordinated review was not performed.

SEQR Lead Agency None Designated

State Historic Preservation Act (SHPA) Determination
Cultural resource lists and maps have been checked. The proposed activity is not in an area of identified archaeological sensitivity and no known registered, eligible or inventoried archaeological sites or historic structures were identified or documented for the project location. No further review in accordance with SHPA is required.

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Availability For Public Comment
Contact Person
Comments on this project must be
ARIELLE GARTENSTEIN
submitted in writing to the Contact
NYS-DEC
Person no later than 11/20/2025
21 S Putt Corners Rd
or 15 days after the publication date
New Paltz, NY 12561
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(845) 256-3096

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LLC

Notice of Formation of BEAR MEDICAL PRIMARY CARE, PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 09/11/2025. Office location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: BEAR MEDICAL PRIMARY CARE, PLLC, 1511 Route 22, Ste. 170, Brewster, NY 10509. Purpose: to practice the profession of medicine.

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FUTURE FATE, LLC

Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 9/24/25. Office in Putnam Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 52 Pearce Pl., Mahopac, NY 10541, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of formation of **Porri-ma Properties LLC**. Articles of Organization filed with SSNY on 09/25/2025. Office Location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Porri-

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ma Properties LLC, 144 Hickory Bend Rd W, Carmel, NY, 10512, USA. Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity.

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STK HEATING SERVICE, LLC

Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/09/25. Office location: Putnam County. Princ. office of LLC: 227 Church Rd., Putnam Valley, NY 10579. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to c/o Stephen Keeler at the princ. office of the LLC. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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Terra Tree and Stump LLC

Articles of Org filed with SSNY on 8/29/2025. Office Location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Terra Tree and Stump LLC 172 Haviland Hollow Rd. Patterson, NY 12563. Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity.

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GP CPA PLLC

Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 09/26/2025. Office location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 960 US-6, Suite 126, Mahopac, NY 10541. Purpose: to practice the profession of Public Accountancy.

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See-SaoNoi1, LLC

Articles of Org filed with SSNY on 09/02/2025. Office Location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Pat Longobucco, 9 Pleasant Ridge, Putnam Valley, NY 10579. Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity.

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Micaela Lynn Events LLC

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DENTAL ASSISTANT: Looking for a motivated and enthusiastic individual to join our growing family dental staff located in Newtown, CT. Previous dental experience would be helpful, (i.e., x-ray certification) but a great work ethic is our top priority. Our office is willing to train the right person. Hours to be determined, flexibility required. Please email your resume to dcg@newtowndmd.com or call the office at 203-426-0045. 11/12, 11/19, 11/26, 12/3

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'Clue' by Brewster H.S. a Murderously Good Time



Brewster High School students recently delivered a funny, suspenseful performance of "Clue."



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Brewster High School Performing Arts' production of "Clue" delivered a fast-paced, funny, and delightfully mysterious evening of entertainment for all ages Nov. 7 and 8.

From the moment the lights dimmed and thunder rumbled through the auditorium, the audience was whisked away to a dark and stormy night at Boddy Mansion – where secrets, suspicion, and plenty of laughs were on the menu.

The student cast handled the show's quick dialogue and slapstick humor with confidence. Jimmy McCann as Wadsworth, the butler, announced with perfect timing and dry wit, "Dinner is served." It's a line that set the tone for the delicious chaos that followed.

Jacob Caraballo played the enigmatic Mr. Boddy, the wealthy, blackmailing host who invites the guests to his mansion. Kate

Sullivan was the cunning Miss Scarlet, Anthem Maslov was the paranoid Col. Mustard, and Mrs. Peacock was played by Lilian Jocelyn delivering a spot-on wealthy socialite. Solomon Bettcher was the absentminded Professor Plum and Miguel Suarez was the clumsy and disreputable Mr. Green.

The stage – a standout feature – was arranged like the classic Clue game board, with colorful squares that represented the distinct rooms of the game painted by students on the walls. Each one was instantly recognizable: the conservatory, the billiard room, the study.

With direction by BHS alum and new teacher Richard Grasso (who was also stage manager), inspiration from producer Andrea Perdicho, and a hard-working, student-run crew behind the scenes, this show was a winning combination of comedy, suspense, and old-fashioned fun.