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Mahopac Schools Refuse Removal Of Trustee Who Works for ICE



The Mahopac School Board rose to its feet in announcing that it unanimously supported a member who works for ICE, and who some community members said should be removed.

By Holly Crocco

The Mahopac School Board was unanimous in stating last week that it would not be seeking to remove a board member due to his day job.

"The board of education stands united behind Trustee Chris Harrigan and will not be entertaining his removal," said President Michael Mongon at the board's Jan. 22 meeting. "Trustee Harrigan's employment does not disqualify him under New

York State law from continuing to serve as a dually elected member of this board of education."

Harrigan, whose term on the board expires in 2027, has spent nearly 20 years in law enforcement – currently as a deportation officer for ICE.

A group calling itself Peoples Immigrant Coalition that has been protesting ICE agents removing individuals from streets in the greater Brew-

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Chris Harrigan

Mahopac H.S. Dedicates New Wrestling Room



Family, administrators, educators, and students gathered Jan. 20 for the unveiling of the Joseph Bellucci Sr. & Family Wrestling Room at Mahopac High School.

Mahopac High School honored the legacy of longtime educator and coach Joseph Bellucci Sr. on Jan. 20 by dedicating the school's wrestling room in his name, and that of his family.

The ceremony took place prior to the varsity wrestling match against Ossining and celebrated Bellucci's decades-long impact on Mahopac students, athletes, and the broader school community. The dedication ceremony began in the gymnasium and continued in the wrestling room, where a commemorative sign was unveiled.

Bellucci, a Mahopac Central School District Hall of Fame inductee, served the district for more than three decades as both a teacher and coach, leaving a lasting mark on Mahopac athletics and academics.

Superintendent of Schools Frank Miele, a former student-athlete coached by Bellucci, reflected on his influence as a mentor and role model.

"Tonight is a very special night for me for so many reasons," he said. "I have the honor and privilege to dedicate our wrestling room to someone who was my hero growing up and the reason I became a teacher and a coach. Coach Bellucci had the ability to bring the best out of you each and every day."

Former colleagues Robert Nussbaum and John Wagner also spoke, along with Joe Bellucci Jr., who shared remarks on behalf of the family.

Bellucci taught mathematics at MHS from 1954 to 1986 and coached numerous teams, including

junior varsity football and baseball, and varsity football, baseball, and wrestling. A U.S. Army veteran, he was known for his disciplined yet compassionate approach and for instilling values of integrity, perseverance, and teamwork in generations of student-athletes.

He was also a devoted family man and father of 10.

The dedication was made possible through the collaborative efforts of district leadership, the Mahopac School Board, and members of the community. Special recognition was given to Miele; Stephen Luciana, director of health, physical education and athletics; and Robert Nussbaum, John Wagner, Sean Mohammed, and Joe Bellucci Jr., and family, for their commitment to bringing the project to fruition.

Cold Spring: Not Only a Fall Destination

By Holly Crocco

While Cold Spring has long been a destination for tourists during the fall leaf-peeping season, visitors actually start flocking to the village months ahead of that, according to data assembled over the past two years through a computer-aided design system.

Cold Spring Police Department Commanding Officer Matthew Jackson explained during the Jan. 14 village board meeting that since the CAD system was implemented by the county in December 2023, law enforcement

agencies across Putnam have been able to track much finer-grained data and reports that summarize police activity, and subsequently help them to better police their jurisdictions.

"A lot of things surprised me," said Jackson of the information he compiled from 2024 and 2025.

Using information extracted from the CAD system – including types of incidents, call numbers throughout the year, and proactive versus reactive activity – Jackson

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Concerns Raised Over Proposed Starr Ridge Complex

By Rob Sample

Southeast residents aired their concerns at the first of what will be several public hearings on a proposal to build an office and retail complex at the corner of Danbury Road (Route 6) and Starr Ridge Road.

Rraci Associates, a Westchester County real estate and property development firm, seeks to develop a retail complex consisting of four buildings, 130 spaces for parking, stormwater facilities, and a conceptual dog park. The parcel is 10.39 acres in size.

As proposed by Rraci, the buildings would include two

one-story retail structures, a two-story building, and another one-story structure – proposed as a bank – that would include a drive-through.

Many of the concerns raised by both board members and residents who attended the hearing centered on the drive-through.

"More importantly, I think the biggest issue here that we would all talk about later with the public is the traffic," said Planning Board Chairman Tom LaPerch. "I know it is a work in progress... but the drive-through is currently proposed

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Opposition Heard For Charter Change *Is Two Legislative Attorneys Uncalled For?*

By Holly Crocco

A number of lawmakers and residents voiced their opinions during a Jan. 15 public hearing on a charter change that was approved by the Putnam County Legislature in December that would allow the Legislature to hire independent counsel for both its majority and minority parties.

The matter was before County Executive Kevin Byrne to either be signed into law or vetoed and sent back to the Legislature to be refined. (Due to anticipated inclement weather, this week's

newspaper was printed early, so at the time of distribution that decision may have already been made.)

During the public hearing held in the county executive's office, Nicholas Fannin of Carmel voiced opposition to the measure.

"Our county has long functioned effectively with a single legislative attorney," he said. "Expanding it to multiple positions and especially codifying the allocation of those positions based upon political party risks creating

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Feighery to Lead Putnam St. Patrick's Day Parade

Thomas Feighery has been named grand marshal of the 49th annual Northern Westchester-Putnam St. Patrick's Day Parade, which is scheduled Sunday, March 8 (rain or shine) along Route 6 in Mahopac. Kickoff is at 2 p.m.

Feighery was born Oct. 12, 1966, in Long Beach, to Tom and Nancy Feighery. In 1971, his parents moved the family to his mother's native County Offaly, where they spent the next eight years raising him and his eight siblings. They moved back to the U.S. in 1979 and settled in Carmel, where Tommy has spent the rest of his life attending school, making lifelong friends, rooting for the long-suffering Buffalo Bills, working, building a business, and raising his own family.

As a teenager, he started playing for the West-Put Gaels, beginning a decades-long relationship with the club as a player, supporter, coach and manager. He played for the team that won the New York U-18 Minor Championship in 1984, and remembers all his West-Put coaches and teammates with great fondness.

Tommy has more than 30 years of experience in building and management of commercial, residential, and tunnel construc-



Thomas Feighery.

tion. He began his career in 1986 for Local 18A in New York City, then moved on to spend five years with Local 30 Operating Engineers before joining the NYC Sandhogs Local 147.

In recent years, Tommy has worked for Putnam County, beginning as a project manager in 2018, overseeing various construction projects and managing external contractors. He was named deputy county executive in 2020 and over the next two years spearheaded the county's COVID response, setting up testing and vaccine clinics and helping local businesses navigate the pandemic.

He also contributed to budget planning, was an integral member of the administration team handling union contracts, and directed the renovation of buildings at Tilly Foster Farm and the completion of the Putnam County Golf Course renovation.

In 2023, Tommy was appointed commissioner of the county's Department of Public Works.

For more than 30 years, Tommy owned and operated Fiddler's Green Pub in Carmel, a gathering place for many – particularly those of Irish descent who regularly stopped in to share a story or pint with friends and watch some Gaelic games.

Tommy is a member of the Knights of Columbus and has served on its board. He is also a volunteer for the Fraternal Order of Police, Stephen P. Driscoll Lodge 704. Along with serving as a coach for various West-Put Setauta teams throughout the years, he has also volunteered as a CYO basketball coach and was a coach for the Harvey School rugby and basketball teams.

Tommy and his wife, Melissa, currently reside in Pawling and are parents to Sara (Pat), Danny (Taylor), Aisling, Caity, and Packie, and grandparents to Frankie and AJ.

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Letters to the Editor

An Open Letter to Rep. Lawler

As we are in the second year of President Trump turning our democratic country into an autocratic one, I wonder if you and your Republican colleagues plan on working for all of your constituents this year and not just those who hold the party line. Will you stand up to President Trump, Mike Johnson, and your Republican colleagues for what is right and just, or continue to side with Trump's one-sided, prejudiced, billionaire-class version of reality?

The 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence has never been more important than now. As Donald Trump, along with his henchmen including members of the DOJ, continue to use unchecked power that you have allowed, your constituents and those around our country are rising up and expressing their constitutional rights as they were meant by our founding fathers for all Americans.

In looking at some of the ideals in the Declaration, I wonder how well you can truly answer these questions without deflection:

1. Will you fight to preserve that all men (women, and children) are created equal under the law?

Your track record with this is not good. You voted to repeal the ACA with the Big Ugly Bill, became part of a temper-tantrum shutdown, and were unable to sway your party for an extension. How many years do Republicans need to come up with a plan? It's obvious that 12-plus years is clearly not enough time.

Healthcare should be a right for all, not a privilege.

2. Will you fight for everyone's right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness?

The current path to citizenship may have its flaws, but I have yet to see any Republican ideas other than Trump's radical ICE raids, captures, and murders to

fix the issues within the system. Instead you've not only supported destroying the whole process, but have forgotten our history on how native and foreign-born peoples are the backbone to this country by building our railroad and highway systems, skyscrapers, national monuments, and protecting our country during times of war.

And dare I even mention your close-mindedness, ignorance, and support of the destruction of DEI, educational, and individual rights of your constituents?

3. Will you continue to support destructive government or abolish it as is the right of the people?

Since January 2025, you and the Republican Party has: encouraged, endorsed, and allowed Trump to pull funding away from national broadcasting, thus trying to control the media as well as limit the access of knowledge to underserved communities; supported the invasion and destruction of countries who need and previously had our support as allies, and denied humanitarian aid as they seek a more democratic way of life; and allowed the destruction of our natural world by supporting the repeal of environmental protections for clean air, water, energy, and the conservation of our natural resources and habitats.

As you think about resolutions for 2026 and the missed opportunities to make America a better, stronger country, think about how America broke away from the "establishment of an absolute tyranny over these states" back in 1776.

Going back to tyranny is not an option. It's time for you, your Republican colleagues, and the one-sided DOJ to get to work for all of us.

Personally, I don't have hope for you or your party – even when you have made small attempts of support. It's too little, too late.

Trish Zamperlin
Putnam Valley

Hike the Gordon Douglas Reserve

Friends of the Great Swamp will host a hike at the Gordon Douglas Reserve-West on Sunday, Feb. 1 at 9:30 a.m. Park in the lot at the Metro-North Appalachian Trail station, just south of Native Landscaping on Route 22 in Pawling.

This challenging, 4.5-mile hike will take about three hours to complete. It will be a strenuous hike on steep slopes and around boulders, intended for experienced hikers.

Participants will cross the boardwalk and depart the Appalachian Trail to hike along the west side of the Swamp River. They will explore rocky cliffs and pass a large glacial erratic while hiking many types of terrain including a 30 percent incline to the top of the mountain for a spectacular view of the Gordon Douglas Reserve.

FroGS will also host a hike at Gordon Douglas Nature Reserve-East on Sunday, Feb. 15 at 9:30 a.m., at 1143 Route 22, Pawling. Park in the vacant lot.

This is an easy, 1.5-mile hike with amazing views of the Great Swamp and an opportunity to do some winter birding in a private reserve. Bring your binoculars and cameras.

Dress for the weather and wear good hiking shoes/boots, as a significant portion of the hikes will be off-trail. Since trails could be icy, slip-on ice-traction cleats and hiking poles are recommended.

Bring snacks and plenty of fluids, and practice good tick-bite prevention if temperatures are above freezing.

No dogs are allowed on the hikes.

Arrive prior to the 9:30 a.m., start time to allow for registration.

Email Ken Luhman at frogspaddle22@gmail.com if you plan to attend. There is a suggested \$5 donation that can be made at <https://friends-of-the-great-swamp.square.site>.



Brewster High School track and field athletes with their medals.

Brewster Track & Field Soars at Championship Meet

The Brewster High School track and field team performed well at the league championship meet Jan. 19 at the Nike Track & Field Center at The Armory, with eight individual league champions, two relay champions, and 18 individual medalists.

Brewster athletes had 55 personal best performances at the meet, showing up in all event categories with dominant performances in sprinting, jumping, throwing, and distance.

Senior Ethan Elibox not only won the boys' 55-meter race and

helped his teammates win the 4-by-200 relay, but also turned around and ran the 300-meter race to win in dominant fashion and set a new school record – breaking a record that has stood since 2011. He is now ranked fourth overall in section one.

Academic Honors

The following full-time students have been named to the Dean's List for the fall 2025 semester at Western Connecticut State University:

Baldwin – William Purrman.

Brewster – Einy Barrios, Francisco Beltran, Lea Bisignano, Elisa Cardona, Jocelyn Casasola, Julio Casasola, Madison Clair, Christopher Froessel, May Goodman, Matthew Graham, Claire Herbstritt, Emma Hosey, Emma Lekovic, Brianna Soto Lopez, Lara Micalizzi, Matthew Naczi, Eve Ossorio, Billy Pappas, Jonathan Pauta, Viviana Persico, Alan Recinos, Dominic Rienzi, Keren Rosales, Kate Giannellys Suazo, Autumn Takacs, Emily Taylor, Andrew Tyndall, and Owen Tyndall.

Carmel – Ryan Badger, Luke Bellesheim, Ryan Callahan, Bianca Davila, Alex Dedaj, Spencer Dewbury, Jessica Donaghey, Milo Duch, Arianna Hazel-Rivera, Tanairi Huertas, Faith Reilly, Ali Rondeau, Sarah Sadowski, Matthew Salazar, Dominic Sblano, Terrence Spofford, Ryan Terwilliger, John Vargas, and Adrienne Wallace.

Holmes – Anna Chiacchia, Savannah Horton, Anthony Justo, Timothy Maston, Rosemary Notaro, and Paolina Perpepaj.

Mahopac – Bryan Crecco, Anne Kasparian, Lia Larsen, Emma Lieto, Paula Ramos, Aidan Quirke, Carly Ravoli, Luke Reis, Andrea Tassa, and Abigail Walker.

Patterson – Nora Ali, Angelo Coschignano, Matthew Matera, Brooke McGowan, Amanda O'Shea, Emily Talamo, and Matthew Verna.

Pawling – Daniel Apap, Michaela Di Fatta, Alex Grippe, Flor Hernandez Vazquez, Marie Jackson, and Karla Mendez Vasquez.

The following Putnam students have been honored by the Harvey School in Katonah for being named a Cavalier Scholar with a grade-point average of 4.0 or higher, or making the Head's List with a 3.7 GPA or the Honor Roll with at least a 3.3:

Carmel – Charlotte Orr, grade

7, Honor Roll.

Mahopac – Noah Carlevarini, grade 9, Honor Roll; Elisabeth Scarfone and Ally Zimmerman, grade 9, Head's List; and Jack Zimmerman, grade 11, Cavalier Scholar.

Patterson – EmileyRose Murphy, grade 10, Head's List.

Putnam Valley – Dylan Cuddy, grade 11, Head's List; and Ian Quiley, grade 10, Honor Roll.

Cadet Katherine Chepel of Brewster High School has been awarded a Navy ROTC Nursing Scholarship to attend Villanova University. This is a competitive national scholarship awarded to a small number of students nationwide and reflects Chapel's academic excellence, leadership, character, and commitment to service. The Navy Reserves Officer Training Corps nursing pathway prepares future U.S. Navy Nurse Corps of

ficers – one of the most demanding and respected professional tracks in the military.

The following students have been named to the Dean's List at the University of Connecticut for the fall 2025 semester: Zyla Bumbery and Emma Sullivan of Carmel; Christina Balzano, Jacqueline Baron, Angela Narcissi, and Maya Presume of Mahopac; and Ava Derella and Sophia Derella of Putnam Valley.

Kristina Leonard of Patterson has graduated from Iowa State University with a bachelor of science degree, in animal science.

Ashley Piacentino of Carmel, Ruby Poses of Cold Spring, and George Palmiero of Mahopac have been named to the Dean's List at Bucknell University for the fall semester.



Senior Investigator John Kerwick was honored during the New York State Sheriffs' Institute awards luncheon.

Putnam Sheriff's Investigator is 'Deputy of the Year'

Putnam County Sheriff's Department Senior Investigator John Kerwick received the Deputy of the Year Award from the New York State Sheriffs' Institute during an awards luncheon last week.

Throughout 2025, Kerwick is said to have demonstrated sustained supervisory leadership, exceptional investigative skills, and personal courage during high-risk operations. His work included providing critical oversight during a homicide investigation, ensuring investigative coordination and integrity, as well as supervising major firearms, narcotics, and

multi-agency investigations that enhanced public safety.

During an attempt to arrest an armed suspect wanted for multiple serious offenses, Kerwick was struck and run over by the suspect's vehicle. Despite sustaining injuries, he continued to direct the investigation and pursuit, which ultimately resulted in the suspect's apprehension.

"Kerwick's leadership, professionalism, and courage exemplify the highest traditions of law enforcement service," stated the sheriff's office. "We congratulate him on this well-deserved recognition."



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‘Who is Hallie Flanagan?’

In the midst of the Great Depression, Hallie Flanagan, director of the Federal Theatre Project, was called to testify before the newly established House Un-American Activities Committee to answer questions on how funds were being spent on the Federal Theatre Project.

Because of renewed interest in arts funding, Arts on the Lake plans to recreate that historic hearing with two performances: Saturday, Jan. 31 at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, Feb. 1 at 3 p.m., at 640 Route 52, Kent Lakes.

According to AotL Director of Theatrical Programming James Shearwood, when these performances were first proposed, everyone's first question was, “Who is Hallie Flanagan?”

“So we're calling the piece, ‘Who is Hallie Flanagan and Why are They Saying These

Things About Her?’” he explained. “I think her testimony answers both questions in stirring detail.”

The idea to recreate this historic hearing surfaced during the fall when local arts organizations were asked to appear at a hearing of the Putnam Legislature to justify their modest arts grants. Most arts organizations had multiple stories of citizens in their service area being helped in multiple ways by participation in local arts events.

In the case of the Federal Theatre Project, the funds were not modest; the goal was to recreate an entire industry so skills could be preserved during the Great Depression. Under Flanagan's direction, in addition to presenting classics by the greats such as Shakespeare, Shaw, and Moliere, new forms of presenting

material (living newspapers) and multiple premieres of new works (T. S. Eliot's “Murder in the Cathedral,” Sinclair Lewis' “It Can't Happen Here”) were presented.

During the AotL reading, Flanagan will be played by Philipstown lawyer Alison Anthoine, who first encountered Flanagan's legacy as a student at Vassar College, who has kept the former faculty member's name alive by naming a renovated theatre space on the Poughkeepsie campus the Hallie Flanagan Theatre.

The various congressmen will be played by Shearwood, local singer Max Compton, and resident Alex Sewell.

Tickets to the upcoming performances are \$15 for general admission, \$12 for members, and \$5 for students, and can be reserved at www.artsonthelake.org.

16. Balsamo-Cordovano Funeral Home, Carmel, (845) 225-2144.

Michael Francis Troy, 81, January 7. Joseph J. Smith Funeral Home, Mahopac, (845) 621-1992.

Brewster

Thomas H. Gallagher, 78, January 7. Beecher Funeral Home, Brewster, NY, (845) 279-3615.

Mahopac

John A. “Jack” O’Hara, 78, January 16. Joseph J. Smith

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Patterson

Ronald Pesick, 79, January 13. Balsamo-Cordovano Funeral Home, Carmel, (845) 225-2144.

Cold Spring

Gregory Alfred Angelo, 79, December 19. Clinton Inc Funeral Homes, Cold Spring, (845) 265-3333.

Nutrition Corner

By Allison J. Stowell
MS, RD, CDN



Setting Sustainable Goals

If you're still meeting goals that you set at the start of 2026, then you're beating the odds. Around 80% of people quit their New Year's Resolutions by January 9th (known as Quitters Day). There are several explanations for why we struggle to meet health and wellness goals. If you're struggling, here are four questions to ask yourself:

Are you ready?

The main reason that most people can't meet health and wellness goals is that they aren't ready. This is particularly true when we use a calendar, event, or something else to determine that it's time to embark on a new goal. Successfully meeting a goal is all about being truly ready.

Have you tried this in the past?

Learn from the past. If following a particular lifestyle approach only worked for a few months, and then you returned to unhealthy habits, don't do it again. It's essential to set goals and use strategies that you can sustain and maintain as a new way of living.

Is your goal specific and measurable?

“I want to exercise more” or “I want to eat better” are not specific enough. Instead, consider a goal such as, “I will exercise at 6:30am every morning.” Or “I will have vegetables with every meal.” These specific goals are far more likely to be met.

Does your goal match your values and priorities?

It's essential that your goal matches your daily values and priorities. If it doesn't, then you aren't going to meet it. Worse you may carry burden every day. If your goal isn't in your top three daily priorities then you may not be ready for it at this time.

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Balsamic Chicken with Vegetables
Hannaford.com
(3 Guiding Stars)

Ingredients:

1/3 cup olive oil
3 tbsp lemon juice
2 tbsp balsamic vinegar
3 cloves garlic, minced
1 tbsp Italian seasoning
1 tsp Dijon mustard
6 bone-in, skin-on chicken thighs

1 pint grape tomatoes
1 green bell pepper, seeded and chopped into 1” pieces
1/2 large red onion, thinly sliced
1/2 (24 oz) pkg mini yellow potatoes, halved

1/2 cup kalamata olives, pitted
1/4 cup crumbled feta cheese
1 (14 oz) box instant brown rice
2 tbsp chopped parsley

Directions:

Preheat oven to 425°F. In a small bowl, whisk together oil, lemon juice, balsamic, garlic, Italian seasoning and mustard. Season with salt and pepper.

Place chicken thighs in a large bowl. Pour about 2/3 of marinade over the chicken. Toss chicken to coat. Cover with plastic wrap and marinate 10 to 15 minutes.

Meanwhile, on an 18x13” baking sheet, toss tomatoes, bell pepper, onion and potatoes with remaining marinade and spread vegetables in even layer. Nestle marinated chicken between vegetables on baking sheet. Bake 30 minutes.

Remove baking sheet from oven and scatter olives and feta over chicken and vegetables. Heat broiler on high. Return baking sheet to oven and broil until chicken skin is browned and crispy and tomatoes are blistered, watching closely to prevent burning, 2 to 3 minutes.

Microwave brown rice according to package directions for 6 servings. Garnish chicken and vegetables with parsley. Serve with brown rice.

Apple Spice Cake

(Family Features)
Apple Spice Cake



Ingredients:

2 apples
3 tablespoons brown sugar
1 tablespoon cinnamon
1 tablespoon flour (optional)
1 box spice cake mix
1 stick butter, melted
4 eggs
1 cup milk
Glaze:
1 1/2 cups powdered sugar
2-3 tablespoons milk
1 cup chopped pecans

Directions:

Heat oven to 350 F. Peel, core and chop apples into bite-sized pieces. In bowl, mix apples with brown sugar, cinnamon and flour, if desired, which helps keep apples from sinking to bottom. Set aside.

In large mixing bowl, mix spice cake mix, butter, eggs and milk. Mix in apples and pour into 9-by-13-inch pan. Bake 30-35 minutes, or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Let cool.

To make glaze: Mix powdered sugar and milk; pour over cooled cake.

Top with pecans.
Source: Culinary.net

We Will Miss

Carmel

Douglas W. Bell, 74, December 29. Beecher Funeral Home, Brewster, NY, (845) 279-3615.

William “Bill” Russo, 73, January 10. Cargain Funeral Home, Carmel, (845) 225-3672.

Michael Joseph Hickey, 81, January 15. Cargain Funeral Home, Carmel, (845) 225-3672.

Gloria J. Stern, 88, January

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Elder Law Advice

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Sudden Changes & Your Estate Plan

We all get lulled to sleep sometimes. The perceived permanence of everyday life leads you to anticipate... more of the same. Rumbles of thunder in the background may be audible but, in our minds, the reality of an impending lightning strike still seems farfetched.

Then your world explodes.

I was 25, fresh out of law school, when my mother became seriously ill. My parents' marriage, already strained to the breaking point, disintegrated into nothingness on a Friday night in September. I remember the sun shone brightly the day after and the day after that, but I could only see darkness. My family was gone, never to return.

The word "cataclysm" was all I could attach to those concurrent events. There was no quick and easy solution. My mother would need assistance in one form or another for the rest of her life. My father had a short burst of energy for a while after that miserable year, but his health issues ultimately took him way before his time.

The lawyer in me knew that I had to bring order to this chaos – quickly. Health insurance and retirement benefits had to be solidified to preserve both my mom and my dad's quality of life. Advance directives such as powers of attorney, health care proxies, and living wills had to be prepared to ensure there would be no gaps in decision making, should one or both of my parents lose capacity. Beneficiary statements had to be updated to reflect the familial changes and proper estate planning documents were needed to avoid court intervention.

Most of these functions were in place by the time my original Mahopac office was up and running. Save for a few updated forms, they

remained in effect for another 21 years until my mother's passing.

It could be a life changing medical diagnosis, the sudden death of a loved one, or a marriage ending; the comforts of stability have disappeared, and you are left in a state of bewilderment and mourning. How you react and recover will determine more than you think.

The first step is to process what happened. Uncertainty follows loss – but you have reservoirs of strength that are available for these moments. Use them. Write down priorities and set up a plan of action.

What type of long-term care is needed for my loved one, and will Medicaid be required? Did that person handle the bills? Make a list of the bills and payment sources. Was that person your power of attorney, your health care proxy, trustee? If so, who will you choose to replace them? Do they need advance directives? Are there assets or job benefits that need to be secured?

Once you have begun to map out a plan, it is time to seek the services of a legal professional who can help you execute that plan.

Action is the only cure for life's surprises.

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Destination Bakery Rises in Philipstown

By Anita Prentice

The storefront doors at 1132 Route 9D in Garrison open to the warm and sweet-smelling new home of Signal Fire Bread. This wood-fired bakery has become a "must visit" destination for all who seek delicious small batches of baguettes, breads, muffins, cakes, and cookies – all made with fresh and organic ingredients.

The menu is diverse, offering many flavors of sourdough hearth loaves, pullman loaves, and other baked treats including cinnamon buns, rye brownies, croissants, and biscuits – many featuring intriguing flavors such as ginger and pecan.

Hot and cold coffees, teas, and chais are available to accompany the baked goods.

Signal Fire Bread is new in Garrison, but owners Erin Detrick and Liz Bisbee Rauch have deep community roots and longstanding dedication to excellence in sourdough bread baking. Both left other careers to bake and teamed up to share a dedication to fresh and nutritious ingredients – and to sourdough.

Detrick coined the name Signal Fire in tribute to the hilltop bonfires on Hudson River heights during the American Revolution. From a small shop in Peekskill, their business is now lighting a culinary flame in Garrison.

"Our ovens are wood-fired, and that means an early start," explained Rauch. "It takes two hours for our ovens to heat sufficiently to start baking, so some of us are here at 4 a.m., every day. On Fridays and Saturdays – our biggest days – someone is here at 3 a.m. Our customers appreciate that the loaves they buy are literally just



Erin Detrick and Liz Bisbee Rauch are excited to bring Signal Fire Bread to Garrison.

out of the oven."

Signal Fire Bread sources grain regionally for optimal freshness, flavor, and nutrition. Additions such as organic currants, honey, and polenta are also sourced locally so that customers are supporting Hudson Valley farms and mills as well.

Signal Fire's mission includes seeing that 15 percent of their production goes to those in need.

"We donate to the Philipstown Food Pantry and to the Hoving Home, so no bread is wasted," said Rauch.

Signal Fire baked goods are also found at area restaurants and markets, including Marbled Meat Shop, the Glynwood Farm Store, The Foundry Rose, and Cafe Sylvia at Magazzino – all in Cold Spring, and at La Sprella in Fishkill.

"Our new location here on Route 9D has brought us two things," said Detrick. "We have a loyal local clientele – people

coming in every day for their coffee and muffin, and then we have the wider world that comes by our door: cyclists, hikers, West Point staff and cadets, former customers, and visitors from up and down the Hudson Valley and as far as New Jersey and Connecticut."

Store Manager David Meltzer said the outdoor tables will be filled come spring, and shared that Signal Fire plans to expand lunch offerings. "We've had live music here in the summer and hope to continue and expand that offering," he said.

"I am really grateful for the way this business has been embraced by the community here," said Rauch. "It feels very good to welcome people who are excited to come in every day."

Current hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursdays through Sundays, and Signal Fire also sells Saturdays at the Cold Spring Farmer's Market from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

PUBLIC NOTICE

VEOLIA WATER NEW YORK, INC. - NEW YORK RATE DISTRICT - FOREST PARK SYSTEM

Pursuant to an Order of the Public Service Commission of the State of New York, issued on May 16, 2024 in Case 23-W-0111, Veolia Water New York Inc., has been granted an increase in rates for water service in the "levelized" amount of \$9.9 million or 6.7%, effective February 1, 2026.

The old and new rates are set forth below:

	Old Rates	New Rates	Old Rates	New Rates
SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL				
Quantity Used in the Month				
	(Per Hundred Cubic Feet (ccf))			
First 5 ccf	\$ 6.2517	\$ 6.8049	5/8"	\$ 17.00
Next 7 ccf	\$ 8.2593	\$ 8.9902	3/4"	\$ 21.45
Over 12 ccf	\$ 13.0780	\$ 14.2354	1"	\$ 30.11
Cost of Water (all usage)	\$ 1.8975	\$ 1.8975	1 1/2"	\$ 43.03
	(Per Thousand Gallons (mgl))		2"	\$ 68.74
First 3.74 mgl	\$ 8.3578	\$ 9.0975	3"	\$ 128.96
Next 5.24 mgl	\$ 11.0418	\$ 12.0190	4"	\$ 214.88
Over 8.98 mgl	\$ 17.4840	\$ 19.0313	6"	\$ 429.63
Cost of Water (all usage)	\$ 2.5368	\$ 2.5368	8"	\$ 687.40
NON-RESIDENTIAL				
Quantity Used in the Month				
	(Per Hundred Cubic Feet (ccf))		SERVICE/FACILITY CHARGE	
First 900 ccf	\$ 6.9184	\$ 7.8290	Meter size per month (Single & Non-Residential)	
Over 900 ccf	\$ 8.9189	\$ 10.0929	5/8"	\$ 17.00
Cost of Water (all usage)	\$ 1.8975	\$ 1.8975	3/4"	\$ 21.45
	(Per Thousand Gallons (mgl))		1"	\$ 30.11
First 673.2 mgl	\$ 9.2492	\$ 10.4666	2"	\$ 68.74
Over 673.2 mgl	\$ 11.9237	\$ 13.4931	3"	\$ 128.96
Cost of Water (all usage)	\$ 2.5368	\$ 2.5368	4"	\$ 214.88
Flat Rate Customers			6"	\$ 429.63
Service Charge per Month	\$ 137.3013	\$ 137.3013	8"	\$ 687.40
MONTHLY WATER CONSUMPTION				
	4 ccf (2,992 gals)		9 ccf (6,732 gals)	15 ccf (11,220 gals)
Monthly				
Old	\$ 49.60	\$ 98.37	\$ 173.77	
New	\$ 51.81	\$ 104.06	\$ 185.12	
	4.5%		5.8%	6.5%
Annual				
Old	\$ 595.16	\$ 1,180.47	\$ 2,085.24	
New	\$ 621.72	\$ 1,248.75	\$ 2,221.49	
	4.5%		5.8%	6.5%

NOTE: The rates and charges for service under the above service classifications will be increased or decreased by surcharges as provided for elsewhere in the Company's tariff.

The following is a comparison of current and proposed monthly bills for single family residential customers at various levels of consumption using a 5/8" meter.

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Mahopac sixth-graders create and race their balloon cars. Provided photo.

Creativity & Science Collide With Balloon Car Project

Mahopac Middle School sixth-graders put physics into motion during an engaging balloon car project led by technology teacher Victoria Mealey.

The hands-on activity introduced students to Isaac Newton's laws of motion. Using that knowledge, they designed, decorated, and constructed their own balloon-powered race cars, choosing between two different car patterns as the foundation for their builds.

Throughout the project, students applied both engineering and math skills. They calculated the mass of their completed cars, raced them down a track, measured the distance traveled, and determined each car's speed in

miles per hour.

"My favorite part of this project is watching the students design and construct their cars," said Mealey. "They start with a blank canvas and take great care in assembling their vehicles, all while applying real scientific concepts like force, mass, and motion."

Once construction was complete, Mealey attached a balloon to each car, which provided the thrust needed to send the vehicles racing forward as each balloon deflated.

On race day, students eagerly watched their designs in action, with the longest distance recorded traveling more than 30 feet.

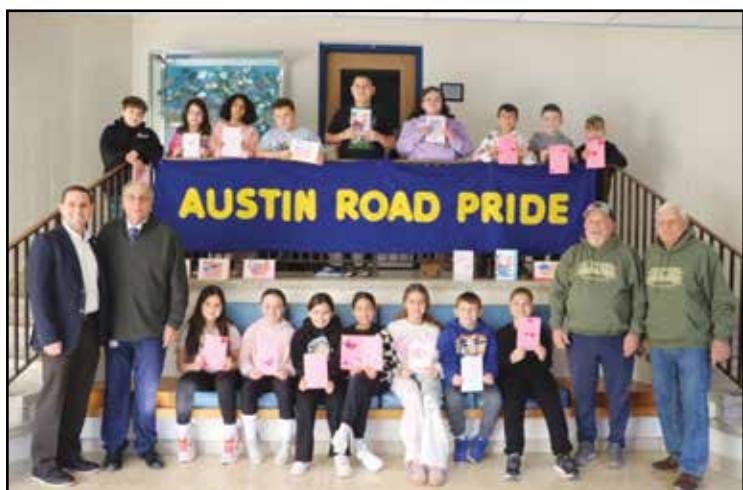
Mahopac Schools Play 'Cupid'

For the fifth year in a row, Assemblyman Matt Slater joined students, teachers, and local officials to take part in Operation Cupid, an annual initiative organized in partnership with United For the Troops that sends care packages and handwritten cards to active-duty service members stationed around the world.

On Jan. 16, Slater participated in donation pickups at schools in the Mahopac and Yorktown school districts, where students contributed letters and supplies to show their appreciation for the men and women serving overseas.

"Our community knows how to support others, especially our service members who are far from home," said Slater. "We look forward to this initiative every year because the students truly enjoy participating, and our servicemen and women appreciate the care and creativity that go into these projects."

Jim Rathschmidt, co-founder of United for the Troops,



Youngsters at Austin Road Elementary School recently made and collected care packages and cards to send to troops serving overseas as part of "Operation Cupid."

extended his sincere thanks to Slater, the school districts, and the community for joining together in support of UFT's mission.

"Because of your generosity and commitment, we are able to bring comfort and a reminder of home to our troops serving over-

seas," he said. "The cards and care package items collected will go a long way in lifting the spirits of the men and women who are currently stationed abroad protecting our nation. We are truly grateful for this partnership and the impact it continues to have on those who serve."

Brewster Youth 'Lend a Paw' to Cancer Patients

CV Starr Intermediate School's Lend-A-Paw Club spent the afternoon Jan. 21 spreading kindness by partnering with Melissa Johnson, whose family has been creating "chemo comfort bags" for patients who are undergoing chemotherapy.

What began as a labor of love has grown into a nonprofit organization, providing comfort



Fourth-graders assemble comfort bags for people undergoing chemotherapy.



bags year-round to local infusion centers. Johnson joined the Lend-A-Paw Club with heartwarming items for children undergoing treatment, like blankets, candy, water, journals, toys, games, hats, pop-its, and a Brewster Bear, which students assembled into bags for patients in the community.

Students then wrote messages and drew pictures to put into the

bags.

This collaboration was especially meaningful because Johnson's daughter, Bailey, is a fourth-grader at Brewster and a member of Lend-A-Paw.

The club is one of 12 after-school club options for C.V. Starr students. Advisors are teachers Elissa Apar and Stephanie Farrell.

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MAHOPAC F.D. INSTALLS OFFICERS FOR 2026



The Mahopac Volunteer Fire Department held its 112th annual dinner and installation of officers Jan. 10 at Villa Barone Hilltop Manor. Here, Firematic officers take their oath of office, issued by Putnam County Deputy Fire Commissioner Ralph Falloon. Provided photos.



The Goodrow family accepts a plaque dedicated to deceased member, Ex-Chief and President Ronald Goodrow.



Below: Past Commissioner Laura Whitten is presented with a plaque from the Board of Fire Commissioner for her five years of service on the board and serving as chairman.



Chief Kyle Trillas, 1st Asst. Chief Brandon Timmins, and 2nd Asst. Chief Brian Smith.



Left: Ex-Chief Rivera is honored by battalion chiefs of the Putnam County Bureau of Emergency Services.

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Brewster Library Director Retires

The Brewster community celebrated the retirement of Brewster Public Library Director Gina Loprinzo on Dec. 17. In attendance was State Sen. Pete Harckham, who presented her with a New York State Senate commendation in recognition of her 11 years of leadership. During her tenure, Loprinzo oversaw major renovations that doubled the size of the library, embraced new technologies, and expanded access to e-books and other digital resources. Photo by James Persons/Harckham's office.

Putnam County Community Events

Senior Center Art Class

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

Tuesday, Jan. 27

Garden Club Luncheon

The Lake Mahopac Garden Club will meet Tuesday, Jan. 27 (snow date Feb. 3) at Airport Park. The annual luncheon and business meeting begins at 11:30 a.m. The program will include yearly reports from committee chairpersons, induction of new officers, and a list of activities planned for this year. All members are asked to bring something for the luncheon.

Ice Explorers Workshop

Children age 4 to 6 may investigate ice through hands-on experiments using droppers, spoons, salt, and more, Tuesday, Jan. 27 at 5:30 p.m., at Brewster Public Library. Young scientists will make predictions about what will melt ice the fastest and observe how ice changes from solid to liquid. Registration is required.

Meet the Author

The Putnam Valley Library is launching a new "Meet the Author" series, with local author and publisher Tad Crawford headlining the first of these encounters to discuss his book "A Woman in the Wild" on Tuesday, Jan. 27 at 6 p.m., at 30 Oscawana Lake Road, Putnam Valley. Register at <https://bit.ly/PVLMMeetTC>.

Celebrate local author Bruce Alterman at **Reed Memorial Library** in Carmel on Jan. 27 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. After the Genre Jumpers Book Club's discussion of his novel "Murder in Mount Vernon," meet Alterman and learn about

his writing journey. Light refreshments will be served. Register at carmellibrary.org.

'World's Fastest Indian'

Patterson Library will screen "The World's Fastest Indian" on Tuesday, Jan. 27 at 1 p.m. The inspiring true story of New Zealander Burt Munro, a passionate motorcycle enthusiast who dedicated decades to perfecting his 1920 Indian Scout. Adults age 18 and older. To register, call 845-878-6121 or go to www.pattersonlibrary.org.

Wednesday, Jan. 28

Music & Movement

Youngsters age 18 months to 4 years and their caregivers may Brewster Public Library on Wednesday, Jan. 28 at 9:15 a.m., for a morning of songs and stories. Sing, move, shake instruments, and enjoy stories that encourage early literacy, coordination, and social skills. Registration required.

Paws to Read

Sunny Boy, a volunteer from Therapy Dogs International, will visit Kent Public Library on Wednesdays, Jan. 28 at 4 p.m., to give children age 5 to 11 the opportunity to gain confidence, improve reading skills, and/or relieve anxiety by reading aloud to a therapy dog. Registration is required.

Thursday, Jan. 29

Yoga

Patterson Library will host a yoga class for all levels with Julia Calabrese-Harrer of Yoga in the Trees, on Thursday, Jan. 29 at 11 a.m. Experience meditation and movement in a fresh way with this ancient practice. Caregivers with children registered for Tiny Tots Art and Play are welcome to join as the programs run concurrently. Bring a mat or blanket, and water. Adults 18 and older. Register at 845-878-6121 or www.pattersonlibrary.org.

Veterans' Town Hall

The Joseph P. Dwyer Vet2Vet Program of Putnam County will host the Putnam County 2026 Veterans' Benefits Town Hall on Thursday, Jan. 29 from 4 to 6:45 p.m., at the Mahopac Public Library. The event is open to all veterans, active-duty service members, guard and reserve members, and their families. Seating is limited, and advance registration is required. For information, contact dwyerputnam@guardianrevival.org.

'Unfriendly to Liberty'

Putnam History Museum will present a virtual lecture "Unfriendly to Liberty: Loyalist Networks and the Coming of the American Revolution in New York City" with author Christopher Minty on Thursday, Jan. 29 at 7 p.m. Drawn largely from his recent book, Minty's talk addresses the complicated relationships between loyalists and patriots in NYC. Register at putnamhistorymuseum.org.

Saturday, Jan. 31

Job Fair

ShopRite of Carmel is inviting job-seekers to explore career opportunities during a walk-in hiring fair Saturday, Jan. 31 (snow date is Saturday, Feb. 7), from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. In-store recruitment events for full-time, part-time, and management positions will take place. For more information, visit www.wakefern.com.

'Who is Hallie Flanagan?'

Arts on the Lake plans to recreate the historic hearing of Hallie Flanagan, director of the Federal Theatre Project, who was called to testify before the newly established House Un-American Activities Committee to answer questions on how funds were being spent on the Federal Theatre Project, with two performances: Saturday, Jan. 31 at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, Feb. 1 at 3 p.m., at 640 Route 52, Kent Lakes. Tickets are \$15 for general

admission, \$12 for members, and \$5 for students, and can be reserved at www.artsonthelake.org.

Yoga for Adults

Join Jennifer Nikischer at Kent Public Library for a 45-minute session of yoga Saturday, Jan. 31 at 11 a.m. This class is for all abilities. Registration is required at kentlibrarycalendar.com.

Sunday, Feb. 1

Soup Fundraiser

The Patterson VFW Auxiliary will hold a "Soup Up" fundraiser Sunday, Feb. 1 from 1 to 3 p.m., at 4 Fairfield Drive, Patterson (while supplies last). \$12 for adults, \$5 for kids. Many homemade soups with trimmings. All food must be consumed on premises. To-go containers available for purchase at \$5 each. 845-279-3376.

Copland House Ensemble

The Copland House Ensemble will present its 2025-26 mainstage concert series at Bluestone Farm, 100 Federal Hill Road, Brewster, at 3 p.m. on the following dates. Each includes a post-concert meet-the-artist reception. Tickets are free, and reservations are required at bit.ly/CHBF2025-26. "Theater in Disguise" is Sunday, Feb. 1; "Waters ... Fractured" is Tuesday, April 21; and "Cultivate 2026" is Sunday, June 7.

Blood Drive

The Knights of Columbus Our Lady of the Lakes Council 6318 in Carmel will hold a rescheduled blood drive Sunday, Feb. 1 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at 32 Gleneida Ave. Make an appointment at nybc.org.

Hike

Friends of the Great Swamp will host a hike at the Gordon Douglas Reserve-West on Sunday, Feb. 1 at 9:30 a.m. Park in the lot at the Metro-North Appalachian Trail station, just south of Native Landscaping on Route 22 in Pawling. This challeng-

ing, 4.5-mile hike will take about three hours to complete. Bring snacks and plenty of fluids. Email Ken Luhman at frogspaddle22@gmail.com if you plan to attend. There is a suggested \$5 donation that can be made at <https://friends-of-the-great-swamp.square.site>.

Monday, Feb. 2

Square Dancing

The Friendly Squares Dance Club will host two free square dancing fun nights Mondays, Feb. 2 and 9 from 7 to 8:30 p.m., at Katonah Methodist Church Parish Hall, 44 Edgemont Road. The attire is casual and no experience is necessary. Open to singles, couples and families. www.friendlysquares.org.

Tuesday, Feb. 3

Kent Town Board

The Kent Town Board will meet at Kent Town Hall at 7 p.m. (unless otherwise noted) on: Feb. 3 and 17, March 3 and 17, April 14 and 21, May 5 and 19, June 2 and 16, July 7 and 21, Aug. 4 and 18, Sept. 8 and 15, Oct. 6 and 20, Nov. 10 and 17, and Dec. 1 and 15.

PowerPoint Series

Mahopac Public Library will host a PowerPoint series beginning Tuesday, Feb. 3 from 2 to 3 p.m. Go from getting started to creating polished presentations. This class meets Tuesdays for four weeks. Register at www.mahopaclibrary.org or call 845-628-2009, ext. 100.

Wednesday, Feb. 4

Ramen Day

The Umami Otakus Anime Club at Mahopac Public Library will celebrate Ramen Day on Wednesday, Feb. 4 at 5 p.m. Watch anime, eat snacks, do some crafts, and hang out. Teens will vote on which ramen flavor to try as they watch the month's anime. Register at www.mahopaclibrary.org or call 845-628-2009, ext. 153.

District."

Board Trustee Tanner McCracken said that calling for an elected school board member's removal because he enforces federal law is reckless.

"Chris Harrigan's work with ICE is lawful, ethical, and entirely separate from his volunteer service to our schools," said McCracken. "Chris is a man of character who serves both our nation and our school community. His job is difficult and dangerous, and our neighborhoods are safer because of it. I support individual rights in the context of the law. But these protests are not about rights. They are about opposing the lawful removal of violent criminals from our communities."

Still, some residents said his role presents a conflict with the district's interests to protect all students in an environment where they should feel safe.

"How can you ensure safety when one of your own is working for an organization that is terrorizing children and families?" asked Mahopac resident Laura Ferrelli.

Kate Bellantoni, also of Mahopac, disagreed.

"A trustee's career, outside district duties, should not be weaponized against them," she said.

Concerns Raised Over Proposed Starr Ridge Complex

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as (part of) a bank. We need to be aware of that issue from a traffic generating standpoint."

Jamie LoGiudice, senior associate with Insite Engineering, Surveying & Landscape Architecture of Carmel, said the project has undergone review by the state Department of Transportation and will necessitate ongoing review during its development. Additionally, the Town of Southeast's highway department will need to conduct its own review of the portion of the project that abuts Starr Ridge Road.

"We are going to be proposing providing two lanes at Starr Ridge (for turning onto Route 6)," said LoGiudice, noting that this would improve safety and traffic movement. She also said the property owner has thus far not secured a specific bank to occupy the building with the drive-through – and that while zoning regulations would permit a restaurant to operate at the complex, ones with drive-throughs are prohibited.

Board member James King

said that when the project was initially proposed it had been discussed as a medical complex and asked why the focus had changed.

"As we've gone through testing and realized the amount of usage for water and septic that we have permissible on the site, medical (usage) is not something that we'd be able to entertain," explained LoGiudice.

The traffic analysis was conducted by the White Plains engineering firm Creighton Manning and took place over two weekdays and one weekend day.

"They analyzed it based on there being a bank," said LoGiudice. "If that use were ever to change to a more intense use, they would have to come back to the Planning Board and do another traffic study."

Victor Grossman, who lives on Seven Oaks Lane, said the traffic study data is flawed. For comparison, he conducted his own count of vehicles traveling a 1.5-mile stretch of Starr Ridge Road for an hour during morning and evening commuting times, and counted 972 cars heading south in the morning and 1,172 cars going north in the evening.

He called for the board to eliminate the drive-through from the plans to prevent the project from being reconsidered for food uses in several years. "Nobody is going to

be renting a bank," he said.

Grossman also pointed out that extensive development has taken place over the Connecticut state line, and the state has proposed widening the Interstate 84/684 junction bridge this year or next. Both will increase traffic in the area, he said.

Resident Diane Wolpert said there have been many times when it has been extremely difficult to turn out of her neighborhood and travel down Starr Ridge Road.

"I travel that road to and from work every day," she said, noting that cars exiting from Dunkin' Donuts are especially hazardous. "Dunkin' Donuts was supposed to be an office... and it turned into a Dunkin' Donuts."

Wolpert said a previous proposal to build a movie theater was squashed by the board because of traffic concerns. "I would like everybody to consider the safety of our residents," she said.

Paige Banfield, who also lives on Seven Oaks Lane, was also critical of the traffic that would result from the project. "Just from an economic development perspective, this is a tremendous undertaking with no end-users identified yet," she said. "I would also encourage you to keep the public comment segment open."

The board voted to keep the hearing open, and will revisit the topic at its Feb. 23 meeting.

Mahopac Schools Refuse Removal Of Trustee Who Works for ICE

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ster-Carmel area called on the board to demand Harrigan resign for serving as an Immigration & Customs Enforcement agent.

A spokesperson for the group charged that Harrigan has been captured on video multiple times since August, and most recently last week, arresting individuals in Brewster and Carmel.

"This violation of human and constitutional rights is in direct conflict with the school board's mission to ensure the safety and education of all students," stated the group, who encouraged parents and community members to show up at last week's meeting to speak out.

As a result, security was amped up for the meeting.

However, it was mostly supporters of Harrigan who showed up.

"Trustee Harrigan was dualy elected by the board and the community," said one resident. "He has worked tirelessly to do the best for the Mahopac School

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Brewster

LEGAL NOTICE VILLAGE OF BREWSTER BOARD OF TRUSTEES PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Brewster will hold a Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law No. 3 of 2026 pertaining to the amendment for the Volunteer Fire and Emergency Services Exemption for those living in the Village of Brewster but volunteer in a neighboring municipality. Copies of the proposed local law will be available on the Village website, www.brewsterville-ny.gov, and at Village Hall. The Public Hearing will take place during the Village Board Meeting of January 21, 2026, at 7:30 P.M. at Village Hall, 50 Main Street, Brewster, NY 10509. At said Public Hearing, all interested persons shall be heard on the subject thereof. The Board of Trustees will make every effort to ensure that the Public Hearing is accessible to persons with disabilities. Anyone requiring special assistance and/or reasonable accommodations should contact the Village Clerk. Anyone wishing to speak may do so.

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

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PUBLIC NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE VILLAGE OF BREWSTER BOARD OF TRUSTEES PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Brewster will hold a Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law No. 2 of 2026 pertaining to the increase to the Senior Exemption Income Limit for those living in the Village of Brewster. Copies of the proposed local law will be available on the Village website, www.brewsterville-ny.gov, and at Village Hall. The Public Hearing will take place during the Village Board Meeting of January 21, 2026, at 7:30 P.M. at Village Hall, 50 Main Street, Brewster, NY 10509. At said Public Hearing, all interested persons shall be heard on the subject thereof. The Board of Trustees will make every effort to ensure that the Public Hearing is accessible to persons with disabilities. Anyone requiring special assistance and/or reasonable accommodations should contact the Village Clerk. Anyone wishing to speak may do so.

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

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PUBLIC NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE VILLAGE OF BREWSTER BOARD OF TRUSTEES PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Brewster will hold a Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2026 pertaining to the 100% Disabled Veteran Wholly Tax Exemption for those living in the Village of Brewster. Copies of the proposed local law will be available on the Village website, www.brewsterville-ny.gov, and at Village Hall. The Public Hearing will take place during the

PUBLIC NOTICE

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Village of Brewster
Michelle Diebold
Village Clerk

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PUBLIC NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE VILLAGE OF BREWSTER BOARD OF TRUSTEES PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Brewster will hold a Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law No. 4 of 2026 pertaining to updating Chapter 250-17 and Chapter 250-23 of the Village Code Parking Rules and Regulations. Copies of the proposed local law will be available on the Village website, www.brewsterville-ny.gov, and at Village Hall. The Public Hearing will take place during the Village Board Meeting of February 4, 2026, at 7:30 P.M. at Village Hall, 50 Main Street, Brewster, NY 10509. At said Public Hearing, all interested persons shall be heard on the subject thereof. The Board of Trustees will make every effort to ensure that the Public Hearing is accessible to persons with disabilities. Anyone requiring special assistance and/or reasonable accommodations should contact the Village Clerk. Anyone wishing to speak may do so.

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

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Kent

TOWN OF KENT NOTICE OF HEARING

AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 61 OF THE TOWN CODE ENTITLED SEWER USE RENTS

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that there has been introduced before the Town Board of the Town of Kent, New York, on January 20, 2026, Local Introductory Law No. _____ of the year 2026, which Local Law will amend Chapter 61 regarding Sewer Rents to include all properties in the designated service areas as users for the purpose of calculating surcharge.

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 February 3, 2026, 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

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should contact the Town Clerk. Dated: January 20, 2026
BY ORDER OF THE TOWN
BOARD OF THE
TOWN OF KENT

YOLANDA CAPPELLI,
TOWN CLERK

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PUBLIC NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF KENT NOTICE FOR STREAM BANK STABILIZATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town of Kent will be requesting sealed proposals from professional engineers to provide services to the Town of Kent with regard to Stream Bank Stabilization for Seven Hills Lake and Lake Carmel. Proposals will be received by the Town Clerk of the Town of Kent at the Office of the Town Clerk, Town Hall, 25 Sybil's Crossing, Kent Lakes, New York 10512 until 12:00 p.m. local prevailing time on March 5, 2026 and then at said office shall be publicly opened and read aloud.

Copies of information for those submitting proposals (hereinafter, "bidders"), including information for bidders, specifications, non-collusive bidding certification, and other documents included as part of this request for proposals (RFP) may be obtained at the Office of the Town Clerk, Town Hall, 25 Sybil's Crossing, Kent Lakes, New York 10512 until 12:00 p.m. local prevailing time on March 5, 2026 and then at said office shall be publicly opened and read aloud.

The Town of Kent, hereinafter called the "Town", reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any formality or technicality in any request for proposal in the interest of the Town.

S T A T E M E N T O F NON-COLLUSION:

Bidders on the Contracts are required to execute a non-collusion bidding certificate pursuant to Section 103(d) of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York.

STATEMENT OF EQUALITY

The Town of Kent hereby notifies all persons submitting proposals that it will affirmatively insure that in regard to any Contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, qualified bidders will be afforded full opportunity to submit request for proposals in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability or marital status in consideration for an award.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN
BOARD OF THE TOWN OF
KENT

YOLANDA CAPPELLI,
TOWN CLERK

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PUBLIC NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF KENT NOTICE FOR OPEN SPACE PLAN AND INVENTORY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town of Kent will be requesting sealed proposals from professional engineers to provide services to the Town of Kent with regard to an Open Space Plan and Inventory. Proposals will be received by the Town Clerk of the Town of Kent at the Office of the Town Clerk, Town Hall, 25 Sybil's Crossing, Kent Lakes, New York 10512 until 12:00 p.m. local prevailing time on March 5, 2026 and then at said office shall be publicly opened and read aloud.

Copies of information for those submitting proposals

PUBLIC NOTICE

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BY ORDER OF THE TOWN
BOARD OF THE TOWN OF
KENT

YOLANDA CAPPELLI,
TOWN CLERK

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Putnam COUNTY OF PUTNAM NOTICE FOR BID

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

RFB-01-26 – TREE TRIMMING & FELLING (ARPA & FEMA COMPLIANT)

Detailed specifications may be secured at the office of the Director of Purchasing, Putnam County Office Building, 40 Gleneida Avenue, Room 105, Carmel, New York 10512 between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M., Monday through Friday or you may download from the Empire State Bid System's website www.empirestatebidsystem.com. Sealed bids must be filed in the above office on or before **1:00 P.M., WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2026**.

dated: Carmel, New York, January 22, 2026, Sgd/John Tully, Director, Putnam County Purchasing Dept

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18, 2026. dated: Carmel, New York, January 22, 2026, Sgd/John Tully, Director, Putnam County Purchasing Dept.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

CO UNT Y O F P U T N A M NOTICE FOR BID NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be received by the Director of Purchasing of Putnam County for the following commodities and/or service:

RFB-03-26 – FURNISH & PLACE HOT MIX ASPHALT & CURB (ARPA & FEMA COMPLIANT)

Detailed specifications may be secured at the office of the Director of Purchasing, Putnam County Office Building, 40 Gleneida Avenue, Room 105, Carmel, New York 10512 between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M., Monday through Friday or you may download from the Empire State Bid System's website www.empirestatebidsystem.com. Sealed bids must be filed in the above office on or before **1:00 P.M., WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2026**.

dated: Carmel, New York, January 22, 2026, Sgd/John Tully, Director, Putnam County Purchasing Dept

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PUBLIC NOTICE

CO UNT Y O F P U T N A M NOTICE FOR BID NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be received by the Director of Purchasing of Putnam County for the following commodities and/or service:

RFB-04-26 – COLD MILLING (ARPA & FEMA COMPLIANT)

Detailed specifications may be secured at the office of the Director of Purchasing, Putnam County Office Building, 40 Gleneida Avenue, Room 105, Carmel, New York 10512 between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M., Monday through Friday or you may download from the Empire State Bid System's website www.empirestatebidsystem.com. Sealed bids must be filed in the above office on or before **1:00 P.M., WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2026**.

dated: Carmel, New York, January 22, 2026, Sgd/John Tully, Director, Putnam County Purchasing Dept

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PUBLIC NOTICE

CO UNT Y O F P U T N A M NOTICE FOR BID NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be received by the Director of Purchasing of Putnam County for the following commodities and/or service:

RFB-05-26 – GENERATOR PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE & REPAIR

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dated: Carmel, New York, January 22, 2026, Sgd/John Tully, Director, Putnam County Purchasing Dept

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PUBLIC NOTICE

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF PUTNAM In the matter of the foreclosure of tax liens Index No. 502060 / 2025

PUTNAM COUNTY AND TOWN NOTICES

To Place Legal Notices, Email (legals@putnampresstimes.com) or Call 845-628-8400

PUBLIC NOTICE

by proceeding in rem pursuant to Article Eleven
Consolidating Index No.: 01915/2019
of Real Property Tax Law by the County of Putnam

ffecting parcels located in the Towns of Carmel,

Kent, Patterson, Philipstown, Putnam Valley and Southeast

NOTICE OF PETITION

AND NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

TO THE PARTY TO WHOM THE ENCLOSED IS ADDRESSED: You are presumed to have, own, or have a legal interest in one or more the parcels of real property described in the attached PETITION AND NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE, and the relevant pages of the List of Delinquent Taxes (In Rem List) attached as Schedule A. A proceeding to foreclose on such property based upon the failure to pay real property taxes has been commenced. Foreclosure will result in the loss of ownership of such property and all rights in that property. To avoid loss of ownership or any other rights in the property, all unpaid taxes and other legal charges must be PAID ON OR BEFORE MARCH 16, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. or you must interpose a duly verified Answer in the proceeding. You must make payment by sending a certified check, cashier's check or money order (no personal checks will be accepted) to Putnam County Department of Finance 40 Gleneida Avenue Carmel, New York 10512. Checks should be made payable to the Putnam County Commissioner of Finance. You may wish to contact an attorney to protect your rights.

After MARCH 16, 2026 the Court will enter judgment authorizing the transfer of the property to the County of Putnam. Should you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact the undersigned. November 7, 2025, Mahopac, New York JENNIFER M. HERODES, ESQUIRE Herodes Law, P.C. Attorney for Tax District 888 Route Six, Mahopac, New York 10541 (845) 628-1100

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
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PETITION AND NOTICE OF

FORECLOSURE

The above-captioned proceeding is hereby commenced to enforce the payment of delinquent taxes or other lawful charges, which have accumulated and become liens against certain property. The parcels to which this proceeding applies are identified on the attached List of Delinquent Taxes (hereinafter referred to as the "In Rem List"), which is annexed hereto and made a part hereof as Schedule A. This document serves both as a Petition of Foreclosure and a Notice of Foreclosure for purposes of this proceeding. PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT ON THE 6th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2025. THE PUTNAM

PUBLIC NOTICE

COUNTY COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE (SOMETIMES HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE "ENFORCEMENT OFFICER") OF THE COUNTY OF PUTNAM (HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE "TAX DISTRICT"), PURSUANT TO LAW, FILED THIS PETITION OF FORECLOSURE WITH THE CLERK OF THE COUNTY OF PUTNAM.

Effect of Filing: All persons having or claiming to have an interest in the real property described on the In Rem List, attached hereto as Schedule A, are hereby notified that the filing of this Petition constitutes the commencement by the Tax District of a proceeding in the Court specified in the caption above to foreclose each of the tax liens therein described by a foreclosure proceeding in rem.

Nature of Proceeding: This proceeding is brought against the real property only and is to foreclose the tax liens described on the In Rem List, attached hereto as Schedule A. No personal judgment will be entered herein for such taxes or other legal charges or any party thereof.

Persons Affected: This notice is directed to all persons owning or having or claiming to have an interest in the real property described on the In Rem List, attached hereto as Schedule A. Such persons are hereby notified further that a duplicate of this Petition has been filed in the office of the Enforcement Officer of the Tax District and will remain open for public inspection up to and including the date specified below as the last day for redemption.

Right of Redemption: Any person having or claiming to have an interest in any such real property, and the legal right thereto, may on or before March 16, 2026, redeem the same by paying the amount of all such unpaid tax liens thereon, including all interest and penalties, and other legal charges which are included in the lien against such real property, computed to and including the date of redemption. Such payments should be made payable to the Putnam County Commissioner of Finance and mailed to: Putnam County Department of Finance 40 Gleneida Avenue Carmel, New York 10512. Payment must be made by certified check, cashier's check or money order. Personal checks will not be accepted. In the event that such taxes are paid by a person other than the record owner of such real property, the person so paying shall be entitled to have the tax liens affected thereby satisfied of record.

Last Day for Redemption: The last day for redemption is hereby fixed as the 16TH day of March, 2026.

Service of Answer: Every person having any right, title or interest in or lien upon any parcel of real property described on the attached In Rem List may serve a duly verified Answer upon the Putnam County Attorney, the attorney for the Tax District, setting forth in detail the nature and amount of his or her interest and any defense or objection to the foreclosure. Such Answer must be filed in the Office of the Putnam County Clerk and served upon the attorney for the Tax District on or before the date above mentioned as the last day for redemption.

Failure to Redeem or Answer: In the event of failure to redeem or answer by any person having the right to redeem or answer, such person shall be forever barred or foreclosed of all his or her right, title and interest and equity of redemption in and to the parcels described on the In Rem List, attached hereto as Schedule A, and a judgment in foreclosure may be taken by default. Dated: November 6, 2025

Mahopac, New York Enforcement Officer: William J. Carlin, Jr., Putnam County Commissioner of Finance JENNIFER M. HERODES, ESQUIRE Herodes Law, P.C. Attorney for

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Patterson Notice of Public Hearing

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the Town of Patterson Planning Board of a public hearing to be held on February 5, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as may be heard, at the Patterson Town Hall, 1142 Route 311, Patterson, Putnam County, New York to consider an application entitled "Michael Zatloukal Architectural Review/Amended Site Plan Application" to allow for the renovation of an existing structure. The structure was formerly used for retail and will now be used for office and showroom/retail space. The property is located at 1287 Route 311 (GB Zoning District), Patterson, New York. All interested parties and citizens will be given an opportunity to be heard in respect to such application.

By Order of the Planning Board
Ron Taylor, Chairman

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Public Hearing

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the Town of Patterson Planning Board of a public hearing to be held on February 5, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as may be heard, at the Patterson Town Hall, 1142 Route 311, Patterson, Putnam County, New York to consider an application entitled "Coku 52, LLC Site Plan Application" to allow for the renovation of an existing restaurant structure, which will include the addition of an outdoor patio eating area and associated parking lot improvement. The property is located at 185 Fairfield Drive (GB Zoning District), Patterson, New York. All interested parties and citizens will be given an opportunity to be heard in respect to such application.

By Order of the Planning Board
Ron Taylor, Chairman

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Supreme Court NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT COUNTRY OF PUTNAM, U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY, BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE OF THE TRUMAN 2021 SC9 TITLE TRUST, Plaintiff, vs. UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DISTRIBUTEEES OF THE ESTATE OF KATHLEEN DUKE SANTIAGO A/K/A KATHLEEN SANTIAGO, ET AL., Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered on November 21, 2025, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at courtroom 209 of the Putnam Supreme Courthouse located at 20 County Center, Carmel, NY 10512 on February 9, 2026 at 9:30 a.m., premises known as 1404 Eagles Ridge Road, Brewster, NY 10509. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of Southeast, County of Putnam and State of New York, Section 56.14, Block 3 and Lot 50.-1404 together with an undivided 2.4721 percent interest in the Common Elements.

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on December 18, 2025, 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 2nd day of March, 2026 at 10:30 AM. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Town of Carmel, County of Putnam, State of New York.

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Approximate amount of judgment is \$265,395.31 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 500851/2024.

Paul C. Brite, Esq., Referee

Friedman Vartolo LLP, 85 Broad Street, Suite 501, New York, New York 10004, Attorneys for Plaintiff. Firm File No.:231623-3
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NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT COUNTRY OF PUTNAM, WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, NOT INDIVIDUALLY BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE FOR FINANCE OF AMERICA STRUCTURED SECURITIES ACQUISITION TRUST 2019-HB1, Plaintiff, vs. MATEUSZ WIEROMIEJCZYK AKA MATT WIEROMIEJCZYK, AS EXECUTOR OF THE ESTATE OF JOHN M. JONES AKA JOHN MILTON JONES, JR., ET AL., Defendant(s).

Pursuant to an Order Confirming Referee Report and Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered on October 31, 2025, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at courtroom 209 of the Putnam Supreme Courthouse at, 20 County Center, Carmel, NY 10512 on March 2, 2026 at 9:30 a.m., premises known as 74 Fairview Road, Brewster, NY 10509. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of Southeast, County of Putnam and State of New York, Section 56.8, Block 1 and Lot 53. Approximate amount of judgment is \$207,533.32 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 501408/2024.

Joseph J. Tock, Esq., Referee

Greenspoon Marder, 1345 Avenue of the Americas, Suite 2200, New York, NY 10105, Attorneys for Plaintiff

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PUBLIC NOTICE

**REFEREE'S NOTICE OF SALE IN FORECLOSURE
SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF PUTNAM
MID-ISLAND MORTGAGE CORP., Plaintiff - against - RENEE CELLIO, et al Defendant(s).**

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on December 18, 2025, 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 2nd day of March, 2026 at 10:30 AM. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Town of Carmel, County of Putnam, State of New York.

Premises known as 49 Ivy Hill Road, Mahopac, NY 10541. (Section: 74.43, Block: 1, Lot: 6)

Approximate amount of lien \$223,422.37 plus interest and costs.

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

Index No. 501880/2024. William Timothy O'Keeffe, Esq., Referee.

McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC
Attorney(s) for Plaintiff
420 Lexington Avenue, Suite 840
New York, NY 10170
Tel. 347/286-7409

CLASSIFIEDS

GENERAL MERCHANDISE

DOUBLE PLOT - for sale at Rose Hill Memorial Park located on a grassy knoll. Easy parking. Incredibly priced. Call Alfred at 917-855-5889. 1/28

SERVICES PROVIDED

CAREGIVER – Let me lighten your load. I can help with childcare, an extra hand for the elderly, housekeeping, meals, running errands. Call Donna 203-417-1048. Trustworthy. Dependable. Experienced. 3/4

**HANDYMAN SERVICES
PLUS PLUMBING REPAIRS
& INSTALLATIONS** – call Bob at 845-264-9623 or 203-682-

5438. Just make a list and we'll gladly take care of it. 3/4

WANTED

BUYING VINTAGE CAMERAS, LENSES, WATCHES, JEWELRY, COINS, CLOCKS, FISHING, HUNTING, MILITARY, FIRE HELMETS, SWORDS, KNIVES, MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS, COMICS, SPORTING, TOYS, FOUNTAIN PENS, WESTERN And More. Please Call Frank 914-763-8766. 1/31

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. 2/28

PUTNAM COUNTY AND TOWN NOTICES

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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

Dated: December 23, 2025

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 **Serenity Yoga, LLC.** Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/09/2025. Office location: Putnam County. SNNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SNNY shall mail process to: 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 805A, Albany, NY 12210, CCS Global Solutions, Inc. Purpose: any lawful activities.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Formation of **Umarell, LLC.** Articles of Org filed with SNNY on 8/27/2025. Office Location: Putnam County. SNNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SNNY shall mail process to: c/o Umarell, LLC, 44 Knollwood Lane, Cold Spring, NY 10516. Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity.

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Putnam County Press & Times LLC. Arts. of Org. filed

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with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/15/25 Office loc: Putnam County. SNNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SNNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 250 Old Stone Road, Garrison, NY 10524. Purpose: any lawful act.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Formation of **Freedom Trailer Rentals LLC.** Articles of Org filed with SNNY on 8/20/2025. Office Location: Putnam County. SNNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SNNY shall mail process to: United States Corporation Inc, 7014 13th Ave. Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Formation of **Glavin Carpentry LLC.** Articles of Org filed with SNNY on 11/05/2025. Office Location: Putnam County. SNNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SNNY shall mail process to:

41 State Street, Suite 112, Albany, NY 12207

Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Formation of **TKP CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT LLC.** Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/08/2026. Office location: Putnam County. SNNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SNNY shall mail process to: THE LLC, 22 ROSE DR., MAHOPAC, NY 10541. Purpose: any lawful activities.

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Opposition Heard For Charter Change

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unnecessary duplication, an added expense to the taxpayers, and a greater division within a body that should be united in serving all constituents regardless of party lines.”

Rather, Fannin said the Legislature should be working together, negotiating in good faith, and representing the interests of all families regardless of political party.

Legislator Erin Crowley, R-Mahopac, urged County Executive Kevin Byrne to veto the law, calling it unnecessary, costly, and divisive.

“I do believe the Legislature should have access to individual legal counsel... but that counsel should represent the institution, not political parties,” she said.

Legislator Nancy Montgomery, D-Philipstown, who championed the law, said it provides a clear separation of power.

“This law gives the Legislature the tools it needs to do its work effectively regardless of who holds power at any given moment,” she said. “It codifies independent counsel for the lawmakers of Putnam County... Our legislative counsel is exempt from the authority of the county attorney.”

Further, Montgomery said the funding for legislative counsel was already approved by the Legislature, with \$150,000 being put into subcontingency for the positions.

Legislator Jake D’Angelo,

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said he can better manage the department's resources.

He said 2024 and 2025 were consistent in the number of calls requesting police intervention, and when.

“The community's demand for police services remained the same in 2024 and 2025, with reactive call activity at 962 – the same exact number both years,” he said.

However, what was most surprising was the season when activity started to rise: both years, the call volume started to rise in April and peaked in May-June, tapered off in October, but then shot up again in November and December.

“People are coming here and the cars are coming here a lot sooner than expected, and we need to prepare for that a lot sooner than we normally do,” said Jackson, who noted that the village always assumed peak season was the in fall. “Judging by this data it's not the fall – it's spring and it continues through the fall.”

The CAD data showed that most of the calls that came in during those times were traffic related and EMS related, “and most of those calls came from Main Street, Chestnut, and Route 9D,”

R-Carmel, who took office mere hours after the law was passed by the Legislature, urged Byrne to veto it, saying it was rushed through during a special meeting that was “hastily scheduled.”

“The positions created are parliamentary and advisory in nature, advising on procedure, drafting laws, and research – functions that are inherently nonpartisan,” he said. “Creating a party-specific legal advisory role for these functions serves no legitimate governmental purpose and risks institutionalizing division in a body that is obligated to govern collaboratively.”

Legislator Laura Russo, R-Patterson, also urged Byrne to veto the law, agreeing that it was rushed through the lawmaking process and discussed during special meetings called during the holiday and end-of-the-year season, when several lawmakers had scheduling conflicts.

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“This law gives the Legislature the tools it needs to do its work effectively regardless of who holds power at any given moment,” she said. “It codifies independent counsel for the lawmakers of Putnam County... Our legislative counsel is exempt from the authority of the county attorney.”

“I was the minority party on the Southeast Town Board for two terms and not once did I find that I needed counsel,” she wrote. “I always assumed the attorney was there to protect the town... Even as a minority party, I believe the town attorney accomplished this.”

Eckardt also noted that the Legislature has grown substantially in recent years.

“Legislators have voted

said Jackson. “A lot of it is parking complaints.”

He noted that increasing the number of parking enforcement officers won't alleviate any work for police because the department still fields the calls and has to respond to any vehicle collisions.

“I want to see the increase in vehicle and pedestrian traffic and the correlation to calls,” said Jackson.

The commanding officer also pointed out that the popular Breakneck Ridge trailhead was closed in 2025 as part of construction of the planned Fjord Trail, and “once those trails open back up, these numbers are going to be higher and that puts a strain on what we have here – not just the police department, but the village as a whole.”

“The sheer number of people that are coming to this village year by year, it's going up, it's going up, it's going up, but what we're doing is staying the same because we can't do anything – there's nothing else we can do with what we have right now,” he said.

Foley explained that in developing the draft environmental impact statement, planners of the Fjord Trail placed counting devices and cameras at “particular intersections” for “particular periods of time” to gather information about how the trail would impact tourism in Cold Spring. However, village officials say the timing and location of the counts don't capture peak usage of the trails.

“There's a reality of rising numbers of people visiting and we have to manage them – and it's

themselves repeated pay increases that now bring compensation to nearly \$50,000 a year for a part-time job,” she wrote. “At the same time, this body is asking taxpayers to fund another layer of legal staff.”

Legislator Bill Gouldman, R-Putnam Valley, also wrote a letter in opposition to the law.

“I understand how important it is to have a lawyer for the Legislature,” he wrote. “But to have two lawyers – one for the majority and one for the minority – is not appropriate” and puts added financial burden on taxpayers.

“Additionally, I believe two separate counsels will divide the Legislature more than it is now,” he wrote. “This Legislature should be run as a unified body... to help all residents of Putnam County regardless of party.”

Byrne echoed the concerns about process and procedure, and also pointed out that those who claim that allowing the Legislature to hire independent counsel as a way to maintain checks and balances are forgetting that the same courtesy is not extended to the executive branch of government in Putnam.

“To be clear, I have no objection to the Legislature modifying the charter to have its own independent counsel that it can hire and fire at will,” he said. “I do find it concerning that the same access to legal services is not afforded to the county executive, and this is primarily due to the fact that in Putnam County, legislative action is needed for the both the hiring and termination of the county attorney.”

He continued: “Should the Legislature approve a clean amendment providing itself independent counsel – one attorney for the Legislature – I would gladly sign it.”

just real and it's a budgetary reality for us,” she said. “I expected the numbers to be higher for us in the spring than we had thought originally. I didn't expect them to be higher than the fall... The season has grown. We can't just plan for leaf-peeping anymore, because that's gone. We're a destination for 10 months of the year.”

“We're a tourist attraction, and it's going to bring people here,” added Jackson. “There's good things and there's bad things about it. I think we should embrace the good things about it, but we need to prepare for that increase in people visiting the village during those times of year, and it's definitely putting a strain on resources – not just the police department but the village as a whole.”

Further, he added, “The time of year we need to start preparing for is a lot sooner than we all thought it would be.”

Foley gave a shout-out to the county for enabling all the law enforcement agencies across Putnam to record and share data via the CAD system.

“For all of the times that we express our frustrations with shared services or funding from the county, this is one of the times where we have to recognize a real benefit,” she said. “We do pay for CAD, but it is greatly reduced because it is subsidized by the county.”

The CAD report is available at www.coldingspringny.gov/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/_01142026-94 (beginning on page 31).

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Connect With the Natural World at Garrison Art Center



"Vaya Con Dios" by Michael Prettyman.

Garrison Art Center will present two new exhibits next month, at 23 Garrison's Landing.

"Wild Woods" by Stephanie Garmey celebrates her unique vision and the human connection to

the natural world, while "In Suspect Terrain" by Michael Prettyman explores the tension between beauty, climate threat, and the bizarre through recreations of historic landscape paintings.



"Wild Woods" by Stephanie Garmey.

Both will run from Feb. 7 to March 8.

"Wild Woods" honors the instinctual intelligence, power, and dignity of animals shaped by ancient ecosystems. The pieces reflect ani-

mal lives as living libraries guided by inherited knowledge, migratory paths, and deep relationships to land. As human impact threatens these delicate balances, the exhibition invites reflection on our shared

origins and calls for protection, respect, and coexistence with the natural world.

As part of "In Suspect Terrain" Prettyman's "Fire Paintings" recreates historic American landscapes in oil, interrupting their bucolic calm with fire. Blending humor and tragedy that reflect the fragility of our environment in the Anthropocene, these works reveal a world shaped by climate change and cultural upheaval.

In his "UFO Paintings," Prettyman introduces small, delicate UFOs into otherwise ordinary skies, subtly transforming the landscape. These figures evoke the unseen and the jarring, creating a dialogue between the familiar and the mysterious – the elusive "other."

Together, the series confronts humanity's place in history and the environment, exploring loss, wonder, and the abnormal possibilities of our shared world. Prettyman will lead an artist talk Feb. 22.

An opening reception for both exhibits is scheduled Saturday Feb. 7 from 5 to 7 p.m.

The galleries at Garrison Art Center are open Tuesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For information about exhibitions, classes, and other programs at GAC, visit garrisonartcenter.org or call 845-424-3960.

Job Fair

ShopRite of Carmel is inviting job-seekers to explore career opportunities during a walk-in hiring fair Saturday, Jan. 31. (The snow date is Saturday, Feb. 7.)

From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., in-store recruitment events for full-time, part-time, and management positions will take place. No advance registration is required, and candidates can simply stop by to speak with hiring teams and learn more about available roles.

Open positions include general clerks, front-end associates, stocking staff, and grocery department team members, among others. All roles offer benefits and the opportunity to grow within a retail environment. Many positions include on-the-job training, flexible scheduling, and access to a game-based learning platform designed to help associates build skills and advance their careers.

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