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# Guardian Dog Park Opens in Carmel



Putnam County Guardian Dog Park is now open at Veterans Memorial Park in Carmel.

The Putnam County Guardian Dog Park – created in partnership with Guardian Revival, Putnam County, and the PFC Dwyer Vet-2Vet Program – was dedicated May 22 at Putnam County Veterans Memorial Park (upper park) in Carmel.

The new facility honors the life and legacy of Capt. Max Kalkstein, a U.S. Army combat veteran and police K9 handler, and is designed to serve military members, veterans, first responders, and the broader community.

The park provides a safe, accessible space for canine recreation, training, and connection — reinforcing the therapeutic and practical benefits of animal companionship, especially for those recovering from service-related stress and trauma.

"The Putnam County Guardian Dog Park is a place where people and dogs can heal, train, and thrive together," said Aaron Leonard, CEO of Guardian Revival. "It's a space for connection — both between individuals and with the community."

The park features a public dog run and will later include a dedicated training course for K9 units, Boots & Paws companion dog recipients, and nonprofit canine organizations (with some public hours on select days). It was created as an extension of Guardian Revival's Boots & Paws program, which provides companion dogs as puppies to guardians for their therapeutic benefits and to help foster healthy routines.

This park initiative also reflects a growing focus on mental health among veterans and first responders.

A 2024 RAND report found that more than 20 percent of New York veterans aren't receiving the mental health care they need. Similarly, a 2024 study by the Benjamin



The park has been dedicated in memory of Capt. Max Kalkstein, a U.S. Army veteran and police K9 handler.

Center noted that New York's first responders are calling for more peer support programs and wellness resources.

The Guardian Dog Park stands as a tangible step toward community-based support and stigma reduction.

Members of Guardian Revival including co-founder Alex Othmer, representatives from the Putnam County Veterans Service Agency, and the county's parks and recreation department, joined members of Kalkstein's family at the opening ceremony.

"Max served his country and his community with honor," said Rachel Hill, executive program director of Boots & Paws. "This park is a reflection of that legacy – and a place where healing, remembrance, and joy come together."

For more information, visit putnamcountyny.gov/parks-recreation and guardianrevival.org/programs/boots-paws.

Joseph Dwyer was an Army medic who became known due to a photo showing him carrying an injured Iraqi boy during combat. After returning home, he struggled with severe PTSD and passed away in 2008

Guardian Revival is a 501(c) (3) not-for-profit organization that strives to improve the mental health and well-being of military, veterans, and first responders and their families, at no cost to them.

The Joseph P. Dwyer Vet2Vet program for Putnam County now operates within Guardian Revival, and has served a population of nearly 5,000 resident military veterans of Putnam since 2015.

# People Struggling In Record Numbers In Putnam & West.

# Report Focuses on Income Too High for Assistance

In 2023, the amount of households struggling to make ends meet reached a record number, according to new data from United Way of Westchester & Putnam and its research partner United For ALICE.

The "State of ALICE in Putnam" reveals that traditional measures of poverty have severely undercounted the number of households countywide that are living in financial hardship.

While 6 percent of all households in the county lived in poverty in 2023, the new research shows that 32 percent – more than five times as many – were considered "ALICE" (asset limited, income constrained, employed). Combined, 38 percent of Putnam's households, totaling 13,091, fell below the ALICE threshold of financial survival in 2023, up 2 percent from 2022.

It is the largest number of households falling below the AL-ICE threshold since the study began in 2010.

ALICE households bring in less than the basic costs of housing, childcare, food, transportation, health care, and technology, plus taxes. Yet, because their income is above the federal poverty level, they often don't qualify for assistance.

"Entire families and essential workers can't make ends meet and are being overlooked for support," said Tom Gabriel, president and CEO of the United Way of Westchester & Putnam. "When we underestimate how many households are struggling, we underestimate what it truly takes to build thriving communities. This means too many are left without the resources they need to stay healthy, achieve financial stability, and reach their fullest potential."

The crux of the struggle for ALICE families is the gap between wages and expenses.

In 2023, a family of four with *Continued on Page 12* 

# Legislators Updated on Development Initiatives

By Rob Sample

A luxury boutique-style hotel complex and a senior housing development are the most promising projects under way in Putnam County, according to the president of the county's Economic Development Corporation—and that doesn't even take into account acres of warehouses and other industrial buildings, Kathleen Ables told the Putnam County Legislature at its May 15 Economic Development Committee meeting.

Her presentation forecast a positive future for development in the county – while recognizing a host of challenges that must be met.

Plans for a Patterson lodging development show a 120-room, four-story, Adirondack-style boutique hotel with hiking trails, grotto, conference center, and a wedding venue. "The artists' renderings are just stunning," said Abels. "It will look like some of the places I've stayed out west at national parks."

On the housing front, Toll Brothers has taken over the 150unit Gateway Summit 55-and-older complex adjacent to the Centennial Golf Club in Carmel. "The units are supposed to be very upscale, and the views are amazing," said Abels. "Ten percent of it has to be affordable... Toll Brothers is a national company, and they do very nice work."

Nearby, work proceeds on a new development of multifamily homes at 119 Seminary Hill Road. Once complete, it will consist of 50 units, including 33 townhomes and 17 cottages.

In the industrial category, a project that bears watching is at 54 Bowen Road in Carmel. It includes some frontage on Route 52 and extends partly into the Town of Kent. "It's right by Interstate-84, so they're marketing it as an industrial development opportunity," said Abels.

In Patterson, McGrath Realty is working with a client who wants to develop a data center on Valley Hack Road. The center would total approximately 10,500 square feet and employ 36 people.

"My concern with that is data centers require a lot of electricity – Continued on Page 10



# Working Mom By Holly Crocco

# **Sneakers for Days**

For just three people, we pair of dress shoes. sure have a lot of shoes in our household.

Now, my brain and memory aren't as sharp as they used to be, but I certainly don't recall having a dozen pair of shoes as a kid. I had the "school shoes" that were to be kept somewhat presentable, the "play shoes" that were beat to all heck, and maybe a pair of dress shoes (not that I ever wore them). I don't think I even had sandals as a kid.

My 7-year-old has an endless amount of sneakers. He's got the fake Jordans that are kind of like high-tops with a Velcro near the ankle, at least two pairs of Adidas slip-on sneakers, Crocs, a pair of flip-flops he never wears because all he does is trip in them, two pairs of rubbery slip-on sandals...

He recently learned to tie his shoes, so now he also has a pair of flat Levi's and also some other athletic type shoe that I can't remember the name of.

Add to that his soccer cleats and his football cleats (why they can't just be the same is beyond me) and his Minecraft slippers.

Interestingly, he has not one

Either way ... Spoiled.

Needless to say, we are trip-Particularly boys' youth size ping over shoes all day. There's often one hidden under a rogue throw blanket that's been discarded on the floor. Oftentimes you can find one under the couch. Sometimes he has a few in his room - but never two of the same pair.

> Sometimes he kicks them off at the top of the stairs (he learned that from me) and one stops at the landing while the other somehow rounds the corner and goes into the basement.

> However, I must admit, my husband and I also apparently have some sort of shoe fetish, because I have at least two pairs of sneakers (my "good" ones and my "not good" ones) as well as a pair of flip-flops and a pair of athletic sandals. And Mike has sneakers, sandals, work shoes, and work boots that he wears when he's doing vard work.

> Now, we have a split-level house so when you open the front door, there's a small landing that is pretty much just enough space to clear the door when it swings open and you can get inside and close it. When all three of us file

in, two of us have to start climbing the stairs before the last person can get in and shut the door.

Can you imagine the instant rage and frustration that occurs when that little landing area is littered with shoes? Some get swept by the opening door and pile up behind it, so you can't even get the door open all the way. Others remain on the floor for you to trip over and step on as you try to drag groceries into the house.

The other day I nearly bit it coming down the stairs with a basket of laundry, trying to maneuver through the minefield.

I told my husband that if anyone ever tried to break in through the front door, don't worry - they'll never make it past the shoes. It's full-on "Home Alone"-style security.

Recently I was making dinner and heard the front door unlock, and open.

And then I heard my husband mumble a few curse words, and there was some thudding – which I recognized as the sound of him kicking shoes out of the way.

In an attempt to help him out, I yelled at Mikey to go down to the landing and put his shoes away, to which my husband yelled up: "It's not his shoes, it's yours!"

Looks like the child isn't the only one who's a slob.

I was quick to remind him that his sneakers are also taking up precious real estate on the landing, to which he threatened - again - to toss all the shoes on the front lawn.

So if anyone drives by a house with sneakers dangling from the trees and bushes, just keep driving. We're fine. Everything's fine.

Holly Crocco is editor of the Putnam County Times/Press and mother of a 7-year-old. She can be reached at editorial@putnampresstimes.com.



Local veterans Richard Othmer, left, and Otto Romanino, center, with Assemblyman Matt Slater.

# **Cold War Vets May Now Receive Medals**

Qualified veterans will now be eligible to receive a New York State Cold War Commemorative Medal following the passage of bill A.8087 (originally A.5869), introduced by Assemblyman Matt Slater, R-Yorktown, and Assemblyman Steve Stern, D-Huntington.

The legislation honors the service of thousands of New Yorkers who served in the U.S. military during the Cold War - a nearly 50-year conflict that shaped the modern global order.

The Cold War marked an era of political and military tensions between the U.S. and the Soviet Union, and New York veterans who served during this time played a critical role in defending freedom and liberty around the world.

Although the state currently offers a Cold War certificate, this new medal provides veterans with physical recognition of their service that aligns with military regulations, similar to commemorative medals awarded in other states like New Mexico, Louisiana, and

"The Cold War was a defining period in world history and the brave men and women who served during that time deserve to be recognized," said Slater. "It's long overdue for New York State to honor these veterans with a meaningful, tangible symbol of their service. We were proud to pass this bill in the Assembly and move one step closer to giving our veterans the recognition they have earned."

Town of Kent Highway Superintendent and local veteran Richard Othmer expressed his

"Having served in the Marine Corps from 1974 to 1980, we trained knowing we could be called into conflict with the Soviet Union at any time," he said. "I'm grateful to Assemblymen Slater and Stern for making this happen and ensuring those who served during this defining period are finally recognized and honored."

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# **Distraction-Free Learning in NYS**

# Smartphone Restriction Policy Coming to Schools

Gov. Kathy Hochul recently signed new legislation to foster better learning opportunities for all students through the adoption of a distraction-free schools initiative, making New York the largest state in the country with a smartphone restriction policy in schools.

In addition, the legislation provides \$340 million for a universal free school meals program -a \$160 million (89 percent) yearo-year increase – and requires all school districts, charter schools, and nonpublic schools that participate in the national school lunch and breakfast program to provide free meals to all students regardless of their families' income.

The governor also secured the state's first dual enrollment policy to help ensure that certain high school students can receive college credits for free.

Lastly, the budget includes \$61 million – a \$3 million increase to support existing dual enrollment programs and encourage new, high-quality partnerships between high schools and colleges in the state

New York is becoming the largest state in the nation to require statewide, bell-to-bell restrictions on smartphones in kindergartenthrough-grade-12 schools. The 2026 budget provides \$13.5 million to aid in the implementation

of distraction-free school policies.

This new requirement will take place in the 2025-26 school year and applies to all public school districts, as well as charter schools and Boards of Cooperative Educational Services.

The policy creates a statewide standard for distraction-free schools in New York, including:

- No unsanctioned use of smartphones and other internet-enabled personal devices on school grounds in K-12 schools for the entire school day, including classroom time and other settings like lunch and study hall periods.
- Allows schools to develop their own plans for storing smartphones during the day - giving administrators and teachers the flexibility to do what works best for their buildings and students.
- Secures \$13.5 million in funding to be made available for schools that need assistance in purchasing storage solutions to help them go distraction-free.
- Requires schools to give parents a way to contact their kids during the day when necessary.
- Requires teachers, parents, and students to be consulted in developing a local policy.
- Prevents inequitable discipline.

The policy clarifies that students would still be authorized to have access to simple cellphones without internet capability, as well as internet-enabled devices officially provided by their school for classroom instruction, such as laptops or tablets used as part of lesson plans.

Additionally, the policy includes several exemptions to smartphone restrictions, including for students who require access to an internet-enabled device to manage a medical condition, where required by a student's individualized education program, for academic purposes, or for other legitimate purposes such as translation, family caregiving, and emergencies.

In June 2024, Hochul signed the Safe for Kids Act after advocating for and securing passage of the legislation. That law – the first of its kind to be signed in any state in the nation – requires social media companies to restrict addictive feeds on their platforms for users under 18. Unless parental consent is granted, users under 18 will not receive addictive feeds.

Hochul also signed the New York Child Data Protection act, which prohibits online sites and connected devices from collecting, using, sharing, or selling personal data of anyone under the age of 18, unless they receive informed consent or unless doing so is strictly necessary for the purpose of the website.

# Southeast Mulls Renovating Town Hall vs. Moving

By Holly Crocco

The Southeast Town Board recently revisited a conversation about relocating town hall, versus renovating it.

"This building is in pretty dire need of a facelift, if we plan on staying here," said Supervisor Nick Durante at the May 15 Southeast Town Board meeting.

Durante recently toured the building that houses the Hudon Valley Cerebral Palsy Association, at 15 Mount Ebo Road, which his currently for sale. "I'm not a realtor, I'm not a banker, but I definitely think it's something we should look at," he said.

The supervisor brought up the idea of buying that building and only occupying one floor, and renting out the remaining space.

"This is a big piece of land," he said, explaining that the town could put a playground or dog park out front.

"The cost of the building is pretty high," noted Councilwoman Wendy Lewis. "We would not be utilizing a whole lot of the building, and then we would be reliant on renting the space."

She said the prospect for commercial real estate is dwindling, adding, "I don't know that I'd want to rely on revenue from renting the building."

Councilman Eric Larca said that while the Mount Ebo building is an attractive space, it is also 58,000 square feet more than what the town currently occupies. "I don't think the financials are very good," he said. "This seems like a lot for us to bite off."

To buy that property, the town would have to go to residents and ask for permission to take out a bond, according to Larca – who noted that the residents voted down a recreation center a while back.

"Bonding is expensive," he said. "I don't know that I'd be comfortable going to the town (residents) and saying, 'Hey, we'd like to take out this big mortgage to pay for this building with risk associated to it,' and I don't know that it's going to provide more for them."

Discussion then moved toward the option of improving the existing town hall building.

Larca said there's still a plan

# **Celebrate History**

There will be a special celebration of the 250th anniversary of the Revolutionary War and the birth of the U.S. Army on Sunday, June 15 at 1 p.m., at the Patterson Fire Department on Burdick Road. This event is part of the I Love NY Drive Thru History Weekend and the statewide Rev War 250 celebration.

All veterans will be honored and presented with a special coin honoring the 250th anniversary of the Revolution, and their service.

There will be a ceremonial firing of muskets and of an original cannon used in the Revolutionary War.

to potentially consolidate the town and village courts in the heart of the village, which would open up a lot of space at town hall. He said the town could then sell the building at 1 Main St., and move the building, accounting, and recreation departments, and the planning board office to town hall.

"You could theoretically move all that up here," he said. "I think that would be minimal cost."

"To fix this building would be way cheaper than any new building or construction," added Durante.

Lewis agreed. "From a financial standpoint, that would be our best option," she said.

However, the septic system would need to be updated, and the parking lot may need to be expanded, which could cause a problem.

According to town attorney Willis Stephens Jr., the dirt parking lot that extends off the paved lot belongs to New York City as part of its watershed protection program, "and they would never let us put a septic system back there... And you can't put gravel back there," he said.

However, Larca said that if the courts were moved to the village, that would free up a lot of parking at town hall.

Stephens agreed.

"I think anything you were to do here at this site, if you were to continue here and to develop this as town hall, it would require that the courts be relocated somewhere else," he said.

Councilman Alex Mazzotta said it would behoove the town to look at all its options.

"We just have to always know what our core mission is, in government," he said. "And that's our focus – that's our baseline for what we need."

"I think we have a lot of options in front of us," added Lewis.

Discussion on the matter is expected to continue.



Middle school students from Mahopac recently participated in the Westchester Regional Middle School Science & Engineering Fair. Ellen Caraher and Lily Torsiello took second place for their project, "Are Fingerprint Patterns Inherited?"

# Mahopac Excels at Science Fair

Eleven students from Mahopac Middle School showcased their scientific curiosity and innovation at the Westchester Regional Middle School Science & Engineering Fair on April 26.

The event brought together middle school students from across the region to present original research and experiments. Students competed in a range of scientific disciplines, from renewable energy to genetics, earning recognition for their work.

Ellen Caraher and Lily Torsiello took second place for their project, "Are Fingerprint Patterns Inherited?"

Third-place honors went to Cora Ramahlo and Ayun Roh for their project on hydroponics, and to Jasmine DeFino for her individual project, "Propagating Plants: The Effects of Rooting Hormones."

Additional Mahopac student projects selected for the fair included: "pH and Electrolytes: Are They Connected?" by Anthony Dicob and Luca Furfaro, "Renewable Energy" by Ava Mueller and Arya Pellegrino, and "The Perfect Marshmallow" by Nora Furfaro and Emma Godin.

"We're proud of all our students who participated," said MMS Principal Tom Cozzocrea. "Their creativity, dedication, and enthusiasm for science were on full display. It was exciting to see them represent Mahopac at the regional level, and we're grateful to teachers Margaret Fox and Kelly Kischak for their guidance and support throughout the process."

The Westchester Regional Sci-

ence & Engineering Fair provides young scientists with an opportunity to engage in hands-on learning and present their findings to experts in the field.









# **Driver Extricated in Carmel Crash**

At about 7:50 a.m. May 24, the Carmel Fire Department was dispatched to a two-car motor vehicle accident in front of Putnam Plaza on Route 6, with reports of a person trapped. Firefighters quickly conducted an extrication and removed the individual, who was then turned over to EMS and transported to a local trauma center for further treatment. Also operating at the scene were the Carmel Police Department, Carmel Volunteer Ambulance Corp., and Empress EMS paramedics.

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# **Nutrition Corner**

By Allison J. Stowell MS, RD, CDN



# **Protein Rich Cookies**

Americans are obsessed with protein. The appeal makes sense. Protein is satisfying, helps us build lean tissue, and maintains muscle mass as we age. In my line of work, I often meet individuals who are either over consuming protein or not meeting their daily needs. If you aren't sure where you're falling on that spectrum I recommend reviewing protein intake guidelines, which can be found online (generally .8g-1.2g/kg, with higher needs for seniors and certain conditions).

In response to our strong focus on protein, you may have noticed that manufacturers are producing products that are unexpectedly high in protein. I realize this can be confusing. I recommend reviewing the nutrition facts panel to ensure that your high protein food is still low in saturated fat, sodium and added sugar. And remember that when you don't have time to read the nutrition facts panel, Guiding Stars does it for you (more information below).

Protein enhanced foods, like waffles or cookies, which wouldn't traditionally be high in the macronutrient, are enhanced so that they are. This is often done with pea protein, soy, whey, or another plant-based protein blend. Here are some things to consider when choosing a protein-enhanced food:

How does the food fit within your overall diet?

It's appealing to pick up foods just because they're labeled as high protein. However, it's essential to consider how the food will fit within the balance of your day. Also ask yourself if it's replacing another option that provides additional micronutrients (and is less processed).

What other ingredients are in the product?

Protein-enhanced products usually have very long ingredient lists. This may mean you're taking in additives that you wouldn't usually consume. Take a moment to consider if you're better off reaching for foods naturally higher in protein, like eggs, low fat dairy foods, and lean animal or plant-

based options.

Do you really need all that protein?

In some cases, a protein enhanced product is simply adding a serving or two (7-14 grams) to a waffle, oatmeal or something similar. In other cases, a bar or beverage is so fortified that it nearly fulfills your entire protein needs for the day. Consider how your protein adds up throughout the day and how to spread it out among your snacks and meals.

Allison J Stowell MS RD CDN serves as the online dietitian for Hannaford Supermarket. To learn about FREE, virtual nutrition classes and more, visit Hannaford. com/dietitians. For more on the Guiding Stars nutrition guidance program, visit GuidingStars.com.

# **Chocolate Banana Smoothie** (3 Guiding Stars)

Silken tofu becomes liquid when blended into this nutritious smoothie with 22 grams of protein per serving. For the complete nutrition facts, visit Hannaford.com.

Ingredients:

- 1 1/2 cup low-fat milk
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/2 cup silken tofu
- 1 tbsp unsweetened cocoa
  - 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
  - 1 cup frozen banana slices
- 2 teaspoons frozen apple juice concentrate
- 1 tablespoon smooth peanut butter

# Directions:

- 1. Place milk and vanilla in a blender. Add tofu, cocoa, and nutmeg followed by banana slices and juice concentrate. Blend on low for 20 seconds, then switch to high and blend until banana is fully incorporated, about 20 to 30 seconds.
- 2. Drop peanut butter into the liquid and process on high until fully incorporated, about 20 seconds. Pour into 2 glasses and serve immediately.

# **Pork and Bacon Burgers**

(Family Features) **Pork and Bacon Burgers** 

# Ingredients:

2 pounds Coleman Ground

Pork

- 1/4 pound ground pork chorizo
- 1 medium onion, diced
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 teaspoon pepper 1 teaspoon salt
- 6 cheese slices (optional) 6 hamburger buns
- 6-8 strips Coleman Hickory

Smoked Uncured Bacon, cooked tomato slices (optional) red onion slices (optional) lettuce (optional) ketchup (optional)

mayonnaise (optional)

# **Directions:**

Preheat grill to medium heat. In large mixing bowl, combine ground pork, chorizo, onion, garlic, salt and pepper. Gently mix ingredients, being careful not to overwork meat. Divide meat into six burger



patties. Cook burgers 3-4 minutes per side until internal temperature reaches 145 F or desired doneness.

During last 2-3 minutes of cooking, place cheese slices on top of burgers to melt, if desired.

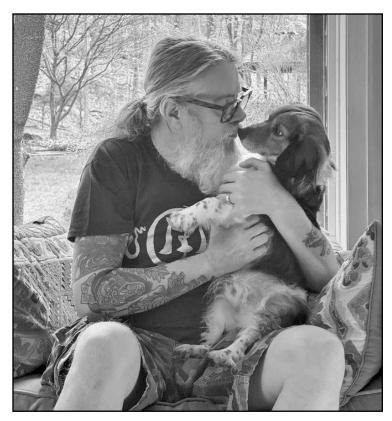
Transfer burgers to platter. Assemble burgers with buns, bacon, tomato slices, red onion slices, lettuce, ketchup and mayonnaise, as desired.

**Tip:** Burger patties may be frozen up to 1 month. Fully defrost before

Servings: 6

Source: Coleman Natural Foods

# **Putnam Service Dogs Pairs Canines** With Veterans



David with Gizmo.



Chris and Gertie.

What better way to celebrate Memorial Day than to honor three veterans with their Putnam Service Dogs' PTSD pups?

Larry was a Marines infantryman who won a Purple Heart, and has been gifted Forest. Chris was an Army combat medic who has bonded with Gertie. And David was an Army fire support specialist who is happy to be paired with Gizmo.

All served in Iraq.

These trained PTSD service dogs provide the brave men who served their country with love, support, companionship, and assistance when needed. The animals are carefully selected and adopted from rescue partner organizations Paws Crossed, Westchester SPCA, and New Fairfield Sherman Animal Wel-

# We Will Miss

Patterson Raymond M. St. Auburn. 83, May 23. Cargain Funeral Home, Carmel, (845) 225-3672.

fare Society.

They are provided to veterans free of charge.

Since Jan. 1, Putnam Service Dogs has received 33 applications from veteran and 62 applications from non-veterans for dogs. There are 175 applications waiting from 2024, and only nine dogs in training; each is trained over nearly two years.

"We can't begin to meet the demand for our dogs," said Nancy Teague, PSD founder and CEO. "Our financial resources hold us back. There's no public money for service dogs. We rely on grants and donations to fund our mission. Our community support really matters."

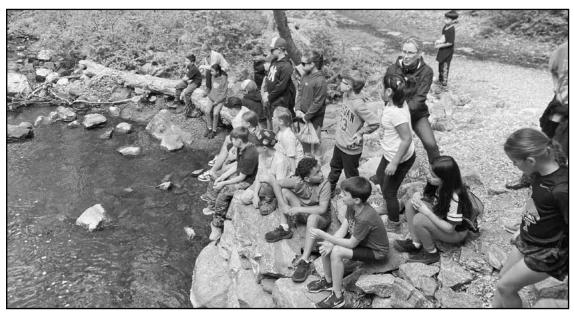
To support the organization, and for more information, visit putnamservicedogs.org.

Mahopac

Russell E. Bunyea, 95, May 21. Joseph J. Smith Funeral Home, Mahopac, (845) 621-1992.

**Brewster** 

Ronald Scott Trappe Sr., 62, May 24. Beecher Funeral Home, Brewster, NY, (845) 279-3615.



Fulmar Road students at Ward Pound Ridge Reservation.

# **Mahopac Students Release Trout**

Marking the culmination of months of care and learning, Fulmar Road Elementary fourthgraders released trout into a stream during a recent field trip to Ward Pound Ridge Reservation in Cross

As part of "Trout in the Classroom," a hands-on science enrichment program that brings life science into the classroom, the students cared for approximately 100 trout, beginning as eggs.

'This program brings science to life in a way that's meaningful and memorable," said teacher Maria Natiello. "The students take on the real responsibility of caring for living things and learn how everything in nature is connected."

Throughout the year, the students explored key science concepts such as life cycles, ecosystems, food webs, and environmental conservation. One of the most engaging aspects of the program – which has been a long-standing tradition for 25 years – is the challenge of imitating a natural aquatic habitat inside a classroom aquarium. The students monitored water quality, regulated temperature, and troubleshooted environmental issues in real time to help the trout thrive.

These efforts not only deepened students' understanding of ecosystems, but also underscored the importance of clean water and local watershed protection.

The experience culminated in a much-anticipated field trip to

Ward Pound Ridge Reservation, where the students reflected on their journey in year-end journals, documenting what they've learned and how their perspective on the natural world has grown.

By raising trout from egg to release, the students gained a sense of stewardship, community, and connection to the environment the teachers hope will stay with them for years to come.





ARE YOU READY FOR THE SUMMER SEASON?

# Brewster Teen Paints Mural in History Classroom

Ancient Greece, Roman Empire, Black Death, Vishu, Song Dynasty, Golden Age of Discovery ... these are just a few of the 18 distinct periods – spanning from the first civilizations to the French Revolution – that students study in ninth grade global history. They are also represented in the 18 panels on the mural that sophomore Samantha Sanchez Gil painted in Nicole O'Sullivan's classroom at Brewster High School.

"I was inspired by Ms. O'Sullivan," said Sanchez Gil. "She is a great teacher who connects with students. Each of the panels represents a different period in history. I picked an image that I thought stands for each period. For example, for the Roman Empire, I painted blueprints of a Roman aqueduct."

The project started as an idea in global history but came to fruition when Sanchez Gil had to come up with an AP world history project.



Samantha Sanchez Gil painted a mural in Nicole O'Sullivan's ninth grade global history classroom that depicts 18 periods of note throughout history.

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"The idea of the panels just came to me as I was sitting in class," she said.

Sanchez Gil created a rough sketch and a written proposal to obtain approval for her mural, created a schedule outlining when she could stay after school to work on it, and has maintained open lines of communication throughout the process with teachers, administration, and custodial staff – all of whom have

helped in some way to bring her vision to life.

She has spent approximately 120 hours on the project – and the time painting has paid off.

"I started with graphic sketches, then started to paint," said Sanchez Gil. "One exciting part is the hidden clues or 'Easter eggs' for students to find, to make it interactive. In the panel of the Song Dynasty, I painted a clock that is an explosive because they invented gunpowder. And the clock reads 1:19 because – after doing a conversion to hours – that's when the period ended."

O'Sullivan is even using to the mural in her history classes

"As Samantha's work has progressed over the past couple of months, the students in my class are able to reference the mural as we cover new topics and recently have even been using it as a tool to review for their final," she said. "Countless faculty, staff, and students pass by the classroom and are struck by the beauty and attention to detail of Samantha's work. Both the mural and Samantha are truly exceptional and her work will be enjoyed and admired for years to come."



The Putnam/Northern Westchester Women's Resource Center is hosting its annual restaurant gift card raffle, with tickets available for purchase through Sept. 1.

Tickets are \$10 each or three for \$25, and may be purchased at prwwrc.org.

Winners will receive a \$100 give certificate to one of the following participating restaurants: IL Villaggio Authentic and My Cousin's in Mahopac; The Arch and Rraci's Restaurant in Brewster; Cathryn's Tuscan Grill in Cold Spring; McKinney & Doyle in Pawling; Traditions 118 Restaurant in Granite Springs; Prime Pub Somers; Barnwood Grill, Peter Pratt's Inn, and The Gramercy in Yorktown Heights; 121 Restaurant and Farmer and the Fish in North Salem; and Lexington Square Café in Mount Kisco,

All proceeds go toward helping PNWWRC provide advocacy, education, and services to the community to create a safe, supportive environment that eliminates violence and promotes gender equality.



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# **Putnam County Community Events**

### **Donations Sought**

Donations for the Patterson book sale may be dropped off beginning Saturday, Aug. 9 at the Patterson Fire Department grounds, 13 Burdick Road. Books, CDs, DVDs, Blue-Ray discs or vinyl LPs may be deposited in a POD storage container near the pavilion on the grounds (not left outside). Only books in good condition. It would help if fiction, non-fiction, and children's books are packaged in separate, labeled bags or boxes. No magazines, textbooks, encyclopedias, VHS or cassettes.

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### **Carmel Cruisers**

The Carmel Cruisers are returning to Wendys in the Putnam Plaza, 1894 Route 6. Carmel, for their fourth season of free car shows for the community. The will be at Wendys every other Saturday from 3 to 8 p.m., through Sept. 20, and every Sunday morning from 9 a.m. to noon through Oct. 12.

### Farmers' Market

The Town of Carmel Recreation & Parks Department will host a farmers' market every other Sunday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. through Oct. 19 at the Michael Geary Memorial Hockey Rink at 740 Route 6, Mahopac. Live music, food, vendors. Updates available on social media @CFMatlakemahopac.

# 'Fixers' Needed

Sustainable Putnam needs volunteer "fixers" with skills in either sewing, gluing, basic electrical or mechanical work, to help at its Repair Cafes. These "repair coaches" work together to diagnose and repair a wide array of household items. Volunteers are provided with snacks and lunch. Email volunteer@sustainableputnam.org or call 646-598-6560.

# **Al-Alon Meetings**

Al-Alon meetings take place Tuesdays and Fridays at 7 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 2103 Route 6, Brewster. Enter from the Huested Road double-white door.

# Tuesday, June 3

# **Kent Town Board**

The Kent Town Board will meet the following Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at Town Hall: June 3 and 17, July 1 and 15, Aug. 5 and 19 (daytimes), Sept. 2 and 16, Oct. 7 and 21, Nov. 18 and 25, and Dec. 2 and 16.

# **Art Exhibit & Sale**

The Mahopac Public Library's Third Floor Gallery will host an art exhibit and sale by the Westchester Watercolor Collective throughout the month of June, featuring artists Amy Galinko, Carol Rapport-Sommer, Trude Ritz, and Teri Siegel. A variety of paintings and fine art prints will be on display June 3 through 27, and an artists' reception and sale will be held June 14 from 1 to 2:30 p.m.

# Garden Club

The Lake Mahopac Garden Club will meet Tuesday June 3 at 11:30

a.m. in Mahopac at a member's home. Participants are welcome to enjoy the meeting and light lunch. The program topic is "Native Ground Covers of the Hudson Valley," presented by Stefen Gramenz. Call 201-218-8742 for the meeting address. (Rain date is June 10.)

### **Roaming Reeders**

Reed Memorial Library in Carmel presents Roaming Reeders, a friendly walking group, Tuesdays, June 3 and 10 at 10:30 a.m. Weather permitting. Meet at the library and enjoy a casual walk through Carmel. Registration is required at carmellibrary.org/calendar.

# Wednesday, June 4

### **Carmel Town Board**

The Carmel Town Board will meet at 7 p.m. the following Wednesdays at Town Hall: June 4, 11 and 18; July 2 and 9; Aug. 6 and 13; Sept. 3, 10 and 17; Oct. 1, 8 and 15; Nov. 5, 12 and 19; and Dec. 3 and 10.

# **Preparedness Training**

Brewster Public Library will host "Ready Together: Disaster Preparedness Training" on Wednesday, June 4 at 5:30 p.m., for ages 18 and older. Presented by the NY Citizen Preparedness Training Program. Training covers responses to natural and manmade disasters. Learn how to prepare for disaster, including creating family emergency plans and gathering supplies. Each family that attends will receive one preparedness kit. Registration required at brewsterlibrary.org.

# Thursday, June 5

# **Blood Drive**

A blood drive is scheduled Thursday, June 5 from 12:30 to 6:30 p.m., at Trinity Lutheran Church. 2103 Route 6 Brewster. Sign up at nybc.org or call 1-800-933-2566. Baked goods will be provided.

# **Southeast Town Board**

The Southeast Town Board will meet at 7 p.m. the following Thursdays at Town Hall: June 5 and 26, July 10 and 24, Aug. 7 and 21, Sept. 11 and 25, Oct. 9 and 23, Nov. 6 and 20, and Dec. 4 and 18.

# Republican Women's

The Putnam County Republican Women's Club meets the first Thursday of each month in Brewster. The 2025 dates include June 5, Sept. 4, Oct. 2, Nov. 6 and Dec 4. Email putnamwomensgop@ gmail.com for information.

# Carnival

The Brewster Elks Lodge will hold a carnival June 5 to 8 featuring games, rides, food and fun, at 1430 Route 22. Free entry. Information at www.brewsterelks.org.

# **Voter Registration**

Representatives from the Putnam County Board of Elections will hold a voter registration event Thursday, June 5 from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., at the Patterson Library. Stop by to register to vote in the upcoming elections. Also, learn how to become a poll worker.

# **Container Gardening**

Dive into the world of container gardening with the CCE Master Gardener volunteers who will share tips on how to grow veggies and herbs on your deck or patio, Thursday, June 5 at 1 p.m., at Patterson Library. After the class, roll up your sleeves and help plant the library's garden. Bring gardening gloves. Adults only. To register, call 845-878-6121 or go to www. pattersonlibrary.org.

# Friday, June 6

### **Bandstand Brass Concert**

The Bandstand Brass (AKA Trinity Brass) will perform classical and popular music from the Golden Age of brass bands Friday, June 6 at 7:30 p.m., at Trinity Lutheran Church, 2103 Route 6, Brewster. Free.

# Sunday, June 8

### **FrOGS Paddle**

Friends Of the Great Swamp will host a "paddle" Sunday, June 8 at 10 a.m. on the North Flow, at the DEC launch area at Wheeler Road in Wingdale. \$15 for members, \$25 for non-members. Email Ken Luhman at frogspaddle22@ gmail.com.

### Youth Market

The Putnam County Youth Business Market is scheduled Sunday, June 8, at Tilly Foster Farm in Brewster. Young entrepreneurs looking to showcase and sell their products or services can now sign up at PutnamCountyNY.gov/ YBM.

### Chicken BBQ

A grab-n-go chicken BBQ fundraiser to support outreach ministries is scheduled Sunday, June 8 from noon to 3 p.m., at Patterson Community Church, 1062 Route 311. \$15 per person. 845-878-3961 or pattersoncommunitychurch.org

# **Big Band Sound**

Boscobel House & Gardens will host a Big Band night June 8 from 6 to 8 p.m., at 1601 Route 9D, Garrison. The Big Band Sound is a 20-piece jazz band consisting of saxophones, trombones, trumpets, rhythm section, and vocalists which performs standards from the core of the Great American Songbook. Grounds will open at 5 p.m. to ticketholders for picnicking. \$25 for adults, \$5 for kids age 4 to 18; members receive 20 percent off. Tickets at Boscobel.org.

# Patterson Day

The annual Patterson Day celebration is scheduled Sunday, June 8, beginning at 10 a.m., at Patterson Baptist Church, 595 Route 311. It is designed to help people in Patterson meet one another and honor those who serve them.

# **Historic House Tour**

A historic house tour of the Hudson Highlands is scheduled June 8 from 1 to 5 p.m. The cost is \$60 per person, and space is limited. Make your reservations at https:// histoury.org/historical-tour-calendar-and-tickets.

# Repair Café

Kent's first Repair Café is scheduled Sunday, June 8 from noon to 3 p.m. at Arts on the Lake, 640 Route 52. Hosted by volunteers Alex Sewell and Jenny Drewitt in conjunction with Sustainable Putnam, community members are invited to bring their broken household items in need of repair. All repairs are performed for free. If necessary parts are available, they are sold at cost. Register at sustainableputnam.org/repair-

### Gala

The Italian American Club of Mahopac will celebrate the return of the Putnam County Columbus Parade with a gala Sunday, June 8 at Villa Barone Hilltop Manor on Route 6. A cocktail hour starts at 2:30 p.m., followed by dinner and dancing with a variety of entertainment hosted by WGCH celebrity radio host Dennis Dion Nardone. Tickets are \$130 for adults and \$65 for children younger than 10, and reservations can be made by calling Linda Cefaloni at 914-582-4373 or Giulio Cefaloni at 845-745-2655.

# Monday, June 9

### **Life-Saving Skills Class**

Nuvance Health will present a lifesaving skills combo class: CPR/ AED and Stop the Bleed on Monday, June 9 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Patterson Library. This essential combo class will equip participants with the knowledge and skills needed in an emergency. Ideal for new parents, grandparents, babysitters, and others interested in learning how to save a life. This class is not suitable for community professions that require CPR certification. Registration is required at carmellibrary.org/calendar.

### **Grad Cap Glow-Up**

Students graduating in the class of 2025 are invited to Brewster Public Library on Monday, June 9 at 5:30 p.m. for a glow-up party. Design a removable graduation cap topper that reflects your personality, future goals, or favorite quote. All materials are provided. Registration is required at Brewsterlibrary.org.

# Take-Home Craft

Stop by the children's room at Brewster Public Library from Monday, June 9 to Saturday, June 14 and pick up a craft and activity packet that honors and celebrates all the special men in your life dads, grandpas, uncles, or someone dear to you – by creating a unique craft for them. While supplies last.

# Tuesday, June 10

# **Garden Club Meeting**

The monthly meeting of the Brewster Carmel Garden Club will take place Tuesday, June 10 at the Spain Memorial Cornerstone Park building on the corner of Fair Street and Gleneida Avenue in Carmel. The meeting will begin at 10:30 a.m., followed by a brief social time before a presentation titled "Traditional and Creative Design" by NGC accredited flower show judge Trish Manifredi. Members and their guests are welcome to bring a lunch. https://brewstercarmelgardenclub.org.

# 'Wicked Little Letters'

Patterson Library will show "Wicked Little Letters" on Tuesday, June 10 at noon. When Edith starts receiving shocking letters filled with outrageous profanities, her neighbor Rose is accused of the crime. But as the town's women launch their own investigation, they begin to suspect there's more to the case than meets the eye. Adults only. To register, call 845-878-6121 or go to www.pattersonlibrary.org.

# **Art Explosion Books**

Kids age 5 to 8 are invited to Brewster Public Library on Tuesday, June 10 at 5:30 p.m. to fold, cut, and decorate their own art

explosion books. Kids will get the chance to create a colorful, popout book full of fun surprises, drawings, and their imagination. Registration is required at brewsterlibrary.org.

# **Highlights from 1945**

On Tuesday, June 10 at 11 a.m. at Reed Memorial Library in Carmel, enjoyed a program focusing on the year 1945 – when World War II ended, FDR died, and Churchill was kicked out of office. Rationing was over and there was a transition in the U.S. from a war-time to a postwar economy. The first civil rights bill since 1875 passed. The Slinky made its debut. Registration is required at carmellibrary. org/calendar.

### Beginner Yoga

Reed Memorial Library in Carmel will present gentle mat yoga for beginners on Tuesday, June 10 at 6 p.m. Designed for those seeking a gentle, mindful practice. Learn the foundations of safe movement, basic yoga poses, and breath-work in a welcoming environment. Each session includes 45 minutes of guided instruction. Arrive a few minutes early to be ready for the start time. Bring a mat, towel, or blanket. Registration is required at carmellibrary.org/calendar.

# Wednesday, June 11

### **Library Meeting**

The Reed Memorial Library Board of Trustees will meet at 5 p.m. in the reference room of the Carmel library on the following dates: June 11 (rescheduled), July 2, Aug. 6, Sept. 3, Oct. 1, Nov. 5, and Dec. 3. Board meetings are open to the public.

# Thursday, June 12

# **Historical Program**

Patterson Historical Society will present "Fading of the Pastoral Life 1820 – 1920" on Thursday, June 12 at 1 p.m. at Patterson Library. Hundred-year old photographs will be used to illustrate the many changes that occurred in Haviland Hollow as it moved from farming to an industrial outlier. Reminiscences of oldtimers will highlight how a life centered around dairy farming and horse-drawn wagons was supplanted by an automobile age of summer cottages and retirement homes for New York City workers. Adult program. To register, call 845-878-6121 or go to www.pattersonlibrary.org.

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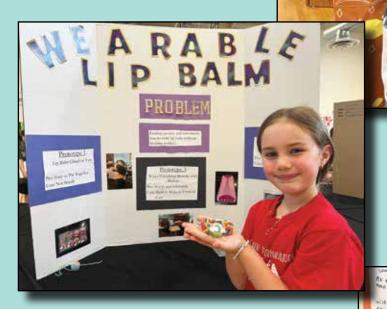


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# STEAM Expo & Ar



As part of the expo, there was the C.V. Starr art show with a safari theme. More than 1,500 pieces of student artwork was presented. Third grade teacher Jackie Fego and art teachers Danielle Michielini and Megan Naclerio organized the event.





# t Show at C.V. Starr



C.V. Starr Intermediate School's seventh annual STEAM Expo was quite an adventure. This year there were more than 100 student innovations and prototypes tackling real-world problems through student inventions – from the Sibling Siren to wearable lip balm, to shoes that grow with a kid's feet.



Provided photos.



# **Leaders Seek Safety Review of Taconic**

Following a tragic crash May 14 on the Taconic State Parkway that claimed four lives and left another individual critically injured, Assemblyman Matt Slater, R-Yorktown, is calling for immediate action to address ongoing safety concerns along a heavily traveled portion of the roadway.

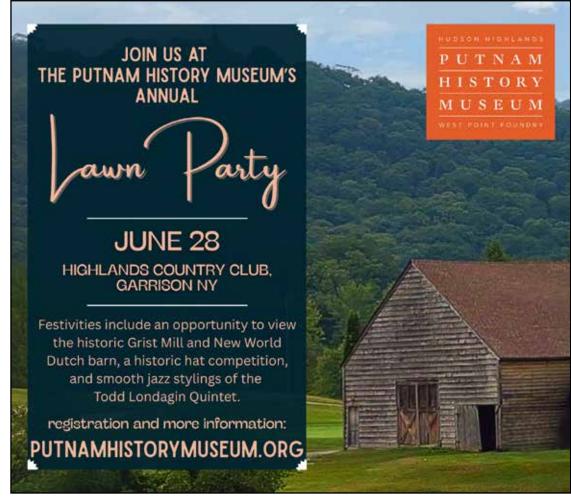
Slater has sent a letter to Gov. Kathy Hochul and New York State Department of Transportation Commissioner Marie Dominguez urging the state to conduct a comprehensive safety assessment of the Taconic State Parkway, specifically from the Saw Mill River Parkway interchange to Miller Hill Road.

"Tragically, the recent fatal accident in the Town of New Castle stresses the urgent need for improvements," said Slater. "It is suggested that the absence of guardrails contributed to the severity of the crash. This is not an isolated incident. The frequency and seriousness of accidents on this corridor need to be addressed now."

Slater is calling on the DOT to analyze crash data from the past de-

cade and assess current infrastructure, including the adequacy of guardrails, signage, rumble strips and visibility. He emphasized the need for a proactive, data-driven response to prevent future tragedies.

"The Taconic State Parkway is a critical artery for commuters and families across the Hudson Valley," he said. "We have an obligation to ensure it is as safe as possible. I stand ready to work with state agencies and local partners to secure funding and expedite necessary improvements based on the findings of this review."





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The Putnam Community Engagement & Police Advisory Board thanks everyone who showed up support the county's first Autism Walk on April 26. There has been some confusion regarding donations that were made, due to a misprint on two checks that were used to make presentations. The checks should have been printed with CEPAB as the recipient, from LiUNA Laborers Local 60, and McConnville4Sheriff, as seen here on the corrected check. The proceeds from the day will go toward building a sensory playgroup in the county.



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# Workforce Development Board Annual Meeting

County Executives Ken Jenkins of Westchester and Kevin Byrne of Putnam invite businesses, partner agencies, community organizations, and educational leaders to participate in the Westchester-Putnam Workforce Development Board's 2025 annual meeting Tuesday, June 24 from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m., at The Gateway Center at Westchester Community College, 75 Grasslands Road, Valhalla.

Breakfast will be served.

The landscape of education, workforce, and economic development has shifted and it takes more to succeed today than ever before. In particular, the 65-plus million individuals in Generation Z present unique challenges for those eager to employ them, but also a myriad of possibilities.

This year's theme – "Igniting the Spark: Unleashing Passion, Purpose & Performance in a Multi-Generational Workforce" – will feature author and speaker Mark Perna. In "Answering WhY," Perna unlocks the secrets of the "Why Generation," such as how they think, what makes them tick, and how they make decisions.

This session is designed for

# Legislators Updated on Development Initiatives

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I mean, literally, gigawatts," said Abels. "I think Hoover Dam can produce two gigawatts. And what about the delivery system? That parcel of property would be served off the Haviland Hollow substation. It's not a bad substation... But that's a lot of electricity."

The parcel once housed several area summer camps and encompasses a wastewater treatment plant. "It has three of four abutting parcels and has a whole lot of potential," she said.

Legislator Greg Ellner, R-Carmel, asked Abels to query New York State Electric & Gas about the proposed data center. "Do you have transmission lines available to meet what the requirements are, and does the substation have enough excess capacity?" were the questions he posed for NYSEG. "If not, we shouldn't even be messing with it."

Abels noted that there is a transmission line on the west side of Route 22 that extends from Croton Falls to Pawling. She said she'd need to reach out to NYSEG to see if the proposed data center could tap into it and whether its capacity would be sufficient.

A whopping six warehouse proposals are being considered in the Town of Southeast. Abels described these as a mixed blessing because they don't employ large numbers of workers. What's more, when communities become saturated with warehouses, they occasionally must be repurposed – and doing so can be challenging because they're designed not to accommodate large numbers of people; hence, those redevelopers must create additional septic

community organizations, workforce development professionals, educators, government leaders, job seekers, and all others hungry to learn how unleash the potential of a shared future.

"I'm grateful to our partners at the Workforce Development Board for focusing their efforts on this new question," said Byrne. "Recruitment and retention is always a challenge in local government, nonprofits, and small business, but I am confident that by working with our counterparts in Westchester and elsewhere, we can achieve the kinds of results which deliver more effective and transparent outcomes for the people we serve."

Register at https://WPWDB-2025-Annual-Meeting.eventbrite.

Perna is the founder and CEO of TFS Results, a strategic consulting firm at the forefront of the North American paradigm shift in education and workforce development. He serves on the Advisory Council for the Coalition for Career Development and is a member of the International Economic Development Council, both in Washington, DC.

service.

"And they don't really pay well," said Abels.

Legislator Dan Birmingham, R-Brewster, noted that while data centers do not tend to be large employers, they do tend to be highly valued as businesses, which would be good news for the county's tax base.

"Rockland County is booming with data centers," he said. "Although not a job creator, they're a great thing for ratables (which would be good) for expanding our economy and the ability to property taxes."

In addition to the warehouse proposals, the New York State Police is constructing a 6,000-squarefoot barracks nearby.

Also in Brewster, The Vanguard Group is building a two-story office building and warehouse for investment workers.

The \$40 million Alexandrion distillery under construction in Carmel hit a major speed bump recently when the company's founder died at the age of 59. "However, one of his sons is supposed to take over," noted Abels.

On the county's western end, the Hudson Valley Shakespeare complex in Philipstown is still reeling from the loss of funding earlier this year from the National Endowment for the Arts. The complex had broken ground last year on its new space, and the theatrical concern is now raising funds to make up for the loss of \$10,000 in NEA funding.

On other fronts, White Plainsbased Burke Rehabilitation has expressed an interest in opening an outpatient site in Putnam. The organization has a variety of stipulations, including that the building occupy just one story and have plenty of parking.

"That would be a wonderful service to our community," said Abels. "They would be a five-star tenant. They'll do a five-year lease with two renewables."

# Bats are Back! Health Dept. Warns **About Rabies**

Most positive rabies results in Putnam County come from raccoons, with bats and skunks close behind.

Last year, the county health department identified 66 cases with possible human exposure that required testing. When the results came back from the New York State Wadsworth Center rabies laboratory in Albany, four positive samples were found to be spread evenly - one each from a raccoon, bat, skunk, and

"Preventing the deadly disease of rabies is one of the vital roles that health departments play in New York State," said Putnam County Public Health Director Rian Rodriguez. "Fortunately, rabies is not a common disease, but once symptoms occur it is almost always fatal."

According to Marianne Burdick, associate public health sanitarian who supervises the rabies control program at the Putnam County Department of Health, a possible exposure includes a bite or wound exposed to saliva from physical contact with a wild animal.

The health department has a hotline with voicemail to report possible exposures as soon as possible, including after hours or on weekends. The after-hours number is 845-808-1390, ext. 3.

Post-exposure care ideally should begin within 72 hours of any exposure.

"When spring arrives, the risk of exposure to rabies rises in both people and pets because more time is spent outdoors," said Burdick. "Bats return to our area, and baby animals are typically born in the spring."

The health department advises people to stay away from all wild animals. "Even when cute newborn animals are found

alone, most are not abandoned and don't need rescue," explained Burdick. "They're waiting for their parents to return with food, so it is best to avoid even the young ones, since it only takes a bite, or a wound exposed to saliva, for a potential exposure to occur."

Worldwide 60,000 people die of rabies each year, and most are infected through dog bites. Fortunately, rabies in dogs is rare in the U.S.

'We have higher vaccination rates for our pets here," said Burdick. "Our next rabies vaccination clinic in Putnam for residents' dogs, cats and ferrets is scheduled Saturday, July 26 at Hubbard Lodge on Route 9 in Cold Spring.'

Bats are a major concern related to rabies. According to the New York State Department of Health, it is not uncommon for bats to appear in occupied dwellings such as homes, apartments, or camps. They may enter unnoticed, particularly at night, attracted by light and seeking shelter and warmth.

If a bat is discovered inside, especially in a room where someone has been sleeping, it is crucial to capture the bat so it can be tested for rabies. Bats found in a home should not be released without consulting the health department.

If the bat tests negative for rabies, a person can avoid unnecessary rabies treatment, which usually includes a series of intramuscular shots given over 14 days with recommendation of an additional dose on day 28 for patients who are immunocompromised.

A video showing how to capture a bat can be viewed at www.putnamcountyny.gov/ health/rabies#bat.

# Water Quality **Prioritized for Hudson River Communities**

More than \$2.7 million in projects that support priorities grants and new funding opportulisted in the Hudson River Esnities to help communities in the Hudson River Estuary watershed improve water quality, restore habitat, enhance environmental education, and advance stewardship of natural resources was recently announced by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

More than \$1.77 million will support 21 projects from the capital region to New York City – including \$75,000 for the Village of Cold Spring's "Climate Vulnerability Assessment & Adaptation Plan," to examine flooding issues and develop adaptation strategies that emphasize nature-based approaches; and \$75,000 for Riverkeeper, Inc., to monitor water quality in Hudson River segments that provide drinking water to seven communities

DEC's Hudson River Estuary Program grants help fund tuary Action Agenda. Projects eligible for state assistance must be located within the geographic boundaries of the Hudson River Estuary watershed, and the recipient must provide a match of at least 15 percent of the grant funding amount.

The grants will help communities develop plans to both protect residents and natural resources, and support projects that promote local stewardship and education – vital components to ensuring the future environmental health of the entire Hudson River valley," said DEC Acting Commissioner Amanda Lefton.

DEC is now accepting applications for \$1 million in new funding available for communities to support local stewardship planning and river education in the watershed. For information, visit https://dec.ny.gov.



A screenshot from a Bulldogs Breaking News club broadcast.

# **Mahopac Schools Tune in to Bulldogs Breaking News Club**

creativity flowing, students in Lakeview Elementary School's Bulldogs Breaking News club are learning to tell stories, build confidence, and share their voices.

Led by Mahopac STEAM teacher Jennifer Borst and held weekly as part of Lakeview's afterschool parent-teacher organization enrichment workshop, the students gain hands-on experience in script writing, video editing, reporting, and on-camera performance. While the program was initially designed and planned by Borst, the students quickly took the lead.

The club blends creativity and collaboration with essential

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Through their participation, they've gained confidence and flourished in the club's supportive and playful environment.

"I've seen students make strides and open up since the start of the school year," said Borst. "Some of our quietest kids come to the club and they are just a different person."

Beyond the weekly broadcasts, the students are using their newfound video skills in other areas of school life, creating digital book reviews and even working on a mini-movie they hope to complete by the end of the school year.

"I am incredibly proud and truly amazed by the remarkable work of our Bulldogs Breaking News club," said Principal Elizabeth Blessing. "These young journalists are not only building important skills for the future, but also finding their voices, growing their confidence, and showcasing the heart and spirit of our Lakeview community. Their creativity and collaboration are inspiring and I can't wait to see what stories they tell next."



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# **Carmel Third-Graders Become More Worldly**





To learn about other countries, each third grade class at Matthew Paterson Elementary School in Carmel/Kent was recently assigned a region of the world. Then, students in each class researched a country in that region before making dioramas, dressing in the nation's clothes, making food, and singing songs that showed just how much they learned about the world we live in. Provided photos.











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- Chapstick



# People Struggling In Record Numbers In Putnam & West.

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children in childcare in Putnam needed \$135,660 just to cover the essentials – more than four times the federal poverty level of \$30,000. Yet even with both parents working full time in two of the state's most common jobs – a personal care aide and a stock worker/ order filler – this family's combined income still fell short of the cost of basics by \$61,780.

Additionally, some groups face financial hardship at disproportionate rates, with 79 percent of the youngest and 51 percent of the oldest households in Westchester falling below the ALICE threshold, compared with 28 percent of households headed by someone age 25 to 44.

Similarly, single-parent house-holds – 68 percent for female-led and 67 percent for male-led – are more likely to be below the ALICE threshold than married families with children.

The statistics from Putnam County align with state findings, which reveal that in 2023, New

York State ranked third in financial hardship among all 50 states plus the District of Columbia, with one of the nation's highest percentages of households struggling to make ends meet. Louisiana and Mississippi were the only two states with a greater rate of financial hardship, at 50 percent and 49 percent, respectively.

Housing continues to be an obstacle for struggling families. Among households below the ALICE threshold in New York, 70 percent of households that rented and 61 percent of those that owned were rent and housing burdened, meaning they paid 30 percent or more of their income on rent and housing costs.

"ALICE families are especially vulnerable during natural disasters and times of economic uncertainty, and yet often feel unseen or left behind," said Stephanie Hoopes, national director at United For ALICE. "By providing a name and a way to quantify these households, we're equipping communities with the data to build solutions that offer better choices and real pathways to stability."

A copy of the latest "State of ALICE" is available at www. uwwp.org/alice. More state and local data is available through the interactive dashboards at www. unitedforalice.org/introducing-ALICE/new-york.

# PUTNAM COUNTY AND TOWN NOTICES

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PUBLIC NOTICE

# -Kent

LEGAL NOTICE **OF A PUBLIC HEARING** THE KENT PLANNING BOARD

FOR THE **MOROCHO PROPEERTY** 494 LUDINGTONVILLE ROAD **KENT, NY 10512** 

TM: 12.-3-26

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing pertaining to the property noted above will be held before the Town of Kent Planning Board on Thursday, June 12, 2025 at 7:30 P.M. at the Kent Town Hall, 25 Sybil's Crossing, Kent, NY 10512 or as soon thereafter as the matter may come to be heard.

This Public Hearing pertains to an application from:

Jose and Margherita Morocho

494 Ludingtonville Road Kent, NY 10512 Tax Map: 12.-3-26

For Preliminary Subdivision, a Steep Slope and Erosion Control Permit and a Town of Kent Freshwater Wetlands, Permit, This application proposes to sub-divide an existing lot into two separate lots. The smallest lot will be 3.1178 acres, and the largest lot will be 7.6252 acres, The total acreage involved is 10.743 acres in an R-80 zoning district. The proposed plan is for an existing residence to be located on a 7.63# acre parcel. The second lot is proposed to be 3.11-acres where a new single-family residence. driveway, well and onsite waste-water disposal system is to be constructed. The project is located on the easterly side of Ludingtonville Road in the R-80 zoning district. The proposed improvements will result in a disturbed area of 14,091 square feet and work within the 100-foot adjacent area to a Town of Kent regulated wetlands.

At this hearing all persons speaking in favor of or in opposition shall be heard. If there are any questions or comments pertaining to this project, please send them to: planningkent@townofkentnv. gov. The telephone number for the Kent Planning Board is: 845-306-5612.

Date: May 14, 2025

By order of: Vera Patterson, Secretary for The Town of Kent Planning

County of Putnam planningkent@townofkent-

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PUBLIC NOTICE

# Putnam

COUNTYOFPUTNAM NOTICE FOR PROPOSAL NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be received by the Director of Purchasing of Putnam County for the following commodities

and/or service: RFP 05-2025 – SUBSIDIZED CHILDCARE ELIGIBILITY SERVICES

Detailed specifications may be secured at the office of the Director of Purchasing, Putnam County Office Building, 40 Gle-neida Avenue, Room 105, Carmel, New York 10512 between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M., Monday through Friday or you may download from the Empire State Bid System's website at www.empirestatebidsystem.com. Sealed proposals must be filed in the above office on or before **1:00** P.M., FRIDAY, JUNE 27, 2025.

dated: Carmel, New York May 27, 2025

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Sgd/John Tully, Purchasing

**Putnam County Purchasing** Department

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PUBLIC NOTICE

# Carmel NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Town Board of the Town of Carmel will conduct a Public Hearing at the Town Hall, 60 McAlpin Avenue, Mahopac, New York 10541 on Wednesday, June 18, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter that evening as possible on a proposed Local Law amending Chapter 156 of the Code of the Town of Carmel, entitled "Zoning".

Copies of the full text of the proposed Local Law are available in the lobby at Town Hall, from the Town Clerk's office during normal business hours as well as on the Town of Carmel website at www.ci.carmel.ny.us.

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

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

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# PUBLIC NOTICE

PLANNING BOARD Town of Carmel - Town Hall Mahopac, NY 10541 845 628-1500 – Ext 190

# **LEGAL NOTICE**

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

# **JUNE 12, 2025**

At 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall, 60 McAlpin Avenue, Mahopac, NY 10541 or as soon thereafter as possible on the following matters:

# TTSHR, LLC

25 & 27 Seminary Hill Road, Carmel, NY 10512 – Tax Map #55.6-1-69 & 70 – Residential Site Plan

By Order of the Chairman,

Craig Paeprer

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# **Brewster Schools**

NOTICE
The bond resolution, a summary of which is published herewith, has been adopted on April 11, 2023 and amended May 28, 2025, and the validity of the obligations authorized by such bond resolution may be hereafter contested only if such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which Brewster Central School District, in the County of Putnam, New York, is not authorized to not authorized to expend money or if the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this Notice were not substantially

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complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the publication of this Notice, or such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the constitution.

LAUREN ZAGORSKI-

TREUEL

District Clerk
BOND RESOLUTION
OF BREWSTER CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, NEW YORK, ADOPTED APRIL 11, 2023 AND AMENDED MAY 28, 2025, AUTHORIZ-ING THE CONSTRUCTION OF ALTERATIONS AND IM-PROVEMENTS TO THE HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING AND SITE; STATING THE ESTIMAT-ED TOTAL COST THEREOF IS \$27,326,000; APPROPRIATING SAID AMOUNT THEREFOR, INCLUDING \$4,200,000 FROM THE DISTRICT'S CAPITAL RE-SERVE FUND HERETOFORE ESTABLISHED BY THE VOT-ERS ON MAY 17, 2022; AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSU-ANCE OF \$23,126,000 SERIAL BONDS OF SAID DISTRICT TO FINANCE THE BALANCE OF SAID APPROPRIATION.

Objects or purposes: t h e construction of improvements to the High School building and site. **Amounts of Obligations** to be Issued \$23,126,000

Period of Probable Useful-

thirty (30) years A complete copy of the bond resolution summarized above shall be available for public inspection during normal business hours at the office of the District Clerk, Brewster Central School District, 30 Farm-to-Market Road, Brewster, New York.

> Dated: May 28, 2023 Brewster, New York

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**NOTICE** 

The bond resolution, a summary of which is published herewith, has been adopted on April 11, 2023 and amended May 28, 2025, and the validity of the obligations authorized by such bond resolution may be hereafter contested only if such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which Brewster Central School District, in the County of Putnam, New York, is not authorized to expend money or if the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this Notice were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the publication of this Notice, or such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the constitution.

LAUREN ZAGORSK **TREUEL** 

District Clerk
BOND RESOLUTION
OF BREWSTER CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, NEW YORK, ADOPTED APRIL 11, 2023 AND AMENDED MAY 28, 2025, AUTHORIZING THE CONSTRUCTION OF IMPROVEMENTS AND AL-TERATIONS TO DISTRICT BUILDINGS AND/OR SITES; STATING THE ESTIMATED TOTAL COST THEREOF IS \$55,788,000; APPROPRIATING SAID AMOUNT THEREFOR, INCLUDING \$7,800,000 FROM THE DISTRICT'S CAPITAL RE-SERVE FUND HERETOFORE ESTABLISHED BY THE VOT-ERS ON MAY 17, 2022 AND \$2,000,000 FROM THE DIS-TRICT'S CAPITAL FUND; AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSU-ANCE OF \$45,988,000 SERIAL BONDS OF SAID DISTRICT TO FINANCE THE BALANCE OF SAID APPROPRIATION

Objects or purposes: toconstruct improvements and alterations to District buildings and/or

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**Amounts of Obligations to be Issued** \$45,988,000

Period of Probable Usefulthirty (30) years

A complete copy of the bond resolution summarized above shall be available for public inspection during normal business hours at the office of the District Clerk, Brewster Central School District, 30 Farm-to-Market Road, Brewster, New York.

Dated: May 28, 2023 Brewster, New York

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# Supreme Court

SUPREME COUT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF PUT-NAM; Index No: Index No.: 502023/2024 Filed November 19, 2024 PHH MORTGAGE CORPORATION

UNKNOWN HEIRS OF THE ESTATE OF **SARAH GARDEL- LA** A/K/A SARA GARDELLA; UNKNOWN HEIRS OF THE ESTATE OF LOUIS J. GARDEL-LA; RICHARD GARDELLA, HEIR- AT-LAW; RONALD GARDELLA, HEIR-AT-LAW; WILLIAM GARDELLA, HEIR-AT-LAW; LOUIS GARDELLA, III, HEIR-AT-LAW; DOROTHY SMALL, HEIR-AT-LAW; JO-SEPH GARDELLA, HEIR-AT-LAW; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; BOARD OF MAN-AGERS OF TWIN BROOKS MANOR A/K/ATWIN BROOKS MANOR A/R/A I WIN BROOKS MANOR HOMEOWNERS AS-SOCIATION, INC.; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA O/B/O INTERNAL REVENUE SER-VICE; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE

"JOHN DOE #1" through
"JOHN DOE #12," the last
twelve names being fictified and unknown to plaintiff, the persons or parties intended being the tenants, occupants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the Subject Prop-erty described in the Complaint,

# **PUBLICATION**

TO THE ABOVE NAMED **DEFENDANTS:** 

UNKNOWN HEIRS OF THE ESTATE OF SARAH GARDELLA A/K/A SARA GARDELLA; UNKNOWN HEIRS OF THE ESTATE OF LOUIS J. GARDELLA;

YOU ARE HEREBY SUM-MONED to answer the Amended Complaint in the above captioned action and to serve a copy of your Answer on the Plaintiff's attorney within twenty (20) days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service, or within thirty (30) days after completion of service where service is made in any other manner than by personal delivery within the State. The United States of America, if designated as a Defendant in this action may answer to appear within sixty (60) days of service hereof. In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Amended Complaint.

# NOTICE

# YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME

If you do not respond to this Summons and Amended Complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who

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filed this foreclosure proceed-ing against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on

how to answer the publication and protect your property. Sending payment to your mortgage company will not stop this

gage company win not stop this foreclosure action.
YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF PHH MORTGAGE CORPORATION AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT.
To the above named defen-

To the above named defendants: The foregoing Publication is served upon you by

publication pursuant to an order of the Hon. Gina C. Capone, J.S.C, a Justice of the Supreme

Court of the State of N.Y., dated March 14, 2025 and filed along with the supporting papers in the Putnam County Clerk's Office. This is an action to foreclose a mortgage on the property located 701 Twin Brooks Court, Carmel, NY 10512

Section: 44. Block: 1 Lot: 13.-701

Putnam County is designated as the place of trial based upon the location of the property being foreclosed. Attorneys for Plaintiff: STERN & EISEN-BERG, PC, 20 Commerce Drive, Suite 230, Cranford, NJ 07016 T:(516) 630-0288.

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# PUBLIC NOTICE

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, COUN-TY OF PUTNAM,

Index No. 1601/2023; SUM-MONS AND COMPLAINT dated September 13, 2023 Plaintiff des-ignates PUTNAM County as the place of trial BEATA PARUCH, Plaintiff against JAN ONDRIS-EA Defendant ACTION FOR **KA**, Defendant. ACTION FOR A DIVORCE

Beata Paruch vs Jan Ondriska Action for Divorce, commenced on 10/16/2023. To: Jan Ondriska, you are hereby notified that an action has been commenced against you. This Summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an order of the Supreme Court of the State of NY, Putnam County. The object of this action is to obtain judgement for absolute divorce. YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the complaint in this action to serve a copy of your answer on the Plaintiff's Attorney within thirty (30) days after completion of service. In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default.

Plaintiff's Attorney: Vincent Ansaldi Esq. 2493 Welsch Court Yorktown Heights NY 10598 (914) 217-9975

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# NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT COUN-TY OF PUTNAM, U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIA-TION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDU-AL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR VRMTG ASSET TRUST, Plaintiff, vs. **JOANNA PATAFIO BELL**, ET AL., Defendant(s).

Pursuant to an Order Confirming Referee's Report and Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered on September

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

24, 2024, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at court room 209 of the Putnam Supreme Courthouse, 20 County Center, Carmel, NY 10512 on June 30, 2025 at 10:30 a.m., premises known as 110 Wayacross Road, Mahopac, NY 10541. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of Carmel, County of Putnam and State of New York, Section 74.16, Block 1 and Lot 12. Approximate amount of judgment is \$484,116.69 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index #500817/2023. Cash will not be accepted.

Charles B. Lesnick, Esq., Referee

Knuckles & Manfro, LLP, 120 White Plains Road, Suite 215, Tarrytown, New York 10591, Attorneys for Plaintiff

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SUMMONS Supreme Court of New York, Putnam County. GITSIT SOLUTIONS, LLC, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY IN ITS CAPACITY AS SEPARATE TRUSTEE OF GITSIT MORT-GAGE LOAN TRUST BBPLC1, Plaintiff, -against UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DISTRIBUTEES OF THE ESTATE OF GER-MAINE CHANDELIER; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (SOUTHERN DISTRICT) O/B/O INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; "JOHN DOE" AND "JANE DOE" said names being fictitious, it being the intention of Plaintiff to designate any and all occupants of premises being foreclosed herein, Defendants Index No. 500370/2025. Mortgaged Premises: 378 Lake Shore Road Putnam Valley, NY 10579 Section: 30.18 Block: 1 Lot: 42 TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to an-

swer the Complaint in the above captioned action and to serve a copy of your Answer on the Plaintiff's attorney within twenty (20) days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service, or within thirty (30) days after completion of service where service is made in any other manner than by personal delivery within the State. The United States of America, if designated as a Defendant in this action, may answer or appear within sixty (60) days of service hereof. In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT THE OBJECTIVE of the above captioned action is to foreclose on a reverse mortgage to secure \$938,250.00 and interest, recorded in the Putnam County Clerk's Office on February 25, 2013, in Book 6154, Page 297, Instrument Number 1601308, covering the premises known as 378 Lake Shore Road, Putnam Valley, NY 10579. The relief sought herein is a final judgment directing sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the mortgage described above. Plaintiff designates Putnam County as the place of trial. Venue is based upon the County in which the mortgaged premises is located.. NOTICE YOU ARE IN DAN-GER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORT-GAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. FRIEDMAN VARTO-LO, LLP 1325 Franklin Avenue,

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Suite 160 Garden City, NY 11530, Attorneys for Plaintiff.

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

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF MASTR ASSET-BACKED SE-CURITIES TRUST 2007-NCW, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-NCW, Plaintiff - against - JO-SEPH OLIVERI A/K/AJOSEPH D. OLIVERI, et al Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on November 6, 2020. 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 30th day of June, 2025 at 9:30 AM. 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.

Premises known as 917 Drewville Rd., Brewster, (Town of Southeast) NY 10509. (SBL#: 67.9-1-17)

Approximate amount of lien \$436,577.83 plus interest and

Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment

and terms of sale.
Index No. 500222/2017. Julie
A. Cherico, Esq., Referee.
Davidson Fink LLP

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

Rochester, NY 14618 Tel. 585/760-8218

For sale information, please visit Auction.com at www.Auction.com or call (800) 280-2832 Dated: April 18, 2025 During the COVID-19 health emergency, bidders are required

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

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(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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NOTICE OF SALE SU-PREME COURT PUTNAM COUNTY

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON F/K/A THE BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE FOR NATIONSTAR HOME EQUITY LOAN TRUST 2007-B, Plaintiff against

**CHAD GEFFNER**, et al Defendant(s)

Attorney for Plaintiff(s) Mc-Calla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC, 420 Lexington Avenue, Suite 840, New York, NY 10170.

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered April 23, 2025, I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder at the Putnam County Courthouse, Courtroom 209, 20 County Center, Carmel, NY 10512 on June 30, 2025 at 11:30 AM. Premises known as 21 Colonel Court, Holmes, NY 12531. Sec 2. Block 1 Lot 7. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Town of Kent, County of Putnam and State of New York. Approximate Amount of Judgment is \$356,621.87 plus interest, fees, and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No 501156/2023.

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

For sale information, please contact XOME at www.Xome. com or call (844)400-9633. Raymond A Cote, Esq., Referee File # 22-12589NY

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# LLC

Notice of Formation of **A&J LEGACY PROPERTIES**, **LLC**. Articles of Org filed with SSNY on 12/14/2024. Office Location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 98 Cherry hill rd Carmel NY 10512. Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity.

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# PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Formation of HIGH TEK DESIGNS L.L.C.. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on March 14th, 2025. Office location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 5 Putnam Ave, Brewster Ny, 10509. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

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# PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Imagine That in Cold Spring, LLC. Articles of Org filed with SSNY on 02.06.2025. Office Location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Imagine That in Cold Spring, LLC, 197 - 199 Main Street, Cold Spring, NY 10516, LLC. Purpose: any lawful purpose

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or activity.

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### Notice of Formation of GLE-NEIDA VIEW HOLDINGS LLC

Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 05/02/25. Office location: Putnam County. Princ. office of LLC: 2 Lindy Dr., Carmel, NY 10512. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Steven Carinci at the princ. office of the LLC. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Formation of **Not Your Typical Sessions, LLC** Articles of Org filed with SSNY on 04/27/2025. Office Location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 39 Mooney Hill Rd, Holmes NY 12531. Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity. P. 5/14, 5/21, 5/28, 6/4, 6/11, 6/18

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Notice of formation of ADI REALTY LLC / AJAY REALTY LLC. Articles of org. filed on 2/11/2025 with SSNY. Office location: Putnam County SSNY as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 110 coalpit Hill Rd., Unit B10, Danbury, CT 06810. Purpose: Any lawful purpose or activity.

pose or activity. P. 5/21, 5/28, 6/4, 6/11, 6/18, 6/25

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Notice of Formation of Dazzling Events & Wedding Designs LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 04/18/2025. Office location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: the company, 227 Willow Drive, Mahopac, NY 10541. Purpose: any lawful activities

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IND REALTY LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY 5/12/25. Office in Putnam Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 24 Salem Ridge Dr., Carmel, NY 10512, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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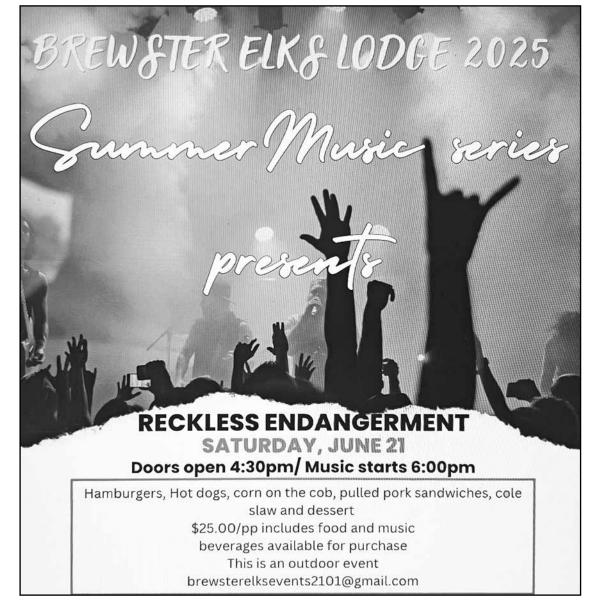
Notice of formation of **Toppled Urn Productions LLC**. Articles of Org filed with SSNY on 4/1/2025. Office location: Putnam County SSNY has been designated for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to: 39 Dring Lane, Putnam Valley, NY 10579. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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# PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of formation of Catucci Commercial LLC. Articles of Organization filed with SSNY on 05/26/2025. Office Location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Catucci Commercial LLC, 144 Hickory Bend Rd W, Carmel, NY, 10512, USA. Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity.

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# **Public Service Commission Releases NYSEG Audit**

The New York State Public Service Commission recently released the final report of an audit of New York State Electric & Gas Corporation and Rochester Gas & Electric Corporation. The companies, which combined provide electric service to 1.3 million customers and gas service to 591,000 customers in New York, now must file their implementation plan within 30 days.

In addition, the Department of Public Service, the staff arm of the commission, issued a notice of apparent violations against the utilities stemming from a review of information concerning the utilities' recent operations that the companies must respond to within 21 days.

"The scope of this audit focused on ways to provide value to NYSEG's and RG&E's customers, while also reviewing core utility operations," said Commission Chairperson Rory Christian. "Department staff also identified certain audit findings and other information that certain company practices may be violations of commission regulations or orders."

In September 2023, the commission selected an independent, third-party auditor to perform the comprehensive management and operations audit of NYSEG and RG&E. The two utilities are owned by Avangrid.

Notable findings from the audit include:

• Cost Allocations & Service Level Agreements: The auditor found that Avangrid's complex corporate structure makes it difficult to determine if the charges it allocates to NYSEG and RG&E are based on cost causation. The companies receive goods and services from 13 corporate affiliates – some are holding companies for multiple utilities, thereby limiting the transparency of the allocations and making it difficult to ascertain whether costs are being allocated appropriately.

The auditor recommends the companies revise and update the cost allocation manual and simplify the cost allocation process.

- Performance Management & Incentive Compensation: According to the auditor, all performance management activities occur at the Avangrid level. Avangrid does not develop operational plans to achieve goals related to NYSEG and RG&E. The audit recommends Avangrid conduct a third-party review of the NYSEG and RG&E CEO's individual metrics and discontinue discretionary assessments.
- Electric Operations: The auditor stated that asset management is also handled at the Avangrid level. Avangrid has not implemented a formalized and integrated asset management software platform and still relies on spreadsheets. Avangrid underspends on asset management, contributing to NYSEG's poor electric reliability performance. The audit recommends Avangrid implement an asset management system.
- Customer Operations: The auditor found that Avangrid does not have appropriate controls for customer service outsourcing, augmented staffing invoice review and approval, or contract management. The auditor recommends Avangrid determine drivers of call center cost increases and verify whether they are attributable to NYSEG and RG&E.

The auditor also found that the companies' customer service performance indicator metric reports have been inaccurate and recommends that Avangrid update its process documentation, create a formal override process, and enhance quality control.

NYSEG and RG&E must file an implementation plan by June 18, which department staff will review to ensure the steps address the underlying findings and recommendations in the audit report. The plan will be submitted for public comment and presented to the commission for approval or modification at a future session.

The audit is separate and apart from the utility management compensation audit announced by Gov. Kathy Hochul in February. That ongoing, separate audit follows years of work by department staff to examine utility management structures and seeks to align utility priorities with state objectives, including affordability, reliability, safety, and a cleaner environment.

DPS alleges potential violations concerning maintaining customer billing records, and its billing procedures that resulted in prolonged estimated meter readings.

On gas safety, the department alleges that NYSEG and RG&E have not complied with the regulatory requirements for reporting their response times to gas leaks or emergencies.

Lastly, on electric reliability, it alleges that NYSEG has not met enforceable reliability service standards for six consecutive years, despite paying negative revenue adjustment payments for these failures and despite commission approval of larger budgets for capital and maintenance programs in the last two rate cases.

The notice of apparent violation requires the companies to respond to the allegations by June 9.

# **Patterson Day**

The annual Patterson Day celebration is scheduled Sunday, June 8, beginning at 10 a.m., at Patterson Baptist Church, 595 Route 311. It is designed to help people in Patterson meet one another and honor those who serve them.

All elected and appointed town officials, employees, and first responders from Patterson and Putnam Lake are invited. Those who attend will be introduced during the service. There will also be a special prayer of blessing said.

Everyone who lives, works,

shops, attends school, or worships in the Town of Patterson is invited to attend.

"This is a great opportunity for people to say thank you to those who have done so much for our community," said Dr. Larry Maxwell, pastor of Patterson Baptist Church.

Patterson Day starts with an informal continental breakfast at 10 a.m., with the service at 10:30 a.m.

Patterson Baptist Church was started in 1751. For more information, call 845-878-4160 or visit PattersonBaptistChurch.com.

**PENS, WESTERN** And More. Please Call Frank 914-763-8766. 7/31

**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. 8/27

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Exam Title & No: Library Assistant (Youth Services) 60-036-210 T&E Exam Date: There is no exam date.

This is a training & experience examination Salary: \$14,000-\$30,000 (Brewster Library, part time)

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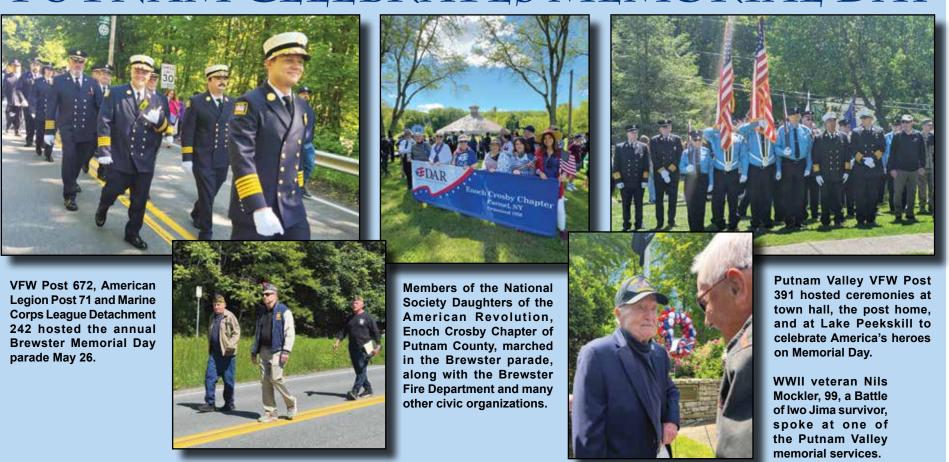
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# SOUTHEAST PARKING ENFORCEMENT

Work requires patrolling Southeast parking meters and restricted parking areas. Duties include the issuance of tickets for standing traffic violations. Advises and provides explanation to car operators as to the reason for issuance of the tickets. Part-time/daily flexible hours. Must be 18 years of age or older with a valid driver's license. Please apply at Apply@southeast-ny.gov.

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# PUTNAM CELEBRATES MEMORIAL DAY



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# PLEASE JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE PUTNAM COUNTY DAY



Please join us at: Putnam County Day June 13th, 2025 9:00AM - 10:30AM At the Whipple-Feeley Veterans Chapel Putnam County Veterans Memorial Park

Featuring local history awards and recognition

Oral history conversation with Putnam County resident, former New York State Governor George Pataki interviewed by philanthropist George C. Whipple II

> RSVP: 845-808-1420 bistorian aputnam countyny.gov

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### PATH THROUGH HISTORY

SELF-GUIDED TOURS OF THE HISTORY OF THE AMERICAN FLAG - A PROGRAM OF THE PUTNAM COUNTY HISTORIAN

NY 4<sup>TH</sup> REGIMENT BY THE LIVING HISTORY GUILD

MILITARY SHOW AND CELEBRATION OF THE BIRTH OF THE U.S. ARMY PRESENTED BY THE LIVING HISTORY GUILD PATTERSON FIRE DEPARTMENT STARTING AT 1PMJUNE 15TH, 2025

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# Early **Voting for Primary** Election

Putnam County will be participating in early voting for the 2025 primary election.

There will be nine days when registered voters will be able to cast their ballot prior to Primary Day, at the Putnam County Board of Elections, 25 Old Route 6, Carmel.

If you are registered in the political party holding the primary, you may vote between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Saturday June 14 through Monday, June 16; between noon and 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 17; between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Wednesday, June 18; between noon and 8 p.m. Thursday, June 19; and between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Friday, June 20 through Sunday, June 22.

There is no early voting Monday, June 23.

If you cast a ballot during early voting, you are then not eligible to vote on Primary Day.

The results from early voting will be reported after 9 p.m. Tuesday, June 24.

Voting by an absentee or early mail ballot are additional options.

For more information, visit www.boe.putnamcountyny.gov or contact the Putnam County Board of Elections at 845-808-1300 or boe@putnamcountyny.gov.

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