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The Brewster Fire Department is hoping the community will support the construction of a new firehouse on land right next to the current building.

## A New Firehouse Proposed for Brewster

By Holly Crocco

The Brewster Volunteer Fire Department may be asking the public later this year to approve the construction of a new firehouse – a request that Southeast Town Supervisor Nick Durante says is not only reasonable, but worthy.

“It’s a well-needed firehouse,” he said of the proposal, during the April 17 Southeast Town Board meeting. “I was lucky enough to get a tour (of the existing firehouse) a couple of months ago. The floor is doing some interesting stuff downstairs. The stairs are as steep as the Eiffle Tower. It’s pretty old in there.”

Russell Davidson of KG+D Architects of Mount Kisco agreed. “The building is suffering,” he explained.

While the department put together a “wish list” of what it would like the building to include, it ended up with an “essential list,” according to Davidson.

“So this is not the Taj Hahal, this is the minimal they need to continue to provide the level of service that Brewster needs,” he said.

Architects and engineers first looked into renovating and expanding the current firehouse, which they determined would be difficult.

According to Davidson, the original firehouse was built in 1941. “Fire trucks are bigger, wider, taller and heavier,” he said, noting that the current building just can’t handle the size and weight of today’s firefighting vehicles. “Those three (garage) bays that were built in 1941 are pretty much the same now as they were back then.”

The bays being too small and too short are only one problem.

“Remarkably, there are several fire code issues with the firehouse, including lack of fire separation, (and) a combustible fire system,” said Davidson. “Basically the floor under the original apparatus bay has failed... It’s shored up with temporary steel. It’s still safe, but it’s not a permanent solution.”

In addition, since passage of



The original firehouse, which has been expanded and updated, was built in 1941. This is a postcard courtesy of the Southeast Historian's Office.



The current vehicle bays at the Brewster firehouse can't support today's fire apparatus.

the Americans with Disabilities Act in 1990, the current building is out of compliance when it comes to doorways, stairs, toilet rooms, and elevator facilities.

There is also a lack of mechanical ventilation throughout the building, the fire alarm system needs replacement, and there’s no separation of contaminated and clean areas, a lack of training space, no support rooms for emergency medical professionals, and inadequate parking.

With six major development projects in the works in the village –

including a large distribution center, a multi-sport complex, revitalization of the village, and more – the annual call volume has increased 4 to 16 percent.

In 2024, the volunteer department responded to 3,351 total calls, including 1,002 fire runs (a 9.2 percent increase), and 2,349 EMS runs (also a 9.2 percent increase).

“They do an amazing job, but this facility is not going to be able to support them now or in the future,” said Davidson.

While discussions on either

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## Preventing Overdose Deaths in Putnam

### Specialized Multi-Sector Team Created

Putnam County has taken another step in its ongoing efforts to address the opioid crisis, with the establishment of a Suicide & Overdose Fatality Review Team. The newly formed, multi-disciplinary group is designed to conduct in-depth reviews of select local deaths in an effort to better understand and prevent future tragedies.

Earlier this month, the SOFR Team held a preparatory drill using a fictional case to simulate the overdose fatality review process. The exercise allowed team members to assess their readiness and engage in the type of careful, collaborative analysis required to address the many complex factors that can contribute to preventable deaths.

Team leadership includes Director of Mental Health Paul Tang, Dual Recovery Coordinator Lauren

Johnson, Director of the Child Advocacy Center Marla Behler, the county’s entire Department of Mental Health, and Megan Castellano of Guardian Homefront.

**“While fewer lives are being lost to overdose, that may not necessarily mean fewer people are at risk.”**  
**Shanna Siegel,**  
**co-coordinator of the SOFR Team**

“While fewer lives are being lost to overdose, that may not necessarily mean fewer people are at risk,” said Shanna Siegel, RN, education supervisor at the health department and co-coordinator of the SOFR Team. “The rate of opioid overdose deaths in Putnam varies year to year. We are also monitoring non-fatal overdoses, which increase a person’s likelihood of experiencing a fatal overdose. This known risk was a catalyst for our creation of the SOFR team.”

Johnson emphasized the im-

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## Carmel Schools Superintendent Resigns

After serving less than one year with the Carmel Central School District, Dr. Erin Meehan-Fairben announced last week that she will be retiring from her role effective June 22.

“Although my time in Carmel has been brief, it has been deeply meaningful,” she said. “Over the past several

months, I’ve had the privilege of getting to know a remarkable team of educators and staff, as well as a supportive and engaged community. I am grateful for the opportunity to have served the students and families of the Carmel Central School District – even for a short time.”

Meehan-Fairben’s appointment was announced by the Carmel School Board in February 2024, and it took effect July 1.

“In every interaction, I’ve seen a district filled with heart, dedication, and a shared commit-



Dr. Erin Meehan-Fairben

ment to doing what’s best for children,” said Meehan-Fairben. “Thank you for welcoming me, for your collaboration, and for the work you do every day to make Carmel a place where students can grow, learn and thrive.”

“It is with great loss the Board of Education has learned that Dr. Erin

Meehan-Fairben has decided to retire,” the school board wrote in an April 23 email to the community. “We are committed to the continued growth of the Carmel Central School District and will begin efforts to find the next leader of our district.”

Meehan-Fairben replaced Acting Superintendent Joseph McGrath, director of technology at the district, after former full-time Superintendent Mary-Margaret Zehr resigned June 30 after serving the district for two years.



# Letters to the Editor

## Will Lawler Speak Up for Us?

Dear Editor:

A dozen swing-district and centrist House Republicans are warning Speaker Mike Johnson that they won't vote for a budget reconciliation package that cuts Medicaid too deeply.

I'm surprised our Congressman Mike Lawler hasn't yet joined them.

In New York's 17th Congressional District, approximately 23.3 percent of people under 65 are on Medicaid. This includes 26 percent of the district's population, which covers Rockland, Putnam, and parts of Westchester and Dutchess counties. Specifically, about 62 percent of children under 6, and 39 percent of children age 6 to 18 are on Medicaid.

Additionally, nearly 45,000 seniors and over 25,000 people with disabilities rely on Medicaid benefits in the district.

The 12 lawmakers wrote in a letter to Speaker Johnson and other GOP leaders that many of them represent "districts with high rates of constituents who depend on Medicaid" and "balancing the federal budget must not come at the expense of their health and economic security. We cannot and will not support a final reconciliation bill that includes

any reduction in Medicaid coverage for vulnerable populations."

I'm hoping Congressman Lawler will choose to protect his constituents instead of the billionaires and corporations benefiting from Trump's planned tax cuts. The time to speak up for us is now.

Judy Allen  
Putnam Valley

## Constituents Demand Lawler's Attention

Dear Editor:

Last week I sent Congressman Lawler a petition signed at the time by about 750 constituents (signatures keep rolling in) demanding that he conduct his taxpayer-funded district town halls – held in public spaces – in more open way, so that he actually must listen to the concerns of his constituents.

During his first term, his town halls were so heavily regulated that the ability of constituents to have a conversation with him was basically nonexistent – even though he would solemnly swear in his introductory words that "conversation" was what he wanted. No follow-up questions were allowed (enforced by calling up deputy sheriffs to threaten

the questioner with removal if they dared try). No photography, and no recording of sound or video.

Most egregiously, he initially excluded any press coverage, folding only when the public pressure of his constituents got too great. While it was in place, this no-press rule meant that a professional journalist (a constituent) had her phone and camera confiscated by Lawler staff prior to being allowed to enter the town hall in her capacity as a constituent.

On Sunday, April 27, Lawler will finally hold the first of four promised town halls, this one in Rockland County (the 17th Congressional District also includes Putnam, northern Westchester, and a small section of Dutchess).

But as we all learned in his first term, it isn't really a "town hall" when it consists almost entirely of longwinded and typically non-responsive filibustering by the congressman; when the choice of questioners (controlled by the congressman) is restricted almost entirely to supporters including Republican elected officials who, unlike ordinary constituents like us, have access to the congressman outside of the town hall; when Lawler dismisses the value of any question that challenges his beliefs as coming from "left wing media;" and when there is no opportunity to ask follow-up questions.

Will he listen to us? Experience from his first term has not made us optimistic, but we believe we must continue to demand better of him. And we will.

Margaret Yonco-Haines  
Garrison

## Fair Trade

Dear Editor:

With regard to Steve Budd's "A Tax by Any Other Name," he says President Trump's trade tariffs will be the "largest tax hike in U.S. history," yet somehow Mr. Budd was rather silent during the four years of the Biden Administration, when a similar regressive was imposed on the American people: Inflation. I don't recall him protesting about that.

And I don't recall him saying anything about the Biden Administration last year imposing a 100 percent tariff on electric vehicles from China, a 50 percent tariff on Chinese solar cell imports, and a 25 percent tariff on lithium-ion E.V. batteries from China.

The Washington Post's editorial board lambasted this, as well the environmentalist think tank the Niskanen Center. Even Democratic Governor of Colorado Jared Polis had this to say about the Biden tariffs: "Tariffs are a direct, regressive tax on Americans and this tax increase will hit every family."

Maybe he overlooked or had forgotten about that.

He quotes former Vice President Mike Pence to bolster his argument, but suffice it to say that there is a reason why Pence is the former VP, and J.D. Vance is the current VP in the second Trump Administration.

The fact is at least 80 countries have indicated they are willing to negotiate better trade with this nation. Seems odd that people like Steve would be so against fair trade and reciprocity.

Bruce Kelly  
Mahopac



# Working Mom

By Holly Crocco

## Stepping Up to the Plate

My husband, Mike, got sucked into coaching recreational soccer in the fall. When Mikey's team didn't have a coach and the call for volunteers went out, he wasn't quick enough to take a step back.

But being the good guy that he is, he rose to the challenge.

He also got railroaded into being a "co-leader" of Mikey's Cub Scout group last year when the kid was only a Lion. I use quotes because the guy who was supposed to actually lead ended up being a dud and my husband had to pick up the slack. This year he decided to just take matters into his own hands and be the leaders of the Bears – since he was taking on those duties, anyway.

And it seems the soccer organization graciously decided to just roll over Mike's coaching duties to the spring season, as well.

As such, my husband is vying for Dad of the Year status.

Anyway ... the thing about 6- and 7-year-old boys is that they don't listen for crud.

Boy Scouts is anarchy, which I truly believe is due to the timing; they meet from 7 to 8:15 p.m. on a Thursday night, which is pretty late for the younger guys. They are excited and rowdy, and there is a lot of them, and their energy echoes throughout the elementary school cafeteria where they meet.

It's all that the dads can do to get them to be still and quiet for the opening Pledge of Allegiance and oath. If they can wrangle the kids long enough to go over a project and earn a badge, that's a bonus.

Usually when Mike and Mikey come home, one of them has enough energy to power a rocket ship to the moon, and the other has a headache. I'll let you guess which is which.

But at least Boy Scouts only meets one Thursday night a month. The rest of the events are fun activities like hikes, the campout, the pinewood derby, and even a pumpkin patch setup for the local church.

Soccer, however, is a weekly dose of H-E-double-hockey-sticks. This season the team is something like 12 kids, and they are all high energy, competitive, rough, and – because they are young – take turns getting emotional, no one likes to lose, no one can focus, and some clearly decided on the first Saturday that soccer isn't their thing but since their parents paid for the whole season they're being forced to show up.

Last week my husband made several kids – including our own – run laps for "unnecessary roughness," he sat one kid out because he kept using a derogatory term for the male anatomy, and he had to keep turning one child around and facing him toward the correct goal.

This was in addition to the usual gripes from kids who don't like to have to rotate sitting out for 2-minute intervals when the teams are uneven, having to constantly yell, "Guys, listen up!" when they are all talking while my husband is trying to give direction, and

all the other things that go into coaching.

However, when I tell my husband, "Next time, don't volunteer," he goes quiet before admitting, "I like doing it for Mikey."

This is the first season we are doubling up sports on a Saturday, so in addition to soccer in the morning, Mikey is also playing flag football in the afternoon.

It's also the first time a team will have a weekly practice (Monday evenings), in addition to the Saturday game.

Well, as is becoming par for the course, two weeks before the start of the season an email went out saying that many teams (including Mikey's) didn't have a coach.

I forbid my husband from volunteering. I said something along the lines of, "Let someone else step up," "You have enough on your plate," and "For the sake of your lunacy, sit this one out."

Luckily, after about a week – and after a second email went out – someone else stepped up to coach the team. With my blessing, Mike said he would happily help assist if need be, but with the warning that he really doesn't know much about the sport. He watches plenty of football but hasn't played since he was a kid and he definitely doesn't know much about the rules of flag.

The coach was so appreciative that he informed Mike that he would in fact be missing the first game of the season, so Mike will be on his own.

No good deed goes unpunished.

So, knowing the first game is on the horizon, we went to the first practice this week bracing for impact. The team is technically first- through third-graders, but Mikey is one of only two first-graders, and the other 10 players are all third-graders.

And I could immediately see, hear, and just feel the difference that just those two grade levels make in the maturity of the players. Yes, the boys are still energetic, loud, have to be reigned in at times and reminded to listen, but they are also much more focused, invested in the game, and show more comradery and sportsmanship – and skill.

After the practice, my husband got in the truck, turned to me, and with a genuine smile on his face said, "That was fun!"

On the way home I texted a friend who also has a rowdy 7-year-old boy (three months older than mine), stating a similar sentiment as above, and telling her it gave me hope that our kids won't be animals forever.

Her response was quick: "I hate to burst your bubble but I just heard on the John Tesh radio show that psychologists say 8 is the worst year of childhood as far as behavior and attitude goes."

Needless to say I'm in the market for a new friend, if anyone wants to step up to the plate.

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# Eagle Scout Project Highlights Local Reservoir Heritage



Connor O'Reilly meets with Southeast Town Supervisor Nick Durante to discuss his Eagle Scout project and some of the historic images to be included.

By Jennifer Cassidy

Water has always played a vital role in the history of Putnam County, and local Life Scout Connor O'Reilly is leading an Eagle Scout project to commemorate the construction of the East Branch Reservoir in the Town of Southeast, completed over a century ago.

O'Reilly is supported by a dedicated network of community members and organizations, including Southeast Town Supervisor Nick Durante and town board members, the Town of Southeast Historic Sites Commission, the Southeast Museum, Putnam County Historian's Office, and Friends of Southeast – a nonprofit that supports community events including the annual town fireworks.

"I'm working to install an official New York State roadside historic marker at the intersection of Milltown and Old Milltown Road," said O'Reilly, who frequently runs the reservoir's scenic 3-mile loop as a standout distance runner for Brewster High School's varsity cross-country team. "It's a great place where residents and visitors alike walk, run, and enjoy the natural beauty of the area."

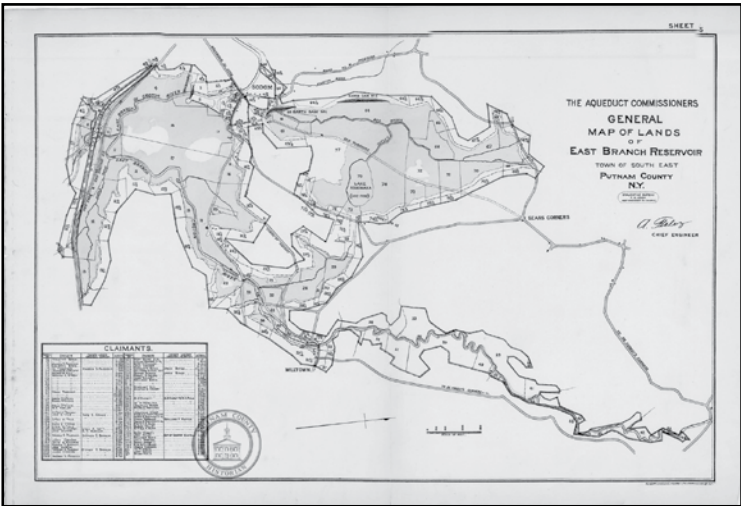
New York State's historic markers, which are known for their signature blue and yellow design, recognize locations of cultural and historical significance. Southeast is already home to several such markers, ranging from Revolutionary War-era sites to more modern local history. Recent additions include the Sears Burying Ground on Route 22 – the oldest cemetery in Putnam County, and Southeast Centre located at the base of Brewster Hill, which commemorates the colonial settlement and the historic Howe family of circus fame.

O'Reilly's project goes beyond the marker itself. With the support of local historians and the Southeast Museum, he plans to feature digitized historic images and original engineering plans documenting the construction of the reservoir – an impressive feat of 19th-century engineering.

These materials will be hosted on the Southeast Museum website and searchable via New York Heritage Digital Collections, a resource funded in part by the Putnam County Historian's Office.

It's worth noting that after high school, O'Reilly hopes to study engineering in college.

"Construction of the East Branch Reservoir was significant not only to the development of our



An 1895 copy of the Aqueduct Commissioners General Map of Lands of East Branch Reservoir, courtesy of the Putnam County Historian's Collection.

community, but also to the broader effort of supplying clean water to New York City," said Durante. "This is an important chapter of our local history, and we're proud to see a young resident taking the initiative to preserve it."

According to O'Reilly's research, the reservoir was part of a larger initiative in the late 1800s to address New York City's growing demand for clean drinking water. Construction on the East Branch Reservoir began in 1888 and was completed in 1891, submerging 525 acres of local land to create the reservoir still in use today.

The East Branch Reservoir

remains a vital and visible landmark in Southeast, valued for its scenic views, recreational space, and role in supplying drinking water to millions of New Yorkers.

To bring this project to completion, O'Reilly is fundraising to cover the costs of the marker, including fabrication, a support post, installation, and possible landscaping. To date, he has raised more than \$1,150 of the \$1,875 goal.

To support this community initiative, donations can be made by check to: Friends of Southeast, 1511 Route 22, Suite 329, Brewster, NY 10509.

# Help Clean Up Sycamore Park Beach

Volunteers are needed to help restore the shoreline at Sycamore Park's lakefront beach in Mahopac on Saturday, May 3 from 8 a.m. to noon, as part of Riverkeeper's massive cleanup initiative across over 100 shorelines in New York City and the Hudson Valley, known as the Riverkeeper Sweep.

Manpower is needed to help remove invasive species and clean up the site – and make a meaningful impact in the community.

Volunteers will meet – rain or shine – at Sycamore Park, 790 Long Pond Road, at the pavilion just before the beach.

Participants should bring a hat, sunscreen, a full reusable

water bottle, insect repellent, work gloves and hand sanitizer, and be prepared to keep an eye out for poison ivy that may be mixed in with the brush. Long sleeves and pants are recommended.

This site is suitable for elementary-aged children with adult supervision.

Pre-registration is required at [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com).

Over the last 13 years, Riverkeeper Sweep has completed 1,349 service projects, bringing together thousands of volunteers from NYC to the Adirondacks to clean up 382 tons of debris, and plant or maintain 8,851 native plants.

# WRC Gala Upcoming


Join the Putnam/Norther Westchester Women's Resource Center on Friday, May 16 at The Barn at Tilly's Table for its annual gala. "Together as One: A Community of Care & Compassion" will take place from 6 to 9 p.m., and celebrates a shared dedication to ending violence and building a safer, more just world for everyone.

Former PNWWRC Executive Directors Ann Ellsworth and Joanne DePaola, and Child Advocacy Center of Putnam County Program Director Marla Behler will all be presented with Lifetime

Achievement Awards.


Jaemie Caban, a special victims criminal investigator with the Putnam County District Attorney's Office, will receive the Guardian of Light Award; Joseph Manna will receive the Community Support Award; Brianna Rotger, owner of Bri Extravaganza Spa, will receive the Entrepreneur for Change Award; and Gemma Grassi, a student at John Jay High School in Lewisboro, will receive the Student for Change Award.


Tickets are \$150 per person and available at <https://pnwwrc.org>.



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**Milltown Cemetery Gets Some TLC**  
A group of Brewster Garden Club members meet regularly at Milltown's historic cemetery to maintain the butterfly garden. Participating in this year's spring cleanup were (from left, front row) Betty Moulton, Mary Quillnan, Marilyn Kearney, Pat Giovanoni, Kathy Muentener, Arlene Larzelere, (back row) Jeff Harrison and Werner Muentener.

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## Nutrition Corner

**By Allison J. Stowell**  
**MS, RD, CDN**

# Vegetables, But Make Them Fun

Despite the popularity of plant-based protein and a renewed emphasis on fiber, most Americans are not consuming enough vegetables. When we don't meet our daily vegetable intake goal (about 3-5 servings/day), we miss out on essential vitamins, minerals, and antioxidants. There are several reasons why we don't eat our veggies, but the most common are related to taste and boredom with how to prepare and present them.

**Blanched**  
If you want crisp, fresh, cooked vegetables then blanch them. Try string green beans, asparagus, peas, or broccoli. To blanch vegetables: boil water (lightly salted), cook vegetables for about 2 minutes, then drain hot water and immediately run the vegetables under cold water to stop the cooking process. The result will be crisp vegetables with vibrant color. Blanched vegetables add something special to a crudité, salad, or other dish.

**Make a Dip**  
Roast and puree vegetables along with spices, herbs, and plain, non-fat Greek yogurt to make a unique veggie-based, protein-rich dip. Try carrots, beets, or other root vegetables.

**Grilled**  
Marinate cut vegetables in flavorful dressings or sauces. Skewer them (or use a grilling basket) to make a veggie side, unique grain salad, for flatbreads, or in an assortment of other dishes. Try zucchini or eggplant in long slices. Oil well and then grill slices before topping lightly with finely diced olives, tomatoes, or mushrooms. Or layer them in a baked dish. Alternatively, grill portobello mushrooms and turn them into veggie pizzas.

**Eat your Greens**  
Make baby spinach, arugula, or other tender greens a "regular" on your shopping list. It's easy to add a serving of these greens to meals and snacks throughout the day. Use baby spinach to your

morning smoothie or eggs, add peppery arugula to your wrap. Or lightly dress tender greens with olive oil, lemon juice, salt and pepper to add to burgers, grilled meat or fish, or for a simple side.

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### Sauteed Sugar Snap Pea Salad with Burrata and Almonds (1 Guiding Stars)

Make sugar snap peas the star of this quick side by adding big flavor: caramelization for a skillet sear, creaminess from fresh burrata and fresh hits from lemon and mint.

**Ingredients:**  
Olive oil, as needed  
3 lbs. sugar snap peas, trimmed  
6 Tbsp. lemon juice  
3 Tbsp. honey  
8 mint leaves, torn, divided  
1 to 2 balls burrata cheese  
1/3 cup sliced almonds

**Directions:**  
Heat oil 1/2" up the side of a 12" cast-iron skillet over medium-high. Add an even layer of sugar snap peas to cover bottom of skillet. Cook until tender and caramelized, 3 to 4 minutes per side. Season with salt and pepper. Transfer to a plate. Repeat with remaining peas, adding more oil as needed.

Return all sugar snap peas to skillet. Add lemon juice and honey. Cook 2 minutes, then stir in 4 torn mint leaves. Season with salt and pepper to taste.

Plate sugar snap peas in a large, shallow bowl or on a platter. Break burrata cheese over top. Season with salt and pepper. Top with almonds and garnish with remaining mint and a drizzle of olive oil.

## Creamy Asparagus Soup

(Family Features)  
**Creamy Asparagus Soup**

**Ingredients:**  
2 asparagus bundles  
3 tablespoons butter  
1 tablespoon onion powder  
1 tablespoon garlic powder  
3 cups broth of choice, divided  
4 ounces cream cheese  
1 cup Parmesan cheese  
2 teaspoons celery salt  
2 teaspoons Italian seasoning  
1/2 cup heavy cream  
salt, to taste  
pepper, to taste  
chicken salad croissants, for serving

**Directions:**  
Chop asparagus into bite-size pieces. In large pot, place asparagus, butter, onion powder, garlic powder and 1 cup broth. Cook over medium heat until asparagus gets tender.

Transfer to blender with 1 cup broth and blend until smooth. Transfer back to pot and, over medium heat, mix in cream cheese, remaining broth and Parmesan cheese. Add celery salt and Italian seasoning. Cook while stirring, blending seasonings in well, then add heavy cream.

Season with salt and pepper, to taste. Serve with chicken salad croissants.

*Servings: 4-6*  
*Source: Culinary.net*

# 3 Up 3 Down Raises Funds for Youth Sports



The 3 Up 3 Down Organization recently held its annual charity Texas Holdem tournament at the Patterson Recreation Center.



A check was presented to Brewster Little League at the event.

The 3 Up 3 Down Organization held its eighth annual charity Texas Holdem tournament recently at the Patterson Recreation Center. A total of 212 players competed on the felt to win their way to Las Vegas and the 2025 World Series of poker.

Joining the festivities were Stanley Cup winner and former New York Ranger Stephane Matteau, two-time Super Bowl champion and New York Giant Sean Landeta, and 1998 World Series of Poker main event champion Scotty Nguyen.

3 Up 3 Down was formed in February 2017 as a 501(c)3 charitable organization with the intent of supporting youth baseball and those with developmental disabilities in and around the Greater New York and Hudson Valley areas. The organization has a longer-term goal of building an inclusive park in the Hudson Valley for those with and without disabilities.

The nonprofit celebrated its eighth year in existence last month and to date has given away more than \$120,000 in grants and dona-

tions to local youth leagues and organizations that support those with developmental disabilities.

The 2025 grant process recently closed, and recipients will be announced in early May.

In addition to the annual grants to local youth baseball organizations – such as Brewster Little League – 3 Up 3 Down provides grants to agencies that support those with developmental disabilities. In previous years, grants have been given to The Andersen Center for Autism in Poughkeepsie, Green Chimneys in Brewster, Julie’s Jungle in Hopewell Junction, Blue Path Service Dogs in Wappingers Falls, and the Wappingers Challenger League.

The nonprofit does not have any paid staff or positions, and 100 percent of net funds donated go directly to grants or toward the future field fund. In anticipation of building the field, 3 Up 3 Down will be starting a capital campaign, running from June 1 through Nov. 15.

For more information and to get involved, contact Execu-

tive Director Rick Stockfield at [rstockfield@3u3d.org](mailto:rstockfield@3u3d.org).

# Burglary & Larceny Charges

A Putnam County sheriff’s deputy was dispatched April 4 to a Southeast business for a report of an unknown person entered the building overnight and stealing a 2011 Chevy pick-up truck. The vehicle was located unoccupied later that day in the Bronx, and evidence was collected from it before turning the vehicle back over to the owners.

Investigators were able to develop a suspect, obtain an arrest warrant, and attempt to locate him. On April 16, they were informed that the suspect, Alex Morales, 32, from the Bronx, was arrested by New York City probation officers on the warrant. He was picked up by Putnam sheriff’s investigators and charged with one count each of third-degree burglary, third-degree grand larceny, and third-degree criminal possession of stolen property, all felonies.

Morales was arraigned in Southeast Town Court and remanded to the Putnam County Correctional Facility pending with a future court appearance.

On April 5, investigators were

advised of a suspicious subject who was attempting to purchase a vehicle valued at more than \$68,000 at a Southeast car dealership, and was attempting to conceal his true identity. Seven days later, the suspect returned and was attempting to complete the sale using a fictitious name.

Investigators responded and saw the suspect filling out paperwork using the fake name, and took him into custody. David Koraca, 57, of Somers, was transported to the sheriff’s office where he reportedly admitted to using a false name to conceal his identity. He was charged with one count of second-degree attempted grand larceny, a class D felony; one count of second-degree falsifying business records; and two counts of seventh-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance, both misdemeanors.

Koraca was arraigned Southeast Town Court and remanded to the Putnam County Correctional Facility due to multiple prior felony convictions.

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# Can You Spell S-U-C-C-E-S-S?

## Annual Spelling Bee Fundraiser Returns

The annual CoveCare Center Team Spelling Bee returns Wednesday, May 14 beginning at 5:30 p.m., at Centennial Golf Club in Carmel.

Compete for bragging rights and for a first- or second-place trophy, or for the title of Most Enthusiastic Team. Show off your spelling skills and make a difference in the lives of people affected by mental health and substance use issues.

The cost to compete is \$55 per person and includes a dinner buffet, dessert, and coffee/tea/soda. There will also be a cash bar.

Teams consist of up to 10 players and are eliminated after three misspelled words. Mulligan are \$25 when purchased in advance, or \$30 per mulligan at the event. There is a maximum of five mulligans per team.

Register at [covecarecenter.org/2025-spelling-bee](http://covecarecenter.org/2025-spelling-bee).



The Brewster Rotary and Brewster Chamber of Commerce's "Bizee Bees" took home the first-place trophy from CoveCare Center's 2024 spelling bee fundraiser.

All proceeds benefit CoveCare Center's mental health, substance use, and community-based services.



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## Navigate Legal Gardens With Grace

Here is my well-worn phrase of the day: "It is not what you say, but how you say it."

Family conversations infused with humanity and understanding have a better chance of being valued than lectures.

Lectures are more efficient and require less time to administer, but carry with them a presumption that the lectured are either inexperienced, stubborn, or intellectually lacking. The lecturer is hoping the message sinks in and changes behavior. The lectured often feels attacked, devalued, or pressured. While there are times when short expressive bursts of blunt truths are necessary to achieve a result, use that too often and your loved

ones will shut down.

Nowhere is this dynamic more apparent than the relationship between an adult child and aging parent.

Plastic bags, empty boxes, envelopes piled to the ceiling, and assorted knick-knacks await a large number of adult children tasked with the job of managing a parent's estate. Besides the "stuff" problem, there may be a document problem. A lack of estate planning, incomplete beneficiary forms, and undiscovered financial accounts could disrupt the estate process.

Would you remain calm and patient if all of those burdens stared you in the face? No. A lecture would be difficult to resist.

Be forceful and they shall retreat. A parent aware of their shortcomings may not want to be harshly and continually reminded. Part of trust building is allowing your loved ones to be themselves, talk about their fears, and remain engaged without ripping them apart.

If you know you can be listened to without negativity, you will keep talking. Spirited conversations are fine; passivity is not the answer. After all, you want your parent to sign that Power of Attorney, throw out old bags, and ensure their hard-earned money does not disappear.

A three-dimensional estate plan does not have to be super complicated. There are financial accounts, real property and tangible property (plus intellectual property for any inventors and creative people). A parent working with a financial advisor can organize their financial accounts, set up current beneficiary forms to avoid Probate, and have budgets prepared.

Estate attorneys can draft trusts or life estate deeds that allow real property to pass to adult children outside of Probate. Cleaning services, auction houses, antique experts and tag sale consultants can be called upon to deal with your parents' stuff.

Stubbornness can derail an adult child's best intentions. Finding one sliver of planning daylight may break through some of that resistance. Maybe a parent would be open to talking with a financial advisor or an attorney. A parent may be excited about the prospect of an antique holding higher than expected value. This could lead to softening views on estate planning.

Lectures are tempting. They are displays of power and control. Remember that the person you are lecturing is someone you have loved for a long time. You do not share their vulnerabilities, fears, or priorities, but your patience and expressions of understanding will keep them in your corner. That comfort and trust could lead to changed behavior.

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# Putnam County Community Events

## ‘Non-Food’ Drive

First Presbyterian Church of Mahopac will host its “non-food” Lenten drive every Sunday through Easter, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at the church library (across the street from the parking lot, red door on the side of the building with the ramp). Donations will be brought to Putnam CAP. Seeking shampoo and conditioner, toothpaste, deodorant, soap, body wash, feminine hygiene products, laundry detergent, dish soap, diapers size 4 to 6 and pullups, and baby wipes.

## Spelling Bee

CoveCare Center’s annual Team Spelling Bee will return Wednesday, May 14 at 5:30 p.m. at Centennial Golf Club in Carmel. \$55 per person includes dinner and dessert; cash bar. Trophies for winning teams, as well as most enthusiastic. Teams are 10 players and eliminated after three misspelled words. Mulligans available. Register at <https://covecarecenter.org>.

## Tuesday, April 29

### Roaming Reederers

Reed Memorial Library in Carmel will present Roaming Reederers on April 29 at 10:30 a.m. Experience the joy of staying active outdoors while connecting with others in a friendly walking group that accommodates all fitness levels. Meet at the library and enjoy a casual walk through Carmel. Registration is required at [carmellibrary.org/calendar](http://carmellibrary.org/calendar).

### Butterfly Painting

Kids age 5 to 8 may explore the colorful world of butterflies Tuesday, April 29 at 4:45 at Brewster Public Library. Craft your own painted butterflies. All materials provided. Registration required at [brewsterlibrary.org](http://brewsterlibrary.org).

## Wednesday, April 30

### Tasting Event

The Brewster and Southeast Rotary clubs will host a tasting event fundraiser Wednesday, April 30 at 5:30 p.m., at Ace Endico, 80 International Blvd., Brewster. \$75 per ticket includes food and drink. Watch John and Paul Aversano at work, creating favorite tastes of Italy. To benefit Relay for Life. Purchase tickets at [www.brewsterrotary.org](http://www.brewsterrotary.org) or [www.rotaryofsoutheast.org](http://www.rotaryofsoutheast.org).

## Thursday, May 1

### Southeast Town Board

The Southeast Town Board will meet at 7 p.m. the following Thursdays at Town Hall: May 1 and 15, 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 Club

The Putnam County Republican Women’s Club meets the first Thursday of each month in Brewster. The 2025 dates include May 1, June 5, Sept. 4, Oct. 2, Nov. 6 and Dec. 4. Email [putnamwomensgop@gmail.com](mailto:putnamwomensgop@gmail.com) for information.

### Tiny Book Workshop

Teens age 13 to 17 can discover the charm of miniature literature with Brewster Public Library’s tiny book workshop Thursday, May 1

at 4:30 p.m. Create pocket-sized versions of your favorite books. Registration required at [brewsterlibrary.org](http://brewsterlibrary.org).

## Friday, May 2

### ‘NUTS’

The Brewster Theater Company will present the suspenseful, psychological drama “NUTS” by Tom Topor at the Theater at Drew Methodist Church, 28 Gleneida Ave., Carmel, at 7:30 p.m. May 2 and 3, and May 9; and at 2 p.m. May 4 and 10. Tickets are available at [www.brewstertheater.org](http://www.brewstertheater.org) and at the door – although reservations are encouraged.

### Teen Trivia Night

Mahopac Public Library will host a trivia night for teens Friday, May 2 at 5 p.m. Teens can compete with others for a chance to win a prize. The theme for May is “myths and legends.” Go alone or with a group and show off how much you know. Register at [www.mahopaclibrary.org](http://www.mahopaclibrary.org) or call 845-628-2009, ext. 153.

### Opioid

### Overdose Training

Adults age 18 and older may participate in an opioid overdose training program Friday, May 2 at 2 p.m. at Brewster Public Library. This one-and-a-half-hour training, led by a NYS opioid overdose specialist, covers topics such as stigma, good Samaritan laws, overdose risk factors, recognizing and responding to an overdose, administering naloxone, and reporting its use. Registration required at [brewsterlibrary.org](http://brewsterlibrary.org).

## Saturday, May 3

### Clean Up

### Sycamore Beach

Volunteers are needed to help remove invasive species at the shoreline at Sycamore Park’s lakefront beach in Mahopac on Saturday, May 3 from 8 a.m. to noon. Volunteers will meet – rain or shine – at Sycamore Park, 790 Long Pond Road, at the pavilion just before the beach. Bring a hat, sunscreen, a full reusable water bottle, insect repellent, work gloves and hand sanitizer. For elementary-aged children with adult supervision. Pre-registration is required at [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com).

### 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 starting May 3, from 3 to 8 p.m., through Sept. 20, and every Sunday morning from 9 a.m. to noon from May 11 to Oct. 12.

### E-Waste Drop Off

The Town of Carmel will hold an E-Waste Drop Off Day for residents only Saturday, May 3 from 9 a.m. to noon at Mud Pond Road between Lake Casse and Croton Falls Road. TVs, monitors, computers, power cords, ink cartridges, cable boxes, phones, cameras, microwaves, printers, etc. No fire alarms, thermostats, or equipment containing gas or oil.

### Celebrate Earth Day

A free family-friendly event promoting environmental protection and awareness with Earth Day-themed activities, products, and community resources will be held

Saturday, May 3 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Patterson Recreation Center, 65 Front St. Make animal masks, plant seeds, learn to attract butterflies, best practices for composting and recycling, large-scale puppets, pickleball workshop from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and more.

### Union Valley

### Cemetery Association

The non-profit Union Valley Cemetery Association is having its annual meeting Saturday, May 3 at 10:30 a.m., in the Historic Chapel at the cemetery on Union Valley Road in Mahopac. All are welcome.

## Sunday, May 4

### FrOGS Paddles

Friends Of the Great Swamp will host “paddles” on Sunday, May 4 at 7 a.m. (checking on the Rookery Paddle) on the North Flow; Saturday and Sunday, May 17 and 18, at 8 and 10 a.m., at Green Chimneys on the East Branch Croton River; and Sunday, June 8 at 10 a.m. on the North Flow. Email Ken Luhman at [frogspaddle22@gmail.com](mailto:frogspaddle22@gmail.com).

### Walk MS

The 2025 Walk MS: Westchester, is scheduled Sunday, May 4 at Glen Island Park, Weyman Avenue, New Rochelle. This community-led event brings together individuals and organizations to support those affected by Multiple Sclerosis. There are 1- and 3-mile routes available. All are accessible, and mobility devices are welcome. The site opens at 9 a.m., the ceremony starts at 9:50 a.m., and the walk begins at 10 a.m. Register at <https://events.nationalmssociety.org>.

### Cash Bingo

The Carmel Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary will host a cash bingo event Sunday, May 4 beginning at 2 p.m. (doors open at 1 p.m.), at 10 Fair St., Carmel. Full card prize of \$500. Pay \$35 in advance at [maycashbingo.eventbrite.com](http://maycashbingo.eventbrite.com), or \$40 at the door. Must be 18 or older. Proceeds benefit Make-a-Wish. Concessions, bell jar, raffles.

### Briscola Tourney

The Italian American Club of Mahopac’s fifth annual Briscola card tournament is scheduled May 4 at 141 Buckshollow Road. Admission is \$40 and includes dinner which begins at 1 p.m., with card playing beginning at 2 p.m. Prizes will be awarded. For information contact Joseph Fierra at [jfierra@olace.com](mailto:jfierra@olace.com) or 914-582-9641 by April 28. [www.italianamericanclubofmahopac.org](http://www.italianamericanclubofmahopac.org).

### History Hike

Putnam History Museum will lead a guided hike of the West Point Foundry on Sunday, May 4 at 4 p.m. Meet at the foundry preserve parking lot, 80 Kemble Ave., Cold Spring. \$15. Register at [putnam-historymuseum.org](http://putnam-historymuseum.org).

### 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. from May 4 to Oct. 19 at the Michael Geary Memorial Hockey Rink at 740 Route 6, Mahopac. Live music, food, vendors. Updates available on social media @CF-Matlakemahopac.

## Tuesday, May 6

### Kent Town Board

The Kent Town Board will meet the following Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at Town Hall: May 6 and 20, 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.

### Lake Mahopac

### Garden Club

The monthly meeting of the Lake Mahopac Garden Club will be held Tuesday, May 6, at Airport Park. Participants are welcome and asked to bring a lunch. The meeting begins at 11:30 a.m. The program presentation, beginning at 1 p.m., features a ring design with flowers. There is a supply charge of \$10. Presenters are Marie Braun and Rose Runco. For information visit [www.lakemahopacgc.com](http://www.lakemahopacgc.com).

### Teacher

### Appreciation Craft

Kids age 5 to 8 can show their appreciation for teachers and their hard work by creating flower pens for them, Tuesday, May 6 at 5:45 p.m. at Brewster Public Library. All necessary materials will be provided.

### ‘The Rise of Steel Rails’

Reed Memorial Library will present author, musician, and historian Alex Prizgintas for part one of his “Riverside Moguls: Wealth & Power in the Hudson Valley’s Gilded Age” lecture series Tuesday, May 6 at 11 a.m. “Rise of Steel Rails” will focus on the age of 19th-century railroading. Prizgintas combines rich information to trace this extravagant and complicated era of the Hudson Valley’s history. Registration is required at [carmellibrary.org/calendar](http://carmellibrary.org/calendar).

### Roaming Reederers

Reed Memorial Library in Carmel will present Roaming Reederers on May 6 at 10:30 a.m. Experience the joy of staying active outdoors while connecting with others in a friendly walking group that accommodates all fitness levels. Meet at the library and enjoy a casual walk through Carmel. Registration is required at [carmellibrary.org/calendar](http://carmellibrary.org/calendar).

## Wednesday, May 7

### Carmel Town Board

The Carmel Town Board will meet at 7 p.m. the following Wednesdays at Town Hall: May 7, 14 and 21; 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.

## Thursday, May 8

### ‘The Way’

Patterson Library will screen “The Way” on Tuesday, May 8 at noon, followed by discussion. An inspiring story about Tom, an American doctor who travels to France to collect his late son’s remains after a tragic accident on the Camino de Santiago. Driven by grief and a desire to honor his son, he embarks on the pilgrimage himself, unaware of the journey’s life-changing impact. Rated PG-13. Adults 18 and older.

### Author Talk

Reed Memorial Library will present an author talk with Sue DeMarinis, author of “The Feathers of

Fortunato,” on Thursday, May 8 at 11 a.m. DeMarinis named her novel after her great-grandfather who supplied the feathers from Italy for the famous DeMarinis Hat Company at the turn of the century. Registration is required at [carmellibrary.org/calendar](http://carmellibrary.org/calendar).

### Adult Mother’s Day Craft

Join Reed Memorial Library in Carmel to make a special Mother’s Day craft Thursday, May 8 at 3:30 p.m., and create spring wreaths. Registration is required at [carmellibrary.org/calendar](http://carmellibrary.org/calendar).

## Friday, May 9

### ‘Hurricane Diane’

The Town of Southeast Cultural Arts Coalition will present “Hurricane Diane” by Madeleine George on May 9, 10, 16 and 17 at 8 p.m., at the Old Town Hall Theater, 67 Main St., Brewster. Watch what happens when the Greed god Dionysus returns to save the earth, starting with a cul-de-sac in New Jersey. Tickets are \$25 at [www.ticketleap.events](http://www.ticketleap.events).

### Doo Wop Show

The Duprees will headline Lake Mahopac Rotary Club’s 11th annual Rock & Roll Spectacular on Friday, May 9 at 7 p.m. at the Mahopac High School auditorium. Also featuring The Brooklyn Bridge and Anthony Duke Claus. Tickets are \$40 at [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com) (search for “Lake Mahopac Rotary”) and can also be purchased at PCSB in Mahopac, Putnam Music Center, Arthur Avenue Deli, d’Berto’s Pizzeria and Route 6 Deli.

## Saturday, May 10

### Live Art Auction

Garrison Art Center will host “Art Now in the Hudson Valley: A Celebration of Shared Space,” a live auction spotlighting the creativity and talent of contemporary artists inspired by the Hudson Valley, on Saturday, May 10, from 4 to 6 p.m., at 23 Garrison’s Landing. Viewing begins at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$25 and include admission to the viewing reception and auction, wine, hors d’oeuvres, a bidding paddle, and access to the auction tent. For tickets, visit [www.garrisonartcenter.org/2025-auction](http://www.garrisonartcenter.org/2025-auction).

### Plant Sales

Cornell Cooperative Extension-Putnam County’s annual plant sale returns Saturday, May 10 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at Veterans’ Memorial Park, 201 Gipsy Trail Road, Carmel. Native plants, vegetables and herbs, annuals and container gardens, advice, and more.

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# Busy Time for Brewster Fire Department

## Lack of Hydrants Hinders Firefighting Efforts

Below: Brewster firefighters were dispatched April 19 to Five Brothers Pizza & Restaurant on Carmel Avenue.



Brewster firefighters battle a blaze April 17 on Seven Oaks Lane in Southeast.



The Brewster Fire Department was dispatched at about 12:45 p.m. April 17 to a house fire on Seven Oaks Lane in Southeast. Fire Chief Michael Miller arrived on the scene within minutes and confirmed the working fire and requested a second alarm, bringing in mutual aid fire departments from throughout Putnam and northern Westchester County. The elderly homeowner, a U.S.

veteran, was home at the time and able to escape the blaze unharmed, but was eventually transported by Brewster EMS to Danbury Hospital for observation. First arriving firefighters faced

heavy fire throughout the two-story home, with live wires down in the front yard. There are no fire hydrants in the area, so water had to be brought in on tanker trucks. The fire appeared to originate near the

rear of the house, but the Putnam County Fire Investigation Team was called in to help determine the cause. According to Miller, neighborhoods that do not have fire hydrants give firefighters another major challenge.

“It’s no longer just about fighting the fire, but about establishing a reliable and substantial water supply,” he said. “This often necessitates a coordinated response from multiple agencies. Time becomes even more critical as we work to bridge the gap created by the lack of immediate water access.”

First responders who assisted at the scene (along with equipment) were from Carmel, Putnam Lake, Mahopac, Lake Carmel, Croton Falls, and the Putnam County Bureau of Emergency Services.

### Brewster Firefighters Knock Out Restaurant Fire

Putnam 911 dispatched the Brewster Fire Department to the small strip plaza at the intersection of Carmel Avenue and Drewville Road just after 9 p.m. April 19, after an automatic fire alarm was activated at 2505 Carmel Ave.

The call was quickly upgraded to a commercial structure fire, after receiving reports of flames coming from Five Brothers Pizza located on the first floor of the two-story building.

Brewster Fire Assistant Chief Steven Miller arrived on the scene, reported a working fire in the pizzeria, and requested a second alarm, bringing in firefighters from Croton Falls, Carmel, and Lake Carmel.

The blaze sent smoke throughout the commercial building. Brewster firefighters forced entry into the pizzeria and began an aggressive interior attack on the fire. Additional firefighters searched the second-floor businesses for any possible fire extension.

While the fire did not extend to the second floor, there was heavy smoke throughout the upper-story businesses.

“Thankfully, the fire was contained to the occupancy of origin due to our quick response and highly trained firefighters,” said Miller.

Five Brothers Pizza suffered significant fire damage, while some of the other businesses had some smoke damage.

A Brewster firefighter was injured battling the fire and was transported to Putnam Hospital Center by Brewster EMS with non-life-threatening injuries.

The Putnam County Fire Investigation Team was called in to help determine the cause of the blaze.



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# BHS Students Built Animal Shelters for Green Chimneys



Students in Glenn Palmieri’s career and technical education class at Brewster High School recently made animal enclosures for Green Chimneys.



Brewster High School career and technical education students recently made much-needed animal shelters for some of the farm animals at Green Chimneys in Brewster.

The nonprofit organization helps young people by providing residential, educational, clinical, and recreational services in a safe and supportive environment that nurtures connections with family, community, animals and nature.

With a \$700 grant he received from the Brewer Educational Foundation, high school carpentry teacher Glenn Palmieri bought wood and supplies for his students to make animal houses for the ducks and rabbits at the farm.

Students worked in groups to plan, design, cut, and build duck lean-tos and rabbit hutches.

“Cutting the wood was my main role in the project,” said freshman Liam McKenney. “I really like the idea that these will be used for animals. We are giving them a place to live and will last for years. Green Chimneys is a wonderful and local place that does a lot for students.”

The carpentry program is new and improved at BHS this year. There are three sections, with each filled to capacity.

“My goal for our program is to keep it growing and show students how much good they can do by working with their hands,” said Palmieri. “Patience and persistence leads to incredible projects, skills, increased problem solving, and teamwork.”

Although he stopped short

of recommending carpentry to everyone, Palmieri said the field has much to offer to motivate people who love working with their hands.

“There are so many avenues in the construction trades that there could be something for everyone,” he said. “Project managers, framers, finishers, cabinetmakers, furniture makers, foremen. These are jobs that will never be taken by artificial intelligence and need good people with a passion for building.”

The Green Chimneys project came out of Palmieri’s experience as an Eagle Scout.

“I wanted to do a project for the community because I felt it was important to not just teach students how to build a project, but how to build and give back. Instead of building with materials that will be tossed out, build with a purpose.”

How do the folks at Green Chimneys feel?

“We have been in the process of updating our outdoor rabbit enclosure and this new outdoor hutch will be a great addition,” said Livestock Program Manager Danielle Zalewski. “It will give them a new place to explore, which is excellent enrichment for them. Having collaboration from the community to build these houses for our animals has been really wonderful.”

The hutches, which will be delivered by students at the end of the month, come at the perfect time – as the days get warmer and the animals are springing into action on the farm.



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The Putnam County DMV is a leader in registering organ donors.

# Putnam Encourages Residents to ‘Donate Life’

Lawmakers are recognizing Donate Life Month and honoring those who have saved lives through organ, eye, and tissue donation. One donor can save up to eight lives, restore sight to two people, and heal the lives of 75 others. With more than 170 million registered donors nationwide, you can help close the gap by registering for the New York State Donate Life Registry at [registerme.org](http://registerme.org). It’s quick, free, and takes just minutes to offer someone a second chance at life.

“It’s incredible to see New Yorkers come together for a common cause – to help those in need of a lifesaving organ or tissue transplant,” said Assemblyman Matt Slater. “Donate Life has done amazing work in educating and advocating for this vital cause. While we’ve made progress in increasing donor registration in our state, the need remains critical. Too many New Yorkers are still waiting for life-saving transplants. I urge everyone who isn’t already registered to sign up and raise awareness within their own communities.”

More than 100,000 people nationwide are waiting for lifesaving organ transplants, with 7,917 New Yorkers on the transplant list. In 2024, more than 48,000 organ transplants from 24,000 donors gave new life to patients and their families.

Despite these successes, the need remains urgent, with 377 New Yorkers dying last year while waiting for an organ transplant.

During a recent visit to the Putnam County Department of Motor Vehicles, Slater joined State DMV Commissioner Mark Schroeder in praising the DMV’s efforts in partnership with Donate Life New York State to educate the public on the importance of organ dona-

tion. The Putnam County DMV has been recognized as a leader in donor registration, with 60 percent of residents signed up as donors.

“Putnam County is leading by example,” said Slater. “Registering to become an organ donor is one of the simplest ways to make a lasting impact on someone’s life. I’m proud to work alongside leaders in our communities like County Clerk Michael Bartolotti who are helping to raise awareness and inspire others to join the Donate Life Registry.”

Bartolotti said Donate Life is very near and dear to him.

“It’s an extremely important cause, and through your generous donation, you’re literally giving the gift of life to so many people,” he said. “This is the month where we come together to raise awareness, particularly at the DMVs, where most organ donors in New York State are signed up.”



Jayron Sandoval Sola and Mariana Miguel Mendez.

# Brewster Teens are Puerto Rican/Hispanic Youth Leaders

Jayron Sandoval Sola and Mariana Miguel Mendez, juniors at Brewster High School, were recently accepted into the prestigious Puerto Rican/Hispanic Youth Leadership Program – a yearlong leadership and civic development program for Hispanic Youth meant to empower and develop student leaders that culminated last weekend in Albany.

Two hundred and fifty students representing 136 high schools from all over New York State went to Albany to participate in the 33rd annual event, which included team building exercises in English and Spanish, and leadership workshops that involved forms of art and expression, including poetry, dance, and acting.

It ended in a mock assembly held in the NYS Capital. The theme was The Art of Democracy.

“We are first-generation everything,” said Sola. “So of course our parents are proud of us. I feel like this was a way for us to express ourselves and pay forward everything our ancestors did for us and sacrificed for us.”

The program started with day trips to Manhattanville, Vassar, and SUNY New Paltz, where students from the Hudson Valley delegation got together to debate bills as if they were the representatives from their districts. They were asked to research bills, write statements, and make arguments following parliamentary procedure. They also got an inside peek into college life with tours, admissions sessions, and meals in the cafeteria.

“If we spoke out of turn or didn’t address the speaker in the proper manner, someone might say ‘out of order’ and that would be it,” explained Mendez. “I am a shy person and it was definitely hard for me to get out of my comfort zone. One of the highlights was in a group session, we had to argue what democracy meant to us. There were so many different students but we felt so united and strong when we all came together to define democracy.”

Albany was not a foregone conclusion – only a select group of students went based upon participation and involvement in the group sessions. Sola and Mendez were two of only 40 students selected from Hudson Valley to attend the all-expenses-paid, three-day weekend in Albany.

“We listened to inspirational speakers, including U.S. Congressman Joaquin Castro who wrote a book about Latin heroes, which he gave to us,” said Sola. “He told us to speak up and act. No one expects Hispanics to achieve. Just look at the statistics. But he said to prove everyone wrong by succeeding. We can do it if we want it and if we are good people.”

Students spent two and a half hours on the floor of the Assembly debating a bill on detention centers. They sat in their Representatives’ chairs and made arguments for and against each piece of legislation. The speeches that were the most compelling had a personal twist.

“Some students had seen firsthand the conditions at detention centers so they could speak personally,” explained Mendez. “Those were the most persuasive arguments.”

Brewster kindergarten-through-grade-12 English Language Learners teacher and bilingual specialist Jaimie Dini accompanied the students.

“The goal was always to get to Albany, and Jayron and Marianna did it,” said she. “They were always participating and involved. It was awesome to be able to see them do so well. After a gap due to COVID, we are lucky and thankful to Principal Horler for supporting this program.”

“The program taught me to be proud of my heritage,” said Sola. “That having a last name like Vasquez, Sanchez, and Sandoval is a gift and something to be proud of.”



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James William Forbes, 94, April 18, Yorktown Funeral Home, Shrub Oak, (914) 962-0700.





From left are Kent Police Lt. Alex Vanderwoude, Councilmember Shaun Boyd, Town Supervisor Jaime McGlasson, Police Chief Kevin Owens, and State Sen. Pete Harckhan. Photo by Tito Davila/Harckham's office.

## Senate Grant Funds Kent Police Vehicles

The Kent Police Department has been able to purchase and deploy two new vehicles thanks to a \$100,000 New York State Senate grant that was secured with help from Sen. Pete Harckham, D-Peekskill.

“The Town of Kent Police Department is excited to announce the purchase of two new vehicles utilizing grant funding,” said Police Chief Kevin Owens. “We are extremely grateful to Sen. Harckham for assisting our department with this grant and his continued support of our agency.”

The vehicles, which include an electric vehicle for testing purposes, were purchased with two \$50,000 grants secured through the Community Resiliency, Economic Sustainability & Technology program.

The department purchased a 2024 Ford F-150 Lightning EV, which is intended to demonstrate the feasibility of electric vehicles for patrol duties. The second vehicle purchased is a

2024 Dodge Durango to be used as a command vehicle for large events, gatherings, or incidents in which additional staffing and infrastructure would be utilized. It can be converted into a small mobile command center.

“Police departments must be equipped with up-to-date vehicles that are reliable to ensure officers can respond to emergencies with speed, precision, and effectiveness,” said Harckham. “The Kent Police Department is also showing foresight in testing an EV vehicle for use in responding to emergencies and for patrol purposes. EVs offer reduced long-term maintenance costs, vastly improved acceleration, stealthiness, and they are climate friendly.”

Town Supervisor Jaime McGlasson thanked the senator for his support.

“Our police department is essential to our community,” she said. “It’s vital that it has the latest tools that it needs to help keep our community safe and secure.”

## Fatal Crash on I-684

New York State Police from Somers, along with the Bureau of Criminal Investigation, are probing a recent fatal motor vehicle crash that occurred on Interstate 684 southbound near mile marker 26.4 in Southeast.

At about 6:35 a.m. April 10, troopers responded to a two-vehicle collision involving a 1999 Honda Civic and a 2024 Ford F-150 pickup truck. Upon arrival, they found the Honda Civic with significant front-end damage in the left lane.

The rear-seat passenger, Marcela Romero, 74, of the Bronx, was pronounced deceased at the scene.

Preliminary investigation determined that Yaxkin Ramos

Romero, 24, of the Bronx, was driving southbound in the Honda Civic with two passengers – her sister, Glenis Ramos Romero, 25, in the front seat; and their grandmother, Marcela Romero, in a rear seat.

According to the siblings, Yaxkin Romero attempted a lane change from the left to the center lane when she noticed another vehicle occupying the space. In an attempt to avoid a collision, she steered abruptly back into the left lane, causing the Honda to strike the left guide rail before striking the side of the Ford F-150.

The driver of the truck, Richard Valentine, 35, of Larchmont, was not injured.

## Brush Fire Burns 21 Acres

Between April 14 and 21, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation forest rangers and local fire departments responded to fires in 10 counties across the state – the largest being in Putnam Valley, measuring 21 acres, which started April 18 and was contained the same day.

At about 1:15 p.m., the Putnam Valley Fire Department was dispatched to a brush fire near 926 Peekskill Hollow Road.

First responders arrived to discover that a large brush fire had started under the power lines

located in that area. The fire spread rapidly due to high winds, dry leaves and vegetation. Because of the steep and rocky terrain, access to the areas was difficult.

Given the hazards of the situation, manpower and apparatus from neighboring agencies were requested to assist in fire-ground operations. Arriving crews worked to extinguish the spreading fire while also establishing a fire line to minimize and prevent its spread.

The statewide brush burning ban is in effect through May 14.

# Amphibian Migrations Project Returns to Hudson Valley

Warmer temperatures and rain have spurred the start of annual migrations of vernal pool breeding amphibians, line frogs and salamanders. Throughout the Hudson Valley, volunteers with the Amphibian Migrations & Road Crossings Project are surveying roads to safeguard the continued movement of frogs and salamanders and reduce amphibian road mortality.

“Every year, DEC’s Amphibian Migrations & Road Crossings Project draws hundreds of volunteers to help protect salamanders and frogs on the move in the Hudson Valley, migrating from forests to vernal pools,” said New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Acting Commissioner Amanda Lefton. “I thank the volunteers who come out to support this great program and encourage anyone traveling roads this time of year to be on the lookout for these vulnerable amphibians to help keep them safe.”

DEC’s Hudson River Estuary Program and Cornell University initiated the AM&RC Project to raise awareness about critical amphibian habitat, engage volunteers to help collect data on the annual migration, and decrease amphibian road mortality. More than 1,000 volunteers have participated in the effort since 2009, helping to move an estimated 48,000 salamanders, frogs, and toads safely across roads.

In late winter and early spring, amphibian species like wood frog, spotted salamander, and Jefferson-

blue spotted salamander complex emerge from underground shelters in the forest and head to vernal pools for breeding. Vernal pools are small, temporary wetlands that serve as critical breeding habitat for these amphibians. The pools hold water until summer, so the adult amphibians must gather, breed, and deposit eggs early enough to ensure their aquatic young can hatch, grow, and leave the pools before they dry up.

Due to their importance, vernal pools were added to DEC’s recently expanded freshwater wetlands protections.

The timing of migration is weather-dependent, with concentrated activity on the first rainy nights of the season when the ground is thawed and night air temperatures remain above 40 degrees Fahrenheit. The timing of migration varies throughout the Hudson River estuary watershed, but when weather conditions are just right, there can be explosive “big night” migrations with hundreds of amphibians on the move.

On their journeys between forest habitat and breeding pools, these amphibians often need to cross roads – where mortality can be high even when traffic is low.

This year, the first pulse of migration was observed by AM&RC volunteers March 5 – a rainy night with an average evening temperature of 49 degrees. Volunteers surveyed roads from the lower Hudson Valley to the Capital District and counted 1,600 amphibians, most of which were

wood frogs and spring peepers.

While volunteers were able to assist 800 amphibians safely across roads, more than 40 percent were found dead.

On the approaching warm, rainy nights, DEC expects more salamander and frog species will be migrating.

AM&RC volunteers document road locations where they observe migrations in the Hudson Valley, record weather and traffic conditions, and identify and count amphibians on the move. Volunteers also carefully help the amphibians safely cross roads.

Since the project started, volunteers have documented 20 species, and counted more than 58,000 live amphibians and 24,000 migrating amphibians killed by passing vehicles. Species reported most frequently during migration nights include spotted salamander, wood frog, and spring peeper. To a lesser degree, volunteers also observe Jefferson-blue spotted salamander complex and four-toed salamander, two species of conservation concern in New York.

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**Brewster Schools**

**NOTICE TO BIDDERS**  
The Board of Education of Brewster Central School District of the Town of Southeast (in accordance with Section 103 of Article 5-A of the General Municipal Law) hereby invites the proposal for the purchase of (1) 8 passenger Primetime Ford Transit Van.  
Bids must be submitted through [www.bidnetdirect.com](http://www.bidnetdirect.com) and will be received until 10:00 AM on the 2nd day of May, 2025, at which time and place all bids will be read by the office of the Supervisor of Transportation. Specifications and proposal may be obtained at: [www.bidnetdirect.com](http://www.bidnetdirect.com)  
The Board of Education reserves the right to reject all bids. Any bid submitted will be binding for \*30\* days subsequent to the date of bid opening.  
Board of Education  
Brewster Central School District of the Town of Southeast  
County of Putnam  
40 Farm to Market Road  
Brewster, New York 10509  
By Mary E. Smith  
(Supervisor of Transportation)  
Date: April 21, 2025

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**NOTICE OF ANNUAL BUDGET HEARING, BUDGET VOTE AND ELECTION OF THE BREWSTER CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, PUTNAM COUNTY, BREWSTER, NEW YORK**

a) **NOTICE IS GIVEN** that a Public Hearing for the purpose of discussing the expenditure of funds and the budgeting thereof for the 2025/2026 school year shall be held on Tuesday, May 13, 2025, in the Brewster Central School District Office Board Room, 30 Farm to Market Road, Brewster, New York at 6:30 p.m.

**FURTHER NOTICE IS GIVEN** that a detailed statement of the amount of monies which will be required for the ensuing year for school purposes will be available to residents between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. during the fourteen (14) days, other than a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday, immediately preceding the Annual Election to be held on Tuesday, May 20, 2025. Such copies will be available on the District's website, and at all public school buildings, to wit: District Office, 30 Farm to Market Road; Brewster High School, 50 Foggintown Road; Henry H. Wells Middle School, 570 Route 312; C.V. Starr Intermediate School, 20 Farm to Market Road; John F. Kennedy Elementary School, 31 Foggintown Road, Brewster, New York. Such copies will also be made available at the Public Hearing on May 13, 2025.

b) **VOTING** on the budget and the following propositions will be held at Brewster High School, 50 Foggintown Road, Putnam County, Brewster, New York on the 20th day of May 2025, between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m.

**PROPOSITION NO. 1**  
Shall the district voters authorize the Board of Education to expend the necessary funds to meet the estimated expenditures for the 2025-26 school year and to levy and collect the necessary taxes to meet such estimated expenditures?

**PROPOSITION NO. 2**  
Shall the Board of Education of the Brewster Central School District be authorized to reallocate an amount not to exceed the \$12,000,000 the vot-

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ers approved on March 21, 2023 under Bond Proposition No.1 to be expended from the District's 2022 Capital Reserve Fund, which is no longer necessary to pay for the originally estimated total cost of \$59,988,000 authorized under Bond Proposition No. 1, to be expended instead to pay towards the originally estimated total cost of \$23,126,000 the voters approved on March 21, 2023 under Bond Proposition No. 2?

c) **NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN** that petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education or other propositions must be filed with the District Clerk between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. not later than Monday, April 21, 2025. The following vacancies are to be filled on the Board of Education:  
  
Two (2) Seats for 3-Year Term: July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2028  
  
All seats on the Board of Education are at large. Each petition nominating a candidate must state the name and residence of the candidate, must be signed by at least 25 qualified voters of the District, and must state the residence of each signer.  
  
All other petitions must be directed to the District Clerk and must be signed by at least 54 qualified voters of the District.

d) **NOTICE OF REGISTRATION:** Registration will be accepted for the purpose of preparing a register of the qualified voters of such District at the District Office, 30 Farm to Market Road, Brewster, New York throughout the year, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The last day of registration before the Annual Election of May 20, 2025 will be Wednesday, May 14, 2025.  
  
A qualified military voter who is not currently registered can request a military personal registration form from the District Clerk between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Additionally, qualified military voters can contact the District Clerk to indicate their preference to receive a military personal registration form via mail, facsimile or electronic mail.  
  
Voters registered for general elections under Article 5 of the Election Law are eligible to vote at the  
May 20, 2025 election without further registration. Voters who have been previously registered for any annual or special meeting or election and who have voted at any such annual or special meeting or election held or conducted during the last four calendar years preceding 2025 are eligible to vote at the May 20, 2025 election without further registration.  
  
The register prepared will be filed in the office of the District Clerk and will be open for inspection by any qualified voter of the District between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. on each of the five days prior to the election including Saturday, May 17, 2025 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. by appointment only. The register will not be available on Sundays. The register will also be available for inspection on the day of the election at the polling place at Brewster High School.  
  
In addition, the Board of Registration shall meet during the hours of election on May 20, 2025 to prepare a register for meetings or elections held subsequent to the Annual Election.

e) **NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN** that applications for absentee ballots and early mail ballots for election of Members of

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the Board of Education, and adoption of the annual budget and referenda may be applied for at the Office of the District Clerk. Such application must be received by the District Clerk no earlier than thirty (30) days before the election, and at least seven days before the election, if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or on the day before the election, if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter or the designee listed on the application. Qualified military voters may request a military absentee ballot application from the District Clerk between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. and may indicate their preference to receive a military absentee ballot application via mail, facsimile or electronic mail. Absentee ballots for military voters shall be administered in accordance with the provisions of Section 2018-d of the Education Law and Part 122 of the Commissioner's Regulations. A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots and early mail ballots shall have been issued will be available in the office of the District Clerk between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. on each of the five days prior to the election including Saturday, May 17, 2025 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. by appointment only. The registers will not be available on Sundays. The registers will also be available for inspection on the day of the election at the polling place at Brewster High School. No absentee voter's ballot or early mail voter's ballot shall be canvassed unless it shall have been received in the office of the District Clerk not later than 5:00 p.m. on the day of the election.

By order of: The Board of Education  
Lauren Zagorski-Treuel, District Clerk  
Brewster Central School District  
Brewster, New York 10509

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**Brewster**

**SYNOPSIS OF DETERMINATION AND FINDINGS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF BREWSTER ADOPTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 204 OF THE NEW YORK EMINENT DOMAIN PROCEDURE LAW (THE "EDPL") FOR THE ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE VILLAGE OF BREWSTER, TOWN OF SOUTHEAST, COUNTY OF PUTNAM, STATE OF NEW YORK COMPRISING TWO (2) TAX PARCELS LOCATED WITHIN THE URBAN RENEWAL AREA ESTABLISHED FOR THE VILLAGE OF BREWSTER**

Background and Authority.  
The Village of Brewster has undertaken an urban renewal program for the acquisition, clearance, building demolition, replanning, reconstruction and neighborhood rehabilitation of certain areas in the Village downtown area (the "Project"). On January 29, 2025, the Board of Trustees held a duly-noticed public hearing, which was followed by an additional ten (10) day period for the submission of written comments, in order to review the public use to be served by, and the potential environmental impacts of, the public project and to afford the owners of properties and residents within the Urban Renewal Area heretofore established by the Village the opportunity to voice support for, or objections to, the Project. The Project is to be developed in

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accordance with a Certain Land Acquisition Agreement which established a public-private partnership between the Village and Covington Development, LLC, its successors and/or assigns. By Resolution adopted at its regular meeting held on March 19, 2025, the Board of Trustees (i) duly adopted certain Findings and Determinations pursuant to and in accordance with EDPL Section 204 since it may be necessary for the Village to exercise its rights under the EDPL to acquire by eminent domain privately held properties within the overall project area as hereinafter described; and (ii) authorized and directed the Mayor and all other appropriate public officials to take all necessary action to comply with applicable provisions of the EDPL and all other laws, rules and regulations in the furtherance of the Project.

The Public Use, Benefit or Purpose To Be Served by the Project [EDPL §204(B)(1).  
The proposed acquisition of the Parcels as necessary for the Project will serve a public use, benefit and purpose because it will advance the overall general prosperity and economic and social welfare of the residents of the Village by returning underutilized Parcels to productive use, promoting overall improvement in the use, value and marketability of all Parcels within the Project Area, and advancing the goals and purposes of the Village Comprehensive Plan.

Location of the Project and Reasons for Selection of that Location [EDPL §204(B)(2)].  
The Project is in the Village and covers the Parcels listed by street addresses and tax identification numbers in the Parcel List which is annexed hereto and hereby made a part hereof. The selection of the Parcels was based on, generally, various studies conducted on the Village's behalf, the desire to achieve the goals of the Village Comprehensive Plan, a desire to facilitate redevelopment, enhance neighborhood attractiveness, and advance economic development for the Project Area, which is served by existing infrastructure and benefitted by existing rail and roadway systems. No alternative locations exist in the Village that are being considered for the Project.

General Effect of the Project on the Environment and Residents of the Locality [EDPL §204 (B)(3)].  
The general effect on the environment of the Village's proposed acquisition of the Parcels is that the acquisition will have no significant adverse effect on the environment. Any potential impacts from any future development of the Parcels will be appropriately addressed in accordance with applicable land use and zoning approvals and under SEQRA once the particulars of any such development of the Parcels are known, and such review will be no less protective of the environment. The acquisition of the Parcels and potential future development of the Parcels will positively impact the residents of the Village, thereby advancing housing opportunities, creation of additional job opportunities, replacement of properties which are non-conforming under current Zoning regulations, provision of additional off street parking for convenience of employees of businesses and residents within the area as well as visitors, promote transit oriented development and otherwise support the general prosperity and economic welfare of the Village's residents and property owners. Any specific impacts to residents of the Village created by future projects on the Parcels will be appropriately addressed under the Village's zoning laws and SEQRA.

Other Relevant Factors

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[EDPL § 204 (B)(4)].  
The Village has given due consideration to any comments which were received during the January 29, 2025 Public Hearing and within additional comment period thereafter. In addition, the Village has taken into account public opinion and concerns, if any, expressed through the SEQRA process associated with the Project.

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that copies of the determination and findings will be forwarded to any and all persons and entities requesting same upon written request without cost.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that pursuant to §207 of the Eminent Domain Procedure Law, there are thirty (30) days from the completion of the publication of this Synopsis of Determination and Findings to seek judicial review of the Determination and Findings made herein.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that, pursuant to §207 and §208 of the Eminent Domain Procedure Law, the exclusive venue for judicial review of the Determination and Findings is the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court, Second Judicial Department.

Parcel List	Property Address	Record Owner	R e - Tax Identification #
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LLC	67.34-1-37		
	22 GARDEN STREET		
	20 GARDEN STREET,		
LLC	67.27-1-1		

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**Carmel**

**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:  
  
**MAY 8, 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:  
  
**EDSALL & HOWELL**  
  
371 Austin Road, Mahopac, NY 10541 – Tax Map #64.9-1-15.3 – Regrading Application  
  
**PUTNAM PLAZA**  
  
1844-1936 Route 6, Carmel, NY 10512 – Tax Map #55.11-1-4 – Amended Site Plan (Parking Lot)  
  
By Order of the Chairman,  
  
Craig Paeprer  
  
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**Southeast**

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIV-



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## PUBLIC NOTICE

EN That the Assessor of the Town of Southeast, County of Putnam, has Completed the Tentative Assessment Roll for 2025. A copy thereof will Be available on the Town & County’s website and in the Town Clerk’s Office at Town Hall, 1360 Route 22, Brewster, NY on May 1, 2025 where any interested person May examine it Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00AM And 4:30PM until the fourth Tuesday in May, being May 27th, 2025 and on such day the Board of Assessment Review will meet at Lakeview Manor, 215 Shore Drive, Brewster, NY From 5:30PM to 9:30PM to hear and examine all Verified written complaints in Relation to such assessment on Application of any person believing Their property to be inaccurate. A Publication containing procedures For contesting an assessment is Available on the Assessor’s website As of May 1, 2025 as well as online At www.tax.ny.gov (form RP-524). In addition to the above hours, the Assessor or her Designee will be in Attendance with the Tentative Roll On:

May 7th from 7:00PM	5:00 to
May 14th from 7:00PM	5:00 to
May 17th from 2:00PM	10:00 to
May 21st from 8:00PM	6:00 to

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### PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Town Board of the Town of Southeast shall hold a public hearing on May 15, 2025 at 7:00 PM or as soon thereafter as interested parties may be heard, at Town Hall, 1360 Route 22, Brewster, NY, to hear public comment on a proposed LOCAL LAW which would amend Chapter 138 of the Town Code entitled “Zoning”, Section 138-4 “Definitions” to add new definitions for certain uses; amend Article X “Special Permits and Conditional Uses” to add a new section 138-55.3 entitle “Philanthropic Institutions” to better define the types of uses and regulations attributable to philanthropic institutions seeking special use permits; and to amend Article XIV, Section 138-90.C of the Zoning Code entitled “Membership; meetings, powers and duties” to clarify the Zoning Board of Appeals’ authority to issue interpretations of definitions and applicability of provisions of the Zoning Code. A copy of the proposed local law may be obtained from the office of the Town Clerk during normal business hours. Any person interested in the subject matter of the proposed local law will be given an opportunity to be heard at this time.

By Order of the Town Board  
Hon. Kathleen Chiudina,  
Town Clerk

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### PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) of the Town of Southeast shall hold a public meeting on May 19, 2025, at 7:30 P.M. at the Town Hall, 1360 Route 22, Brewster, NY, where the ZBA will conduct a work session to review potential applications and to deliberate on applications for which public hearings have been previously held. Thereafter, at or about 8:00 P.M., or as soon as interested parties may be heard, public hearings will be conducted on the following applications:

- 1. Brewster House, LLC,

## PUBLIC NOTICE

owner of premises located at 143 Old Milltown Road, Tax Map ID # 57.-2-9, seeks variances from the provisions of Sections 138-20A and 138-25 of the Zoning Code as the same prescribes minimum setbacks of structures from adjoining property lines to permit the applicant to construct an Accessory Structure which, as proposed, requires a north side setback variance of 95.5’ where 4.5’ is proposed and 100 ft. is required, in an R-160 Zone.

2. Timothy Michael Purtell, owner of premises located at 9 Curiosity Lane, Tax Map ID # 56.19-1-29, seeks variances from the provision of Sections 138-20A and 138-25 of the Zoning Code as the same prescribes minimum setbacks of structures from adjoining property lines to permit the applicant to construct an addition to an existing single-family dwelling which, as proposed, requires a front setback variance of 10.5’ where 24’5”. is proposed and 35’ is required, and a westerly front setback variance of 12’ where 23’ is proposed and 35’ is required in an R-20 Zone.

3. Sandra Barella, owner of premises located at 293 Dingle Ridge Road, Tax Map ID # 79.12-1-3, seeks variances from provisions of Sections 138-20A, 138-25 and 138-27(C) of the Zoning Code as the same prescribes minimum setbacks of structures from adjoining property lines and maximum height of structures located within front and side yards to permit the applicant to re-construct an existing non-conforming graduated stone wall and two pillars in the front yard of a single-family dwelling which are proposed to be 6’ 2” in height requiring a 3’ 2” height variance where a maximum of 3’ height is permitted in an R-60 Zone.

By Order of the ZBA  
Roderick Cassidy, Chairman

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

**Putnam**  
**COUNTY OF PUTNAM**  
**NOTICE FOR BID**  
**NOTICE IS HEREBY**  
**GIVEN that sealed bids will be received by the Director of Purchasing of Putnam County for the following commodities and/or service:**  
**RFB 13-25 – SUPPLY & DELIVER DOORS, FRAMES & HARDWARE**

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 bids must be filed in the above office on or before **1:00 P.M., WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 2025.**

**dated: Carmel, New York April 23, 2025**  
**Sgd/John Tully, Purchasing Director**  
**Putnam County Purchasing Department**

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

**Kent**  
**LEGAL NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING**  
**BY**  
**THE KENT PLANNING BOARD 2025**  
**FOR THE**  
**ZAKON PROPEERTY**  
**592 LUDINGTONVILLE ROAD**  
**KENT, NY 10512**  
**TM: 12.-2-27**

## PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIV-EN that a Public Hearing pertaining to the property noted above will be held before the **Town of Kent Planning Board on Thursday, May 8, 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:

592 Ludingtonville Road  
Kent, NY 10512  
Tax Map #12.-2-27

This application proposes to construct a four bedroom house. A single septic system and a single stormwater mitigation system will serve the property. The proposed landscape screening will be coordinated as the project progresses through the site plan approval process. The applicant has performed the necessary soil testing with the PCDOH and has submitted the subsequent design plans and awaits approval.

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@townofkentny.gov. The telephone number for the Kent Planning Board is: 845-306-5612.

Date: April 17, 2025

By order of:  
Vera Patterson, Secretary for  
The Town of Kent Planning  
Board  
County of Putnam  
planningkent@townofkentny.gov

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

**LEGAL NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING**  
**BY**  
**THE KENT PLANNING BOARD 2025**  
**FOR THE**  
**MOODY PROPEERTY**  
**221 RESSIQUE ROAD**  
**KENT, NY 10512**  
**TM: 11.-1-48-3**

**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, May 8, 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:

Jerry & Susan Moody  
96 Harden Dr.  
LaGrangeville, NY 12540  
For Property located at:  
221 Ressique Road  
Kent, NY 10512  
Tax Map #11.-1-48-3

The project proposes construction of new single-family residence on an existing lot of record including a refurbished driveway, new individual well and onsite wastewater disposal system. The project is located in the R80 Zoning District. The project requires a Steep Slope and Erosion Control Permit as well as coverage under NYSDEC SPDES General Permit for Stormwater Discharges from Construction Activity, GP-0-25-001. The project requires Putnam County Health Department (PCHD) approval for the water supply and wastewater treatment facilities. The action is a Type II action under SEQRA. The applicant has performed the necessary soil testing with the PCDOH and has submitted the subsequent design plans and awaits approval.

At this hearing all persons speaking in favor of or in opposi-

## PUBLIC NOTICE

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Date: April 17, 2025

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Vera Patterson, Secretary for  
The Town of Kent Planning  
Board  
County of Putnam  
planningkent@townofkentny.gov

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### Supreme Court NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT COUN-  
TY OF PUTNAM, **U.S. BANK**  
**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,**  
**NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL**  
**CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS**  
**TRUSTEE FOR THE RMAC**  
**TRUST, SERIES 2016-CTT,**  
**Plaintiff, vs. PATRICK HAM-**  
**ILTON, ET AL., Defendant(s).**

Pursuant to an Order Con-  
firming Referee’s Report and  
Judgment of Foreclosure and  
Sale duly entered on December  
18, 2023, I, the undersigned  
Referee will sell at public auc-  
tion at court room 209 of the  
Putnam Supreme Courthouse,  
20 County Center, Carmel, NY  
10512 on May 12, 2025 at 9:30  
a.m., premises known as 237  
Stage Coach Road a/k/a 237  
Stagecoach Road, Patterson, NY  
12563. All that certain plot, piece  
or parcel of land, with the build-  
ings and improvements thereon  
erected, situate, lying and being  
in the Town of Patterson, County  
of Putnam and State of New York,  
Section 15, Block 1 and Lot 13  
f/k/a Section 15, Block 1, and Lot  
12. Approximate amount of judg-  
ment is \$928,250.81 plus interest  
and costs. Premises will be sold  
subject to provisions of filed Judg-  
ment Index #500399/2020. Cash  
will not be accepted.

Paul C. Brite, Esq, Referee

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

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT COUN-  
TY OF PUTNAM, **U.S. BANK**  
**TRUST NATIONAL ASSO-**  
**CIATION, NOT IN ITS IN-**  
**DIVIDUAL CAPACITY, BUT**  
**SOLELY AS TRUSTEE OF**  
**LSF11 MASTER PARTICIPA-**  
**TION TRUST, Plaintiff, vs. PE-**  
**TER F. TRINGALI, JR., A/K/A**  
**PETER F. TRINGALI, ET AL.,**  
**Defendant(s).**

Pursuant to a Judgment of  
Foreclosure and Sale duly en-  
tered on March 4, 2025, I, the  
undersigned Referee will sell  
at public auction at the Putnam  
Supreme Courthouse, Room 209,  
20 County Center, Carmel, NY  
10512 on May 12, 2025 at 2:30  
p.m., premises known as 2 Hawks  
Lane, Brewster, NY 10509. All  
that certain plot, piece or parcel  
of land, with the buildings and  
improvements thereon erected,  
situate, lying and being in the  
Town of Southeast, County of  
Putnam and State of New York,  
Section 46, Block 4 and Lot 15.  
Approximate amount of judg-  
ment is \$556,496.17 plus interest  
and costs. Premises will be sold  
subject to provisions of filed Judg-

## PUBLIC NOTICE

ment Index #500609/2024.

Cirino M. Bruno, Esq., Ref-  
eree

Friedman Vartolo LLP, 85  
Broad Street, Suite 501, New  
York, New York 10004, Attor-  
neys for Plaintiff. Firm File No.:  
232975-2

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### NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT COUN-  
TY OF PUTNAM, **WILM-**  
**INGTON SAVINGS FUND**  
**SOCIETY, FSB, NOT IN ITS**  
**INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT**  
**SOLELY IN ITS CAPACITY OF**  
**INDENTURE TRUSTEE OF**  
**CIM TRUST 2023-R1, Plaintiff,**  
**vs. MICHAEL J. HOAG A/K/A**  
**MICHAEL HOAG, ET AL.,**  
**Defendant(s).**

Pursuant to a Judgment of  
Foreclosure and Sale duly entered  
on February 26, 2025, I, the under-  
signed Referee will sell at public  
auction at court room 209 of the  
Putnam Supreme Courthouse,  
20 County Center, Carmel, NY  
10512 on May 19, 2025 at 10:30  
a.m., premises known as 2407  
Route 301, Carmel, NY 10512.  
All that certain plot, piece or  
parcel of land, with the build-  
ings and improvements thereon  
erected, situate, lying and being  
in the Town of Kent, County of  
Putnam and State of New York,  
Section 20, Block 1 and Lot 13.  
Approximate amount of judg-  
ment is \$404,523.48 plus interest  
and costs. Premises will be sold  
subject to provisions of filed Judg-  
ment Index #501723/2023.

Anthony C. Carlini, Jr., Esq.,  
Referee

Friedman Vartolo LLP, 85  
Broad Street, Suite 501, New  
York, New York 10004, Attor-  
neys for Plaintiff. Firm File No.:  
232472-1

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

**NOTICE OF SALE SU-**  
**PREME COURT COUNTY OF**  
**PUTNAM U.S. BANK NA, SUC-**  
**CESSOR TRUSTEE TO BANK**  
**OF AMERICA, NA, SUCCESSOR**  
**IN INTEREST TO LASALLE**  
**BANK NA, AS TRUSTEE, ON**  
**BEHALF OF THE HOLDERS OF**  
**THE WAMU MORTGAGE PASS-**  
**THROUGH CERTIFICATES,**  
**SERIES 2006-AR12, Plaintiff**  
**AGAINST THOMAS M. SILVES-**  
**TRO, SALLY A. SILVESTRO, ET**  
**AL., Defendant(s)** Pursuant to a  
Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale  
duly entered April 29, 2024, I, the  
undersigned Referee will sell at  
public auction at Courtroom 209  
of the Putnam Supreme Court, 20  
County Center, Carmel, NY 10512  
on May 19, 2025 at 11:30 AM,  
premises known as 9 Seven Oaks  
Lane, Brewster, NY 10509. All that  
certain plot piece or parcel of land,  
with the buildings and improve-  
ments erected, situate, lying and  
being in the Town of Southeast,  
in the County of Putnam and State  
of New York, Section 79.10 Block  
1 Lot 1. Approximate amount of  
judgment \$350,638.97 plus inter-  
est and costs. Premises will be  
sold subject to provisions of filed  
Judgment Index #500423/2023.  
Maureen Fleming, Esq., Referee  
Gross Polowy, LLC 1775 Wehrle  
Drive Williamsville, NY 14221  
22-002892 85160

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

SUPREME COURT  
STATE OF NEW YORK  
COUNTY OF PUTNAM

**CITIZENS BANK, N.A.,**



# PUTNAM COUNTY AND TOWN NOTICES

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

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Plaintiff,  
  
-against-  
  
**LISA WHITE A/K/A LISA M. MCGIMSEY-WHITE; ACTION FUEL OIL CORP.; CITIBANK, N.A.,**  
  
Defendants.  
**NOTICE OF SALE**  
  
Index No. 500753/2023  
  
MORTGAGED PROPERTY:  
90 Stage Coach Road, Patterson, New York 12563  
  
COUNTY: PUTNAM  
  
SBL #: 5.-1-46  
  
Mortgage Servicer:  
Citizens Bank, N.A. d/b/a  
Citizens One Home Loans  
  
Mortgage Service Telephone No.:  
800-234-6002

In pursuance of a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly made on April 1, 2025 and entered in the Putnam County Clerk's Office on April 1, 2025, I, the undersigned, the referee, will now sell at public auction, in the jury assembly room in the Putnam County Courthouse, 20 County Center, Carmel, New York 10512 on May 19, 2025 at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon of that date, the premises directed by said judgment to be sold which are commonly known as 90 Stage Coach Road, Patterson, New York, Tax Map No.: 5.-1-46. A complete legal description can be obtained upon request from plaintiff's attorney.

Judgment amount - \$125,761.61 plus interest, costs and expenses.

Frank Lombardi, Esq., Referee  
COOPER ERVING & SAVAGE, LLP  
Attorneys for Plaintiff  
20 Corporate Woods Blvd., Ste. 501  
Albany, New York 12211  
(518) 449-3900

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Supplemental Summons and Notice of Object of Action SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF PUTNAM ACTION TO FORECLOSE A MORTGAGE INDEX #: 500320/2023 **ROCKET MORTGAGE, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS INC.** Plaintiff, vs **WALTER HANKEL AS HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF CHRISTINE L. HANKEL, JORDON HANKEL AS HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF CHRISTINE L. HANKEL, JOHN HANKEL AS HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF CHRISTINE L. HANKEL, UNKNOWN HEIRS OF CHRISTINE L. HANKEL IF LIVING, AND IF HE/SHE BE DEAD, ANY AND ALL PERSONS UNKNOWN TO PLAINTIFF, CLAIMING, OR WHO MAY CLAIM TO HAVE AN INTEREST IN, OR GENERAL OR SPECIFIC LIEN UPON THE REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THIS ACTION; SUCH UNKNOWN PERSONS BEING HEREIN GENERALLY DESCRIBED AND INTENDED TO BE INCLUDED IN WIFE, WIDOW, HUSBAND, WIDOWER, HEIRS AT LAW, NEXT OF KIN, DESCENDANTS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, DEVISEES, LEGATEES, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, COMMITTEES, LIENORS, AND ASSIGNEES OF SUCH DECEASED, ANY AND ALL PERSONS DERIVING INTEREST IN OR LIEN UPON, OR**

## PUBLIC NOTICE

TITLE TO SAID REAL PROPERTY BY, THROUGH OR UNDER THEM, OR EITHER OF THEM, AND THEIR RESPECTIVE WIVES, WIDOWS, HUSBANDS, WIDOWERS, HEIRS AT LAW, NEXT OF KIN, DESCENDANTS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, DEVISEES, LEGATEES, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, COMMITTEES, LIENORS, AND ASSIGNS, ALL OF WHOM AND WHOSE NAMES, EXCEPT AS STATED, ARE UNKNOWN TO PLAINTIFF, PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ON BEHALF OF THE IRS, PUTNAM COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES Defendant(s). MORTGAGED PREMISES: 13 Longridge Trail Putnam Valley, NY 10579 To the Above named Defendant: You are hereby summoned to answer the Complaint in this action, and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the Complaint is not served with this Supplemental Summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the Plaintiff(s) attorney(s) within twenty days after the service of this Supplemental Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this Supplemental Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York). In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. The Attorney for Plaintiff has an office for business in the County of Erie. Trial to be held in the County of Putnam. The basis of the venue designated above is the location of the Mortgaged Premises. TO Unknown Heirs of Christine L. Hankel Defendant In this Action. The foregoing Supplemental Summons is served upon you by publication, pursuant to an order of HON. Gina C Capone of the Supreme Court Of The State Of New York, dated the First day of April, 2025 and filed with the Complaint in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Putnam, in the City of Carmel. The object of this action is to foreclosure a mortgage upon the premises described below, executed by Christine L. Hankel (who died on April 1, 2023, a resident of the county of Putnam, State of New York) dated the December 27, 2016, to secure the sum of \$226,875.00 and recorded at Instrument No. 1600311 in the Office of the Putnam County Clerk on January 20, 2017. The mortgage was subsequently assigned by an assignment executed January 4, 2022 and recorded on January 6, 2022, in the Office of the Putnam County Clerk at Instrument Number 194-2022. The property in question is described as follows: 13 Longridge Trail, Putnam Valley, NY 10579 NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this Foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. DATED: April 8, 2025 Gross Polowy LLC Attorney(s) For Plaintiff(s) 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 The law firm of Gross Polowy LLC and the attorneys whom it employs are debt collectors who are attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained by them will be used for that purpose. 85323

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### LEGAL NOTICE

#### Request for Signed Sealed Bids

The Watershed Agricultural Council (WAC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from sub-contractors to provide the WAC with Computer Aided Drafting services for the creation of designs following program guidelines for the implementation of Best Management Practices (BMPs) on program participating farms for our East of Hudson office located in Patterson New York. The selected consultant will enter a contract with the WAC for the term. The complete request for bids is available immediately and can be requested from Wendy Hanselman at 607-865-7790 ext. 115 or via e-mail at whanselman@nycwatershed.org. Bids must be received by 12:00 PM on Wednesday, May 14, 2025. Late submissions will not be considered. WAC reserves the right to reject any and all proposals received in response to this RFP. Efforts will be made to select businesses located within the NYC Watershed Area and to use small or minority owned businesses. EOE.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Article 6, Section 75 (7)(b) of the Public Lands Law, **891 South Lake LLC** on or after July 1, 2025 will file an Application for the Use of Land Underwater to the New York State Office of General Services for a new underwater land license to retain and maintain 7 boats up to 23 feet in length, 4 finger piers 20 ft x 2 ft, 1 finger pier 24 ft by 4 ft, 1 finger pier 23 ft x 2 ft and one boathouse 16, w x 26 ft h and 15' h along with a reconfiguration perimeter on Lake Mahopac in the Town of Carmel, Putnam County. This notice shall be published for four consecutive weeks commencing April 30, 2025 with last published date of May 21, 2025. Any comments are due to the Commissioner of General Services no later than 40 days after the last publication date.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF PUTNAM. **WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE FOR GWST TRUST 2020-1,** Plaintiff -against- **ELIZABETH ANN FLOROM HEIR AT LAW AND DISTRIBUTE TO THE ESTATE OF DAVID A. SHELDRAKE, et al Defendant(s).** Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered herein and dated December 12, 2024, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction will sell at public auction in the courtroom 209 of the Putnam Supreme Courthouse located at 20 County Center, Carmel, NY on June 2, 2025 at 10:30 a.m. premises situate in the City of Carmel, Town of Kent, County of Putnam and State of New York, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the westerly side of Putnam Drive where same is intersected by the division line between Lots 9224 and 9225; being a plot 100.00 feet by 40.00 feet by 100.00 feet by 40.00 feet. Section: 22.58 Block: 1 Lot: 26

Said premises known as 109 PUTNAM DRIVE, CARMEL, NY 10512

Approximate amount of lien \$185,950.40 plus interest & costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment and Terms of Sale.

Index Number 500612/2022. CIRINO M. BRUNO, ESQ., Referee  
Kosterich & Skeete, LLC  
Attorney(s) for Plaintiff

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707 Westchester Ave, Suite 302, White Plains, NY 10604

{\* PUTNAM CO3\*}

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### SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF PUTNAM

**AMOS FINANCIAL LLC,** Plaintiff, -against- **UNKNOWN HEIRS TO THE ESTATE OF ISABELLA DELLAROSSA A/K/A ISABEL DELLA ROSSA,** any and all persons unknown to plaintiff, claiming, or who may claim to have an interest in, or general or specific lien upon the real property described in this action; such unknown persons being herein generally described and intended to be included in the following designation, namely: the wife, widow, husband, widower, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors, and assignees of such deceased, any and all persons deriving interest in or lien upon, or title to said real property by, through or under them, or either of them, and their respective wives, widows, husbands, widowers, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants; executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, be included in the following designation, namely: the wife, widow, husband, widower, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors, and assignees of such deceased, any and all persons deriving interest in or lien upon, or title to said real property by, through or under them, or either of them, and their respective wives, widows, husbands, widowers, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors and assigns, all of whom and whose names, except as stated, are unknown to plaintiff; **ACTION FUEL OIL CORP.; HUDSON " VALLEY RADIOLOGISTS PC; EMSTAR AMBULANCE; COMMISSIONER OF LABOR OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK; STACY JORGE AKA STACY GEORGE AKA STACEY ROTHETEIN AS HEIR OF THE ESTATE OF ISABELLA DELLAROSSA A/K/A ISABEL DELLA ROSSA; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA - INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE AND NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK; SOUTHEAST TOWN COURT; and JOHN DOE AND JANE DOE #1 through #7,** the last seven (7) names being fictitious and unknown to the Plaintiff, the persons or parties intended being the tenants, occupants, persons or parties, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the mortgaged premises described in the Complaint. Defendants. INDEX# 500829/2024 Original filed with Clerk. Plaintiff Designates Putnam County as the Place of Trial. The Basis of Venue is that the subject action is situated Putnam County. Premises: 11 Fox Hollow Road Brewster, NY 10509. TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the Complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the Plaintiff's Attorneys) within 20 days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York); the United States of America may appear or answer within 60 day of

## PUBLIC NOTICE

service hereof, and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT The OBJECT of the above captioned action is to foreclose a Mortgage in the amount of \$616,500.00 plus interest, recorded in the office of the clerk of the County of PUTNAM on November 24, 2004, in Liber 4397 at Page 492 covering premises known as 11 Fox Hollow Road, Brewster, NY 10509. The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the Mortgage described above. NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this Summons and Complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF AMOS FINANCIAL LLC AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. Dated: Uniondale, New York, April, 2025 Respectfully submitted, Pincus Law Group, PLLC. By: George J. Weissinger, Esq., Attorneys for Plaintiff, 425 RXR Plaza Uniondale, NY 11556 516-699-8902  
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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### LLC

Notice of Formation of **On Sight Home Inspections, LLC** Art. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 01.28.25. Office Location: 14 Stone St, Cold Spring, NY 10516. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC at the addr. of its princ. office. Purpose: Home Inspections.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### CF KINGS RIDGE, LLC

Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 3/10/25. Office in Putnam Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 435 Union Valley Rd., Mahopac, NY 10541, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### Emmana Solutions LLC

Articles of Organization Was filed with Secretary Of State (SSNY) on 12/17/2024  
Location: Putnam County.  
Ana Lozano has been designated  
As LLC's agent upon whom Process against it may be Served. A copy of the process  
Shall be mailed to: Ana Lozano  
41 Secor Road, Mahopac NY 10541  
Purpose: Lawful Purpose

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of **VISION PRODUCTS MID-HOLD LLC**  
Appl. for Auth. filed with



# Preventing Overdose Deaths in Putnam

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portance of using real-life experiences to inform systemic change.

“When an individual is referred to me after a non-fatal overdose or other substance-involved crisis, I work with them and their families to help connect them to appropriate support and identify treatment barriers,” she said. “Establishing a fatality review team gives us an opportunity to analyze some of these struggles I see daily and make applicable recommendations for systems-level change.”

Behler drew on her experience with the county’s Child Fatality Review Team.

“Preventable deaths, including overdose and suicide, devastate families,” she said. “Examining in closer detail the facets of a person’s life and their interactions with our system of care is one small way we can honor the memories of those lost while working to prevent these tragedies in the future.”

The SOFR initiative is supported by the Putnam County

# A New Firehouse Proposed for Brewster

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renovating or building a new firehouse began in 2018, Davidson said “everything changed when the adjacent land became available, because that made the replacement really pretty viable.”

The property he is referring to is Markel Park, which is a town park located on the adjacent land to the north.

According to Davidson, the new firehouse would be built on a southern portion of the park property and would not impact parking or the baseball field. “It actually is going to provide more parking for when the baseball field is in full use, so it’s going to be a shared arrangement,” he said.

A driveway would go all the way around the building, with parking near the apparatus bay for quick access by fire department members, and a public entrance to the park on the upper hill located at the front of the property.

Davidson explained that renovating the current building would cost three-fourths of the total price to build new, and require more financing.

“A new building can be financed over 30 years, but a renova-

tion can only be financed over 15 years,” he said. “So even though the costs are lower – the initial costs, the finance costs would have a greater impact to renovate and expand.”

The proposed new, state-of-the-art building is expected to last 75 to 100 years, be non-combustible, fully sprinklered, have eight properly sized apparatus bays, and safe separation of hot zones for contaminated personal protective equipment, warm zones for cleaned equipment, and cold zones for support areas. It would also have a training space for bailout drills and fitness drills, classrooms, and be fully ADA-accessible.

In addition, it would keep the department in the heart of the village.

Davidson said the new building would be a conventional, red-brick firehouse with bays and an apron facing Main Street. “It’s a building that’s going to fit in Brewster but still look like it was built in 2026,” he said.

It’s a two-story, split-level structure (due to the sloping property), with apparatus bays that can handle the largest fire trucks made today. “It’s going to be a forever facility,” said Davidson.

Plans include a room for turn-out gear, a space for dispatch and radio operators, support facilities, a “day room” where firefighters and EMS await calls, a lobby, meeting room, classrooms, and an assembly space that is about same size as what currently exists. Upstairs

highlighted the group’s mission.

“This team is charged with identifying gaps and improvements to drive meaningful local interventions, and we remain committed to person-centered approaches,” he said. “We accomplish all of this through honest dialogue about our respective agency roles and always honoring the life of each person, and respecting surviving loved ones.”

“This initiative demonstrates our county’s proactive approach to confronting one of the most urgent public health challenges of our time,” added County Executive Kevin Byrne. “We are proud to support this collaborative work, which is rooted in data, compassion, and a shared commitment to saving lives and strengthening our communities.”

The BR;DGE Alliance was launched in March 2023 to create a sustainable and equitable community of providers and residents to expand person-centered services, enhance awareness, and promote health and safety for people who use drugs. It encourages anyone struggling or who loves someone struggling with mental health or substance use challenges to reach out for help.

Resources for Putnam residents can be found at putnamcountyny.com/thebridge.

there will also be classrooms and offices, a place for firefighters to sleep, a fitness center, IT space, and a commissioner’s room.

“This is right-sized for Brewster and has the essential facilities they need to continue to serve the community,” said Davidson.

Construction of the new building would take place while the department stays in operation out of the current firehouse. Once the move to the new building is complete, the old building will be demolished.

Davidson said the proposed tax impact would equate to \$270 to \$310 per year for a home valued at \$500,000.

The department is in the process of collecting feedback from the community, which will be used to refine the proposal. State environmental quality review procedures will need to be completed, and then the project would go out for a public referendum. If it’s approved, the site plan process may begin.

If the public OKs the plan and funding is approved by the middle of this year, Davidson said it could take up to a year and a half to complete the design phase with all the necessary approvals, and then up to two years to complete construction.

“I’ve been a resident for 50 years and you guys deserve this,” said Durante. “You give a lot of your free time for us, and it’s got to be kind of miserable in a building that’s that old. . . You have my backing. Hopefully the rest of the town feels it too.”

# Community Foundations Welcomes New Trustees

Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley has appointed Carlos Alamo-Pastrana, Malia Du Mont, and Frances Knutsen, CFA, to its board of trustees.

These trustees bring a wealth of expertise in education, finance, strategy, and community engagement, which will enhance and strengthen CFHV’s initiatives aimed at deepening engagement across the Hudson Valley and providing innovative solutions that benefit local nonprofits and community projects.

“Carlos, Malia, and Frances bring fresh perspectives to the board at a pivotal time for CFHV,” said President and CEO Laura Washington. “I’m excited to collaborate with them as we reimagine philanthropy, build partnerships, and drive lasting impact in the Hudson Valley.”

Carlos Alamo-Pastrana is a sociology professor at Vassar College specializing in Caribbean studies. Since joining the faculty in 2007, he has developed courses on race, Latinx studies, and popular culture.

Malia Du Mont is chief of staff and vice president for strategy and policy at Bard College. A national security expert, she previously served as co-president of Amur Equipment Finance and as director of strategy in the Office of the Secretary of Defense, where she led key initiatives including the National Defense Strategy implementation. She has held roles at the Atlantic Council, CNA Corporation, and Harvard Kennedy School, specializing in Chinese military strategy and security analysis.

Frances Knutsen, CFA, retired after 30 years in financial services, most recently as a managing director at BNY, where she led investment performance, risk analysis, and institutional accounting. She continues to be involved in the performance measurement industry as an active volunteer with CFA Institute and as chairperson of the Women in Performance Measurement network.

Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley is partner in philanthropy, empowering individuals, families, businesses, and organizations to establish charitable funds that address the needs of Dutchess, Putnam, and Ulster counties. It offers expert planning that aligns charitable giving with both personal priorities and community needs.

For more information, visit [www.CommunityFoundationsHV.org](http://www.CommunityFoundationsHV.org).

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Exam Title & No: Librarian I 60-018-630 T&E  
Exam Date: There is no exam date.  
This is a training & experience examination  
Salary: \$25.00-\$28.00/hour (Mahopac Library); \$45,000-\$55,000 (Brewster Library); salary may vary according to library  
Last Filing Date: May 15, 2025  
Exam Filing Fee: \$35

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Exam Title & No: Library Director I 60-034-960 T&E  
Exam Date: There is no exam date. This is a training & experience examination  
Salary: \$65,000-\$75,000 (Reed Library); salary may vary according to library  
Last Filing Date: May 15, 2025  
Exam Filing Fee: \$45

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# State Recognizes Gender Wage Gap

Gov. Kathy Hochul recently recognized Equal Pay Day, marking the ongoing struggle against the gender wage gap and pledging to continue the fight for equal pay for all workers in New York State.

Equal Pay Day symbolizes how far into the year women must work to earn what men earned in the previous year, highlighting that women are often paid less than their male colleagues. This disparity remains one of the foremost challenges facing the labor market across the state and nation, according to Hochul.

The NYS Department of Labor recently analyzed newly available data from 2023 and found that women working full-time, year-round in New York were paid 87 cents for every \$1 that men were paid. That means women would have to work an extra 53 days to make what men earned.

While there is still more progress to be made to bridge the gap, New York's gender wage gap is narrow compared to the national average of 81 cents per \$1. In fact, New York had the third-smallest wage gap among states in the nation, behind Vermont and Rhode Island.

The DOL analysis also found that women of color continue to face even higher disparities, with Hispanic and black women earning 60.5 cents and 67.5 cents respectively for every \$1 earned by white, non-Hispanic men.

To put these numbers another way, a woman earning the median income in New York (\$62,111)

earned \$9,057 less than her male counterpart in 2023. If this wage gap were to remain unchanged, she would earn \$362,280 less than a man earning the median wage over the course of a 40-year career.

Child care obligations remain a persistent contributing factor to the gender wage gap.

The establishment of the New York Coalition for Child Care, the creation of a child care substitute pool, and a \$100 million child care construction fund to build new and renovate existing childcare facilities are all part of the governor's multi-year effort to move New York closer to achieving universal child care – an essential step to ensure the full and equal participation of women in the workforce.

The state also invested more than \$7 billion to expand child care accessibility.

New York is now the first state in the nation to mandate 20 hours of paid prenatal leave. And in 2024, the state expanded workplace rights by mandating paid time off for breast milk expression. Critically, both benefits are available for full- and part-time workers, as studies show women are more likely than men to work part time.

The minimum wage in New York also continues to rise. The DOL found that the majority of minimum wage workers are women of color. By raising the minimum wage, New York continues to put money in the pockets of women across the state, according to Hochul's office.

# Master Gardener Plant Sale & Family Fun Day

Cornell Cooperative Extension-Putnam County will host its annual Master Gardener Plant Sale & Family Fun Day on Saturday, May 10 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at Putnam County Veterans Memorial Park, 201 Gypsy Trail Road, Carmel. It will take place rain or shine.

The plant sale will feature carefully chosen vegetable plants available singly or in multi-packs to allow gardeners to try several different varieties.

New this year, there will be an array of bog and carnivorous plants in whimsical containers – oversized wine glasses, teacups, and more.

The sale will also include garden favorites such as colorful annuals, bulbs, perennials, native pollinator plants, and herbs. Pre-planted container gardens, hanging baskets, and bird boxes will be available for that perfect Mother's Day present.

Cornell-trained Master Gardener volunteers will be on hand to answer questions about planting, nurturing, and harvesting to help Putnam gardeners prepare for a successful growing season. Soil testing will again be offered this year, so interested gardeners are encouraged to bring 1-cup samples of their garden soil.

"The plant sale is the Master Gardener volunteers' biggest event of the year and an opportunity for gardeners new and old to come together as a community in support of community," said



Plants in whimsical containers – and traditional ones – will be featured at the CCE-Putnam County Master Gardener Plant Sale. Photos courtesy of CCE-Putnam County.

Erika West, Master Gardener volunteer co-chairperson of the event and CCE-Putnam County board member. "We love talking plants, soil, and bugs – and perhaps introducing you to something new."

CCE's community engagement doesn't end with the sale. "The funds we raise directly support a variety of programs and workshops aimed at enhancing the environment, increasing food security, and improving mental and physical well-being," said West.

In addition to the plant sale, there will be activities for children as part of the 4-H-run

Family Fun Day, including educational displays, crafts, and pony rides.

"Several 4-H clubs have created educational displays for the plant sale, ranging from how grass goes through a horse's digestive system to an exploration of the plant lifecycle by one of our Cloverbud groups," said Brandy Keenan, 4-H educator. "We will also have some of the older club members assisting young visitors with crafts, making pom pom flowers, and a pollinator toy."

For more information, visit [cceputnamcounty.org/events](http://cceputnamcounty.org/events) or call 845-278-6738.

## Gear Up for Grilling Season

### FAMILY FEATURES

As the days get longer and the temperatures rise, it's time to fire up the grill and elevate your outdoor cooking game. Whether you're a seasoned grill master or just starting out, success comes down to three essentials: quality ingredients, the right seasonings and reliable equipment that gives you full control over heat and timing.

If you're ready to turn up the heat this season, explore high-performance grilling solutions from Nexgrill – built to match every cooking style and skill level. From backyard barbecues to weeknight dinners under the open sky, its lineup is designed to help you serve up unforgettable flavors all season long. Visit [nexgrill.com](http://nexgrill.com) to learn more and get inspired.



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