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Schools Debate Boundary Line Bisecting New Housing Dev. *Additional Students & Taxable Assessed Value Up for Grabs*

By Holly Crocco

A housing development under construction in the Town of Carmel that straddles the boundary line between the Brewster and Carmel school districts – not only dissecting streets, but in some cases, homes – has the districts negotiating over the potential students that could be added to each, and the added taxable assessed value that comes with them.

“This is not a unilateral decision by the Brewster Board of Education,” explained Victor Karlsson, assistant superintendent for finance and operations at Brewster, during the Oct. 28 Brewster School Board’s workshop meeting. “It’s a negotiation between both Brewster schools and Carmel schools.”

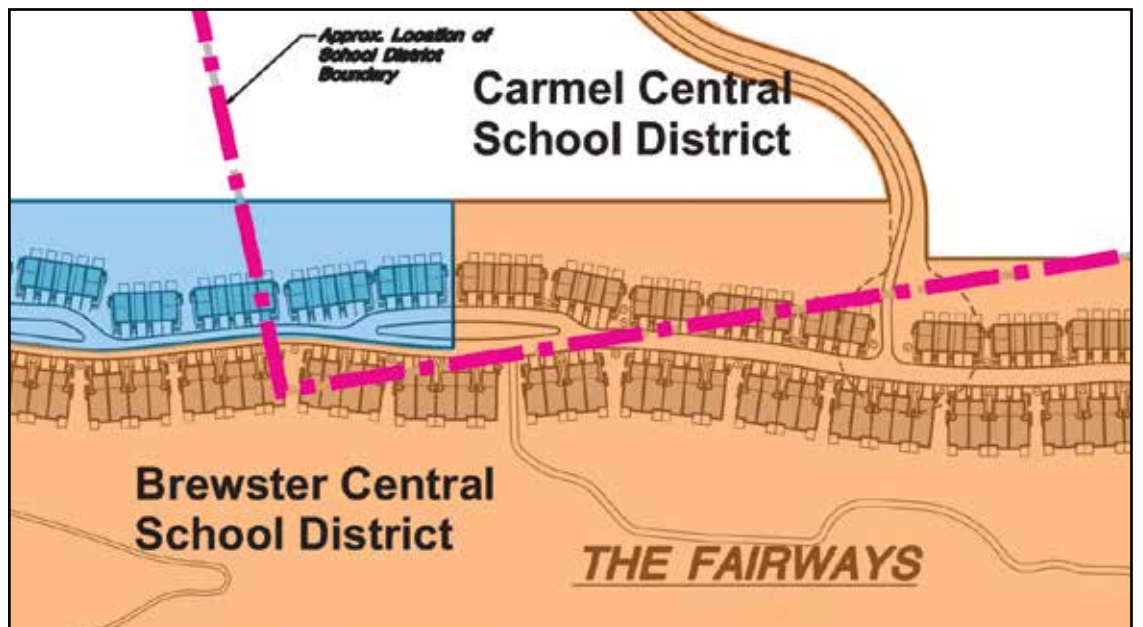
Camarda Realty Investments is in the process of developing 185 acres between Putnam Plaza and Route 312, with Gateway Summit offering age-restricted senior housing, and The Fairways offering family housing.

A previous environmental assessment review predicts a total of 93 students residing at the future housing development, with 68 going to Brewster and the remaining 25 going to Carmel, if the district boundaries remain.

It seems both districts are in agreement that all the kids who live in the development should attend the same schools, which would mean the boundary line would need to be adjusted.

Karlsson noted that having actual homes divided by the boundary presents a logistical nightmare when it comes to taxation and school district designation.

“You may have a situation where a home is bisected by the boundary line – they may be assessed in Brewster schools but are eligible to attend Carmel schools,” he said. “They attend Carmel schools. Carmel then bills Brewster, and Brewster has to pay Carmel the property taxes collected on that home... It is a very challenging



The pink line represents the boundary line between the Brewster and Carmel schools, which bisects individual housing units being developed as part of the Gateway Summit (blue) and Fairways (orange) in Carmel.

situation to be in and we are trying to avoid it.”

Three scenarios exist for the

school districts.

The first is that the boundary line is kept where it is, which

essentially means the districts cannot come to an agreement. This

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County Executive Kevin Byrne, joined by Youth Bureau Director Janeen Cunningham and other dignitaries, cuts the ribbon to mark the opening of the new Putnam County Youth Bureau offices at Tilly Foster Farm.

Putnam Youth Bureau Moves to Tilly Foster

The Putnam County Youth Bureau celebrated the grand opening of its new offices at Tilly Foster Farm last week with a ribbon cutting that drew well over 100 attendees, including representatives from local schools, BOCES, parks departments, community organizations, youth agencies, and a number of children who gathered to show their support for the bureau’s work and its new home.

“This new space gives our Youth Bureau a permanent home that is both practical and inspiring,” said Youth Bureau Director Janeen Cunningham. “It allows us

to expand our programs and engage more young people in a welcoming, educational environment. We’re thrilled to be part of the Tilly Foster community and grateful for the county’s investment in our youth.”

According to County Executive Kevin Byrne, the project transformed an aging farmhouse on the property into a modern, functional office and gathering space designed to host youth programming, workshops, and community events. The renovation was a joint effort between the county’s Department of Public Works and private contractors, who worked

together to restore the structure while preserving its historic character and charm.

The project was financed as part of the county’s capital plan introduced by Byrne and approved by the Legislature late last year in the 2025 budget.

“Our Youth Bureau plays a special role in connecting young people with positive opportunities, mentorship, and support,” said Byrne. “This renovated space gives them the tools and setting they deserve to continue that mission. Locating it at Tilly Foster Farm also

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Women Veterans are Guests of Honor At Upcoming Brunch

The Rotary Club of Patterson and Guardian Revival, Inc., will host the second annual “Women Veterans Recognition Brunch” on Nov. 8 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Centennial Golf Club in Carmel, honoring local women veterans and their service.

This year’s theme, “Your Story, My Story, Our Story: Thriving Beyond the Uniform,” centers on the transition from military life to civilian life and the unique challenges and strengths of women who serve.

The event will feature brunch by Ledley Catering, an all-female ROTC Color Guard, and a keynote address by a representative from Women Veterans Health Care. A panel and audience question-and-answer session moderated by Megan Castellano, program director at the Joseph P. Dwyer Vet2Vet Program of Putnam, will spotlight the remarkable history, service, and lived experiences of women in the military – and the impact of service on their personal and professional lives.

Panelists include veterans Kate Durkins (Air Force), Sharone Fuller (Navy), and Breezy Grenier (Coast Guard), and an Army representative.

As the honored guests, women veterans will receive complimentary admission. General admission is \$50, or \$25 for other veterans. To RSVP, visit <https://pattersonrotary.org/events/copy-of-womens-veterans-lunch>.

org/events/copy-of-womens-veterans-lunch.

All proceeds will support local women veterans’ organizations.

“The Rotary Club of Patterson had a vision, before the COVID-19 pandemic, to celebrate our local women veterans and were told there weren’t any,” said Castellano, who is also executive program director at Guardian Revival. “We had over 80 guests for our debut event last year – nearly a third of whom are women veterans. Our goal this year is 100 guests and to fill half the room or more with local women veterans – many of whom are often overlooked despite serving, and sacrificing, with honor in protection of our freedom.”

Some of the topics discussed will include what success looks like after service and how to honor the uniform while building a new civilian identity, workforce pathways that translate military skills to job offers and advancement while encouraging veteran-smart and trauma-informed workplaces, and building intentional community and sisterhood across branches and generations.

According to a 2022 New York State Health Foundation report, NYS is home to approximately 800,000 veterans – 58,000 (7 percent) of whom are women. Female veterans are the fastest-growing

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Another Great FrOGS Celebration & Art Show!



“Softly Fall” by Lynn Slonaker took first place in the painting category.



Visitors to the Great Swamp Celebration & Art Show enjoy some arts and crafts activities.

“Sunrise, East Branch Croton River” by Alice Lynn took first place in the photography category.

“Canada Goose” by Dev Schite took first place in the Dunlop Competition.



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More than 600 visitors attended the Friends of the Great Swamp's 29th annual Great Swamp Celebration & Art Show on Oct. 18 and 19 at Christ Church on Quaker Hill in Pawling, where they enjoyed art, learned about the Great Swamp, interacted with exhibitors, and admired live raptors.

Winners of the painting/drawing category include Lynn Slonaker, who took first place with "Softly Fall;" Mary Ann Taormina, who took second place with "Swamp in the Mist;" and Cecilia Soprano, who took third place with "Great Swamp Totem." Honorable mentions went to Phyllis Chadwick, Daisy de Puthod, Jennifer Leibnitz, and Georgine Honohan.

Winners of the photography category include Alice Lynn, who took first place for "Sunrise, East Branch Croton River;" Frank Matheis, who took second place for "Blue Dasher Dragonfly;" and Phyllis Chadwick, who took third place for "Nature's Persistence." Honorable mentions went to Victor Messick, Terry Ariano, Jane Haslam, and Joshua Harkness.

Dunlop Awards for 11th and 12th grade high school students went to Dev Schite, a senior at Dover High School who took first place for "Canda Goose;" Genevieve Jan, a junior at Pawling H.S. who took second place for "Season's Change;" and Alastor Palazzo, a senior at Dover H.S. who took third place for "Light of the Marsh." Honorable mentions went to Justin Vasquez, Brad Doherty, Lucas Crivelli, and Petra Ginesin.

Brian MacDevitt was the lucky winner of the kayak raffle, Michelle Oakley won hiking poles, and Andrew Chastant won a hydration backpack. This fund-raising activity raised \$1,220 for FrOGS.

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CAREERS Support Solutions & Opengate Announce Merger

CAREERS Support Solutions, a nonprofit organization that helps people throughout Westchester, Putnam, and Dutchess counties prepare for, find, and maintain employment, and Opengate, a nonprofit organization headquartered in Westchester that provides support for people with disabilities throughout the lower Hudson Valley, have announced their new partnership to serve more people in the community.

Pending approval from the New York State Office of the Attorney General, CAREERS will officially join Opengate by Dec. 1, with all CAREERS employees transitioning to Opengate by that date. Both leadership teams are already collaborating to ensure a smooth integration and uninterrupted delivery of services to the clients CAREERS currently serves.

“It has always been our goal to help people achieve meaningful employment and independence,” said Tina Cornish-Lauria, executive director of CAREERS Support Solutions. “Joining Opengate will provide the financial and organizational foundation needed to sustain and expand the vital services we provide well into the future. There will be no disruption to services or support for people currently enrolled in CAREERS’ programs.”

According to Christopher Laubis, CEO of Opengate, the merger represents the best of both organizations. “By combining our strengths, we’re ensuring that the adults we both support continue to receive the highest quality programs and stability they deserve,” he said.

Together, the unified organization will continue to offer a comprehensive range of supports, including certified residential placement, Day Habilitation Without Walls, certified day habilitation, community habilitation, respite, supported employment, Pathway to

Employment, employment training, and community-based pre-vocational services.

CAREERS Support Solutions celebrated its 38th anniversary during an Oct. 22 celebration that was attended by about 150 clients and families, staff, sponsors, and supporters. In addition to honoring dedicated staff, awards were given to clients, employers, community partners, and supporters – including the Kent Recycling Center which received an appreciation award.

Also during the celebration, a new location was announced for the CAREERS Thrift Boutique, a fundraising shop which also provides intern opportunities for clients. The boutique re-opened Nov. 3 at its new address, 531 Route 52, Suite 4, Carmel. It is run by volunteers – who were honored during the celebration for their hard work and commitment to CAREERS’ mission.

Several clients took to the podium and spoke about the value of meaningful and sustained work and thanked their employment specialists for their ongoing support. Katherine Schoengood, who has worked at Stop & Shop for 19 years, pointed out that without CAREERS, as an older person with a disability, she wouldn’t have job.

For more information, visit CAREERSSupportSolutions.org and OpengateInc.org.

Veterans Day Ceremonies

Carmel VFW 1374 and its Ladies Auxiliary, American Legion Post 270 and Cootie Pup Tent 975 will host a ceremony and dedication of the new Kent/Lake Carmel Veterans Memorial Bridge at 9:30 a.m., on Terry Hill Road in Kent.

They will also host a ceremony at the VFW Hall, 32 Gleneida Ave., Carmel, at 11 a.m.

Mahopac VFW Post 5491 and American Legion Post 1080 will host a parade along East Lake Boulevard to the monument by the library for a ceremony beginning at 10:30 a.m.

Brewster American Legion Poast 71 and VFW Post 672 will host an 11 a.m. ceremony at Veterans Park/Electrozone Field.

Putnam Lake VFW 9257 and its Auxiliary, and AMVETS 2017 will host an 11 a.m. ceremony at the monument at Fairfield and Haviland Drive.

An 11 a.m. ceremony will also take place at Putnam Valley Town Hall, followed by a remembrance at the VFW hall.

The Putnam County Joint Veterans Council will host a ceremony at 2 p.m., at Veterans Memorial Park on Gypsy Trail Road in Carmel/Kent.

Obituary

The Hon. John Sweeney Jr.



The Hon. John Sweeney Jr.

The Hon. John Sweeney Jr. passed away peacefully at home Oct. 25 at the age of 76, taking his last breath with his beloved wife and three children by his side. He was known by all as a man of extraordinary intelligence, integrity, and quiet grace – a true gentleman in every aspect of life.

Sweeney graduated with his A.B. in government from the University of Notre Dame and received his J.D. from Fordham University School of Law, where he served on the Alumni Board. After beginning his career in private practice, he became administrative assistant district attorney for Putnam County, subsequently serving as confidential law secretary to two Supreme Court justices. He was elected as Putnam County Court judge, a multi-hat judgeship where he also heard cases in the Family, Surrogate, and Supreme Courts.

In 2000, Sweeney was elected as a justice of the New York State Supreme Court, ultimately serving as the senior resident justice for Putnam County.

In 2004, Sweeney was appointed as associate justice of the Appellate Division, First Department, by Gov. George Pataki – the first Putnam County judge to sit in that court. He was made a constitutional justice of that court

Fairness in the Courts, and a lecturer and moderator for numerous statewide judicial training seminars. He was also a member of the New York State Trial Lawyers Association and the Association of Trial Lawyers of America.

Sweeney contributed to community events including as a volunteer at the 4-H fair, Holiday on the Lakes Committee, and – prior to his judgeships – as president of the Putnam chapter of the American Cancer Society and member of the board of the Putnam Arts Council. Active in the Irish community, he was a founder of the Putnam County Friendly Sons of St. Patrick and was grand marshal of the Putnam/Northern Westchester St. Patrick’s Day Parade.

Sweeney is survived by Alana, his loving wife of nearly 43 years; and sons James (Kelcey), Brian, and Patrick; as well as Michael Schmutzer, a chosen fourth son. He was the son of the late Justice John Sweeney Sr. and the late Isabel Sweeney. His brothers George (Margaret and niece Meave) and James predeceased him.

Visitation took place Oct. 29 at the Historic Courthouse in Carmel and a Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by Cardinal Timothy Dolan on Oct. 30 at St. John the Evangelist Church in Mahopac.

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Gloria J. Castro, 96, October 27. Beecher Funeral Home, Brewster, NY, (845) 279-3615.

Carmel
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Nutrition Corner

By Allison J. Stowell
MS, RD, CDN



Family History and Type II Diabetes

In the US, about one in ten individuals live with diabetes, that’s more than 38 million Americans. In most cases, these individuals are living with type two diabetes, likely diagnosed in middle age or older (though increasingly in younger adults as well). Living with chronic diseases like heart disease or obesity puts a person at greater risk for developing type two diabetes. Family history increases risk as well. Yet, at the same time, we consider it to be an illness that is significantly impacted by lifestyle choices. For this reason, type two diabetes is considered an “illness of environment” (meaning the environment we create for ourselves to live in day to day).

So, what should you do if you have a significant family history of type two diabetes? The quick answer is you should adopt a lifestyle that reduces your risk, because despite strong family history, it’s possible to avoid a diagnosis. In fact, in studies on identical twins, in which one has type two diabetes and the other doesn’t, researchers have found that lifestyle choices were the underlying cause, despite identical DNA.

Please also remember that even if you have been diagnosed with prediabetes you can prevent diabetes when you embrace new habits. To make positive changes to your diet, start with attainable, specific goals like avoiding added sugar and consuming vegetables with every meal. Begin keeping a food log, so that you increase your awareness of your daily intake and ensure you’re meeting your daily fiber and hydration goals

There are many affordable and accessible tools to take advantage of that can help you adopt a healthier diet and incorporate more movement. I highly recommend visiting Hannaford.com/dietitians and registering for one of our FREE, live online classes. We offer two that are focused on type two diabetes, along with others that address several nutrition topics. To increase activity, take advantage of free, on-demand

exercise via YouTube or fitness apps. The YMCA website also offers several free online classes. To further lower your risk, reduce alcohol intake, discontinue smoking, and engage in stress reduction exercises.

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

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1 medium onion

1 clove garlic, minced

1 1/2 cups dried brown lentils

1 1/2 cups finely chopped walnuts

1/4 tsp. dried oregano

1/2 tsp. paprika

1 1/2 tsp. ground cumin

1 (14.5-oz.) can diced tomatoes

3/4 cup grated reduced-fat Mexican cheese blend

Medium flour tortillas, warmed

Diced tomatoes, chopped green onions and Greek yogurt, to serve

Directions:
Using a box grater, grate the onion. To Instant Pot, add onion, garlic, lentils, walnuts, oregano, paprika, cumin and 3/4 cup water. Season with salt and pepper. Pour tomatoes on top; do not stir.

Cook on high pressure for 20 minutes. Let natural release for 5 minutes. Stir in cheese until melted. Serve taco mixture on tortillas with favorite toppings.

Rice and Beans Burrito Bowl

(Family Features)
Rice and Beans Burrito Bowl

Ingredients:

1 Minute Cilantro & Lime Jasmine Rice Cup

1/4 cup canned pinto beans, drained and rinsed

1/4 cup fresh or canned corn

1/4 cup prepared salsa

1/2 teaspoon ancho chili powder (optional)

1 cup shredded lettuce

1 tablespoon sour cream

1/2 avocado, sliced (optional)

1/2 tablespoon cilantro, chopped (optional)

tortilla chips

Directions:
Heat rice according to package directions.

In medium, microwave-safe bowl, combine beans, corn, salsa and chili powder, if desired.
Microwave on high 1 minute. Mix in rice. Place lettuce in bowl and top with rice and beans mixture. Garnish with sour cream, avocado and chopped cilantro, if desired. Serve with tortilla chips.
Servings: 1
Source: Minute Rice



As part of a gardening program at Kent Elementary School, kids helped build a scarecrow.

KES Students Learn to Garden

When Sarah LoCascio’s daughter started school four years ago, LoCascio knew they would both miss the outdoor time they spent together in the garden.

“I’m a gardener and my daughter always worked with me in our garden,” she said. “When she started kindergarten, I thought maybe I could bring the gardening to school, then every single student could experience gardening.”

And that’s how the Kent Elementary School Garden was born. LoCascio met with administrators, set up a nonprofit to raise funds for the work, and recruited volunteers to help build a fence, create the raised beds, and maintain the garden. In 2021, it was planted for the first time.

Now, gardening is part of every KES student’s education.

“In the fall, they pick vegetables, harvest, collect seeds, and water the plants,” explained LoCascio.

In the spring, students grow seeds in classroom seed kits and later plant the seedlings in raised beds in the garden. The vegetables grown are donated to local food pantries each year.

“This year we donated 60 pounds of food to Second Chance Foods, a pantry in Brewster,” said Erica Intrieri, the garden treasurer.

On a recent day when the first frost was expected, Alexandra Stenger’s class of second-graders came out to the garden, which sits in the side yard of Kent Elementary.

Even though it was the end of the season and the pumpkins had not grown as planned, the students didn’t mind – they got to build a scarecrow instead. They stuffed an old pair of jeans, green sneakers, and a pink plaid shirt with plenty of crumpled newspaper.

Then the class took a vote on naming the scarecrow. They settled on “Mrs. Sunflower.”

New Exhibit in Bloom at Mahopac Library

A new exhibit titled “Tending Light & Bloom” featuring artwork by Hudson Valley artist Melissa Small Cooper will be on display Nov. 8 through Dec. 5 in the Third Floor Gallery at Mahopac Public Library.

Cooper is an oil painter and art educator based in the Hudson Valley who studied painting and photography at Hartwick College and earned an advanced degree in painting from the Academy of Art University in San Francisco.

With more than a decade of experience as a public school art teacher, Cooper shares her dedication to visual art through teaching high school, leading community workshops, and maintaining a steady exhibition record and studio practice.

Her work investigates the relationships between flowers, human connections, and memory. Through oil painting, drawing, and works on paper, Cooper reveals the fleeting yet persistent nature of flowers, using them as symbols of care, fragility, and transformation. Her compositions often combine blossoms with hands in gestures



“Faithful” by Melissa Cooper.

of offering, holding, or receiving – emphasizing the intimacy and complexity of human bonds.

More than 25 works will be on display and available for sale, including small works, book-marks, and affordable professional prints available upon request.

The public is invited to attend an opening reception Saturday, Nov. 8 from 12:30 to 2 p.m.

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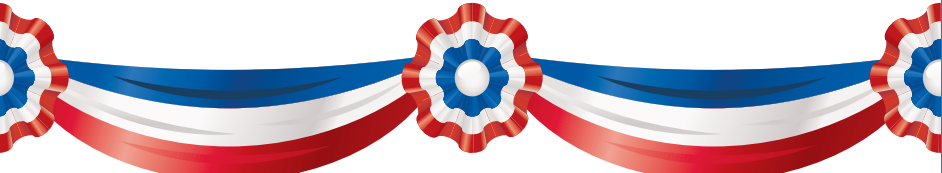
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Putnam County Community Events

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Take a chance to win a \$500 gift card to ShopRite Super Markets. Two gift cards each valued at \$500 will be drawn Tuesday, Nov. 11 at 7 p.m., at the Brewster VFW Post, 262 Peaceable Hill Road, Brewster. Tickets are \$20 each. For tickets, call Karen at 845-721-0265, Chris at 914-588-0407, or Deb at 845-803-1563.

Food & Toy Drive

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

Holiday Train Show Help

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

‘Little Art’

Drop in to the Kent Public Library any day in November to participate in the “Little Art” project. Pick up a little canvas and paint for you to create at home. Bring your canvas back before Dec. 1 to have it displayed as a part of a larger exhibit. For adults. Registration is required as supplies are limited, at kentpl.librarycalendar.com.

Gift Card Drive

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

Tuesday, Nov. 4

Roaming Reeders

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

Garden Club Meets

The Lake Mahopac Garden Club will meet Tuesday, Nov. 4 at 11:30 a.m., at Airport Park. Participants are welcome to bring a lunch to the meeting. The program topic is “Botanical Arts Design for our 2026 Flower Show – A Seed Mandala Design.” The fee is \$5 and includes seeds, glue, and canvas board. Bring tweezers. For information, call 845-628-0588.

Wednesday, Nov. 5

Library Meeting

The Reed Memorial Library Board of Trustees will meet at 5 p.m. in the reference room of the Carmel library on the following dates: Nov. 5, and Dec. 3. Board meetings are open to the public.

Carmel Town Board

The Carmel Town Board will meet at 7 p.m. the following Wednesdays at Town Hall: Nov. 5, 12 and 19; and Dec. 3 and 10.

‘Tellabration!’

Patterson Library will host “Tellabration! Around the World in a Story” on Wednesday, Nov. 5 at 10:30 a.m. Delight in a celebration of the spoken word with enticing stories from six acclaimed storytellers. These expert authors, educators, and librarians will thrill with their unique stories. To register, call 845-878-6121 or go www.pattersonlibrary.org.

Home Sellers’ Workshop

Mahopac Public Library will present a home sellers’ workshop Wednesday, Nov. 5 at 6 p.m. Join Pam Blecker, Laura Fasciglione, and Diane Cremin for an workshop designed for home owners looking to sell or downsize in the future. Register at www.mahopaclibrary.org or call 845-628-2009, ext. 100.

Find your Files

Mahopac Public Library will present “Find Your Files” on Wednesday, Nov. 5 at 6:30 p.m. This class will cover the basics of file management on PC computers including how to navigate the file explorer, find downloaded items, and organize files so you can find them. Register at www.mahopaclibrary.org or call 845-628-2009, ext. 100.

Thursday, Nov. 6

Southeast Town Board

The Southeast Town Board will meet at 7 p.m. the following Thursdays at Town Hall: Nov. 6 and 20, and Dec. 4 and 18.

Rec Committee Meeting

The Town of Carmel Recreation & Parks Department’s Recreation Advisory Committee will host an open meeting Thursday, Nov. 6 at 7 p.m., at Sycamore Park, 790 Long Pond Road, Mahopac, to obtain views from the community regarding ways to improve and strengthen programs.

Community Solar

Join Sustainable Putnam/Westchester to participate in a free online program to learn how community solar works and how to save without installing panels, Nov. 6 from 6 to 7 p.m., via Zoom. Have your NYSEG bill handy if you would like to sign up during the session. You can cancel at any time without penalty. Registration is required at carmellibrary.org/calendar.

Veteran Services 101

Local Veteran Service Officer Richard Buck will discuss how he can assist veterans and their families in navigating and accessing benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs and other agencies, as well as locating the necessary documentation and completing applications, Thursday, Nov. 6 at 1 p.m., at Patterson Library. Adults only. To register, call 845-878-6121 or go to www.pattersonlibrary.org.

Tablescapes

Join Lori Capuano, design manager at Pottery Barn in Danbury, as she shares simple tips for choosing a theme, mixing textures and colors, and adding those wow-worthy finishing touches, Thursday, Nov. 6 at 6:30 p.m., at Patterson Library. Adults only. To register, call 845-

878-6121 or go to www.pattersonlibrary.org.

Ojo de Dios Storytime

Mahopac Public Library will present an Ojo de Dios storytime and craft Thursday, Nov. 6 at 4:30 p.m. Listen to “The Journey of Tunuri and the Blue Deer: a Huichol Indian Story” by James Endredy, then create a Ojo de Dios (god’s eye) with colorful yarn. For grades three through five. Register at www.mahopaclibrary.org or call 845-628-2009, ext. 139.

Friday, Nov. 7

Chamber Ensemble

The Doansburg Chamber Ensemble continues its 40th year of performance with concerts featuring its woodwind quintet Friday, Nov. 7 at 7 p.m., at St. Mary’s Church in the Highlands, 1 Chestnut St., Cold Spring; and Sunday, Nov. 9 at 3 p.m., at Trinity Lutheran Church, 2103 Route 6, Brewster. Tickets are \$17, or \$14 for students and seniors, and available at the door.

Imagine Gala

CoveCare Center will present its annual Imagine Gala on Friday, Nov. 7 from 6 to 10 p.m., at Hollow Brook Golf Club in Cortlandt Manor. Honoring Byron’s Patterson Auto Body and South Putnam Animal Hospital. Purchase tickets at covecarecenter.org/2025-imagine-gala.

Wellness Program

The Town of Southeast Cultural Arts Coalition invites the public to a guided meditation at Old Town Hall Theater, 67 Main St., Brewster. “Harvest of the Heart” (a meditation on gratitude) is Nov. 7, at 6:30 p.m. Admission is \$35 per person. Bring a yoga mat, journal, and an open mind. Register at www.culturalartsco.com.

Saturday, Nov. 8

Book Sale for Veterans

Throughout the month of November, military veterans who show an ID can fill a bag for \$10 at the Kent Public Library Book Nook and Friends of Kent Library Book Cellar. The Book Nook is open to all residents every day during regular library business hours, and the Book Cellar is open every Tuesday and Thursday from noon to 4 p.m., and Saturday, Nov. 8 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For information, visit kentlibrary.org.

Women Veterans’ Brunch

The Rotary Club of Patterson and Guardian Revival are hosting a celebration of local women veterans at the second annual Women Veterans Recognition Brunch on Saturday, Nov. 8 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Centennial Golf Club in Carmel. This free event for women veterans honors their service and shines a light on their ongoing impact here at home. Women veterans receive complimentary admission. General admission is \$50, and other veteran admission is \$25. RSVP at pattersonrotary.org/events/copy-of-womens-veterans-lunch.

Craft & Gift Sale

First Presbyterian Church of Mahopac will host a Christmas craft and gift sale Saturday, Nov. 8 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Route 6N and Secor Road. Featuring vendor tables with a variety of gift items. Cash, Venmo, Zelle, CashApp, and major credit cards accepted at the discretion of each vendor. Break-

fast and lunch sold. Santa will be available for photos. Vendors wanted – contact Kathy at Office@MahopacChurch.Org.

Puzzle Swap

Reed Memorial Library in Carmel will host a puzzle swap-holiday prep edition Nov. 8. Swap out those puzzles you’ve already mastered for some fresh ones to keep everyone busy and happy. Bring a puzzle, take a puzzle, and head into the holidays ready for some screen-free fun. Just drop in any time and trade.

Rabies Vaccine Clinic

Putnam residents may bring dogs, cats, and ferrets to a free rabies vaccination clinic Saturday, Nov. 8 from 10 a.m. to noon at Putnam County Veterans Memorial Park (Upper Park), 201 Gipsy Trail Road, Carmel. Bring photo ID as proof of residency, as well as proof of prior rabies vaccination. Tags not acceptable. If you do not have proof of prior vaccination, your pet will receive a one-year vaccine. Pets must be at least 12 weeks old. All dogs must be leashed. Cats and ferrets must be in carriers. 845-808-1390, ext. 43160.

Drawing Class

Kent Public Library will host a drawing class Saturday, Nov. 8 at 11 a.m. Join local artist Keith Mueller for “Drawing Hands: Accurate Anatomy & Gestural Expression.” Learn basic and refined techniques for graphite pencil drawing. Register at kentpl.librarycalendar.com.

Sunday, Nov. 9

Algonkians of the Amer. Rev.

The Town of Patterson Rev 250 Committee will present “Loyalty & Zeal: Algonkians of the American Revolution,” part of a series of town events dedicated to celebrating the nation’s 250th birthday, on Nov. 9 at 2 p.m., at Community Hall, 1059 Route 311, Patterson. Join Drew Shuptar-Rayvis of the Pocomoke Indian Nation to honor the sacrifices and contributions of the Algonkian people during the War of Independence.

Breakfast

Brewster VFW Post 672 will host a breakfast fundraiser the second Sunday of every month from October to May, from 9 to 11 a.m., at 262 Peaceable Hill Road. Coffee, juice, waffles, pancakes, bacon, sausage, eggs, omelet station, home fries, tater tots, biscuits and gravy, and more.

Live Rock Music

A concert featuring “Classic Rock Euphoria” is scheduled Sunday, Nov. 9 at 2 p.m. at Mahopac Public Library, featuring well-known musicians dedicated to preserving the history of early rock-and-roll and the impact it had on music through the 1950s and 60s – and beyond. Known for their cover material and melodic three- and four-part harmonies, the band will perform some of the greatest classics. Register at www.mahopaclibrary.org or call 845-628-2009, ext. 100.

Penny Social

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Putnam Lake Fire Department are hosting a fall penny social Nov. 9 at the firehouse, 72 Fairfield Dr. Doors open at noon and calling starts at 1 p.m. Admission is \$2. Prizes, 50/50, raffles, and refreshments. For information contact

Peggy at 845-629-9385 or Laura at 914-841-9113.

Monday, Nov. 10

Pops Concert

This year’s Carmel Central School District Pops Concert will feature music from the 1980s on Monday, Nov. 10 at 6 p.m., in the high school gym. Wear your ripped jeans, tie dye clothes, fun headbands, and leg warmers for a night of 80s music. See musicians from the high school band, orchestra, and chorus, as well as the eighth-grade band and orchestra ensembles. Tickets will be available at the door or at <https://chspperform.booktix.com>.

‘Wicked’

Reed Memorial Library in Carmel will show “Wicked” on Nov. 10 from 1 to 3 p.m. Refreshments provided. No registration required.

Tuesday, Nov. 11

Garden Club Meets

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

‘Diary of a Wimpy Kid’

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

Wednesday, Nov. 12

Marine Corps League

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

Mahopac Library ‘At Home’

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

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PUBLIC NOTICE Putnam COUNTY OF PUTNAM NOTICE FOR REQUEST FOR COMPETITIVE OFFERING 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: RCO 26-25 – INMATE CLOTHING & SUPPLIES Detailed specifications may be secured at the office of the Director of Purchasing, Putnam County Office Building, 40 Glenaida 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, NOVEMBER 19, 2025. dated: Carmel, New York October 30, 2025 Sgd/John Tully, Purchasing Director Putnam County Purchasing Department P. 11/5 - 33	PUBLIC NOTICE GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Carmel will conduct a Public Hearing at the Town Hall, 60 McAlpin Avenue, Mahopac, New York 10541 on Wednesday, November 19, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter that evening as possible on a proposed Local Law amending Chapter 156 of the Code of the Town of Carmel, entitled “Zoning”. Copies of the full text of the proposed Local Law are available in the lobby at Town Hall, from the Town Clerk’s office during normal business hours as well as on the Town of Carmel website at town-ofcarmelny.gov At said Public Hearing, all interested persons shall be heard on the subject thereof. The Town Board will make every effort to assure that the Public Hearing is accessible to persons with disabilities. Anyone requiring special assistance and/or reasonable accommodations should contact the Town Clerk. By Order of the Town Board of the Town of Carmel Alice Daly, Town Clerk P. 11/5 - 39	PUBLIC NOTICE 40.-116, seeks to vary the terms of sections 138-20 and 138-25, as the same require minimum set-backs of structures from adjoining property lines, to permit the applicant to construct additions to a single family dwelling which, as proposed, would be set back 26’ from the front (westerly) property line where a minimum set back of 50’ is required; 14.5’ from the front (northerly) property line where a minimum set back of 25’ is required; 21’ from the side (southerly) property line where a minimum set back of 25’ is required; would provide a Total Side Yard set-back of 35.5’ where a minimum Total Side Yard setback of 70’ is required; and 41.25’ from the rear (easterly) property line where a minimum set back of 50’ is required in an R-40 zone. By Order of the ZBA Roderick Cassidy, Chairman P. 11/5 - 77	PUBLIC NOTICE HAS DESIGNATED ENGINE “11-2-3”(2007 KME PREDATOR 2000/1000 RESCUE PUMPER, 1K9AF42867N058342) AS SURPLUS AND DESIRES TO SELL IT. FAIR MARKET VALUE ON SAID ENGINE IS BETWEEN \$100,000 AND \$200,000. DUE TO THE VALUE OF ENGINE 11-2-3 BEING GREATER THAN \$100,000, THIS REFERENDUM IS REQUIRED. SHOULD THE FIRE DISTRICT BE AUTHORIZED TO SELL SAID ENGINE 11-2-3 FOR NO LESS THAN \$100,000? All residents of the Fire District who were duly registered to vote with the Putnam County Board of Elections on or before November 17, 2025, shall be eligible to vote at said Special Election. BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS DATED: October 29, 2025 Maurice DeSantis FIRE DISTRICT SECRETARY P. 11/5 - 86	PUBLIC NOTICE Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Porrima Properties LLC, 144 Hickory Bend Rd W, Carmel, NY, 10512, USA. Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity. P. 10/22, 10/29, 11/5, 11/12, 11/19, 11/26
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	PUBLIC NOTICE Notice of Formation of Terra Tree and Stump LLC. Articles of Org filed with SSNY on 8/29/2025. Office Location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Terra Tree and Stump LLC 172 Haviland Hollow Rd. Patterson, NY 12563. Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity. P. 10/29, 11/5, 11/12, 11/19, 11/26, 12/3			
	PUBLIC NOTICE Notice of Formation of GP CPA PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 09/26/2025. Office location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 960 US-6, Suite 126, Mahopac, NY 10541. Purpose: to practice the profession of Public Accountancy. P. 11/5, 11/12, 11/19, 11/26, 12/3, 12/10			

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TOWN OF KENT

Help Wanted Recreation Assistant

The Town of Kent Recreation & Parks Department is seeking a Part Time Recreation Assistant to assist in the planning, implementation and supervision of recreation activities, programs and events. Candidates must be able to work a variable schedule including nights and weekends

For additional information on the position please contact Kent Recreation at 845-531-2100. Completed application should be submitted to the Kent Town Clerk, 25, Sybil’s Crossing, Kent Lakes, New York, 10512 or email to lcappelli@townofkentny.gov.

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Mahopac Welcomes Ex Officio School Board Members

When Mahopac High School seniors Matthew Conelli and Celina Wendler and juniors Cira Graap and Sullivan Hunter walk into the auditorium for board of education meetings this year, they aren't just students in the audience – they have a seat at the table.

The four were selected to serve as ex officio members of the Mahopac School Board for the 2025-26 school year, making them the first group of students to take on this new role created in response to a statewide mandate.

While New York State requires that districts appoint at least one student representative, Mahopac chose to appoint four – giving a broader range of voices and perspectives the chance to shape conversations that affect the entire student body.

“These four students represent the best of what Mahopac has to offer,” said Interim Superintendent of Schools Frank Miele. “They are bright, dedicated, and committed to their peers. Their voices will add an important dimension to our work and I’m excited to see the impact they’ll have this year.”

School Board President Michael Mongon said the decision to go above the state requirement was an easy one.

“This is a valuable opportunity for us to learn directly from the students we serve,” he said. “By hearing from multiple student representatives, we get a fuller picture of the needs, ideas, and priorities of our school community.”

For senior Matthew Conelli, leadership has been a constant throughout high school. He has served in student government since the ninth grade and is now executive vice president. Conelli is active in multiple clubs, plays goalie for the varsity hockey team, and works as



Matthew Conelli, Celina Wendler, Cira Graap, and Sullivan Hunter are ex officio members of the Mahopac School Board.

a disability support worker outside of school.

“Being chosen for this position shows me that people are listening,” he said. “I’m honored to be here and I hope to use my voice to support things that matter to students, like mental health.”

Junior Cira Graap sees her selection as both a responsibility and a call to action. “To me, being on the board means really stepping up and being a voice for all students,” she said.

Graap has founded and led clubs, traveled to Washington, D.C., and Albany to advocate with the Epilepsy Foundation of America, and is currently working toward her Girl Scout Gold Award. She said she hopes to represent students with disabilities, in particular.

Sullivan Hunter, also a junior, who balances varsity football and lacrosse with playing in the school orchestra, views his new role as a chance to set a precedent.

“We’re the first group to do this and I want to make sure we set the tone for how students can make their voices heard,” he said. “To be

a Mahopac student is to be part of a family. That’s the perspective I want to bring – to show how we can keep that supportive environment strong.”

For Celina Wendler, a senior, the position is about representation and equity. An Afro-Latina student who serves as Mock Trial president, R.I.C.E. Club treasurer, student government member, and varsity track athlete, she plans to study law and continue her work as an advocate.

“I want every student, no matter what their background, to feel valued, heard, and supported,” said Wendler. “That includes making sure we are addressing diversity, belonging, and mental health in meaningful ways.”

The four student board members will not cast votes, but they will attend meetings, participate in discussions, and offer insight on issues ranging from academics and extracurriculars to mental health and school culture.

Schools Debate Boundary Line Bisecting New Housing Dev.

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would increase Brewster’s taxable assessed value by about \$20 per \$100,000 and, in turn, decrease the tax rate.

“Any time that you’re adding school taxable assessed value ... the size of the pot (tax levy) is remaining the same,” explained Karlsson. “We’re not collecting any additional money as a result of these properties becoming taxable, but they’re essentially adding slices to the pie. And that means that everybody else’s slices are becoming smaller.”

The second scenario is what Carmel Town Tax Assessor Christopher Paleo recommends, which is adjusting the boundary line so that all the kids attend Brewster, which would increase the school taxable assessed value by another \$3 per \$100,000.

However, if Brewster gets all the kids – and the taxable assessed value of the homes they reside in – the district would give over some commercially zoned land to Carmel.

The last scenario would ad-

just the boundary line so that all the students go to Carmel, which would mean the Brewster taxpayer would lose that \$20 per \$100,000 of assessed value and forgo any future tax benefit from the development.

Brewster School Board member Jennifer Carpinello asked what Brewster will get in return if Carmel takes all the students.

“If we give all of this taxable income to Carmel, what are we getting in return?” she asked. “We would be taking a very small amount of Carmel schools’ taxable assessed value if we (took on all the students). If we did it the other way and Carmel took all the kids, they’d be taking a lot more of ours.”

Paleo admitted that the give-and-take aren’t equal. “It would be unbalanced if it all went to Carmel – that’s the reality,” he said.

School Board President Kerry Cunningham said it seems as through the district is really only considering two options. “I feel like our choices are: we take them all, or we leave it as is,” she said.

Board member Louis Riolo Jr. said both districts need to remember what’s important.

“This isn’t a horse trade – it’s about kids. That for ‘sale sign’ that’s been up on the (commercial) property that we give up ... it’s been for sale for 40 years,” he said, noting that he’s not concerned enough about handing it over to Carmel, to just keep the boundary line as it is.

Women Veterans are Guests of Honor At Upcoming Brunch

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segment of the military population and are projected to make up 18 percent of all veterans by 2040.

Despite the numbers and contributions, women veterans are too often overlooked. Challenges include a higher risk of post-traumatic stress, military sexual trauma, and other service-related conditions; chronic pain, and reproductive and perinatal mental health needs; and pregnancy complications like gestational diabetes and preeclampsia.

There are also reintegration pressures, such as readjusting to civilian life while serving as the family’s primary caretaker; and

employment and housing barriers that can increase the risk of homelessness without targeted support.

Across the lower Hudson Valley, more than 7,000 women are serving or have served across all branches of the U.S. Armed Forces. Based on statewide averages, Putnam County’s veteran community includes approximately 3,850 women veterans, with comparable concentrations in neighboring Dutchess, Orange, Sullivan and Ulster counties.

Westchester and Rockland counties have smaller shares by population.

The committee planning and managing the second annual Women Veterans Recognition Brunch include Penny Byron, Monique De’Alto, Susan Isley, Sue Matra, Cathy Purdy, and Marlea Willis of the Rotary Club of Patterson; and Castellano, Sharone Fuller, and Ashley Rogers of Guardian Revival.

Putnam Youth Bureau Moves to Tilly Foster

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complements the park’s broader educational and community goals, tying in naturally with the existing BOCES culinary program as well

as other learning initiatives that will be supported by Cornell Cooperative Extension’s future home at the park.”

The Youth Bureau’s new headquarters will host youth leadership initiatives, volunteer programs, and educational workshops throughout the year. The move to Tilly Foster also the bureau alongside other county departments and community partners engaged in education, agriculture, and workforce development.

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Putnam Libraries Get a Little Spooky!



Youngsters in Ms. Dayna’s Stories & More class went trick-or-treating around the Mahopac Public Library to prepare for Halloween.



A Pumpkin Glow and Halloween show highlighted festivities at Kent Public Library.



Little Readers celebrated the holiday at Reed Memorial Library in Carmel.



Patterson Library hosted a spooktacular day as part of its Family Great Give Back Event.

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