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Lawmakers Push Back Against More NYSEG Rate Hikes

By Holly Crocco

State lawmakers are demanding the Public Service Commission seriously investigate a proposal from New York State Electric & Gas and Rochester Gas & Electric that will lead to more rate hikes.

"Hudson Valley ratepayers have been crushed by soaring energy costs and now NYSEG has filed another rate increase," said Assemblyman Matt Slater, R-Yorktown. "This proposal must be dead on arrival to the Public Service Commission. Families and businesses cannot be expected to endure these increased costs and survive in New York."

"The proposed NYSEG rate increase is unaffordable to many

families and seniors, who are still reeling from thousand-dollar utility bills earlier this year," added State Sen. Pete Harkham, D-Peekskill. "While investment in customer service and improved reliability is noteworthy, it is unacceptable to place the expense underinvestment solely on the backs of those who can least afford it. The last thing we need are more financial burdens for folks struggling to make ends meet."

Filed with the state's Public Service Commission on June 30, the companies' Powering NY plan is "designed to pay for rebuilding an aging grid and expanding its capacity to meet residents' and businesses' service demands," according to a July 1 news release

shared by the companies.

NYSEG customers could see total utility bills increase 33.5 percent if the plan is approved.

The companies say the plan will improve the reliability, efficiency, and resiliency of the grid for its customers as well as increase its capacity. They say the filing accounts for legacy costs like storm recovery, state mandates like new utility poles to support broadband internet upgrades, the rising cost of arrears, and customer support programs and a new in-state call center.

The Powering NY plan includes hiring more than 1,000 full-time employees, billions in grid investments, and hundreds of millions to go toward each cus-

tomers service improvements, financial assistance for low-income customers, and continued existing tree trimming efforts.

Through the proposed Powering NY plan, NYSEG is seeking an increase in annual gas revenues of around \$93 million, or a 39.4 percent increase to delivery revenues, and electric revenues of about \$464 million, which amounts to a 35 percent increase to delivery revenues, according to the Department of Public Service.

All proposed changes are for the rate year ending April 30, 2027.

"While electric and gas bills in New York include the cost of energy supply, which the companies do not control nor profit from,

as well as required government charges and taxes, Powering NY increases will apply only to the delivery portion of bills—approximately a third of total monthly energy costs for most customers," according to NYSEG and RG&E.

According to the Department of Public Service, monthly gas bill increases for NYSEG's typical residential heating customers using 83 therms would be \$33.57 (a 33.5 percent increase to the total bill), and monthly electric bill increases for typical residential customers using 600 kilowatt-hours would be \$33.12 (a 23.7 percent increase to the total bill).

Before any rate increases go into effect, the plan needs ap-

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Brewster Celebrates Pre-K Graduates



High school seniors weren't the only ones to wear a graduation cap last month. Here, universal pre-kindergarten students in Brewster gather before going on stage to be presented with diplomas at a graduation ceremony of their own. Photos provided by Brewster Central School District.



State to Review Dangerous Stretch Of Taconic Parkway

Following a tragic crash May 14 that claimed four lives and left one critically injured on the Taconic State Parkway, the New York State Department of Transportation has agreed to review safety conditions along a hazardous stretch of road.

The corridor in question runs from the Saw Mill River Parkway interchange to Miller Hill Road—a section long plagued by serious accidents.

At about 4:45 p.m. May 14, a Ram ProMaster van operated by a New Jersey resident headed southbound crossed the center median into the northbound lanes and collided head-on with a Honda Accord driven by a Granite Springs resident.

The impact caused the van to overturn and catch fire. Three passengers were pronounced dead at the scene, and the driver was in critical condition for a period of time.

The driver of the Accord was transported to a local hospital where he later succumbed to his injuries.

In a letter to Gov. Kathy Hochul and DOT Commissioner Marie Therese Dominguez, Assemblyman Matt Slater, R-Yorktown, urged a comprehensive safety assessment including an analysis of the last 10 years of crash data and a review of existing infrastructure like guardrails, signage, rumble strips, and roadway visibility.

On June 17, NYSDOT responded: "New York State Department of Transportation professionals will review the most

recent 10 years of crash data and evaluate whether safety enhancements are appropriate either as corridor-wide or site-specific treatments. Due to the size of this study, it is anticipated the completion of this review could take as long as nine to 12 months."

"This is great news for the communities along the Taconic that have long demanded action," said Slater. "Too many lives have been lost on this road. I'm grateful to NYSDOT for taking this request seriously and look forward to working with them as they conduct this much-needed review."

Additional measures include enhanced signage on exit ramps to prevent wrong-way driving and a broader review of curves and ramps as part of NYSDOT's Roadway Departure Safety Action Plan. Signage improvements will be implemented where needed.

"This is great news for all New Yorkers who travel the Taconic State Parkway," said Putnam Valley Town Supervisor Jacqueline Annabi. "The TSP has a reputation for being the most dangerous parkway. I am grateful our assemblyman and DOT see the seriousness and will be making life-saving changes."

NYSDOT also confirmed an ongoing study of the Taconic between Pines Bridge Road and Route 100 in New Castle, expected to be completed within two to three months. In the interim, the department is installing shoulder rumble strips and inlaid pavement markings to improve long-term visibility.



State Sen. Pete Harckham with volunteers at his 18th food drive. Holding the banner with Harckham are the Rev. Elaine Pope-Joffrion, pastor of Drew United Methodist Church in Carmel, left; and Marisa O-Leary, director of Putnam Community Action Partnership. Photo by James Persons/Harckham's office.

Almost 1,500 lbs. of Food Donated in Carmel

State Sen. Pete Harckham partnered with Putnam Community Action Partnership in Brewster and Drew United Methodist Church in Carmel on June 28 to collect almost 1,500 pounds of food and other items for hun-

dreds of families in need. This was the 18th food drive Harckham has hosted since 2020. "We are grateful to the residents of Putnam County and beyond who took time on their

day off to bring their generous donations to our event," he said. "People know there is a serious need for the basics during these very challenging times for an increasing number of our neighbors. Let's face it – people are hurting, and we will do whatever we can to help them."

The senator thanked Putnam CAP and Drew UMC, and the volunteers who helped. "Without them, our event would not have been possible," he said.

Donations included juice, canned goods, pasta, cereal, sauce, shampoo, soap, feminine hygiene products, and more.

"The overwhelming response to this food drive, which collected 1,440 pounds of food, is a testament to the compassionate spirit of Putnam County," said Marisa O'Leary, director of Putnam CAP. "It's an honor to partner with Sen. Peter Harckham and his team to ensure this vital support reaches families who are struggling with food insecurity."

Putnam CAP is a component of Westchester Community Opportunity Program, and its mission is to mobilize and efficiently manage resources, through partnerships and collaborations, to help low-income and at-risk populations achieve greater self-sufficiency. The items collected were donated to the PutnamCAP food pantry, which serves almost 500 families per week.

"The Drew United Methodist Church was delighted to take an active part in this food drive as part of its continued participation to aid our large community," said the Rev. Elaine Pope-Joffrion, pastor of Drew UMC and the First United Methodist Church of Brewster.

The church allowed the use of its parking lot for the event and provided tables to facilitate collection and sorting, as well as chairs for volunteers.

In the 17 prior food drives since March 2020, Harckham and volunteers have collected about 53,000 pounds of food and other items, plus almost \$14,000 in cash donations.



Working Mom

By Holly Crocco

Inflation

Mikey finally ... finally! ... lost his first tooth.

At 7 years old, all of his friends have already lost multiple teeth and are sporting the jack-o-lantern look, and I was starting to get worried that the dentist was going to tell us he needed to extract some baby teeth since the stubborn things aren't coming out, and that would have led to him never willingly setting foot in the dentist office again.

But, he didn't have any "shark teeth" popping up behind the baby ones, so we were told we were good.

After more than a year of my husband and I asking, "Are any of them loose?" and "Can I try and wiggle some?" the kid finally declared that a few of his teeth were wiggly.

Not that he'd let us anywhere near them.

Finally, the bottom right-of-center tooth was loose enough that we could see it move when he nudged it with his tongue. So, I put the tooth fairy money on standby.

And then waited, and waited, and waited.

Now, when I was a kid and had a wiggly tooth, I toyed with that thing until it was hanging by a thread and able to be plucked out by the end of the day.

Not Mikey. He gingerly, tenderly massaged that sucker for weeks. And, because apparently he was nervous about losing his first tooth, he reduced his already restrictive diet of chicken tenders and pizza to French fries and apple slices so as not to disturb said tooth.

Then, one night while we were sitting around watching a movie, Mikey sat up straight on the couch and declared, "Oh! My tooth just came out!"

Hallelujah! We cheered and he held a paper towel to the little hole left behind to soak up any blood, and then I put the tooth in a little Zip-lock bag to be placed under his pillow for the Tooth Fairy. It was gross. Honestly, I think I'd rather clean up puke.

But whatever. Anyway, that night we placed

the little baggie with the tooth under his pillow, but after a few minutes Mikey said that he was relocating it to the night stand because he didn't want the Tooth Fairy to get too close to him while he slept.

To be fair, it is a rather creepy concept.

As we secured the new placement, Mikey asked me, "How much money did you get from the Tooth Fairy when you were a kid?"

When I told him I got a clean, crisp \$1 bill for each tooth, he paled.

"One dollar?" He scrunched his nose. "That's it?"

"Well ... Yeah," I answered.

"Sean got \$100 for his first tooth," he notified me.

"Uh, no. I'm sure Sean didn't get \$100. Maybe he got \$10 and mistook the number of zeroes."

"Charlotte got \$20," he continued.

I made a mental note to change school districts as I took a deep breath and crafted my response.

"Well, Mikey, I wouldn't get my hopes up too high if I were you, because the Tooth Fairy knows this family doesn't need much, so she – or he – will probably only leave you a little bit of money as a congratulations."

That seemed to pacify the child and – after taking a very long time to settle, due to him being "too excited to sleep" – he finally fell into slumber only to wake up at 6:30 a.m., eager to see what the Tooth Fairy left him.

He seemed content with the \$5 bill and the five \$1 "magical" coins.

Now we just need to manage those expectations for subsequent payments for bone chunks that fall out of his skull (really, what a weird tradition) because he will only be getting \$1 for each of those.

What's the going rate for the Tooth Fairy in your household? Asking for a friend.

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

Open Call to Artists

Putnam Arts Council in Mahopac has issued an open call to artists for a summer-themed show.

"Floral Adventures" aims to capture the dynamic relationship between nature and creativity. Artists are invited to interpret this theme in innovative ways, whether through realistic representations, abstract interpretations, or conceptual explorations. PAC welcomes works that delve into the symbolism of flowers, their role in human emotion, and their ability to inspire adventure and exploration in both art and life.

Drop off work Saturday or Sunday, July 12 or 13, between 2 and 5 p.m., at 521 Kennicut Hill Road. Identify your work by placing a label on the back or bottom with your name, title, and price or "not for sale."

Jeanne Demotses Excellence in Arts Awards will be awarded

to best in show (\$150), second place (\$100), and third place (\$75). Honorable mentions will be at the discretion of the juror. Cash awards will be presented at the opening reception Saturday, July 19 from 2 to 5 p.m.

Additional gallery hours are 1 to 5 p.m. Wednesdays and Fridays, as well as Sundays, July 20 and 27 – or by appointment.

An artist talk is scheduled Sunday, Aug. 3 from 3 to 4 p.m., when exhibiting artists are invited to share information regarding their process and inspiration for their displayed art.

"Floral Adventures" will be open to the public to view at no charge.

For more information, contact Putnam Arts Council at 845-803-8622 or joyce@putnamartscouncil.com.

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Heavy Rain Makes Poor Driving Conditions

Brewster firefighters assisted a motorist that was stuck in flood waters on Route 22 during heavy rain July 1. Water rolling off Interstate 84 didn't help the situation. Photos by Brewster Fire Department.



Area Elder Services Providers Receive Grants

Field Hall Foundation has announced \$280,605 in grant awards as part of its spring grant cycle, with funding for programs aimed at reducing food insecurity, preventing elder abuse, promoting aging in place, and providing vital services such as home repairs, case management, and homemaker.

The Putnam/Northern Westchester Women's Resource Center has been granted \$25,000 for support and resources for older victims of elder abuse.

CAREERS Support Solutions has been granted \$20,000 for workforce readiness, job placement, and ongoing job support for seniors.

My Brother Vinny has been awarded \$15,000 for essential household items for formerly homeless senior veterans.

St. John the Evangelist Church in Mahopac has been granted \$10,000 to support its

weekly food pantry.

Field Hall Foundation awards grants in the winter, spring, and fall. Since 2019, it has awarded more than \$5.2 million in grants to nonprofits and government agencies throughout Dutchess, Putnam, and Westchester counties. For more information about upcoming grant opportunities, visit www.fieldhallfoundation.org or contact Program Officer Patti Lavan Horvath at 914-813-9103 or phorvath@fieldhallfdn.org.

The foundation's mission is to improve the lives of older adults and their caregivers in Dutchess, Putnam, and Westchester counties by providing grants to nonprofits and local government agencies for programs that directly impact vulnerable seniors and/or their caregivers, with priority given to programs that address their basic needs.

'Pocket Parks' on County Campus

Visitors to the county office building may notice several improvements and upgrades to the outdoor area around 40 Gleneida Ave., Carmel.

The complex consists of the three-story David D. Bruen County Office Building, the 1814 Historic Courthouse, and the newer Supreme/County Courthouse located at the back of the campus.

Earlier this year, County Executive Kevin Byrne directed the Department of Public Works to undertake improvements to increase the number of outdoor amenities available to the public and county employees. This was accomplished through the installation of traffic-safety bollards along Gleneida Avenue, as well as the completion of monochromatic pressed (stamped) concrete between the Historic Courthouse and the Bruen building, replacing the pavement's former light blue coating.

The new public walkway now features a picnic area with three tables that can serve as a space for people to eat and/or take a break, in addition to the existing pocket park adjacent to the county office building public parking lot, which already has its own picnic table.

Two more tables, affixed with umbrellas for shade, were also installed on parcels behind the county's probation office and next to the Supreme/County Courthouse employee parking lot. These amenities follow closely on the heels of the new Americans with Disabilities Act-compliant entrance and ramp to the county office building, as well as the newly installed ADA bathroom at the same building, completed in April.

The cost of these improvements was covered by existing



County employees and members of the public may enjoy new picnic tables installed between the county office building and the Historic Courthouse in Carmel.

DPW funds and did not require a new county budget appropriation.

"These upgrades will improve accessibility to these public spaces and enhance the overall environment for our public employees by providing more space for them to take advantage of the outdoors," said Byrne. "As county executive, I've made myself accessible to listen to people directly, to listen to their ideas, and hear their concerns. Among other things, these improvements are a direct reflection of the feedback I've received since taking office. We've gotten a lot done, but I also know we have more work to do."

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Mahopac Schools & Carmel Library Receive State Aid

Mahopac Central School District, and Reed Memorial Library in Carmel will each receive \$20,000 in New York State bullet aid to support safety upgrades, facility improvements, and expanded programming, announced Assemblyman Matt Slater recently.

Administrators at Mahopac Schools say the district will use its funding to enhance school safety and security. Of the total, \$15,000 will go toward purchasing 10 automated external defibrillators for outdoor and public use. The remaining \$5,000 will go toward the installation of glass mitigation film on first-floor windows, a protective measure to prevent bullet penetration from outside threats.

This safety film is already installed on the district's front doors, and the new funding will help offset the \$48,000 total cost of expand-

ing the protection throughout the building.

"The Mahopac Central School District extends our appreciation to Assemblyman Slater for his support in our safety and security initiatives," said Superintendent Christine Tona. "His advocacy and this vital funding will strengthen our efforts to ensure a safe, supportive learning environment where every student can thrive."

Staff at Reed Memorial Library say they will use the grant to improve programming preparation space. With limited room currently restricting the scope of services and events the library can offer, the upgrades will help expand the library's capacity to serve the community.

"Studies show that for every dollar invested in libraries, \$10 in value is returned to the community through services and materials,"

said Library Director Denise Martens. "We applaud Assemblyman Slater for his understanding that spending taxpayer dollars on libraries is a value-added proposition."

Many libraries currently offer free Wi-Fi, online and print books, free streaming services, museum and parks passes, puzzles and games, computer and device help, spaces for individuals and groups to meet, as well as programming for children and adults.

"I'm proud to help deliver this bullet aid funding for initiatives that are well warranted and will serve the community in a variety of important ways," said Slater. "Keeping our public services up to date means more people can benefit from them, and when it comes to school safety, there should be no compromises. I'm glad to see these funds being put to such good use."

Nutrition Corner

By Allison J. Stowell
MS, RD, CDN



Heart Healthy BBQ

Summertime is all about barbecues and long afternoons enjoying warm weather. Grilled meals have the potential to be nutritious, colorful and balanced. Done right, barbecues can also be heart healthy. Start by building your menu with fish, lean meat, vegetables, grains, and the right ingredients to lessen saturated fat, added sugar, and sodium.

Go for lean proteins like skinless chicken, center cut pork, 90% lean ground sirloin, and very lean cuts of steak that are lower in saturated fat (the type of fat that raises LDL, or "bad" cholesterol). Alternatively, grill fish high in omega-3 ("essential" fats) for a heart healthy plate.

Choose "light" or "less sodium" marinades to lower the sodium in your meal (sodium contributes to elevated blood pressure). Make use of fresh herbs to bring flavor to your plate without the need for salty seasonings. Mix fresh herbs with olive oil to create a rub to season proteins and vegetables.

Replace white flour hamburger buns with whole wheat buns for added protein, a bit of fiber and more micronutrients. Seek other places to add whole grains through sides and snacks.

Add vegetables to the grill to boost the antioxidants and fiber on your plate (both are beneficial for cardiovascular health). Toss veggies in olive oil to ensure they don't stick (consider skewering for easier grilling).

Be considerate of beverages and aim for options that are low/no calorie and free from added sugar. Added sugar is directly correlated with increased risk of obesity, heart disease, and diabetes. We should be seeking to have as little added sugar as possible in our diet.

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guidance program, visit GuidingStars.com.

Lemony Potato and Egg Salad
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Another twist on traditional potato salad. Eggs provide a protein boost, while olive oil keeps it heart healthy.

Ingredients:
3 lb. russet potatoes, peeled and cut into 1" pieces
5 large eggs
1/3 cup lemon juice, from 2 lemons
3/4 tsp. ground allspice, or more to taste
Salt and pepper
1/2 cup olive oil
Chopped fresh herbs such as scallions or parsley, for garnish

Directions:
1. Place potatoes in a large pot and add enough water to cover by 2". Bring to a boil over high heat, then reduce to medium-high and simmer until potatoes are tender but not falling apart, about 20 minutes. Drain, then transfer to a large bowl.
2. Meanwhile, bring a large saucepan of water to a boil over medium-high heat. Carefully add eggs and cook 13 minutes, then transfer to an ice bath until cool enough to handle, about 5 minutes. Peel and cut each egg into eighths, then add to bowl with potatoes.
3. Combine lemon juice, allspice, 1 teaspoon salt, and 1/2 teaspoon pepper in a small bowl. While whisking, drizzle in oil until mixture is blended. (Alternatively, combine all dressing ingredients in a jar, then cover tightly and shake until well combined.) Pour over potatoes and eggs and mix gently to combine (its okay if some potatoes and eggs fall apart); cover and refrigerate until very chilled, at least 1 hour and up to one day. Season with salt and pepper to taste, then sprinkle with herbs and serve.

Watermelon Salad with Feta and Mint

(Family Features)
Watermelon Salad with Feta and Mint

Ingredients:
1/4 cup lemon vinaigrette
4 cups cubed watermelon
1/2 English cucumber, cut into 1/4-inch half moons
1/2 small red onion, thinly sliced
1/4 cup crumbled feta cheese
2 tablespoons fresh mint, roughly chopped

Directions:
Drizzle vinaigrette in bottom of large canning jar. Layer with watermelon, cucumber, red onion, feta and mint.



Cover tightly with lid and shake to combine. Keep refrigerated until ready to serve.
Substitution: Use Greek dressing in place of lemon vinaigrette.

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Way Behind the Sun will perform July 9.

Have a Honky-Tonk Time in Brewster

Summer Concert Series

Continues with Bluegrass & More



The Tilly Foster Bluegrass Band will perform July 16.

Get ready for a toe-tapping night of country classics and honky-tonk favorites as the Cultural Arts Coalition's Brewster Summer Music Series welcomes Way Behind the Sun to the gazebo at Southeast Veterans Park in Brewster from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 9.

Attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs, blankets, and dancing shoes for a memorable night under the stars. The concert is free, and food and ice cream trucks will sell refreshments. There will also be a 50/50 raffle and vendor tables.

Formed in 2018 and rooted in the heart of the Hudson Valley, Way Behind the Sun is on a mission to revive the golden age of traditional country music. With three lead vocalists, rich harmonies, and authentic instrumentation, the band delivers a unique blend of original songs and old-school classics that speak to country fans of every generation.

Its 2022 debut album "All The Honky Tonks Have Died" is available on all major streaming platforms and has helped the band build a loyal regional following. The group's chemistry is palpable, thanks to its rare husband-wife and brother-sister dynamic, which creates a fun, engaging performance full of warmth, humor, and charm.

Band members include Beekman's Virginia Ronconi on guitar/vocals, Beekman's Ty Ronconi on guitar/vocals, Cold Spring's Thomas Califano on bass/vocals, and Kingston's Homer Weiss on drums.

The Brewster Summer Music Series will then feature the Tilly Foster Bluegrass Band on Wednesday, July 16.

This Hudson Valley crowd favorite delivers a modern twist on traditional bluegrass and Americana, fusing original compositions with influences from rock, punk, and folk legends like Led Zeppelin, Johnny Cash, Bob Dylan, and The Clash. With a foot-stomping sound and undeniable onstage chemistry, their shows are packed with energy, fun, and spontaneous audience sing-alongs.

Founded in 2017, the band takes its name from the historic Tilly Foster iron mine, once operated by hard-working Irish and Italian immigrants – a nod to the blue-collar roots of the Hudson Valley. That spirit of grit and passion lives on in every one of their performances.

Known for thrilling live shows that leave audiences cheering for encores, the Tilly Foster Bluegrass Band blends eclectic musical backgrounds with the heart of Appalachian tradition.

Band members include Tim Fogarty on guitar, Bryan Lynch on banjo, Mike Colucci on mandolin, Cole McCormick on bass, and Vicky Triola on violin.

The 2025 Brewster Summer Music Series continues with the John H. Smith Band on July 23, and Genevieve Faivre and Friends on July 30.

For event updates and weather-related announcements, visit www.culturalartsco.com/brewster-summer-music-series.

Animal Abandonment Leads to Arrest

A Danbury woman was arrested recently after allegedly abandoning a cat on the side of the road in Southeast.

On June 11, the Putnam County SPCA received a report from a good Samaritan who found a cat abandoned inside a plastic cat carrier on Old Milltown Road, near a wooded area not far from the East Branch Reservoir.

The 3-year-old male was brought to the Putnam Humane Society in Carmel, and Putnam County SPCA detectives began a criminal investigation. A tip came in from someone who saw an "information wanted" poster, and used that information to obtain surveillance video from a Connecticut store, which was then used to develop a suspect.

On June 29, the Putnam County SPCA Law Enforcement Division interviewed Ruth Reynoso, 57, who allegedly confessed. She was charged with animal cruelty and animal aban-



A 3-year-old male cat was found abandoned in Southeast.

donment.

The Putnam County SPCA is a 501(c)3 not for profit corporation which receives no funding from the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, New York State, or the federal government. For more information, visit www.spcaputnam.org or call the 24-hour hotline at 845-520-6915.



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On Friday, July 18, the Chris Brokaw Band arrives. Part of

the iconic indie bands the Lemonheads, Codeine, and Come, several albums are considered landmarks in American independent rock music.

On Friday, July 25, YOTOCO brings the electrifying rhythms of Afro-Caribbean, Son Cubano, Cumbia, Salsa, and

Plena music to the stage.

Attendees can bring lawn chairs, food, and drinks. A limited number of chairs are available for rent. Light refreshments and snacks will also be sold. Parking is limited, so it is recommended to arrive early to secure a spot.

Tickets are \$10, or free for kids age 12 and younger, and needed for all the concerts. They are available online or at the door.

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“OK, Mr. Lewis, to recap, we have three investment accounts, the checking account, the Whole Life Insurance plan, your IRA and the home.”

There is a short pause before Mrs. Lewis speaks softly with a hint of derision, urging her husband: "Tell him about your tools."

Mr. Lewis breathes in deeply, then speaks. "I have an antique tool collection ... pretty big."

Mr. Lewis has the pictures to prove it, and 19th century planes, chisels, hammers, saws, and braces fill a garage on his property. Many of these tools are valued at over \$100. These are not knickknacks to be donated to

Goodwill or sold at a garage sale. The tool collection is an asset class that needs to be organized and coordinated.

Nontraditional assets make up a portion of most estate plans. You may not have Andy Warhol Campbell Soup cans adorning your walls, but your vintage cookware added together may be worth five figures. Even if your loved ones would rather not store your old Pyrex glassware for posterity, setting up a logical plan for their disposition is a smart planning objective.

The first question that has to be asked is: does anyone actually want this? Maybe an adult child shares your passion for collecting baseball cards and will cherish your collection and add to it. A specific disposition in your Last Will and Testament can direct that your cards go to that adult child. For lower value collections that are more sentimental in nature, this option works well.

An alternative to specific Will dispositions is the Letter to My Executor. We often encourage clients to prepare letters to their children or executors that instructs the division or donation of nominally valued personal collections to avoid an unwieldy and overlong Last Will and Testament, detailing every juice glass and sewing needle. These letters do not have the same legal force and impact as a Will, but they serve an important organizational purpose – articulation of your wishes.

If you give an executor discretion, under your Will, with regards to distributing your personal effects, then the Letter can help guide their decisions. Keep in mind that any estate asset listed in a Will is subject to a valuation for potential accounting. If one adult child gets the collection and the other adult children believe they are receiving a lower inheritance value, then problems may arise.

After the first question is answered by your people with a resounding “no,” the second question is how to properly dispose of the collection for the benefit of your estate and your beneficiaries. We’re talking about items with actual and intrinsic value. A video game collection that includes unopened 1980’s Nintendo cartridges should not be sold in bulk.

One way to intelligently plan for a collection like this is to have a Living Trust that individually lists the valuable collectibles and directs the trustee to utilize the correct valuation tools and auction outlets to sell the items for maximum value. Gift memorandums to the Trust should specifically describe the collectible, allowing it to be legally “transferred” to the Trust – removing it from Probate. Your knowledge of your collection and the marketplace is crucial, because without it, your trustee will be clueless as to the actual value.

Digital currencies and NFTs offer another challenge. These as-

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Putnam County Community Events

County Fair & 4-H Showcase

CCE’s Putnam County Fair & 4-H Showcase is scheduled Saturday, July 26 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Sunday, July 27 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., at Veterans Memorial Park, 201 Gypsy Trail Road, Carmel. Volunteers are sought to help with set-up, clean-up, food service, crafts, games, and more. Community service credit can be provided. Sign up to volunteer at cceputnamcounty.org.

Donations Sought

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

American Legion Meeting

American Legion Post 1542 of Patteson meets the last Tuesday of month at 7 p.m., at 1027 Route 311, Patterson.

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 MCLPutnamCountyNY242@gmail.com.

Tuesday, July 8

‘Library Talks’

Putnam County executive Kevin Byrne will host “Talking in the Library” events on the following dates: July 8 from noon to 1 p.m. at Desmond-Fish Public Library, July 8 from 3 to 4 p.m. at Brewster Public Library, July 10 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Putnam Valley Library, July 10 from 2 to 3 p.m. at Kent Public Library, and July 30 from 5 to 6 p.m. at Patterson Library.

Roaming Readers

Reed Memorial Library in Carmel presents Roaming Readers, 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.

Yoga

Reed Memorial Library in Carmel will host gentle mat yoga for beginners Tuesday, July 8 at 6 p.m., designed for those seeking a gentle, mindful practice. Learn the foundations of safe movement, basic yoga poses, and breath-work in a welcoming environment. Arrive a few minutes early to be ready for the start time. Bring a yoga mat, towel or blanket. Registration required at carmellibrary.org/calendar.

‘Jaws’

Patterson Library will show “Jaws” on Tuesday, July 8 at noon to celebrate the 50th anniversary of its release. Adults only. To register, call 845-878-6121 or go to www.pattersonlibrary.org.

Garden Club Meets

The Brewster-Carmel Garden Club will meet Tuesday, July 8 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 a flower show floral design demonstration given by two award-winning club members. Members and their guests are welcome to bring a lunch. For more information, visit <https://brewstercarmelgardenclub.org>.

Estate Planning Pitfalls

Reed Memorial Library in Carmel will present an informative discussion on how to avoid common and costly estate planning mistakes Tuesday, July 8 at 11 a.m. Presented by Sayegh Law. Registration required at carmellibrary.org/calendar.

Wednesday, July 9

Summer Music Series

The 2025 Brewster Summer Music Series continues Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., at Southeast Veterans Park at the corner of Railroad and Morningthorpe Avenue: Way Behind the Sun playing country July 9; The Tilly Foster Bluegrass Band on July 16; The John H. Smith Band playing blues and jazz July 23; and Genevieve Faivre & Friends playing Brazilian, jazz and more July 30.

Carmel Town Board

The Carmel Town Board will meet at 7 p.m. the following Wednesdays at Town Hall: July 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.

Investing 101

Mahopac Public Library will present “Investing 101” on Wednesday, July 9 at 6 p.m. Learn the basics of different investment options, how to assess risk, and how to create a plan tailored to your goals. Registration is required at www.mahopaclibrary.org or 845-628-2009, ext. 100.

Microsoft Word Series

Mahopac Public Library will begin a Microsoft Word series Wednesday, July 9 at 6:30 p.m. Proficiency in Microsoft Word is a high-demand skill in the job market. This three-week series will take participants from getting started to creating polished documents. Register to attend in person or virtually, at www.mahopaclibrary.org or 845-628-2009, ext. 100.

Thursday, July 10

Sail With Clearwater

Sail with Hudson River Sloop Clearwater on Thursday, July 10 at 1 or 5:30 p.m., from Catskill Point, 1 Main St., Catskill. \$10 for the 1 p.m. sail and full price for the 5:30 p.m. sail (\$60 for members, \$75 for non-members, \$15 for kids age 12 and younger with an adult, and free for infants. Register at fareharbor.com.

Meditation Circle

Reed Memorial Library in Carmel presents a monthly meditation circle via Zoom through December. The next event is Thursday, July 10 at 6 p.m. Regular meditation can help you process emotions, ease anxiety, and gain clarity in daily life. Kris Noelle of Kris

Noelle Wellness will gently guide you through a soothing meditative journey. Registration required at carmellibrary.org/calendar.

Southeast Town Board

The Southeast Town Board will meet at 7 p.m. the following Thursdays at Town Hall: 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.

Kaleidoscope Workshop

Reed Memorial Library in Carmel will hold a kaleidoscope workshop with the Nutty Scientist on July 10 at 11 a.m. An investigative workshop into the science of kaleidoscopes. For children age 6 and older. Registration is required at carmellibrary.org or 845-225-2439.

‘Evita’

“Evita” will be presented by Musicals at Richter’s through July 19 at 100 Aunt Hack Road, Danbury, Friday through Sunday at 8 p.m., with discounted performances Thursdays, July 10 and 17. Grounds open at 7 p.m. for picnicking. Tickets are \$30 for adults, \$25 for seniors age 65 and older and students (with ID), and \$15 for children age 10 and younger. Bring chairs and blankets. Concessions available. For tickets, visit www.musicals-atrichter.org, leave a message at 203-748-6873, or e-mail info@musicalsatrichter.org.

Friday, July 11

Outdoor Concerts

The Arts on the Lake 2025 summer concert season continues Friday, July 11, Near Dead Experience brings a fresh and dynamic energy to the Grateful Dead catalog. Friday, July 18, the Chris Brokaw Band will arrive. Friday, July 25, Yotoco brings the electrifying rhythms of Afro-Caribbean, Son Cubano, Cumbia, Salsa, and Plena music to the stage. All concerts from 7 to 9 p.m. (July 11 may be longer), at 640 Route 52, Kent Lakes. Bring lawn chairs, food, and drinks. Light refreshments sold. Parking is limited. Tickets are \$10. Children younger than 12 free.

Saturday, July 12

‘Sermons in Stone’

Putnam History Museum will host a hybrid talk by author Susan Allport, presenting her book “Sermons in Stone: The Stone Walls of New England & New York,” on Saturday, July 12 at 5 p.m. It will take place at 63 Chestnut St., Cold Spring, (limited seating available), and also be streamed live online for remote attendees.

Summer Reading Kickoff

Jump into summer reading surrounded by animals Saturday, July 12 at 1 p.m. at Brewster Public Library. Interact with and feed an array of animals, including alpacas, sheep, goats, chickens, ducks, rabbits, and even a miniature cow. Registration required at brewsterlibrary.org.

LCPD Summer Fest

The Lake Carmel Park District will hold its 33rd annual summer festival Saturday, July 12 (rain date July 13) from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Beach 3 at East Lake Shore and Brewster Drive. Food, music, swim races, kids activities,

Race registration is from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., with races beginning at noon. Lake Carmel residents and guests.

Live Jazz Music

Tompkins Corners Cultural Center will kick off its outdoor concert series with Swing du Jour on Saturday, July 12 at 6 p.m., at 729 Peekskill Hollow Road, Putnam Valley. Gypsy Jazz blending traditional jazz, romantic ballads, and hot swing with flair and finesse. Bring a lawn chair and a picnic. Light refreshments available. If rain, the show moves indoors. Tickets are \$25 at Eventbrite.com or at the door. Students free.

Drawing Class

Kent Public Library will host a drawing class Saturday, July 12 at 11 a.m. Join local artist Keith Mueller for “Drawing Flowers & Other Living Plants.” Students will learn basic and refined techniques for graphite pencil drawing. Register at kentpl.librarycalendar.com.

Food Truck Rally

The Town of Southeast Parks & Recreation Department will hold its first Food Truck Rally on Saturday, July 12 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Castle Park, 142 Pumphouse Road, Brewster. Frozen Fun Ice Cream, Wandering Dave’s, Wrapper’s Delight, Scotty’s Eggrolls, and Chef Sobre’s Ruedas. Live music from Old Exit 19. Admission is free.

‘Stone Walls

of New England’

Putnam History Museum will present “Stories in Stone Weekend: ‘Sermons in Stone: The Stone Walls of New England and New York’” with Susan Allport on July 12 at 5 p.m., at 63 Chestnut St., Cold Spring. Tickets are \$12 for PHM members and \$15 for non-members, or \$10 for a virtual ticket. Hear Allport discuss her book. Register at www.putnam-historymuseum.org.

Sunday, July 13

Poets’ Corner

Tompkins Corners Cultural Center in Putnam Valley will welcome Catherine Gonick to the Poets’ Corner on Sunday, July 13 at 3 p.m. An open mic will follow the reading. All writers are welcome. The reading will take place on our outdoor stage, weather permitting. Tickets are \$10 and may be purchased at the door. Students are always free.

Stone Chamber Hike

Putnam History Museum will host two hikes of the stone chambers on Mead Farm on July 13, at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Meet at the Dunkin Donuts parking lot at 1090 Route 52, Carmel. The cost is \$15 for PHM members and \$20 for non-members. This hike, led by PHM staff, will include visits to three stone chambers on the property as well as highlight several impressive stone structures on the way. Register at www.putnamhistory-museum.org.

Chicken BBQ

Patterson Community Church will hold a grab’n go chicken BBQ fundraiser to support outreach ministries Sunday, July 13 from noon to 3 p.m., at 1062 Route 311, Patterson. \$15 per person. 845-878-3961 or pattersoncommunitychurch.org.

Tag Sale Fundraiser

Kent Historical Society will host a tag sale fundraiser Sunday, July 13 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Ludington Mille site, 1374 Route 52, Kent.

Monday, July 14

Movie Matinee

Reed Memorial Library in Carmel will screen “1776” on Monday, July 14 at 1 p.m. Enjoy refreshments in a cozy atmosphere perfect for a fun and relaxing afternoon.

Story Time

With Teachers

On Mondays, July 14, and Aug. 18 at 4:30 p.m., teachers will participate in a special story time at Kent Public Library to read and do crafts with children in kindergarten through fourth grade. Register online.

Bracelet Workshop

Kids age 13 to 17 can design their own unique bracelets with colorful seed beads at Brewster Public Library on Monday, July 14 at 4 p.m. All materials will be supplied. Registration is required at brewsterlibrary.org.

Tuesday, July 15

Kent Town Board

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

Yoga for Kids

Brewster Public Library will host yoga for kids age 5 to 8 on Tuesday, July 15 at 4 p.m. Kids will enjoy a playful yoga course and learn basic poses, principles, as well as routines that provide a sense of consistency in an ever-changing world. Children should bring their own mats and water bottles. Registration is required at brewsterlibrary.org.

Painting with Seema

Bring your creativity to Reed Memorial Library in Carmel on Tuesday, July 15 at 5 p.m. and enjoy a relaxing, meditative and artistic atmosphere. With vibrant paints and brush strokes, create your own masterpiece to take home. Registration required at carmellibrary.org/calendar.

Library Meetings

The **Kent Public Library** Board of Trustees will meet at 7 p.m. in the library on the following Tuesdays: July 15, Aug. 19, Sept. 16, Oct. 21, Nov. 18 and Dec. 16. The **Patterson Library Board** of Trustees will meet Tuesdays, July 15 and Aug. 19 at 6:30 p.m.

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Carmel Eighth-Graders Embark for High School



Carmel students celebrate the conclusion of their middle school careers.



The graduation ceremonies at George Fischer Middle School were a celebration of the eighth-graders who have grown tremendously since they entered the school just a few years ago.

“I have watched you become the change agents,” said Principal Dr. Merica Neufville. “I can’t wait to see how you change Carmel High School and the Carmel community.”

The middle school graduated in two programs so that the auditorium could accommodate the supportive families who came to cheer on the students’ success.

Interim Superintendent of Schools Dr. Erin Meehan-Fairben said she looks forward to seeing what the students accomplish in the next chapter.

“High school is a time of discovery, challenge, and growth,” she said. “It is a time to try new things, to meet new people. It is a time to find out what you are capable of.”

School board trustee Jason Paraskeva told the crowd that he graduated from George Fischer Middle School 41 years ago, and that his son is graduating this year. “To stand here both as a trustee and as a parent is an experience I will cherish forever,” he said.

Then he noted how much had changed in those four decades and encouraged the graduates to embrace their future.

“What hasn’t changed is how much the people around you matter,” said Paraskeva. “Walk forward with courage. The road ahead is full of possibilities.”

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Marilyn M. Wavle, 98, June 29. Balsamo-Cordovano Funeral Home, Carmel, (845) 225-2144.

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Eloise (Kilcoyne) Viola, 81, June 10. Beecher Funeral Home, Brewster, NY, (845) 279-3615.
Raymond J. Harting, 82, June 15. Beecher Funeral Home, Brewster, NY, (845) 279-3615.

Raymond C. Knox Sr., 83, June 28. Beecher Funeral Home, Brewster, NY, (845) 279-3615.

Mahopac
Joan Geiger, 77, June 25. Joseph J. Smith Funeral Home, Mahopac, (845) 621-1992.

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Brewster Youth End the School Year with Summertime Vibes



Ms. Mrozek and Mrs. Langlois' kindergarten class had a camping day recently, starting out by reading "The Lonely Firefly," which inspired them to create their own fireflies. Then, the students nestled under their tents and read stories with flashlights, bringing their favorite books to life. To top it all off, they indulged in s'mores.



To mark the end of the school year, kindergarten students in Mrs. O'Brien and Mrs. Pfiel's class celebrated summer birthdays by making their own sundaes, writing summer bucket lists, learning about the ocean habitat, and camping out in the classroom while making crafts by lantern light.



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New York has launched a free community college program for SUNY and CUNY students.

Starting this fall through SUNY and CUNY Reconnect, the state will cover tuition, fees, books and supplies for community college students age 25 to 55 pursuing select associate degrees in high-demand occupations.

New York State has stepped up as a national leader in many emerging industries such as semiconductor and advanced manufacturing, renewable energy and artificial intelligence. As a result of these investments, many of the new jobs available in New York will require workers with a degree or credential to fill these specialized positions.

The SUNY and CUNY Reconnect programs will help connect eligible New Yorkers to these job opportunities.

To be eligible for the program, students will enroll in high-demand fields including advanced manufacturing, AI, cybersecurity, engineering, technology, nursing and allied health fields, green and renewable energy, and pathways to teaching in shortage areas.

To ensure students have the tools they need to succeed, the program includes funding for SUNY and CUNY to support retention through wrap-around supports such as academic advising and student success coaching. In addition, it also includes funding to support marketing for effective outreach for the program.

“The governor’s free community college initiative will help empower eligible New Yorkers to achieve their full potential and move our state economy forward,” said SUNY Chancellor John King Jr. “By implementing SUNY Reconnect, campuses throughout New York have already seen promising interest and enthusiasm from adult learner students ready to seize this opportunity.”

Guest Column

Karen Heller, CCE Master Gardener

Adaptation is Key to Growing Changes in Northeast

In New York, as our weather changes, adaptation is the name of the game for at-home gardeners and commercial farmers. From historically hot days to increased drought, to unexpected rainfall, New York growers have had to adopt new techniques and growing times, and learn to roll with unpredictable punches.

Shorter winters and severe storms coming from the south are increasing the lifespan and variety of destructive insects and pathogens. Storms carry new pests, and the disease pressure has meant additional treatments with fungicides and pesticides to protect plant health.

In Cold Spring, the Glynwood Center for Regional Food & Farming is studying, practicing, and teaching regenerative agriculture, and their adaptation program features investments in infrastructure.

For extreme rainfall, they built earthworks – swales and berms – in their produce field. They are using raised beds to keep crops drier. For extreme drought and heat, the center built an irrigation system. They have added high tunnels (movable structures where plants are grown in-ground rather than on greenhouse benches) as well as greenhouses.

Cruciferous vegetables like cauliflower and broccoli, for example, do poorly in extreme heat.

The changes have been unpredictable, according to Jarret Nelson, who has been director of vegetable production and farm operations at the center for the past 11 years. The adaptation program has meant significant capital



A dry brook may be used to keep crops drier during extreme rainfall. Photo by Karen Heller.

investments: The earthworks cost \$8,000, and the high tunnels cost \$20,000 across Glynwood’s seven planting acres.

The weather extremes have overshadowed gradual warming and have not yet changed planting dates, said Nelson, who is regularly looking at what to grow that will be best suited to survive the extremes.

An important reference source for the timing of outdoor planting is the USDA plant hardiness zone map. Specifically, the map aids gardeners, landscapers, and farmers to select and grow plants that are likely to survive winter in their region. Commercially available seed packets are labeled with colorful maps illustrating hardiness zone information.

Online, the map is interactive. There are 13 climate zones with a difference of 10 degrees Fahrenheit each. A user can put in their zip code to find their zone. Try it at <https://planthardiness.ars.usda.gov>.

In November 2023, the map was updated to reflect the temperature changes that have been recorded from 1991 through 2020. On average, the coldest days of winter in our current climate are 5 degrees Fahrenheit warmer than they were between 1976 and 2005.

Comparing the old and the updated maps shows that as climate changes warm the Earth, plant hardiness zones are shifting northward.

In some areas including the central Appalachians, northern New England, and north central Idaho, winter temperatures have warmed by 1.5 hardiness zones – 15 degrees Fahrenheit over the same 30-year window.

According to multiple scientific organizations including NASA, the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration, and the World Meteorological Organization, 2023 was the warmest year on record based on global average temperature data since record-keeping began 174 years ago. The previous record year was in 2016.

Karen Heller is a volunteer with Cornell Cooperative Extension-Putnam County’s Master Gardener program.

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Putnam Actors Star in ‘Evita’ with Musicals at Richter’s



From left are (standing) Virginia and Walter Ruszczyk, and Gabriel Montanaro, all of Brewster; (seated) Lorelei Velez of Ossining, Sarah Knowles of Pawling, and Carolyn and Kevin McCarthy, Sky Corradino, and Taylor Byrne of Brewster. Photos by David Henningsen.

Local talent are featured in Musicals at Richter’s “Evita,” which kicks off the Summer Under the Stars series in Danbury. Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice’s blockbuster musical “Evita” will run through July 19 at 100 Aunt Hack Road.

Featuring a live band and a cast of 43 local actors, performances take place outdoors under the stars Friday through Sunday at 8 p.m., with additional, discounted performances Thursdays, July 10 and 17. American Sign Language interpretation will be offered at the Sunday, July 13 performance.

Grounds open at 7 p.m. for picnicking, with the show at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$30 for adults, \$25 for seniors age 65 and older and students (with ID), and \$15 for children age 10 and younger.

For the Thursday performances, tickets are \$25 for adults, \$20 for seniors and students, and \$10 for children.

Audience members are en-



Thomas Koo of Brewster portrays Magaldi.

couraged to bring chairs and blankets for lawn seating. A limited number of chairs are available at the venue, and concessions are sold on-site.

For tickets and more information, visit www.musicalsatrichter.org, leave a message at 203-748-6873, or e-mail info@musicalsatrichter.org.

Putnam Receives State Infrastructure Grant

Putnam County has been awarded \$500,000 through the County Infrastructure Grant Program, to make improvements to the Route 311 and Terry Hill Road intersection in Kent.

Upgrades include separate left-turn lanes on both Route 311 approaches, widening the northbound approach of Terry Hill to accommodate two lanes, reconstructing the turning radius from Terry Hill onto Route 311 eastbound, and widening the associated approach.

In addition, an actuated traffic signal will be installed with pedestrian accommodations, and a retaining wall to minimize impact on adjacent properties will be built.

The project also includes drainage improvements, curbing, sidewalk enhancements, landscaping, and resurfacing with new pavement markings, and will pave the way for the

construction of the proposed Patterson Crossing.

First launched in November 2024 and administered by Empire State Development, the County Infrastructure Grant Program awards grants to support small- and medium-sized county-led infrastructure projects.

“Investing in local infrastructure projects generates new opportunities to increase housing and support sustainable economic development,” said Empire State Development President, CEO and Commissioner Hope Knight. “The grants awarded through this program will enable counties across the state to address critical community needs that would not otherwise happen, promoting local and regional growth.”

More information on the program is available at esd.ny.gov/county-infrastructure-grant-program.



The cast of “1776” rehearses the opening number. Photo by Stacy Dumont.

Travel Back to ‘1776’ with Brewster Theater Co.

The Brewster Theater Company opens America’s 250th birthday celebration year with the beloved revolutionary musical “1776.”

This award-winning play will be performed at the Theater at Drew Methodist Church, 28 Gleneida Ave., Carmel, on July 18, 19, 25 and 26, and Aug. 1 and 2, at 7:30 p.m.; and July 27 and Aug. 3 at 2 p.m.

Tickets are available at www.brewstertheater.org and at the door (reservations are recommended).

“The movie ‘1776’ has been

a staple of my adult life with its abundance of catchy music and because of how it theatrically presents such a monumental time in our nation’s history – its successes and its imperfections,” explained Stage Director Stacy Dumont of Patterson. “I love its energy, and I believe our audiences will very much enjoy our production as a kickoff to our 250th anniversary year.”

The production features a large cast and orchestra, led by musical Director Peter Reit of Carmel. It is produced by Bob Dumont of

Patterson and stage managed by Rachel McNamara of Mahopac, and George Opfer.

Under the vocal direction of Ellen Lang of Brewster, “1776” stars Sean Latasa of Patterson, Bob Cady of Mahopac, Philip Anderson of North Salem, Peter Moriarty of Tarrytown, and Ben Kisting of Carmel. Additional members of the Continental Congress hail from Bedford, Brewster, Carmel, Cortlandt Manor, Granite Springs, Mahopac, Millwood, Ossining, Patterson, Putnam Valley, White Plain, and Yorktown Heights.

Food Truck Rally

The Town of Southeast Parks & Recreation Department will hold its first Food Truck Rally on Saturday, July 12 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Castle Park, 142 Pump-house Road, Brewster.

Enjoy bites from some of the area’s best local food trucks, including Frozen Fun Ice Cream, Wandering Dave’s, Wrapper’s Delight, Scotty’s Eggrolls, and Chef Sobre’s Ruedas.

There will also be live music from Old Exit 19.

Admission is free.

For more information, visit www.southeastnyparksandrec.org or call 845-279-3915.

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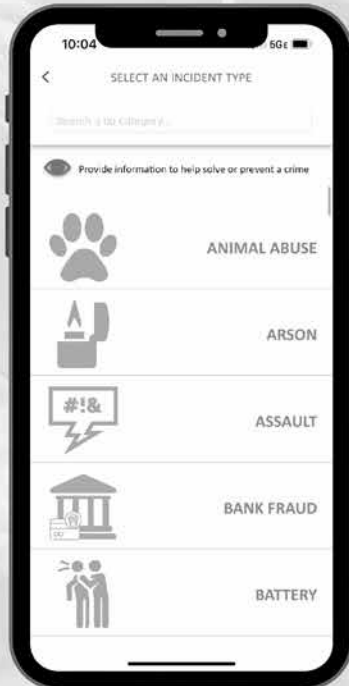
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Mahopac Elementary Students Move On Up!



An Austin Road student receives her certificate.

Fulmar Road fifth-graders are recognized.

Lakeview students are ready for their next adventure.

Fulmar Road Elementary School's fifth-graders marked an important milestone June 24 as they officially moved up to middle school during a ceremony filled with reflection, celebration, and encouragement.

Principal Gary Chadwick opened the event by welcoming families, faculty, and special guests, before recalling the journey that began in 2019 when the students first arrived for their kindergarten screening.

"It seems like just yesterday," he said. "You were filled with the spirit of curiosity, which happened to be our theme for your final year at Fulmar."

Superintendent of Schools Christine Tona shared her congratulations and words of support for the students and their families.

"It's time to look ahead to your next great adventure, Mahopac Middle School," she said. "It's OK to feel excited and a little nervous. That's how you felt when you first came to Fulmar Road, and look how far you've come since then."

The ceremony also featured a performance of "A Fond Fulmar Farewell," a song written by Fulmar alumni Delilah Alvarado, Nora Beltrami, Juliette Gojcay, Camy Healey, Kaitlin McCarthy, and Talia Lividini.

Lakeview Elementary School celebrated its fifth-graders during a moving-up ceremony that marked a joyful milestone as students prepare to transition to middle school.

Principal Elizabeth Blessing celebrated the students' growth and accomplishments, and highlighted how the class embodied the school's motto: "Grow, Achieve, Shine." She also reminded the students to choose their friends wisely and believe in their ability to make a difference in the world.

"Each of you are a dreamer, a doer, and a difference-maker," she said. "You have everything you need to create a world that is kinder, more creative, and fuller of possibility. Never stop dreaming big. Never stop believing in yourselves."

Austin Road Elementary School's fifth grade students celebrated the culmination of their elementary journey with a moving-up ceremony that reflected their achievements and the bright road ahead.

Principal Brian Gilligan reflected on the class's unique legacy, recalling how they were the first kindergarten group to use Chromebooks regularly, and witnessed the transformation of the school's computer lab into a STEAM Lab.

"Leaving Austin Road isn't easy," he said. "It takes courage to say goodbye to the familiar and step into something new. You've made us incredibly proud, and we can't wait to see what you accomplish next."

Fifth grade teacher Susan Downey delivered a heartfelt reflection, sharing how her own career change into education was one of the best decisions of her life, and how proud she is to have spent it working with students like this year's fifth grade class. She celebrated the achievements of the students as individuals and as a community, noting their record-breaking participation in leadership and chorus, and the strong bonds they formed through shared experiences.

Assistant Principal Dr. Michelle Tween provided closing remarks as she shared words of encouragement.

"Austin Road is where you started to grow and learn," she said. "That means one very simple, but incredibly crucial thing: you will always belong here, and you will always find people here who love you for exactly who you are."

Shortnose Sturgeon Make a Comeback in the Hudson

New research estimates the population of endangered shortnose sturgeon in the Hudson River to be nearly 70,000 – likely making it the largest population of sturgeon anywhere in the world, according to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

The study was coauthored by the U.S. Geological Survey Eastern Ecological Science Center.

"The findings, published in a recent scientific article in the Canadian Journal of Fisheries & Aquatic Sciences, highlight both the resilience of shortnose sturgeon as well as the importance of interdisciplinary science to address difficult environmental problems," said Shannon White, a research biologist at EESC and lead author of the study.

The shortnose sturgeon was once abundant in rivers along the Atlantic coast. However, their numbers declined dramatically as the result of overfishing and habitat degradation, leading to their listing under the federal Endangered Species Act in 1973. During this period, the population in the Hudson was estimated to be only about 6,000 adults.

"This study shows that prohibitions on harvest and other protective measures enacted to support population recovery and substantial investments were successful to improve the health of the Hudson River ecosystem," said DEC Division of Marine Resources Director Martin Gary.

In spring 2021, DEC's Hudson and Delaware Marine Fisheries, in partnership with USGS EEC, Cornell University, University of Delaware, and Delaware State University, embarked on a large-scale project to update estimates for the Hudson's shortnose sturgeon population using acoustic telemetry and side-scan sonar.

"By combining these methods, we can efficiently assess population status and track recovery progress, even in a large estuary such as the Hudson," said White.

With funding provided by the Hudson River Foundation, a collaborative team was assembled to assess the status of this shortnose sturgeon population for the first time in three decades, a daunting task for fishes that roam throughout more than 150 miles of the tidal river.

Despite the encouraging population estimate, the study also raises concerns about the sturgeons' vulnerability to localized disturbances. More than 40 percent of the population congregates in a small overwintering habitat, which coincides with an area of high human activity, including commercial shipping and underwater construction.

This finding underscores the vulnerability of the population despite its numerical abundance.

"Sturgeon are among the most endangered animals in the world," said DEC Commissioner Amanda Lefton. "The discovery of this massive sturgeon population in the Hudson River demonstrates the value of DEC's Hudson and Delaware Marine Fisheries' management of the migratory and resident fishes of the Hudson River estuary through numerous long-term monitoring surveys since the 1980s, and highlights the success of the state's ongoing efforts to restore species like the shortnose sturgeon."

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From Bitcoin to Baseball Cards

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sets may not have a simple beneficiary framework allowing them to pass outside of Probate. Transfer of these assets to an account that can be owned by a Trust is vitally important.

This leads us to the third question: are your nontraditional assets valuable enough to trigger estate tax implications? You may be the worst stock picker in North America and a terrible saver, but you had an amazing eye for emerging artists in the early 80s and picked up a few Basquiats and Harings.

Estate tax planning through Trusts may be a necessity for you. The only way to know is conduct an appraisal and work with estate planners with extensive collection experience.

This is my favorite part of planning. A money market account is fine, but a 1961 Topps dice game test-issue Mickey Mantle is finer. Watching a client's eyes light up when discussing their Lionel Trains collection or their art glass is the coolest thing ever.

When estate planning addresses the whole person, the best results usually flow.

Alan D. Feller, Esq., is managing partner of The Feller Group, located at 572 Route 6, Suite 103, Mahopac. He can be reached at alandfeller@thefellergroup.com.



Enjoy a hike to Mead Farm as part of PHM's Stories in Stone Weekend.

Putnam History Museum Hosts Stories in Stone Weekend

Putnam History Museum has announced the return of its popular Stories in Stone Weekend, now in its third year. This two-day program invites history lovers, hikers, and curious minds to uncover the rich and complex past behind the stone structures that dot the region.

The event begins Saturday, July 12 at 5 p.m., with a hybrid talk by author Susan Allport, presenting her book “Sermons in Stone: The Stone Walls of New England & New York.”

Allport will explore the origins and meanings behind these iconic structures beyond their appearance as quaint remnants of early Yankee farming. Her work reveals a broader story that includes indigenous land use, enslaved labor, and the ever-changing American landscape.

This talk will take place at Putnam History Museum at 63 Chestnut St., Cold Spring, (limited seating available), and will also be streamed live online for remote attendees.

On Sunday, July 13, the public is invited to experience history firsthand during a guided hike at Mead Farm, a former 19th-century agricultural site in Carmel. Led by PHM’s Education and Public Programming Manager Kara Mattsen, the hike includes a journey past stone foundations, historic wall structures, and three of Putnam’s mysterious stone chambers.

Two hike sessions are available, 9 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 3:30 p.m. The hike is considered medium difficulty, and is 2 miles roundtrip. Participants will meet at the Dunkin Donuts parking lot at 1090 Route 52, Carmel, and carpool to the trailhead due to limited parking.

For registration and additional information, visit www.putnam-historymuseum.org.

Academic Honors

Joseph Colatruglio and Jessica Fermin of Carmel, and Nicholas Biagini of Mahopac, have been named to the Dean’s List at Mount Saint Mary College in Newburgh for the spring semester.

Owen Ryan of Mahopac has been named to the Dean’s List at St. John Fisher University in Pittsford for the spring semester.

Aidan Galler of Garrison has been named to the Dean’s List at the University of North Dakota for the spring semester.

Lawmakers Push Back Against More NYSEG Rate Hikes

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proval from the Public Service Commission.

Gov. Kathy Hochul is demanding the Department of Public

Service dissect the proposed rate hikes.

“At a time when New Yorkers are struggling to meet everyday costs, NYSEG and RG&E must find a way to avoid these unacceptably high rate hikes,” she said. “I am calling on the Department of Public Service to scrutinize these proposals to ensure these companies have the resources to keep our energy grid going but are not making additional profit off the backs of ratepayers.”

‘Voices of the Hudson Valley’ Highlights Resident Perspectives

Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley has released “Voices of the Hudson Valley,” its data-driven report that compiles valuable community conversations hosted in Dutchess, Putnam, and Ulster counties – synthesizing voices and feedback from the public to capture the themes, hopes, and concerns of the region’s residents with a county-by-county focus.

The findings from this report will influence CFHV’s future grantmaking opportunities and involvement.

“This is more than just a synopsis,” said Laura Washington, president and CEO of CFHV. “It’s a roadmap that will guide our work and help us build a stronger, more connected Hudson Valley. By amplifying the voices of our community, we can drive meaningful change together.”

Within the report, CFHV identifies the perspectives of residents, nonprofit leaders, and business officials across the three counties it serves, detailing what residents love about their hometown and what pressing needs should be addressed.

This regional snapshot reveals that the positive attributes of the Hudson Valley stem from its rich diversity in art and culture, encompassing everything from urban mu-

als and centuries-old historic sites to its libraries, educational institutions, and the beauty of its parks, trails, and protected waterbodies.

In terms of the Hudson Valley’s pressing issues, CFHV identified some areas of concern including a need for housing, with homeownership out of reach and rent increasing; addressing food insecurity, as the Food Bank of the Hudson Valley has almost doubled its distribution to its service area; and a shortage of resources to fight against the mental health and addiction crises.

Additionally, families surveyed noted that childcare options in the Hudson Valley are dwindling, with fewer businesses in each county licensed; and public transportation was noted as dire in rural areas, where people do not have walkable access to goods and services.

Following the report’s release, CFHV plans to host panel discussions, bringing together experts from the community who can lend their insights in each issue area. These public talks will connect community members with nonprofits and other organizations to learn more, volunteer, or donate to a cause they feel passionate about.

CFHV emphasizes that this report serves not as a one-time

initiative, but as a catalyst for ongoing change. While this research allows CFHV to prioritize areas identified by the community, the organization remains committed to addressing a broad range of issues. This research enhances understanding of residents’ perspectives and will facilitate stronger connections within the community as well as the administration and distribution of grants to nonprofits addressing the challenges area residents have deemed most critical.

For more information on CFHV and “Voices of the Hudson Valley,” visit www.CommunityFoundationsHV.org or LinkedIn, Facebook or Instagram.

Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley is a 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.

Established in 1969 as the Area Fund, CFHV has grown to manage more than \$100 million in assets and administers nearly 600 charitable funds, distributing more than \$20 million in grants and scholarships in 2024.

Conservation Grants Available

One million dollars in grant funding is available through the third round of the state’s Community Forest Conservation Grant Program for municipalities to purchase land or conservation easements to create or expand community-owned forests to sustain and protect wildlife habitat, promote clean air and water, preserve biodiversity, and increase access to recreation opportunities and open space.

Municipalities may apply for between \$50,000 and \$300,000.

Awarded applicants will receive the funding in installments as they complete specific stages of the land acquisition process. Expenses eligible for reimbursement include the purchase price of the land or conservation easement, appraisal, survey and boundary marking, title search, environmental assessment, and management plan.

Acquired properties must be 10 or more contiguous acres, have forests on at least 75 percent of the property, be accessible to the public, and provide public benefits

such as recreational opportunities, flood mitigation, wildlife habitat, clean water, and forest products.

Applications are due by Sept. 17.

DEC is hosting a webinar Wednesday, June 25 at 10 a.m., to provide interested applicants with information on the program requirements, funding details, and how to use the new State Financial System for grants. To register, visit [https://meetny.gov.webex.com/weblink/register/rad122039f6c5f7d7c904c2d6bc353bd8](https://meetny.gov/webex.com/weblink/register/rad122039f6c5f7d7c904c2d6bc353bd8).

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Putnam County
Department of Health

PUTNAM COUNTY AND TOWN NOTICES

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Southeast

The Town of Southeast is requesting bids for Chemical Supply Company Services for the period of on or about July 17, 2025 through June 30, 2027. Additional information regarding this RFB is available on the Town website or Bidnet.

The Town will accept proposals on or before 11:00 A.M. on Wednesday, July 16, 2025. Proposals shall be delivered in person, USPS, FedEx, UPS or any ground delivery service in a sealed envelope with their company name and date to: Town of Southeast Town Clerk, 1360 Route 22, Brewster, New York 10509, Re: “2025 Chemical Supply Services.” Proposals will be opened at 11:01 A.M. or soon thereafter. Proposers will be notified of the results.

Any questions concerning this bid request, contact the Town Clerk, Kathleen Chiudina, at (845) 279-2196 or email kchiudina@southeast-ny.gov for additional information.

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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 Monday, July 21, 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 upon 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 application:

Jaime Ramirez, owner of premises located at 255 North Main Street, Tax Map ID 45.16-1-34, 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 an addition to an existing residence which, as proposed, would be set back 22’ from the front (easterly) property line where a minimum set back of 35’ is required in an NB zone.

Luz Elena Gomez, owner of premises located at 24 Wilson Road, Tax Map ID 56.18-2-2, seeks to vary the terms of sections 138-20 and 138-25 of the Zoning Code, as the same require minimum setbacks of structures from adjoining property lines, to permit the applicant to construct a deck attached to an existing residence which, as proposed, would be set back 30’ from the easterly front property line where a minimum of 35’ is required and 18’ from the northerly side property line where a minimum set back of 20’ is required in an R-20 zoning district.

Steven Napolitano, owner of premises located at 451 Maple Road, Tax Map ID 55.-1-34, seeks to vary the terms of sections 138-20 and 138-25 of the Zoning Code, as the same require minimum setbacks of structures from adjoining property lines, to permit the applicant to legalize an existing shed which, as constructed, lies 19.1’ from the southerly rear property line where a minimum set back of 50’ is required and 7.4’ from the westerly side property line where a minimum set back 20’ is required in an R-60 zone.

Michael Morganti, contract vendee of property located at 3810 Danbury Road, Tax Map ID 68.-2-44.1, seeks to vary the terms of the Zoning Code as the same pertains to bulk / area requirements in the SR-6 zoning district, to permit the applicant to construct a building which, as proposed, would require the following area

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variances: 1. Front Yard (Brush Hollow): 13’ variance where 22’ is proposed and minimum 35’ is required; 2. Rear Yard (Danbury Road): 13’ variance where 22’ is proposed and minimum of 35’ is required; 3. Lot Coverage: 15% variance where 60% is proposed and a maximum of 45% is permitted; 4. Open Space: 15% variance where 40% is proposed and minimum of 55% is required; and 5. Front Parking Setback: 8’ variance where 2’ is proposed and minimum 10’ is required.

Finn Properties 2525 Carmel Avenue, LLC, owner of property located at 2525 Carmel Avenue, Tax Map ID 67.6-1-35, seeks a Use Variance from the terms of the Zoning Code as the same prohibits the use of property unless the proposed use is specifically permitted in a particular zoning district, to permit the applicant to use and utilize the Subject Premises as a Motor Vehicle Service Station, a use which is not listed in the Zoning Code as a permitted use in a GC zone.

By Order of the ZBA
Roderick Cassidy, Chairman

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Carmel

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Carmel, Putnam County, New York, at a meeting held on the 2nd day of July 2025 duly adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION TERMINATING WATER EMERGENCY DECLARATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 151-22 OF THE TOWN CODE

WHEREAS, that the Town Board of the Town of Carmel, has been advised by Town Engineer Richard J. Franzetti that the water emergency previously declared within Carmel Water Districts #1, #8, #10 and #13 may now be terminated;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 151-22 (A) of the Town Code of the Town of Carmel, the Town Board, acting as Commissioners of Carmel Water Districts #1, #8, #10 and #13, hereby terminates the water emergency previously declared on or about May 7, 2025 with respect to Carmel Water Districts #1, #8, #10 and #13; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Clerk is directed to publish this resolution in the official newspapers of the Town and to post said resolution on the official bulletin Board of the Town.

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

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Patterson

TOWN OF PATTERSON PLANNING & ZONING OFFICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY THE TOWN OF PATTERSON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS of a public hearing to be held on Wednesday, July 16, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. at the Patterson Town Hall, 1142 Route 311, Patterson, Putnam County, New York to consider the following applications:

1. **Fredy Beltran & Doris Vasquez: Case #20-24– Area Variances (Held Over since June 18, 2025):** Applicant is requesting three area variances

pursuant to §154-7 and §154-27A(12)(a) of the Patterson Town Code in order to legalize a 4 ft. x 6 ft. shed for garbage receptacle storage forward of the principal dwelling. Town Code §154-7 requires accessory structures in the R-1 Zoning District to meet a minimum front yard setback of 35 ft. and a minimum side yard setback of 15 ft. Structure exists 10 ft. from the front property line and 13 ft. from the side property line; **variances requested are for 25 ft. and 2 ft. respectively.** Town Code §154-27A(12)(a) prohibits accessory structures from being located in the front yard; **variance requested is to allow the structure to be located in the front yard.** This property is located at 155 Route 164. Tax Map 23.11-1-45 (R-1 Zoning District).

2. **Rebeca & Steven Bonacci: Case #12-25– Area Variances (Held Over since June 18, 2025):** Applicants are requesting three area variances pursuant to §154-27A(12) of the Patterson Town Code in order to legalize a 12 ft. x 10 ft. shed in a front yard. Town Code §154-27A(12)(a) prohibits accessory structures from being located in the front yard. The subject property has frontage on two streets and, therefore, is deemed to have two front yards. Shed is located between the side of the dwelling and Wallace Place; **variance requested is to allow the shed to be located in a front yard.** Town Code §154-27A(12) (b) prohibits accessory structures from being located nearer than 15 ft. to the principal dwelling. Shed is 7 ft. from the dwelling; **variance requested is for 8 ft.** Town Code §154-7 requires accessory structures to meet a minimum front yard setback of 15 ft. Shed is 12 ft. from the front property line; **variance requested is for 3 ft.** This property is located at 15 Sharon Road. Tax Map 36.23-1-20 (RPL-10 Zoning District).

3. **Ann Denholm: Case #16-25– Special Use Permit-Accessory Apartment (Held Over since June 18, 2025):** Applicant is requesting a special use permit pursuant to §154-105 of the Patterson Town Code in order to legalize an accessory apartment in an existing single-family dwelling. This property is located at 61 Baldwin Road. Tax Map 13.-1-34 (R-4 Zoning District).

4. **Thomas & Cheryl Smith: Case #17-25– Area Variance:** Applicants are requesting one area variance pursuant to §154-27A(12)(a) of the Patterson Town Code in order to construct a 36 ft. x 36 ft. garage with a covered outdoor storage area forward of the dwelling. Town Code §154-27A(12)(a) prohibits accessory structures from being located in the front yard; **variance requested is to allow the garage to be located in the front yard.** This property is located at 6 Clifton Court. Tax Map 34.-4-25 (R-4 Zoning District).

5. **Edwin Luna & Glendy Guerra: Case #18-25– Area Variances:** Applicants are requesting two area variances pursuant to §154-7 and §154-27A(12) (a) of the Patterson Town Code in order to install a 500-gallon fuel tank in the front yard of an existing, nonconforming lot. Town Code §154-27A(12)(a) prohibits accessory structures from being located in the front yard. Tank will be located forward of the dwelling; **variance requested is to allow the accessory structure to be located in a front yard.** Town Code §154-7 also requires that accessory structures meet a minimum front yard setback of 40 ft. Tank will be 23 ft. from the front property line; **variance requested is for 17 ft.** This property is located at 170 Brimstone Road. Tax Map 25.-1-18 (R-4 Zoning District).

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By Order of the ZBA
Robert Schmitt, Chairman
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Supreme Court

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT -
COUNTY OF PUTNAM

U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as owner trustee for REO Trust 2017-RPL1

Plaintiff,

Against

Ronald Hund; Doris E Hund; U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as owner trustee for REO Trust 20 17-RPL1

Defendant(s)

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale, duly entered 12/18/2024, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction, in Courtroom 209 in the Putnam Supreme Courthouse, 20 County Center, Carmel, NY 10512 on 7/28/2025 at 9:30AM, premises known as 28 Quaker Road, Carmel, NY 10512 and described as follows:

ALL that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of Kent, County of Putnam and State of New York. Section 22.80 Block 1 Lot 56 The approximate amount of the current Judgment lien is \$205,566.05 plus interest and costs. The Premises will be sold subject to provisions of the aforesaid Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale; Index # 501354/2022 Michael John Khader, Esq., Referee.

SHELDON MAY & ASSOCIATES Attorneys at Law, 255 Merrick Road, Rockville Centre, NY 11570

Dated: 5/5/2025 File Number: 37741 CA

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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF PUTNAM **U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR THE HOLDERS OF BANC OF AMERICA FUNDING CORPORATION MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-3**, Plaintiff AGAINST **CLIVE JOHNS, ANNA JOHNS, ET AL.**, Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered April 24, 2025, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction in Courtroom 209 of the Putnam Supreme Court, 20 County Center, Carmel, NY 10512 on August 4, 2025 at 9:30 AM, premises known as 8 Clearbrook Drive, Mahopac, NY 10541. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of Carmel, County of Putnam and State of New York, Section 74.12 Block 2 and Lot 39. Approximate amount of judgment \$607,050.55 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index #500324/2024. Julie A. Cherico, Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC 1775 Wehrle Drive Williamsville, NY 14221 22-001699 85728

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LLC

INDREALTY LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State

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

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

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

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Notice of Formation of **Le-one Lactation, LLC**. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 5/28/2025. Office location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Natalya Leone, 38 Ponderosa Rd, Carmel, New York, 10512. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

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Notice of Formation of **MCNP, LLC**. Articles of Org filed with SSNY on 3/24/2025. Office Location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o MCNP,LLC, 12 Greenbrier Ct, Mahopac, NY, 10541 Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity.

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Try Your Hand at Indigo Dying



Hand-dyed fabric by students of a GAC workshop. The patterns were created using a technique called Itajime.

As part of Upstate Art Week-end, Garrison Art Center invites the community to participate in a hands-on community indigo dyeing and Shibori event Saturday, July 19 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at 23 Garrison's Landing (rain or shine).

Led by teaching artist Katrin Reifeiss, participants will have the opportunity to learn a traditional Japanese Shibori technique, or

simply dip and dye for the fun of it. This event reflects GAC's ongoing commitment to making art accessible, engaging, and deeply rooted in community. Whether you're refreshing a vintage linen, reviving a stained shirt, or up-cycling something well-loved, the experience is about creative experimentation and shared joy.

The cost is \$10 per item to dye (natural fibers only, and no

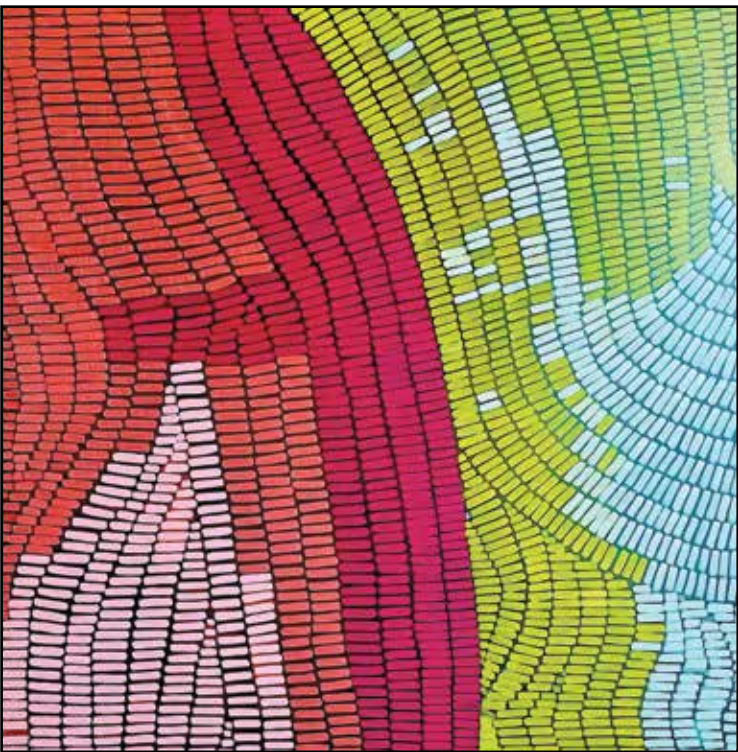


A student unravels fabric during last year's Shibori workshop at GAC.

oversized items such as bedspreads or quilts). To learn more and to register, visit www.garrisonartcenter.org/upaw-at-gac.

For information about exhibitions, classes, and other programs at GAC, visit the website or Instagram, or call 845-424-3960.

Garrison Art Center is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit arts and education organization founded in 1964.



"The Cross of Change."

See a 'Kaleidoscope' of Colors at Kent Library

"Kaleidoscope" by Pradeep Gupta will be on display at Kent Public Library through July 31.

Gupta said his artistic practice is influenced by Eastern philosophy.

"Putting colors and intuitive marks on the canvas is like a meditative process to me," he said. "My art pieces are simple, abstract, and minimalistic in nature with a focus on texture and materiality."

Through the careful layering and manipulation of these elements, Gupta said artworks become an expression of mindfulness and serenity.

"Never, ever do I think about



Pradeep Gupta

what others expect or want, or what will sell, but rather I look at my time in my studio as a process of discovery," he said. "I identify who I am with my artwork, in other works. I love the work; the experience of making each art piece."

For more information about the artist, go to <https://pradeep-gupta.com>.

The Kent Public Library is open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays; until 5 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays; and until 3 p.m. Saturdays. For more information, or to see pictures of Gupta's work, go to KentLibrary.org.



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New Dead Experience

The Dead For Everyone

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Film Composer

7 PM Fri - July 25

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Hot Salsa

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