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It was a beautiful day to line Route 6 and cheer on the Mahopac Volunteer Fire Department, and many other departments, civic organizations, marching bands, and others who participated in the annual dress parade July 23. Here, the Stephen P. Driscoll Memorial Pipe Band proudly marches through the hamlet. Photos by Chloe Wareham-Gordon.

Hats Off to Mahopac Fire Dept. On Another Spirited Parade!



Additional photos of the participants, and the crowd, are on pages 8 and 9.

Brewster Village OKs Zone Change For Garden Street *Will Allow Affordable Housing*

By Holly Crocco

The Brewster Village Board has approved a local law that changes the zoning code in the district where the former Garden Street School resides, allowing for the development of affordable housing.

A concept for the property has been proposed by Covington Development LLC and WBP Development LLC, which owns the property. It was brought forward around February, and the zone change was necessary to entertain the concept further.

The motion passed 3-0 during

the village board's July 13 meeting, with Deputy Mayor Christine Piccini abstaining from the vote, saying she objected to the proposal the way it was written. (Trustee Mary Bryde was not present.)

The zoning change increases the height limit allowed from two and a half stories to five stories, and increases the number of bedrooms allowed per acre from 32 to 40. At about 9.9 acres, the property would be able to accommodate no more than 396 bedrooms (about 198 apartments).

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8 Farms Added to Putnam Ag District

By Rob Sample

The Putnam County Legislature recently approved the addition of eight farms from five towns to the countywide agricultural district – which aims to help preserve the local agricultural industry and protect farmland from non-agricultural development.

The Legislature's approval came after a public hearing July 7 and followed a robust series of public comments for and against the proposals, as well as similar discussion by the legislators during a subsequent meeting. The county's Agricultural & Farmland Protection Board had recommended 10 parcels for

approval, of which two were rejected by the Legislature.

The projects approved for the agricultural district were: Ferguson's Farm in Kent, 7 acres; Crooked Fence Farm in Kent and Carmel, 7.66 acres; Teakettle Farm in Carmel, 4.37 acres; High Point Equestrian in Patterson, 75 acres; Hidden Hope Farm in Patterson, 18.61 acres; CQW, Inc., in Southeast, 20.69 acres; Dingle Ridge Pollinator Farm in Southeast, 16.67 acres; and Twin Oak Ventures in Southeast, 48.88 acres.

A farmstand proposed at 84 Ludingtonville Road in Holmes, within the Town of Patterson,

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Legislature Revisits Options for Public Park in County Seat *What Should Become of Gleneida Avenue Building?*

By Holly Crocco

The topic of what to do with the dilapidated county-owned building at 34 Gleneida Ave., in Carmel, is back up for discussion and while options for that space are varied, one thing is absolute – a new home for United For the Troops must be found before any moves are made.

"We have an opportunity to change the look of 34 Gleneida," said Bill Gouldman, R-Putnam Valley, chairman of the County Legislature's Physical Services Committee, at its July 16 meeting.

He said the building has been up for sale for the last seven years, and while offers

and proposals have been made, there has always been some discrepancy on the Legislature regarding whether the building should be sold, knocked down, or repurposed – and how.

The site, which is a prime piece of lakefront real estate, is the former Putnam Motor Sales building. Throughout the years it has housed Putnam County SCORE, the Industrial Development Agency, and other county offices, as well as the county's archives. Its current occupant is United For the Troops, a local nonprofit organization that organizes the sending of care packages to service members

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A rendering provided by former County Legislator Richard Othmer shows what the property at 34 Gleneida Ave., Carmel, could look like, if the current building is demolished and a greenspace for a park (left) is created.

County Considers Tax Break For Surviving Police Spouses

By Holly Crocco

Putnam County is poised to approve a tax exemption for surviving spouses of police officers who are killed in the line of duty.

During its July 14 meeting, the county’s Rules Committee unanimously approved a 50 percent tax reduction on the assessed property value of the qualifying primary residence for a homeowner in Putnam County whose spouse has been killed in the line of duty as a police officer. The exemption is provided under Real Property Tax Law Section 471, in accordance with state-enabling legislation.

The resolution will go before the full Legislature for a vote next week.

“When a police officer makes the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty, their family carries that burden forever,” said Legislator Jake D’Angelo, R-Carmel, who brought the resolution forward. “It won’t erase their loss and it won’t make them whole, but it’s a tangible way for Putnam County to stand with those families and recognize the sacrifice that was made on behalf of all of us... If we’re serious about backing the blue, then we should be serious about backing the families they leave behind.”

Legislator Amy Sayegh, R-Mahopac Falls, said it will be hard to predict what the fiscal impact will be for the county until the application process begins for surviving spouses, because the county doesn’t have all the records of police officers who may have been married out of state.

“There’s no way to track this,” she said. “So it would be an application process” through the assessor’s office.

Still, Sayegh said it’s a worthy investment.

“I think it’s a small gesture for the ultimate sacrifice for our public safety and well-being,” she said, noting that the exemption would be retroactive, and could pertain to officers who died in the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. “It has to be in the line of duty – 9/11 attacks were in the line of duty... Surviving spouses of people who perished in those terrible attacks could apply for an exemption on their property tax and be granted.”

Legislator Nancy Montgomery, D-Philipstown, expressed support for the resolution, but noted that the state needs to come up with more ways to support veterans, first-responders, and other service members without shifting the burden to other taxpayers.

“I really support being able to keep these people in our community,” she said. “That’s really important to me, and the higher our taxes are the less likely they are to stay here in Putnam County. So this is a great step toward that. I (would) just like to have more information so I can tell the

people who have to pay more.”

Legislator Tommy Regan, R-Brewster, noted that the county has to adhere to the law the way that it has been written by the state – including the definition of “killed in the line of duty.” For example, if someone dies tomorrow from a 9/11-related illness, their spouse may not be eligible for the tax exemption.

“Albany has given us permission to give the tax exemption to a completely deserving, small quantity of people,” he said. “There is zero fiscal impact on Albany with the proposal Albany has sent us... I couldn’t miss the opportunity to state the obvious, that Albany – which gave us permission to provide this exemption – will not provide relieve as part of this initiative.”

It was also acknowledged that the exemption will have more impact on those who qualify for it if the towns and school districts also pass resolutions.

Legislator Bill Gouldman, R-Putnam Valley, said that whatever the county can to do help law enforcement families is a worthy cause.

“It’s a bad world out there and sometimes a police officer has to make the ultimate sacrifice,” he said. “We have to do something to keep that wife, husband, children in the house that they currently live in, and this could help.”

Further, he said the measure helps to encourage people to continue pursuing service jobs.

“The state is allowing the county, schools, and towns to pass this, and I would like to see my town, Putnam Valley, and the school district support something like this,” said Gouldman. “The reality is we’re only talking about the county taxes, which is a very small percentage of the total tax bill. School and town taxes are a lot more and would help a family in need to stay here in Putnam County.”



Master storyteller Jonathan Kruk and local resident Ann Fanizzi at Enoch Crosby Day at Reed Memorial Library in Carmel. Provided photo.

Reed Library Honors Putnam’s Original Spy

It was Enoch Crosby Day at Reed Memorial Library in Carmel on July 17, when master storyteller and author Jonathan Kruk was joined by local resident Ann Fanizzi and library staff in presenting a program that reminded residents how Putnam history is basically an 18th-century spy thriller.

Fanizzi worked with Library Director Denise Martens to make the day happen. “It was a great turnout,” said Fanizzi. “We filled the room.”

Enoch Crosby was a patriot soldier who moved to Southeast (at that time part of Dutchess County) in 1753. He apprenticed a shoemaker in Kent at the age of 16. When the Revolutionary War broke out in 1775, Crosby joined the Continental Army. After falling ill, he was sent home to recover, where he continued his profession as a cobbler.

A year later, Crosby planned to rejoin the American army when he fell in with a man who was a Tory, and supposing Crosby to be one also, invited him to join a company then forming to aid the British. According to the Enoch Crosby DAR, Crosby seized this opportunity of gaining information. During the night he slipped away and immediately communicated this information to the Committee of Safety in White Plains, which was headed by John Jay. A

group of mounted rangers, with Crosby as guide, surrounded and captured the entire band of Tories. Crosby informed Jay of his desire to re-enlist, but Jay persuaded him to become a secret agent and join various bands of Tories. This was probably the beginning of U.S. intelligence, and Crosby was considered the first secret agent of the United States, according to the DAR.

Crosby died June 26, 1835, and was buried beside his first wife in the Old Gilead Cemetery in Carmel.

Fanizzi called Kruk’s portrayal of Crosby brilliant, saying it brought one of America’s original super spies to life.

“He’s an amazing storyteller who wrapped it all up,” said Fanizzi. “It was an great day to celebrate this hero of Putnam and Southeast, and really shaped our celebration of the 250th anniversary of America.”

The library is home to a life-size Enoch Crosby, and patrons are invited to stop by and grab a picture with Putnam County’s favorite secret agent.

If you missed this event, don’t worry – more events to celebrate Enoch Crosby are in the works.

Fanizzi said she wants to make sure the community is aware of this modest person – a shoemaker-turned-spy. “He more than deserves a sculpture,” she said.

Donations Sought for Back-to-School Drive

Putnam Community Action Partnership has launched its annual back-to-school supplies drive to help children in need prepare for the upcoming school year.

“Imagine walking into your first day of school without a backpack, pencils, or the basic tools everyone else has,” wrote CAP Director Marisa O’Leary in a letter to the public. “For many children in our community, this is a harsh reality that creates immediate leaning disadvantages and emotional hurdles before the first bell even rings.”

The drive is currently accepting new, sturdy backpacks suitable for elementary-through-high-school students, as well as \$25 or \$50

gift cards to Staples, Target, or Walmart. Donations will be accepted through Wednesday, Aug. 12, at: Putnam CAP, 121 Main St., Brewster; Patterson Recreation Center, 65 Front St.; as well as the Carmel, Kent, Southeast, Putnam Valley, Yorktown, and Somers town halls.

“Providing families with the autonomy and dignity of selecting their own supplies is important,” said O’Leary. “Our goal is to provide each child with a brand new backpack and \$50 in gift cards so they can shop for exactly what they need.”

Donations can also be made at www.putnamcap.org.

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What Qualifies as First Amendment Rights?

Dear Editor:
Last time I read the First Amendment, defacing public property was not one of the protected activities. Those who deface public property claim they are “engaging in First Amendment protected activity.”
If defacing property is protected by the First Amendment, then why do the defacers scream bloody murder and run to the law when defacement happens to them?
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Another Resilient Quarter for Putnam Housing Market

Buyer Demand Outpacing Supply

It was another resilient quarter for the real estate markets across Westchester, Putnam, and Dutchess counties, with sustained buyer demand continuing to support price appreciation despite moderating sales activity in several segments, according to the Houlihan Lawrence Q2 2026 Westchester-Putnam-Dutchess Market Report released last week.

The quarterly report shows that demand continues to outpace supply across much of the region. While buyers have become more selective, they remain ready to act when well-priced, move-in-ready homes come to market, supporting healthy competition and continued price growth.

Westchester County continues to lead the region's luxury market, with strong pricing and sustained demand despite fewer closed sales. The Putnam County market remains steady, reflecting balanced buyer activity and stable pricing. Dutchess County continues to attract buyers seeking value, lifestyle, and space, while also seeing inventory improve across several price segments compared to a year ago.

"As we enter the second half of the year, the market is gradually becoming more balanced," said Liz Nunan, president and CEO of Houlihan Lawrence. "Buyers are benefiting from increased selection, while sellers who price strategically and present their homes well continue to achieve excellent results. The fundamentals remain exceptionally strong, reinforcing the long-term appeal and value of our markets."

In Putnam County (Brewster, Carmel, Garrison, Haldane, Lakeland, Mahopac, and Putnam Valley), the number of homes sold was down 4 percent, with no change in the median sale price.

Driven by rising sales, continued price appreciation, and sustained buyer demand, the luxury real estate market across New York and Connecticut remained strong in the second quarter of 2026, according to the Houlihan Lawrence Q2 2026 Luxury Market Report.

Westchester County led the region, with luxury sales above \$2 million climbing more than 16 percent and homes selling above asking price. Putnam and Dutchess counties continued to attract buyers seeking lifestyle, space, and long-term value, with homes sold over \$1 million across both counties increasing 5 percent.

"While inventory improved in several luxury price segments, supply at the highest end of the market remains limited," said Nunan. "Well-priced, exceptional homes continue to command significant interest, reinforcing the strength and resilience of the luxury market."

In Putnam, the highest-priced home sold for \$2.4 million in Mahopac. The number of homes sold was up 4.9 percent, with the median sale price also up 4.9 percent.

Houlihan Lawrence is a real estate brokerage serving New York City's northern suburbs. Founded in Bronxville in 1888, the company has 32 offices and more than 1,450 agents serving Westchester, Putnam, Dutchess, Columbia, Ulster, and Orange counties in New York, and Fairfield County in Connecticut.

County Executive Campaigns Announce Fundraising Numbers

The top two candidates running for Putnam County executive in November recently announced the amounts their campaigns raised in the most recent filing period – which is often used as a barometer to gauge support for a candidate who has received contributions from political parties, businesses big and small, residents, and various organizations.

The campaign to elect Brett Yarris as Putnam County executive announced July 17 that it raised more than \$92,700, claiming that number to be nearly nine times the \$11,185.00 reported by incumbent County Executive Kevin Byrne

The haul was powered by 284 individual contributions, with 25.7 percent coming from donors giving less \$100.

"This isn't about money, it's about regular Putnam citizens who are done with this county's managed decline and are ready to invest in our future: community college, workforce housing, good jobs," said Yarris, "We're not just running to win an election; we're running to prove what this county can be."

The campaign also reported more than \$60,000 cash on hand, "providing the resources to continue building a countywide grassroots campaign focused on creating opportunity, protecting Putnam's character, and investing in the county's future."

Yarris framed the numbers as evidence of enthusiasm that money alone can't manufacture.

"People from every corner of our county – Republicans, Democrats, Independents, Conservatives, Libertarians, and Working Families in a broad coalition – are stepping up because they know we need leadership with a vision for the future," he said.

Byrne, however, called Yarris's victory lap "both premature



Putnam County Executive Kevin Byrne

and misleading," noting that his own campaign's initial July filing was incomplete and in the process of being amended.

On July 23, the Kevin Byrne for Putnam County campaign reported more than \$180,000 cash on hand – calling it the largest amount ever reported by a candidate for Putnam County executive and more than triple the cash on hand of his opponent.

The campaign said its strong financial position reflects the broad coalition of support Byrne has earned through his record of delivering results for taxpayers.

"This campaign has always been about delivering results, and I'm humbled that so many residents, community leaders, and organizations have chosen to invest in our vision for Putnam County's future," said Byrne. "Together, we've cut taxes, strengthened public safety, invested in infrastructure, and made county government more accountable and transparent. I'm honored by this support, and I'm committed to continuing to build on that record."

More than two dozen labor unions have contributed thousands of dollars to the Byrne campaign, along with local residents, grassroots volunteers, first responders, law enforcement professionals,



County Executive Candidate Brett Yarris

small business owners, community leaders, and supporters from across Putnam, according to Byrne.

"The numbers tell a clear story," said campaign spokesman Joseph Nickischer. "Kevin Byrne has assembled the broadest coalition of support in this race, and it shows. Reporting the largest cash-on-hand total ever for a Putnam County executive candidate while maintaining more than three times the cash on hand of his opponent is a testament to the confidence people have in Kevin's leadership and his record of fiscal responsibility."

Yarris criticized the incumbent's announcement, saying the Byrne campaign missed the filing deadline, filed inaccurate and "incomplete" numbers when it did file, and coming up with an amendment that "magically produced tens of thousands more dollars they couldn't find in time."

Byrne pointed out that his campaign filed a January disclosure while his opponent did not, "meaning the funds we've raised this year reflect actual 2026 fundraising and not carryover money from a previous, unsuccessful campaign."

The election for Putnam County executive will take place Nov. 3.



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Kent Reenactor Performs For the Clintons

Kent resident Michael Baker depicted Dr. and Maj. Gen. Joseph Warren – a Founding Father most Americans have never heard of – during a June 27 reenactment at Susan Lawrence Gourmet Kitchen in Chappaqua, as part of Revolutionary Westchester 250’s “Toast 250, Tavern Nights.”

Seventy-five invited guests, including former President and First Lady Bill and Hillary Clinton, learned about Warren and his significant contribution to the Revolutionary movement. At the end of the war, many Americans felt he could have been the first president, had he survived.

Warren’s sacrifice for our independence ended when a British musket ball caused his death at the Battle of Bunker Hill on June 13, 1775.

Baker will be presenting Warren’s story at the Kent Public Library this fall. Stay tuned for details.



Michael Baker with former President Bill Clinton.

Putnam Agencies Receive HVCU Grants

Three nonprofit organizations in Putnam County have been awarded grants through the Hudson Valley Credit Union’s HVCU Charitable Foundation.

Philipstown Depot Theatre, Putnam County Housing Corporation, and Second Chance Foods join many other nonprofits in the region to receive a combined \$550,000 in grants going to 80 nonprofits across 13 counties – helping to expand access to essential resources in four key categories of need: education, food, health, and housing.

A total of \$383,900 was distributed to 50 Mid-Hudson Valley-based organizations.

The foundation’s Grant Review Committee used a data-informed approach to ensure grantees would address significant community needs and deliver measurable outcomes. Awardees were recognized for an ability to tackle immediate challenges and create pathways for long-term stability.

Nutrition Corner

By Allison J. Stowell
MS, RD, CDN



Tinned Fish

It’s well established that fish and seafood are an important part of a healthy diet. Tinned fish make it easy to meet the American Heart Association guideline of consuming fish at least twice per week to lower risk of heart disease. Today’s tinned fish options go far beyond just tuna fish, to include other fish and a variety of seasonings and oils. We can use these convenient products in a variety of ways.

On today’s supermarket shelves, you’ll find unique options of tinned fish that help you create flavorful dishes with little effort. While all these options will be high in essential omega-fats, some may also contain other fats or sodium. Review the nutrition facts panel to ensure you are choosing the best option for you.

Try tinned fish in these easy combinations:

Deconstructed Sushi: Pick up tinned spicy salmon or tuna and enjoy along with diced avocado, sliced cucumber, and sushi rice (try the microwave cup for added convenience). Scoop it up with seaweed snacks (or turn it into a grain bowl with seaweed as an additional topping).

Easy Spring Rolls: Gently dip rice paper in warm water to make it pliable. Then add tinned fish and thinly sliced veggies to the center of the paper, along with avocado, beans, sprouts or other ingredients. Fold in the edges first, then roll bottom to top to make a spring roll. (Combine ginger, rice vinegar, a bit of low sodium soy sauce and honey for a quick dipping sauce).

Mediterranean Salad: Combine tinned fish with desired ingredients like no salt added beans, artichoke, grape tomatoes, and red onion. Season as needed and enjoy over greens.

Provençal Onion Pizza: If you’re looking for a unique pizza that combines sweet, salty and savory (and can even be made on the grill), visit GuidingStars.com. It offers just the right amount of decadence, while still being nutritious.

Lettuce Wraps: Combine tuna with finely diced celery, crushed cashews, cilantro, ginger, and a bit of sesame oil. Scoop onto bibb lettuce along with sliced carrot, celery, fresh lime juice and sesame seeds.

Allison Stowell MS, RD, CDN is a registered dietitian for Hannaford Supermarket. For more information about free, virtual nutrition classes and more, visit Hannaford.com/dietitians. To learn more about the Guiding Stars nutrition guidance program, visit GuidingStars.com.

**Broccoli, Tuna, and White Bean Salad
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Packed with lean protein and fiber-rich veggies, this healthy salad is sure to satisfy and comes together in just 10 minutes.

Ingredients:
1 (12 oz) bag broccoli florets
3 tbsp olive oil
¼ cup white balsamic vinegar
2 tbsp grainy Dijon mustard
¼ tsp sugar
1 red bell pepper
2 (5 oz) cans solid white albacore tuna
1 (15.5 oz) can white cannellini beans
½ (5 oz) pkg baby arugula

Directions:
To a medium microwave-safe bowl, add the broccoli and ¼ cup water. Cover with vented plastic and microwave 5 min., until stems are tender.

Meanwhile, in a large bowl, whisk together the oil, vinegar, mustard, and sugar. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Seed and thinly slice the bell pepper. Drain the tuna. Drain and rinse the beans.

Drain the broccoli and add to large bowl along with the bell pepper, tuna, and beans. Toss until well combined. Add the arugula and toss. Season with salt and pepper to taste.

Crunchy Creamy Green Pea and Peanut Salad

(Family Features)
**Crunchy and Creamy Cold
Green Pea and Peanut Salad**

Dressing:
1/3 cup sour cream
1 1/2 tablespoons mayonnaise
2 teaspoons apple cider vinegar
2 teaspoons sugar

Salad:
1 package (20 ounces) green peas, frozen
1 cup celery, chopped
1/3 cup red onions, chopped
1 cup dry roasted peanuts
6 slices thick cut bacon, cooked and crumbled
1 pinch salt, or to taste
1 pinch freshly ground black pepper, or to taste

Directions:
To make dressing: In small mixing bowl, whisk sour cream,



mayonnaise, apple cider vinegar and sugar.

To make salad: In large mixing bowl, combine frozen green peas, celery and onion. Pour dressing over salad and toss to combine. Refrigerate at least 2 hours.

Before serving, stir in roasted peanuts and crumbled bacon. Season with salt and freshly ground black pepper.

Servings: 8
Source: Georgia Peanut Commission

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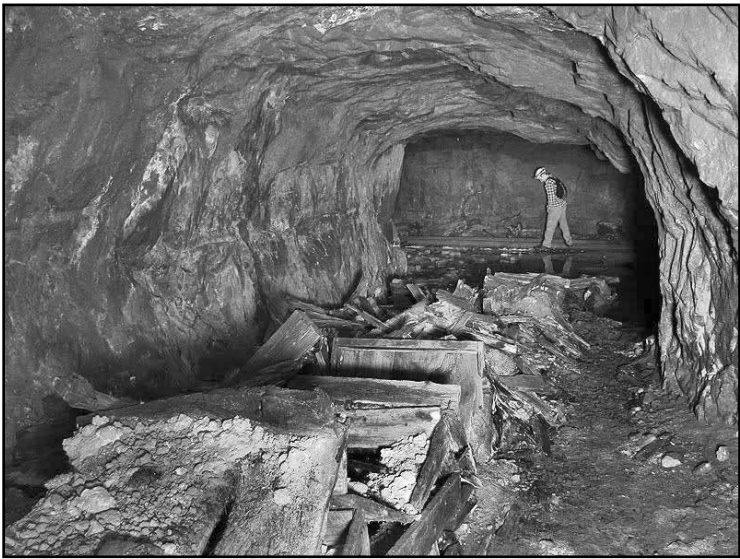
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History Column

Jack Alcott, Southeast Historian



A glimpse inside the Croton Magnetic Mines. Photo by IronMiners.

Tales of Satanic Rituals at the Croton Mines

In the spring of 1880, a get-rich-quick mania akin to gold fever took hold of residents in Brewster, Croton Falls, and Somers, except that the valuable metal everyone was looking for wasn't gold, it was iron ore.

With lucrative operations starting anew at the Theall-McCollum iron mines about 2 miles southwest of Brewster that year, area folks were going around testing rocks with magnets in hopes of discovering iron on their property worth a "princely sum," according to the April 2, 1880, edition of The Brewster Standard.

"This delusion," the newspaper declared, "has caused widespread excitement and we hear of farmers here and there who are neglecting the spring work on their farms in the hope that by turning their attention to sinking test shafts they will find a fortune."

The Theall-McCollum mines are behind what today is the Diverting Reservoir spillway at Route 22 and 202, and their deposits stretch toward the Croton Falls Reservoir. Mining started there in the 1850s, but began in earnest in 1880 when the Cheever & Durant Mining Co. took over operations from the Harvey Steel Co.

Sometimes called the Daisy Lane Mines or the Lower Mine, it became the Croton Magnetic Mine in 1882, producing 100,000 tons of iron ore before closing down in 1900.

An Aug. 20, 1880, Brewster Standard story captured the mines' growth and industrial activity:

"The Cheever & Durant Mining Co. are now using a diamond steam drill at the McCollum mine. At the Theall mine a track will be laid and the ore will be carried to the mouth of the tunnel in cars. At some future date the track will be extended to the Harlem R.R., and a building to contain offices, a laboratory, and other necessary apartments will be erected near the proposed switch junction."

A U.S. report on mines in 1902 noted: "Large expenditures were also made on the Theall mine, near Brewster, which was an extensive tunnel with stopes (a step or notch in a mine), shafts, and galleries. A concentrating plant was erected at this mine but subsequently dismantled."

One of Thomas Edison's com-

panies tried to revive the mine in 1912, but quickly suffered a financial failure.

Before the enterprise went under, it built massive concrete silos for ore that stood until 2007, when they were torn down by a residential developer. Various structures and rusting pieces of 19th century mining machinery can still be found in the woods around the area.

It appears that in the 1960s and 70s, the abandoned mine tunnels started to attract teenage pranksters or satanic cultists, depending on whom you talk to. Local newspapers reported that candles set up in pentagram formations were sometimes found burning in the mines along with devil-worshipping paraphernalia and cabalistic graffiti.

The Croton Magnetic Mine tunnels have since been blocked from public access.

Many Brewster residents recall exploring the mines back in the day.

From the late Putnam County Clerk Dennis Sant:

"My fascination led me in my early teens to explore the mines in the village and to go swimming in the lake at Tilly Foster mine and to collect rocks lying about all over the ground. We played in the so-called 'mushroom mines' – later known as the Satan Caves – off Magnetic Mine Road. There were stories told that metal flashlights sometimes jumped out of one's hand, sticking to the magnetic tunnel walls. It was said compasses would spin out of control and that there was a constant odor, like mold and sulfur in the air ...

"In the mid-60s, the mines became known as Satan's Caves due to the bizarre stories told during teen parties on the dirt roads surrounding the reservoirs. One night, sitting by a fire drinking Boone's Farm, beers, and Tango, we heard some strange sounds coming from the surrounding woods and made a bad decision... That night was the last time I ever entered that mine.

"I climbed up to one of the balconies that overlooked the tunnel below, where there was one set of rail tracks and a coal bucket lying off to the side. There was an altar with satanic symbols and writings scrawled on it, and what seemed to be the skeletal remains of small animals. The dirt floor was littered with candles, beer bottles, and torches, which made me think

of devil worship and sacrifices... We all heard a loud groan and ran the heck out of that place with our hearts leaping from our chests – and a firm commitment never to return again."

As recently as 2010, Philip Imbrogno, a UFO and supernatural investigator, published an e-book titled "Files From the Edge; A Paranormal Investigator's Explorations into High Strangeness." It includes a chapter on Brewster's mines and the Satan Caves called "The Ghosts of the Lost Mines."

According to Imbrogno's research, residents in the Daisy Lane area have reported strange lights and goings-on around the mines for more than 100 years, including sightings of "hooded beings" with red eyes.

Skeptical readers can take it all with a grain of salt, but tales of mystery and weirdness have emanated from the Croton Magnetic Mines for decades.

The mining area, now heavily overgrown and wooded, is just beyond the Diverting Reservoir spillway across from Deans Corner on Route 22.

From Russell Daday:

"Spent many a day exploring the mines. Entered through what we called the iron doors or, if memory serves, through a shaft or top of the mine. Pushed each (other) in the ore cars on the tracks. Swam in the bottomless pit using a rope hanging from tree. Met a couple of Girl Scout counselors when there was a camp there. Never saw any sign of having anything to do with the Devil, just great times."

Jack Alcott is the Town of Southeast historian and a Brewster history enthusiast. See more on Facebook, at "Southeast, NY – Historian."

District Attorney Warns Communities Of Senior Scams

By David Alger

District Attorney Robert Tendy has been making the rounds across Putnam County speaking on the insurgence and sophistication of different kinds of scams that have been targeting seniors lately.

During the July 15 Putnam Valley Town Board meeting he highlighted the importance of common sense and vigilance against scammers. Tendy said the only way to fight these entities is to not give any personal information to anyone over any kind of communication devices.

The district attorney stated that, across the country, more than \$3 billion is scammed from individuals every year – primarily from seniors. Usually it's done via email, text message, snail mail, and phone call, but with the constant upgrades and sophistication of artificial intelligence, scammers are getting deeper and deeper into the bank accounts of unsuspecting victims.

Tendy advised loved ones to be aware and watchful over their older family members to help them stay safe.

Nowadays, scammers can record someone's voice over the phone, and every second a person spends on the line with someone they don't know can be detrimental to their financial health. Scammers use those voice recordings to contact banks, open up saving accounts, apply for mortgages, and purchase big-ticket items.

Tendy asked parents to educate their children on the importance of not speaking to strangers on the phone, advising them not pick up a call when they don't recognize the number it's coming

from.

A popular scam happening across the country is the "grandparent scam," in which scammers are using voice recordings of grandchildren to contact their unsuspecting grandparents. Once contacted, they are using these recordings to falsely explain to the grandparent that their grandchildren are in some sort of financial trouble, where their parents couldn't be reached, and their help (financially) is needed immediately.

While it might sound silly, this kind of scam is sophisticated and has affected thousands of grandparents across the U.S., according to Tendy.

The biggest piece of advice the district attorney shared was to keep information close to the vest: do not give out information to just anyone, and do not give information out over the use of technology. In addition, he advised residents to try not to pay bills with checks sent through the mail. Instead, pay them using secure means so that checks and other important personal bank statements are kept private.

Most importantly, Tendy reminded the public to use common sense, and to not post personal information on social media; do not share with others that you are away on vacation, or out of town. Scammers and other criminals target senior "snowbirds" by knowing what times throughout the year people might be away at a second residence.

"If you don't give them information, they can't scam you," said Tendy. "Do your part to keep your finances safe by keeping your private information safe first."



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Putnam Awarded \$1.1M for EMS Communications

Putnam County will receive more than \$1.1 million in state funding to strengthen emergency communications systems and enhance 911 call-taking and emergency dispatch capabilities through the Statewide Interoperable Communications Grant and Public Safety Answering Points Operations Grant programs, it was recently announced.

The SICG-Formula Grant Program supports local governments' efforts to bolster communications networks through Land Mobile Radio systems, expand access to communications-focused training and exercises, and maintain communications equipment.

The PSAP Operations Grant Program provides funding to support county 911 centers by ensuring that personnel are prepared to respond to calls for service. PSAPs can use funding to support current operations as well as develop systems needed to implement Next Generation 911.

"Reliable emergency communications save lives, and this funding will help ensure our 911 center remains equipped with the

technology, training, and resources needed to answer the call when our residents need help most," said Putnam County Executive Kevin Byrne. "This funding will strengthen our emergency communications infrastructure today while helping us prepare for the future."

Putnam County will receive approximately \$895,000 through the SICG program and \$248,000 through the PSAP Operations Grant Program.

"Every second matters during an emergency, and these grant funds will directly support the systems and personnel that connect residents with lifesaving assistance," said James Oster, commissioner of the Putnam County Bureau of Emergency Services. "This will help us maintain and enhance our communications network as well as strengthen our ability to train dispatchers and continue delivering the highest level of service."

Assemblyman Matt Slater, R-Yorktown, called the funding a critical investment in the safety of communities.

"Our dispatchers and first



James Oster, commissioner of the Putnam County Bureau of Emergency Services, speaks during a recent press conference. He's joined by County Executive Kevin Byrne, County Clerk Michael Bartolotti, Assemblymember Dana Levenberg, Assemblyman Matt Slater, State Sen. Pete Harckham, and State Sen. Rob Rolison.

responders need reliable communications systems and modern technology to coordinate quickly and effectively during emergencies," he said. "These investments will help ensure Putnam and

Westchester counties have the tools and resources necessary to protect residents, improve emergency response, and save lives."

State Sen. Pete Harckham, D-Peekskill, said it's imperative

that emergency communications systems be equipped to meet the demands of every crisis. "This \$1.1 million state investment in Putnam County's first responders will strengthen public safety and help protect the county's communities while also enhancing 911 call-taking capabilities," he said.

State Sen. Rob Rolison, R-Poughkeepsie, said public safety isn't just about what happens during an emergency. "It's about ensuring the people behind the scenes have the tools and support they need to respond effectively from the very first call," he said. "Investing in these critical systems strengthens the foundation of emergency response, allowing first responders to focus on what matters most: protecting lives and serving our communities."

Assemblymember Dana Levenberg, D-Ossining, called it "vital" to ensure that emergency communications systems work for first responders. "I was proud to vote in favor of the budgets supplying these grant funds, and pleased to join my Putnam County colleagues to celebrate this funding," she said.

We Will Miss

Brewster

Timothy Patrick Dobbins, 63, July 11. Beecher Funeral Home, Brewster, NY, (845) 279-3615.

Carmel

Donna C. Young, 65, July 12. Beecher Funeral Home, Brewster, NY, (845) 279-3615.

Joann Louise Gambino, 85, July 14. Beecher Funeral Home, Brewster, NY, (845) 279-3615.

Gerard T. O'Rourke, 75, July 10. Balsamo-Cordovano Funeral Home, Carmel, (845) 225-2144

William Jay O'Brien, 78, July 10. Cargain Funeral Home, Carmel, (845) 225-3672.

Cold Spring

Clara Bocchino, 97, July 14. Clinton Inc Funeral Homes, Cold Spring, (845) 265-3333.

Putnam Valley

Nicola Resciniti, 68, July 8. Yorktown Funeral Home, Shrub Oak, (914) 962-0700.

Sieglinde Geyer Braun, 91, July 13. Joseph J. Smith Funeral Home, Mahopac, (845) 621-1992.

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Putnam County Community Events

Senior Center Art Class

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

‘Fixers’ Needed

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

Tuesday, July 28

‘Prehistoric Investigations’

Reed Memorial Library in Carmel will host “Prehistoric Amber Investigations with the Nutty Scientist” on Tuesday, July 28 at 4:30 p.m. Children will polish raw pieces of real prehistoric amber into take-home gems and search for ancient evidence of life. For children ages 6 and older. Registration is required at carmellibrary.org.

Dino Slime

Make dinosaur-themed slime Tuesday, July 28 at 5 p.m., at Mahopac Public Library. Grades six through 12. Register at www.mahopaclibrary.org or call 845-628-2009, ext. 153.

Comets & Meteors

“Dr. Z” will present “Space Snowballs & Shooting Stars: A Guide to Comets and Meteor Showers” on Tuesday, July 28 at 6 p.m., at Kent Public Library. The Perseid meteor shower will once again light up the skies in August. In preparation, Dr. Z is here to tell you everything you need to know about comets. This is a community program open to ages 7 and older. Register at kentpl.librarycalendar.com.

Wednesday, July 29

Jon Bates Band

The Brewster Summer Music Series continues Wednesday, July 29 with local favorite The Jon Bates Band and opening artist Laura Elliott. The concert will take place from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., at the gazebo in Veterans Memorial Park. In case of rain, the event will be held at Tom and Jerry’s Bar and Grill, also in Brewster. Free.

Teen D&D

Mahopac Public Library will host a Dungeons & Dragons series beginning Wednesday, July 29 at 5 p.m. Venture to Port Nyanzaru where dinosaur races bring in crowds and fast cash, but also a danger that threatens the port’s citizens. Solve the mystery and save the day. Experience a D&D game catered to beginners. This is a five-week program. Signing up for one session signs you up for all. Grades six through eight. Register at www.mahopaclibrary.org or call 845-628-2009, ext. 153.

Trailblazing With Byrne

Putnam County Executive Kevin Byrne will continue his “trailblazing” series Wednesday, July 29 from 5:30 to 7 p.m., at Tilly Foster

Farm, 100 Route 312, Brewster; Saturday, Aug. 1 from 9 to 10:30 a.m., at Rock Hill Girl Scout Camp, 300 Wixon Pond Road, Mahopac; and Saturday, Aug. 8 from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at the Nicole Ettere Hope & Healing Garden, behind CoveCare Center, 1808 Route 6, Carmel. Free.

Plein Air Event

Artists, leave your studios behind and bring your cameras, pencils, paints, canvases, and easels to set up in the Patterson Library grounds for a plein air event Wednesday, July 29 at 10 a.m. The Great Swamp, a gazebo, and gardens as well as distant vistas are subjects for work. Teens and adults welcome. Register at www.pattersonlibrary.org.

Home Seller’s Workshop

Mahopac Public Library will host a home seller’s workshop Wednesday, July 29 at 6 p.m. Join Christina Nardulli from Kelly Williams Realty Partners for an interactive workshop designed specifically for home owners looking to sell or downsize in the future. Register at www.mahopaclibrary.org or call 845-628-2009, ext. 100.

Thursday, July 30

Yoga in the Park

Yoga in the park for all levels of practitioners will be held Thursday, July 30 at 10:30 a.m., at Patterson Library park with Julia Calabrese-Harrer of Yoga in the Trees. She will lead meditation and movement for a new experience with this ancient practice. Adults only. Bring a yoga mat or blanket, and water. By registering for this program, you agree to sign a waiver and release before participating. Register at www.pattersonlibrary.org.

Summer Concerts

The **Town of Carmel Recreation & Parks Department** will hold its Sunset Concert Series Thursdays from 7 to 9 p.m., at Sycamore Park, on the following dates: July 30, Back to the Garden 1969; Aug 6, Orquesta Afinke. Free. **Putnam Valley Parks & Recreation Department** will present its Thursday night summer concerts from 7 to 9 p.m., at Johnson Field. July 30, Hey Baby Band; Aug. 6, Smoked Glass; Aug. 13, Mike Risko Band; Aug. 20-Family Day, Elysian & CJ the DJ (5 to 7 p.m.), and Loose Wheel Band (7 to 9 p.m.). Food for sale.

Summer Coffeehouse

The Town of Southeast Cultural Arts Coalition will host a summer coffeehouse, “They Are Not Disposable,” hosted by poet Brittany Carrasco, on Thursday, July 30 at 7:30 p.m., at Studio Around the Corner, 67 Main St., Brewster. Signups start at 7 p.m. \$5.

Mahopac FD Carnival

The Mahopac Volunteer Fire Department carnival is scheduled Thursday and Friday, July 30 and 31 from 7 to 11 p.m.; and Saturday, Aug. 1 from 6 to 11 p.m.

Friday, July 31

‘Into the Woods’

The Brewster Theater Company will present “Into the Woods” at the Theater at Drew Methodist Church, 28 Gleneida Ave., Carmel, on Friday, July 31 at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, Aug. 1 at 7:30 p.m.; and Sunday, Aug. 2 at 2 p.m. Tickets are

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

Movies in the Meadow

The Town of Carmel Recreation & Parks Department will host movies in the meadow Fridays at dusk at Camarda Park. July 31, “The Lego Movie;” Aug. 28 “Ferris Bueller’s Day Off.” Free.

Spanglish Fly

The Arts on the Lake Summer Concert Series of music under the stars concludes Friday, July 31 at 7 p.m., with Spanglish Fly, the premier band of the Latin boogaloo revival, a mix of Latin and soul/R&B music. Outside at AotL on Route 52, Lake Carmel. Bring lawn chairs or rent one for \$1. Tickets are \$10; kids admitted free.

Saturday, Aug. 1

Lake Carmel

Park District

The 34th annual Lake Carmel Summer Festival will be held Saturday, Aug. 1 at Beach 3 on East Lakeshore Drive, Lake Carmel. For Lake Carmel Park District residents and registered guests. Lifeguard races and youth races for ages 3 to 16. Free food, games, face painting, and music provided by a DJ.

Christmas in July

The Carmel Civic Association needs hundreds of bows for Holiday on the Lake and is turning the job into a festive community event Saturday, Aug. 1 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at Reed Memorial Library. Enjoy holiday treats while you work. Registration is preferred at carmellibrary.org/calendar.

Sunday, Aug. 2

Dalí Quartet

The Dalí Quartet will perform music by Beethoven and Piazzolla at the Chapel Restoration’s free Sunday Music Series on Aug. 2 at 4 p.m., at 45 Market St., Cold Spring. The program includes Piazzolla’s “Tango Ballet” and “Four, for Tango,” along with Beethoven’s “String Quartet No. 8.”

Monday, Aug. 3

NY Chapter of Eckankar

A discussion with the NY Chapter of Eckankar is scheduled Aug. 3, 10, 17, and 24 from 7 to 8:30 p.m., at Butterfield Library, 10 Morris Ave, Cold Spring.

Library Board

Info. Session

Reed Memorial Library in Carmel will host a board recruitment information session Aug. 3 from 7 to 8 p.m., via Zoom. Learn what it means to serve on the library board of trustees. Whether you’re curious about how libraries operate behind the scenes, passionate about community service, or looking for a new way to get involved locally. Registration is required at carmellibrary.org/calendar.

Tuesday, Aug. 4

History Hunters:

Archaeology

On Aug. 4 from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., Mohonk Preserve is coming to Reed Memorial Library in Carmel to lead an interactive archaeology experience that lets young explorers (age 6 and older) dig, sift, and discover what the earth has been

hiding beneath our feet. Registration is required at carmellibrary.org/calendar.

Kent Town Board

The Kent Town Board will meet at Kent Town Hall at 7 p.m. (unless otherwise noted) on: Aug. 4 and 18, Sept. 8 and 15, Oct. 6 and 20, Nov. 10 and 17, and Dec. 1 and 15.

Garden Club

The Lake Mahopac Garden Club will meet Tuesday, Aug. 4 at 11:30 a.m., at Airport Park. The program will be “Making an Herb Wreath” and Marie Braun will demonstrate how to make a decorative wreath with herbs from her garden, before attendees make their own. \$5 fee. Members are encouraged to bring their lunch.

‘Rose’

Patterson Library will show “Rose” on Tuesday, Aug. 4 at 1 p.m. Winner of the Variety Piazza Grande Award at the Locarno International Film Festival, “Rose” is a moving celebration of embracing life at every age. Starring legendary French actress Françoise Fabian, the film follows 78-year-old Rose as she navigates the loss of her beloved husband of more than 50 years. Subtitles. Age 18 and older. To register, call 845-878-6121 or go to www.pattersonlibrary.org.

National Night Out

The Town of Carmel Recreation & Parks Department will parter with the Carmel Police Department for its fourth annual National Night Out event Tuesday, Aug. 4 from 5 to 8 p.m., at Airport Park. Free.

Social Security 101

Patterson Library will host “Social Security 101” on Tuesday, Aug. 4 at 6:30 p.m. Is retirement looming in your future? Are you confused by the many rules and timing options to begin collecting Social Security? Carol McKenzie-Harvey, a registered Social Security analyst from Senior Services of North America, will discuss how you can optimize your benefits based on your needs and goals. To register, call 845-878-6121 or go to www.pattersonlibrary.org.

Wednesday, Aug. 5

Summer Concert

Patterson Library will host a summer concert in the park Wednesday, Aug. 5 at 6:30 p.m., featuring Southern Voice Band, playing a mix of country, classic rock, pop, Motown, and today’s hits. Bring your family, friends, or come solo. Just bring a chair, blanket, and a picnic for a fabulous summer evening of music in the library park. Bring a chair, blanket, and a picnic for a great night with family & friends. To register, call 845-878-6121 or go to www.pattersonlibrary.org.

Carmel Town Board

The Carmel Town Board will meet at 7 p.m. the following Wednesdays, at Carmel Town Hall: Aug. 5 and 12; Sept. 2, 9 and 16; Oct. 7, 14 and 21; Nov. 4, 10 and 18; and Dec. 2, 9 and 16.

Library Meetings

Reed Memorial Library’s Board of Trustees will meet from 5 to 6:30 Aug. 5, Sept. 2, Oct. 7, Nov. 4, and Dec. 2, in Carmel. The Aug. 5 meeting will be hybrid. The Friends of Reed Library will meet Aug. 24 from 6 to 7 p.m., in person and via Zoom. Register at

carmellibrary.org/calendar.

Math Games

Mahopac Public Library will host math games for ages 5 and 6 on Wednesday, Aug. 5 at 11:30 a.m. Join a Mahopac math teacher in some fun and engaging games to spark mathematical thinking through movement and play. For kids entering kindergarten and first grade. Register at www.mahopaclibrary.org or call 845-628-2009, ext. 139.

Trivia Night

Mahopac Public Library will host an adult trivia night Wednesday, Aug. 5 at 5:30 p.m. Join JB from Hudson Valley Trivia for a night of bingo trivia. Test your knowledge during four rounds covering a wide variety of topics. There will be a prize for the winner of each round. Register at www.mahopaclibrary.org or call 845-628-2009, ext. 100.

Lulada Club

The Brewster Summer Music Series invites the public to dance under the stars to the rhythms of Lulada Club, an electrifying all-women salsa orchestra setting the New York City music scene ablaze. On Wednesday, Aug. 5, the band will play a free concert in the gazebo in Southeast Veterans Park at 6:30p.m., closing out this year’s outdoor concert series.

Thursday, Aug. 6

Nonprofit Grants

Mahopac Public Library will present “Navigating Grants with Candid for Nonprofits” on Thursday, Aug. 6 at 11 a.m. Securing grant funding starts with knowing where to look and what funders truly care about. This introductory course is designed for anyone looking to build a stronger foundation for their funding efforts, including nonprofit staff members, board members, and community advocates. Registration required, at www.mahopaclibrary.org or call 845-628-2009, ext. 100.

Councilwomen

Office Hours

Patterson Town Councilwoman Stacy Dumont will hold office hours at the Putnam Lake VFW on the first Thursday of the month at 6:15 p.m., before the Putnam Lake Park District meeting. Councilwoman Gwen Dougherty will hold office hours the third Tuesday of each month at Patterson Town Hall from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Both Stacy and Gwen invite the public to request a meeting at a time convenient for residents. Email StacyDumont@PattersonNY.org or GwenDougherty@PattersonNY.org.

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The Mahopac Volunteer Fire Department kicked off parade season with its annual dress parade July 23 along Route 6 in the hamlet. It was beautiful weather for the fire departments, marching bands, and others who participated, as well as spectators who lined the street to cheer on the first responders. Photos by Chloe Wareham-Gordon.



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NY Aquaflyers Compete in CT



Aquaflyers during the open swim contest at Quassy Amusement & Waterpark in Connecticut.

The New Fairfield Aquaflyers – with swimmers from Patterson, Brewster, and Carmel – recently competed in the CT CPAC June Invitational at Chelsea Piers in Stamford.

Jackson Burdi came in 14th in the 200-meter backstroke, Nathan Velonis came in 15th in the 200-meter backstroke, Connor Welsh came in 12th in the 200-meterbreaststroke and 13th in the 800-meter freestyle, and Kailyn Welsh came in 12th in the 200-meter butterfly and 13th in the 1,500-meter freestyle.

Also, 11 Aquaflyers joined 350 swimmers from 35 teams at the 25th annual Dave Parcels Connecticut Open Water Championship at Lake Quassapaug. This event was hosted by Quassy Amusement & Waterpark on June 27. Swimmers competed in freestyle stroke distances of 1,000 meters, 2,500 meters, and 5,000 meters.

Kate Frederick came in 29th in the Mini-Mile freestyle, Analia Garcia came in 21st in the 2.5K



MJ Juarbe and Daniel Jesus Paulussi of the Aquaflyers competed in the 37th annual Greenwich Point 2026 One Mile Swim on July 11 at Tod's Point (Greenwich Point Park), crossing the Long Island Sound with swimmers of all ages. Paulussi completed the mile in 23:57, coming in 38th; and Juarbe completed it in 24:30, coming in at 47th out of 139 swimmers.

freestyle, Jhandel Garcia came in 39th in the 5K freestyle, MJ Juarbe came in 33rd in the 2.5K freestyle, and Daniel Jesus Paulussi came in 16th in the 2.5K freestyle.

Anastasia Kozlenko came in 24th in the Mini-Mile freestyle,

Sebastian Kozlenko came in 17th in the Mini-Mile freestyle, Aris Mastrogiannis came in 46th in the 5K freestyle, Nathan Velonis came in 20th in the 2.5K freestyle, Connor Welsh came in 27th in the 5K freestyle, and Kailyn Welsh came in 20th in the 5K freestyle.



Make sure that summer picnic food is kept at the right temperature.

Avoid Foodborne Illness This Summer

Foodborne illnesses peak in the warm summer months, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Food Safety & Inspection Service. This is because outdoor activities increase and more people cook outdoors while picnicking or camping. Without the safety features a kitchen provides – such as easy refrigeration, thermostat-controlled cooking, and washing facilities – food handling becomes more of a challenge.

“Clean, separate, cook, and chill” is the mantra of all food safety experts, including the sanitarians at the Putnam County Department of Health. These principles are the basis of all food safety education provided to Putnam’s food establishments, regardless of whether they are established restaurants.

The guidelines are similar for residents and restaurants alike and apply both indoors and out.

“Cleanliness is a key first step,” said Senior Public Health Sanitarian Mitch Lee.

But clean doesn’t just refer to a person’s hands. Utensils, cutting boards, and workspaces must be kept clean also. For picnic prep, it’s best to do as much as possible ahead of time at home. Wash all fruits and vegetables thoroughly – even those with skins or rinds that

are not eaten.

A sanitizing solution approved for food contact surfaces can be brought for outdoor gatherings, if necessary.

Separating food is important to avoid cross-contamination. Raw meats, poultry, and seafoods – foods often cooked on grills – should not come in contact with other foods such as salads or fruits that are eaten without cooking. These two groups should always be sealed and packed separately in a cooler, preferably with a drain. In case of a leak, place things like raw meat on the bottom. The drain ensures that melted ice won’t flood the bottom, allowing the raw foods to contaminate those ready-to-eat items.

If cutting is required, different cutting boards must be used.

Two other rules that may be easily overlooked: Don’t place cooked food on a plate that previously held raw meat or seafood without washing it in hot, soapy water first; and don’t reuse marinades from raw foods unless they are boiled.

Cooking and chilling food properly also reduces the chance of foodborne illnesses. Certain foods provide the perfect environment for viruses and bacteria to spread. Basically, these are perishable foods like meat, poultry, seafood, soft cheeses, dairy, sprouts and sprout seeds, and cooked vegetables.

“It’s all about time and temperatures controls,” said Lee. “We use the initials ‘TCS’ foods when we work with restaurants. Even sliced tomatoes and melons are considered ‘TCS’ because once cut, the exposed flesh is at risk for bacteria growth.”

The goal is to keep food out of the “danger zone,” which is from 40 degrees Fahrenheit to 140 degrees. So, keep cold foods below 40 degrees and hot foods above 140 degrees. That means bringing plenty of ice, a cooler, and a food stem thermometer to a picnic.

One should not rely on how food looks to know if it is cooked sufficiently.

When reheating, it should be done thoroughly and up to an internal temperature of 165 degrees, or until hot and steaming.

One of the most common causes of foodborne illness is improper cooling of cooked food. When finished eating, all leftovers should be refrigerated promptly. The rules advise never to leave food out of refrigeration for more than two hours. However, if the temperature is above 90 degrees, food should be refrigerated within one hour.



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Loves soccer and would like to learn baseball. Roman is a boy scout and enjoys the outdoors.

For privacy reasons, photos above are not photos of actual students.

Area Teen Earns Soccer Scholarship

Even though the World Cup is over, soccer continues to be all the rage.

The Eastern New York Youth Soccer Association recently announced that Baldwin Place resident Jake Vanga will receive a Livio D’Arpino Scholarship.

The scholarship’s namesake was a beloved ENYSA vice president who was seemingly involved in every level of local soccer before his untimely passing in 2002. He was so dedicated that Roman newspaper “Il Messaggero” recently wrote a lengthy article about him – 24 years after his death.

The Livio D’Arpino award is based on success in high school as well as community service.

Vanga is a national- and



Jake Vanga

state-registered EMT, an EMS lieutenant with the Mahopac Falls Volunteer Fire Department, and

captain of the Putnam County Sheriff’s Cadets. He has been honored as the 2026 Putnam County Youth Community Service Leader of the Year.

At Kennedy Catholic Preparatory School, Vanga maintained a 4.0 grade-point average, was a member of the National Honor Society, and was honored as the Academic Leader of the Year. Additionally, he was a music director (directing rehearsals) and pianist at the school.

On the soccer fields, Vanga served as goalkeeper and team captain, was both a player and coach at the Just Play Soccer Club, and has been a certified referee for the past five years.

He plans to attend Peace University.



Scribbles on a Notebook

By Rich Thomaselli

A Labor of Love

I like to watch the morning and afternoon news. Unless there is a huge breaking story, it allows news stations to explore other issues. Sometimes they involve high school and college athletics.

I saw one station that did a story on the severe lack of officials, especially at the high school level. At that level, it’s truly a labor of love.

So it didn’t surprise me when I read that 80 percent of officials resign after devoting just two years to the gig. This has been a problem right here in Section 1 for years.

Referees and officials all say that the biggest culprit is the unprecedented amount of verbal abuse they take. It borders on criminal, and that’s not an exaggeration. (After almost four decades as a sports journalist, my vocabulary has certainly expanded.)

You really have to love being a high school coach or official because it definitely is not for the stipend, which is insanely low. But budgets are budgets – that’s understandable. And it’s like jet fuel; if those prices go up, it’s just

passed along to the consumer in another way.

But it is a problem because it’s affecting our kids – and caregivers.

Even in its simplest form, here’s what a lack of officiating means: a postponement of games, extra work for our athletic directors, a rescheduling of games at odd times like on a Sunday or later in the day.

I don’t know about you, but my kids are 26 and 22 now and I am still nervous if they have to drive in heavy snow or rain.

Maybe that sounds like a worrywart or the ravings of a helicopter parent. Or maybe it sounds like erring on the side of caution. And, yes, I realize that times have changed since I was a child and it was acceptable to get a ride from your coach after CYO practice.

Or maybe I should stop watching the news.

Rich Thomaselli is a longtime sports reporter in the Hudson Valley, and currently covers Putnam County. He can be reached at rich.thomaselli@gmail.com.

Renegades to Hold Mystery Ball & Bobblehead Fundraiser

FISHKILL – The Hudson Valley Renegades will hold a mystery ball and bobblehead fundraiser during its Thursday, July 30 home game, with proceeds benefitting the Dutchess County Baseball Hall of Fame.

There will be more than 100

mystery bags filled with signed baseballs and bobbleheads for fans to purchase. Among the items in the bags will be autographed balls from Gerrit Cole, Carlos Rodon, Francisco Lindor, and Baseball Hall-of-Famer Wade Boggs. In addition, there will be a robust collection of

bobbleheads including likenesses of David Ortiz, Bugs Bunny, and former Renegade and current Yankees prospect George Lombard Jr.

Mystery Bags will be available for purchase for the price of \$20 for one bag and \$35 for two, with a limit of two bags per person.

Traffic Stop Leads to Gun Charges

According to Putnam County Sheriff Brian Hess, at about 2:40 a.m. July 21, Deputy Victoria Crimmins saw a driver traveling 54 miles per hour in a posted 35 mph zone on Route 22 in Southeast. During a traffic stop, a records check revealed that the driver, Edwin Bowers, 27, of Wassaic, had his driving privileges in New York suspended six times on three separate dates.

Deputies reportedly recov-

ered a loaded Taurus G3 9mm handgun from a backpack inside the vehicle, which Bowers did not possess a permit for. The handgun had a round in the chamber and a large-capacity ammunition-feeding device containing 16 additional rounds.

Deputies also recovered a quantity of marijuana from the vehicle, said police.

Two young children, ages 2 and 3, were inside the vehicle at

the time of the stop.

Bowers was charged with second- and third-degree criminal possession of a weapon, as well as possession of a firearm, felonies; and two counts of endangering the welfare of a child, and second-degree aggravated unlicensed operation of a vehicle, misdemeanors.

He was also issued multiple traffic tickets.

Bowers was held in lieu of \$10,000 cash bail or \$20,000 bond.

Brewster Village OKs Zone Change For Garden Street?

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Piccini said the proposed zoning change first appeared on the agenda for the board’s May 5 meeting with no prior material provided. “It does not follow standard processes, planning board to zoning board, if necessary,” she said. “It skips the ‘seeking of variance’ option, jumping straight to changing existing zoning code.”

Piccini, who lives within immediate proximity to the school, said the project is too large – not just for the site itself, but the village as a whole.

“Our property is currently surrounded by mature trees,” she said. “The plan, seemingly, needs every inch of the grassy playground to park the 270-plus cars necessitated by 200 apartments. It is a step too far... Actually, too near for those of us who own homes along the adjoining property line.”

Trustee George Gaspar explained that, per current zoning code, there are 313 bedrooms permitted at the property, or about 156 apartments. What’s being requested is an increase of 80 bedrooms – or 40 units.

“There’s an awful lot of noise with regard to this (multiple use)

zone and the alternates that are being asked for,” he said.

Gaspar noted that a previous developer wanted to move in the same direction, which he considered a poor plan, and there was no outcry.

“I think we need to move in a direction that’s more appropriate to the land, and also respects the adjacent property owners,” he said. “What was previously prepared is unacceptable. This, that is before us, while it may need some work, is a definite improvement on that notion.”

Piccini, who voted in support of making the village board the lead agency for the project back in May – a vote she said was made to move the process along – claimed the proposal lacks information.

“When that plan arrived there was no supporting information to explain why we wanted to go to 40 (more units) and why we wanted to go to five stories,” she said. “It was out of the blue, two days before the meeting that we had May 5, and I was completely taken aback.”

Mayor James Schoenig said the community has since been properly informed about the proposal.

“Everything that was done at that public hearing, we answered those questions,” he said. “We answered the sewer, we answered the water, the traffic study... We answered how this was going to work with the affordable housing.”

Schoenig also pointed out that the plans come from a reputable developer.

“They are a proven developer

It’s Never Too Early to Plan for the Finals

It’s time to circle your deed books for the Section 1 fall championships.

Too early?

Not if you’re a coach or a player who uses these as a target date or a goal. It might just be for planning purposes, but there’s a greater achievement in mind. For many, it’s like a final journey after weeks and months of hard work. It’s a light and a prize at the end of a long, dark tunnel. It’s the so-called carrot at the end of a stick.

So let the wishing and planning begin!

FOOTBALL – Nov. 13 and 14 at North Rockland High School.

This is the most noteworthy change to the playoff schedule. After decades of using Mahopac H.S. for the finals, the Section 1 Executive Committee voted to move the championships to North Rockland H.S. Many are likening this to the ill-fated move several years ago to move basketball out of the Westchester County Center in White Plains. The backlash forced the powers-that-be to rethink that idea.

BOYS’ SOCCER – Oct. 31 to Nov. 1 at Mahopac H.S. Ma-

hopac has a turf field and is more centrally located.

GIRLS’ SOCCER – Oct. 31 to Nov. 1 at Arlington H.S. Arlington has a beautiful complex, but some consider it too far a drive from Westchester and Rockland County.

BOYS’ & GIRLS’ CROSS COUNTRY – Nov. 7. At press time, a site had not yet been chosen for this event. Traditionally, it has been hosted at Bowdoin Park in Wappingers Falls in Dutchess County.

FIELD HOCKEY – Nov. 1 at Nyack H.S.

BOYS’ VOLLEYBALL – Nov. 2 at Westchester County Center.

GIRLS’ VOLLEYBALL – Nov. 7 and 8 at Westchester County Center.

GIRLS’ TENNIS – Oct. 10 to 14 and Oct. 17 to 23 at Harrison H.S. The former date is for individual championships and the latter is for team titles.

GIRLS’ SWIM – Nov. 9 and 10 at Felix Festa Middle School in West Nyack.

GIRLS’ DIVING – Nov. 6 at Purchase College.

CHEERLEADING – Nov. 1 at Port Chester H.S.

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Brewster

**VILLAGE OF BREWSTER
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
PUBLIC HEARING
CABLE FRANCHISE
AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE VILLAGE OF
BREWSTER AND VERIZON
NEW YORK INC.**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that the Board of Trustees of the **VILLAGE OF BREWSTER** will hold a Public Hearing on **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2026, 7:30 P.M.** at Village Hall, 50 Main Street, Brewster, NY, 10509. The purpose of this Public Hearing is to take and hear comments on the proposed Cable Franchise Agreement with Verizon New York Inc. A copy of the proposed agreement will be available for review by the public at the office of the Village Clerk and online at www.brewstervillage-ny.gov, five (5) days prior to the public hearing. All persons wishing to be heard on the question of the agreement will be provided an opportunity, as time permits.

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

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The Philipstown Zoning Board of Appeals will not meet in the Month of August. The next meeting will be Monday, September 14th, 2026 at 7:30 p.m. at the Philipstown Town Hall, 238 Main St., Cold Spring, NY 10516

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Patterson

**ADVERTISEMENT
FOR BIDS**

Town of Patterson
Town Hall
P.O. Box 470
1142 Route 311
Patterson, New York 12563

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town of Patterson will be accepting sealed bids for the replacement of approximately 740 linear feet of existing metal pipe with 15-inch Town-furnished ADS plastic pipe along the east side of North Street.

Bids will be received by the Town Clerk of the Town of Patterson at the Office of the Town Clerk, Town Hall, P.O. Box 470, 1142 Route 311, Patterson, New York 12563, until 9:30 a.m. local prevailing time on Monday, August 10, 2026, and then at said office all sealed bids shall be publicly opened and read aloud.

The work will involve the replacement-in-kind of approximately 740 linear feet of existing pipe along the east side of North Street, between Sugarbush and the North Street side of the property known as 1030 Route 311. The Town will furnish the 15-inch ADS plastic plain-end pipe and collars. NYSDOT-approved stone

Contact Person
ELLEN M HART
NYSDEC
21 S Putt Corners Rd
New Paltz, NY 12561
(845) 256-3051.

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and aggregate shall be obtained from Peckham Industries at either the Patterson or Wingdale location and billed directly to the Town of Patterson.

The Contractor shall provide all labor, equipment, traffic control, supervision, utility coordination, excavation, removal of the existing pipe, pickup and hauling of Town-purchased aggregate, bedding, backfill, mechanical compaction, connections to the existing catch basins, concrete and incidental connection materials, cleanup, restoration, and all other work necessary for a complete installation. The roadway shall be left safe and passable at the end of each workday, and no open trench may remain overnight. The work must be completed and accepted no later than Friday, September 18, 2026.

Electronic or paper copies of the information for bidders, general requirements, bid specifications, non-collusion certification, and bid proposal forms (collectively, the “Bid Documents”) may be obtained from the Office of the Town Clerk at:

Patterson Town Hall
1142 Route 311, P.O. Box 470
Patterson, New York 12563
845-878-6500
townclerk@pattersonny.org

Sealed Bids should be submitted for the following contract:
Contract 1 - North Street Pipe Replacement

Each Bid must be made upon the prepared bidding sheets furnished with the Bid Documents and in accordance with the requirements of the Instructions to Bidders, and must provide all information required. It is the Bidder’s responsibility to read and sign all required documents. Upon submission of a Bid, it is understood that the Bidder has read, fully understands, and will comply with the requirements of the Bid Documents.

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Bidders are responsible for familiarizing themselves with the project site, existing conditions, access, traffic, utilities, drainage, and all other conditions that may affect the work or Bid price.

Each Bid shall be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked:

**“BID - NORTH STREET
PIPE REPLACEMENT”**

No Bid Bond or Bid deposit is required with the proposal.

The successful Bidder shall furnish a Performance Bond and a Labor and Material Payment Bond, each equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the total Contract price, within five (5) business days after notice of award. This project is subject to New York State prevailing wage requirements and public work contractor and subcontractor registration requirements.

The Town anticipates awarding the Contract on Wednesday, August 12, 2026.

TOWN’S RIGHTS RESERVED:

The Town of Patterson may make such investigation as it deems necessary to establish the qualifications and responsibility of the Bidders. The Town shall have the right to reject any or all Bids, reject a Bid not accompanied by information required by the Bid Documents, or reject a Bid that is incomplete or irregular.

It is the intent of the Town of Patterson to award the Contract to the lowest responsible Bidder who has submitted a Bid in accordance with the Bid Documents. The Town shall have the right to waive informalities or minor irregularities in a Bid received and to accept the Bid which, in the Town’s judgment, is in the best interest of the Town.

STATEMENT OF NON-COLLUSION:

Bidders on the Contract are required to execute a non-collu-

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sion bidding certification pursuant to Section 103-d of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York.

STATEMENT OF EQUALITY:

The Town of Patterson hereby notifies all Bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that, in regard to any Contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit Bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award.

**BY ORDER OF THE
TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF PATTERSON
DONNA RAMOS,
TOWN CLERK**

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Southeast

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Town Board of the Town of Southeast shall hold a public hearing at Town Hall, 1360 Route 22, Brewster, NY, on August 6, 2026 at 7:00 PM, or as soon thereafter as interested parties may be heard, to hear public comment on a proposed local law which would amend Chapter 123 of the Town Code entitled “Signs” and Chapter 138 of the Town Code entitled “Zoning”, by adding language to permit and require signage to be posted in a specified manner on property which is the subject of a planning, zoning or other land use application. Copies of the proposed local law may be obtained from the Town Clerk regular business hours. Anyone interested in the subject matter of the proposed local law will be given an opportunity to be heard at this time.

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

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PUBLIC NOTICE

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

Notice of Complete Application

Date: 07/14/2026
Applicant: VEOLIA WATER NEW YORK, INC.
162 Old Mill Rd.
West Nyack, NY 10994
Facility: Veolia Water New York Forest Park Water Supply
Towns of Carmel, Southeast, Patterson, Lewisboro, Town-Wide, Multi-County, NY
Application ID: 3-9903-00131/00001
Permits(s) Applied for: 1 - Article 15 Title 15 Water Withdrawal Public
Project is located: in SEVERAL COUNTIES in THIS REGION

Project Description:

The applicant proposes to transfer and consolidate existing water withdrawal permits with a withdrawal of up to 1,190,880 gallons per day (gpd) of water from the approved sources listed below, for use in the Veolia Forest Park water supply and distribution subsystems.

The applicant proposes to transfer and consolidate all previous NYSDEC water withdrawal permits and water supply authorizations originally issued to BRM Water Works, Inc., Capri Estates Water Works, Forest Park Water Co., Hillsdale Estates Water Supply Co., Hilltop Meadows Water Works Corp., Kennicut Hill Estates, London Bridge Water Works, Mahopac Water Co., Inc, Union Valley Estates, and now operated by VeoliavWater New York, Inc (VWNY). The following authorizations are hereby consolidated and superseded under this approval: WSA # 2,517, WSA # 3,559, WSA # 3,801, WSA # 3,867, WSA # 4,237, WSA # 4,329, WSA #4,667, WSA # 4,870, WSA # 5,082, WSA # 5,159, WSA # 5,281, WSA # 5,506, WSA # 5,701, WSA # 5,944, WSA # 6,699, WSA # 6,760, WSA # 6,898, WSA # 7,525, WSA # 8,013 and include the following well fields: Archer Estates, Chateau Ridge, Geymer, Hillsdale Estates, Hilltop meadows, Mahopac Water Co. and Union Valley Estates.

Availability of Application Documents:

Filed application documents, and Department draft permits where applicable, are available for inspection during normal business hours at the address of the contact person. To ensure timely service at the time of inspection, it is recommended that an appointment be made with the contact person.

State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR)

Determination Project is not subject to SEQR because it is a Type II action.

SEQR Lead Agency None Designated

State Historic Preservation Act (SHPA) Determination

The proposed activity is not subject to review in accordance with SHPA. The application type is exempt and/or the project involves the continuation of an existing operational activity.

Availability For Public Comment
Comments on this project must be submitted in writing to the Contact Person no later than 08/06/2026 or 15 days after the publication date of this notice, whichever is later.

Contact Person
ELLEN M HART
NYSDEC
21 S Putt Corners Rd
New Paltz, NY 12561
(845) 256-3051.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **WHISPERING FINE GARDEN CENTER & FLO- RIST, INC.**, A NEW YORK CORPORATION, HAS BEEN DISSOLVED PURSUANT TO THE NEW YORK BUSINESS CORPORATION LAW. ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE CORPORATION ARE REQUIRED TO PRESENT SUCH CLAIMS IN WRITING, WITH PROOF THEREOF, TO THE CORPORATION AT THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS: C/O MICHAEL A. TOGNINO, P.C. ATTORNEY AT LAW, 800 WESTCHESTER AVE., ST. N641, RYE BROOK, NEW YORK 10573, ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 29, 2027. ANY CLAIM NOT SO PRESENTED BY SUCH DATE MAY BE BARRED.

Dated: July 29, 2026

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Legal notice

Extra Space Storage facility operators’ sale for non-payment of storage Charges Pursuant to the power of sale contained in State of New York,

Lien Laws Re: Self Storage Facilities/NY CLS Lien Section 182(83) thru Chapter 738(94)4. General Charges and satisfaction of the facility

Operators. The Following Property will be sold at Public Auction on: August 13, 2026 at 11:00am, on the premises of: Extra Space Storage/and Online@WWW.StorageT-

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reasures.com 1639 Route 22 Brewster, NY 10509. Reserves the right to cancel a sale at any time for any reason

Whatsoever. Unit#1118 One(1)1982 280ZX Nissan Datsun color blue Vin#JN-1HZ04S7CX461893 Belonging to: Michael Kousouros and Jennifer Merna

By: Auctioneer WWW.StorageTreasures.com

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Supreme Court

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

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered on February 26, 2025, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction in court room 209 of the Putnam Supreme Courthouse, 20 County Center, Carmel, NY 10512 on August 10, 2026 at 9:30 a.m., premises known as 2407 Route 301, Carmel, NY 10512. 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 20, Block 1 and Lot 13. Approximate amount of judgment is \$404,523.48 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index #501723/2023.

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

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

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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 RCAF ACQUISITION TRUST, Plaintiff AGAINST **CHRISTINE VYCITAL** INDIVIDUALLY AND AS SURVIVING SPOUSE OF RONALD A. VYCITAL, ET AL., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered June 9, 2026, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at Courtroom 209 of the Putnam Supreme Court, 20 County Center, Carmel, NY 10512 on August 24, 2026 at 9:30 AM, premises known as 35 Salem Road, Carmel, NY 10512. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of Kent, County of Putnam and State of New York, Section 33.42 Block 1 Lot 27. Approximate amount of judgment \$198,753.31 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index #501816/2024. Maureen Fleming, Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC 1775 Wehrle Drive Williamsville, NY 14221 25-001610 90711

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SUPREME COURT-COUNTY OF PUTNAM **PARK NATIONAL CAPITAL FUNDING LLC**, Plaintiff against **EDSON AVENUE DE-**

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VELOPMENT GROUP LLC, et al., Defendants. Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on May 26, 2026, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Putnam County Courthouse lobby, 20 County Center, Carmel, New York 10512, on the 27th day of August, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. Premises: ALL that certain plot, parcel and piece of land situate, lying and being in the Town of Carmel, County of Putnam and State of New York, being Lot 4 on a certain map entitled “Final Subdivision Plat known as the Young Subdivision”, filed in the Putnam County Clerk’s Office on October 28, 2005 as Map No. 3001. Excepting and reserving that portion used or conveyed for public road purposes and any utility easements or rights of way as of record. Said Premises known as 18 Trotting Rock Road, Mahopac, Town of Carmel, Putnam County, New York 10541, and designated on the Tax Map as Section 64.8 Block 1 Lot 18.3. Approximate amount of lien: \$221,381.44 plus interest, costs, and expenses as provided for in said Judgment. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 500887/2025; Anthony C. Carlini, Jr., Esq., Referee. Savad Churgin, LLP, attorneys for Plaintiff, 55 Old Turnpike Rd., Ste. 209, Nanuet, NY 10954.

ANTHONY C. CARLINI, JR., ESQ., REFEREE

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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Date Filed: 7/22/2026
SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS WITH NOTICE
MORTGAGED PREMISES: 212 Fox Run Lane, Carmel, NY 10512

SBL #: 34-3-17.-207
Plaintiff designates PUTNAM County as the place of trial; venue is based upon the county in which the mortgaged premises is situate.

STATE OF NEW YORK
SUPREME COURT: COUNTY OF PUTNAM
M&T Bank,

Plaintiff,

vs.

Putnam County Commissioner of Finance, as Administrator of the Estate of **Kieran O’Hagan** a/k/a Kieran J. O’Hagan a/k/a Kieran J. Ohagan a/k/a Kieran Ohagan; Unknown Heirs of the Estate of Kieran O’Hagan a/k/a Kieran J. O’Hagan a/k/a Kieran J. Ohagan a/k/a Kieran Ohagan, and all the heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, devisees, grantees, trustees, lienors, creditors, assignees and successors in interest of any of the aforesaid defendants, next of kin, distributees, devisees, grantees, trustees, lienors, creditors, assignees and successors in interest of any of the aforesaid classes of person, if they or any of them be dead, and their respective husbands, wives or widows, if any, and all of whom and whose names and places of residence are unknown to plaintiff, except as herein stated; Kimberly Venedam Dancy as Heir to the Estate of Kieran O’Hagan a/k/a Kieran J. O’Hagan a/k/a Kieran J. Ohagan a/k/a Kieran Ohagan; John Venedam as Heir to The Estate of Kieran O’Hagan a/k/a Kieran J. O’Hagan a/k/a Kieran J. Ohagan a/k/a Kieran Ohagan; New York State Department of Taxation and Finance; United States of America o/b/o Internal Revenue Service; Board of Managers of Fox Run Condominium; Fox Run Homeowners Association, Inc.; John Doe #1 through #6, and Jane Doe #1 through #6, the last twelve names being fictitious, it being the intention of Plaintiff to designate

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any and all occupants, tenants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the premises being foreclosed herein.

TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the Complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a notice of appearance on the attorneys for the Plaintiff within 20 days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after service is complete if this Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York). In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Amended Complaint.

NOTICE
YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME

IF YOU DO NOT RESPOND TO THIS SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE MORTGAGE COMPANY WHO FILED THIS FORECLOSURE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT, A DEFAULT JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED AND YOU CAN LOSE YOUR HOME.

SPEAK TO AN ATTORNEY OR GO TO THE COURT WHERE YOUR CASE IS PENDING FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON HOW TO ANSWER THE SUMMONS AND PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY.

SENDING PAYMENT TO YOUR MORTGAGE COMPANY WILL NOT STOP THIS FORECLOSURE ACTION.

YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT.

THE OBJECT of the above captioned action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure \$129,900.00 and interest, recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Putnam on January 6, 2006, in Book 4764, Page 386, covering premises known as 212 Fox Run Lane, Carmel, NY 10512, SBL #: 34-3-17.-207.

The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the Mortgage described above. The Plaintiff also seeks a deficiency judgment against the Defendants and for any debt secured by said Mortgage which is not satisfied by the proceeds of the sale of said premises.

TO the Defendants, Unknown Heirs of the Estate of Kieran O’Hagan a/k/a Kieran J. O’Hagan a/k/a Kieran J. Ohagan a/k/a Kieran Ohagan, and all the heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, devisees, grantees, trustees, lienors, creditors, assignees and successors in interest of any of the aforesaid defendants, next of kin, distributees, devisees, grantees, trustees, lienors, creditors, assignees and successors in interest of any of the aforesaid classes of person, if they or any of them be dead, and their respective husbands, wives or widows, if any, and all of whom and whose names and places of residence are unknown to plaintiff, except as herein stated the foregoing Supplemental Summons with Notice is served upon you by publication pursuant to an Order of the Hon. Victor G. Grossman, J.S.C. of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of Erie, dated and filed June 10, 2026.

Dated: July 22, 2026
/s/ Kyra Mercadier
Kyra Mercadier, Esq.
McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLP
420 Lexington Avenue, Suite

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840 New York, New York 10170
Phone: 347.286.7409
Fax: 347-286-7414
Attorneys for Plaintiff,
M&T Bank

HELP FOR HOMEOWNERS IN FORECLOSURE

NEW YORK STATE LAW REQUIRES THAT WE SEND YOU THIS NOTICE

ABOUT THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY.

SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT

YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME. IF YOU FAIL TO

RESPOND TO THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT IN THIS FORECLOSURE

ACTION, YOU MAY LOSE YOUR HOME. PLEASE READ THE SUMMONS

AND COMPLAINT CAREFULLY. YOU SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CONTACT

AN ATTORNEY OR YOUR LOCAL LEGAL AID OFFICE TO OBTAIN

ADVICE ON HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE.

The State encourages you to become informed about your options in foreclosure.

In addition to seeking assistance from an attorney or legal aid office, there are government agencies and non-profit organizations that you may contact for information about possible options, including trying to work with your lender during this process.

To locate an entity near you, you may call the toll-free helpline maintained by the New York State Banking Department of Financial Services at 1-800-342-3736 or visit the Department’s website at www.dfs.ny.gov.

FORECLOSURE RESCUE SCAMS

Be careful of people who approach you with offers to “save” your home. There are individuals who watch for notices of foreclosure actions in order to unfairly profit from a homeowner’s distress. You should be extremely careful about any such promises and any suggestions that you pay them a fee or sign over your deed. State law requires anyone offering such services for profit to enter into a contract which fully describes the services they will perform and fees they will charge, and which prohibits them from taking any money from you until they have completed all such promised services.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

LLC

Notice of Formation of **11 Parsonage St, LLC**. Articles of Org filed with SSNY on April 27, 2026. Office Location: Putnam County.

PUBLIC NOTICE

SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Anderson Registered Agents, 7014 13th Avenue, Suite 210, Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity.

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Tech Advantage LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 05/16/24. Office Location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: The LLC, 20 Saint Anthony Pl, Mahopac NY 10541. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act.

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Freid Realty LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 05/29/24. Office Location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: The LLC, PO Box 296, Shenorock NY 10587. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

TAHANAN LLC. Filed with SSNY on 06/05/2026. Office: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 80 FAIR ST, COLD SPRING, NY 10516. Purpose: Any Lawful

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RAF TECHNOLOGY SERVICES LLC. Filed with SSNY on 03/27/2026. Office: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 48 GLEN RIDGE RD, MAHOPAC, NY 10541. Purpose: Any Lawful

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MILE 54 CONSULTING LLC. Filed with SSNY on 05/11/2026. Office: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 99 WASHINGTON AVE, STE 700, ALBANY, NY 12260. Purpose: Any Lawful

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of formation of **Byrnes Brighter LLC.** Articles of Org. filed with SSNY on 6/08/2026. Office Location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Byrnes Brighter LLC, 19 Carillon Road Brewster, NY 10509. Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity

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Notice of Formation of **SightAngle Systems LLC.** Articles of Org filed with SSNY on 06/17/26. Office Location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o SightAngle Systems LLC, 1511 Route 22 Suite A1 #104 - Brewster, NY 10509. Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity.

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Notice of formation of **POINT SCS LLC.** Art. Of Org. filed with the Sect’y of State of NY (SSNY) on 06/18/26. Office in Putnam County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 403 FARMERS MILLS RD CARMEL, NY, 10512. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

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Notice of Formation of **Girl From Ipanema, LLC.** Articles of Org filed with SSNY on 3/31/2026. Office Location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Girl From Ipanema, LLC, 500 Lake Shore Road, Putnam Valley, NY 10579. Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity.

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Peckham Real Estate NY, LLC filed Art. of Org. with the Sec’y of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/25/26. Office: Putnam County. SSNY has been designated as agent for the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: Corporation Service Company, 80 State Street, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity.

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Notice of formation of **Pine View Farm II LLC.** Articles of Org. filed with SSNY on 6/29/26. Office Location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o George Whipple, 250 Old Stone Road, Garrison, NY 10524. Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity.

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Notice of Formation of **Jodi Carlson Art LLC.** Articles of Org

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PROVEN 1926 LLC. Filed with SSNY on 06/17/2026. Office: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 859 FAIR ST, CARMEL, NY 10512. Purpose: Any Lawful

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Notice of Formation of **CK3 Enterprises LLC.** Articles of Org filed with SSNY on 5/1/2026. Office Location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: CK3 Enterprises LLC Purpose, 336 Horseman Blvd, Sleepy Hollow, NY 10591. Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity.

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165 FAIRFIELD LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/08/26. Office: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 6 Hawk Ridge Lane, Brewster, NY 10509. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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8 Farms Added to Putnam Ag District

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was among the projects that elicited the most comment – and which was ultimately voted down by the Legislature.

John Holtzapfel lives adjacent to the 1.19-acre parcel and was the first to speak in opposition to its inclusion in the district. The proposal would include a new greenhouse, and he said the lot is too small to house that along with the multicar garage, a three-apartment building, and pond already onsite.

“I’m not against farms – it’s just this lot is not suitable for, from what I understand, is a 3,000-square-foot greenhouse,” said Holtzapfel. “And there’s a daycare right next door. The

speed limit is 40 miles an hour on that road. If people start slowing up to go to a fruit stand, we’re going to have more problems and more accidents.”

Christine Ravetto of Ludingtonville Road raised wastewater concerns – chiefly with respect to any pesticides and fertilizer the proposed greenhouse might use.

“And where does all that water go?” she asked. “We do not have commercial septic there – it’s a residential area and we all have septic fields. Will the wastewater taint any of our wells? If so, what sort of recourse do we have on that?”

Cassandra Roth of Pawling said the Agricultural & Farmland Protection Board needs to do a better job of communicating its mission and how it operates, because public comments indicated a variety of misconceptions about it. She also noted that not being admitted into the countywide agricultural district does not prevent anyone from

farming. “They’re misplaced concerns with this program,” said Roth, who is also chairperson of the board for the Putnam County Soil & Water Conservation District. “All farms must follow all local laws all the time. It is a town’s responsibility – for their constituents, for their neighbors – to enforce their zoning.”

The farm stand proposal on Ludingtonville Road also elicited the most comment from the Legislature, with Amy Sayegh, R-Mahopac Falls, saying the parcel owner’s application was too preliminary.

“I would like to preface this by saying that whether you get voted in or you’re not voted in, you can still farm, you can still grow your crops, you can still build your greenhouse,” she said. “It all has to be done within the code and the zoning of the town. I think they have a great dream, but in my opinion, it wasn’t a farm yet. I don’t want to discourage anyone from farming, but I’m not going to support this one.”

Legislator Laura Russo, R-Patterson, also voted no, explaining that she had visited the property multiple times and suggested the agricultural

board should not have included it among the 10 parcels for approval.

“I’m honestly very disappointed,” she said. “I don’t think the property’s large enough. It’s too close to the neighbor. It’s too close to the road. If they were to put a greenhouse in, it would be right up against the neighbor.”

Russo said an existing building – a four-car garage to which the proposed greenhouse would be attached – would require total demolition as it likely would not sustain the added weight.

She also criticized the proposal for a farm stand. “There’s no place for cars to pull over,” Russo pointed out. “They would have to pull into the driveway, which is a shared driveway with the neighbor.”

Ultimately, the proposal gained the support of just two legislators – Nancy Montgomery, D-Philipstown, and Bill Gouldman, R-Putnam Valley. The remaining six voted “no.”

The Legislature also voted down a proposal to include Clara Patunga Farm of Putnam Valley in the agricultural district. Legislator Erin Crowley, R-Mahopac, whose district encompasses Putnam Valley, noted that she had previously been a booster of

the farm but would be changing her vote.

“I do wish them much success and I hope they continue to farm... and they continue to do wonderful things over there, but over the past three years I haven’t seen or heard much development,” she said. “So I will not be in support of it this year.”

Montgomery voted in favor of the proposal. “I’d just like to say, farming takes a long time and I know this farmer has done a lot of trying and failing and that’s what farming is,” she said. “I’m glad that he’s still trying.”

Legislative Counsel Heather Abissi noted that because the farm is younger than 5 years old, it is still considered under the agricultural code to be a starter operation. Thus, it could still reapply in the future.

Legislature Chairman Dan Birmingham, R-Brewster, explained that a countywide review of all agricultural parcels will take place in 2027.

“Some have been in the in the district for eight years and some that we’ve approved tonight will come up for review next year,” he said. “Having said that, I think it’s a lot harder to take something out than it is to put something in.”

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overseas. “I’m not here to say please don’t take away 34 Gleneida,” UFT founder Jim Rathschmidt told lawmakers. “I’m actually here to say thank you for having us here for 10 years... If there’s something that can be arranged for us to stay there and the building can be taken care of, that would be wonderful.”

In a letter to county lawmakers, Carmel Town Councilman Robert Kearns said he has followed conversations online regarding the property, in which residents suggest it be transformed into a youth or family center, and said the town is committed to taking a leading role in pursuing a long-term investment there.

“To help protect the site and this downtown corridor as these conversations continue, I have proposed a moratorium on new site plan approvals in the zone where 34 Gleneida Ave., is located,” he wrote. “This step was prompted in part by information suggesting that outside investors may be interested in purchasing commercial real estate along our downtown corridor with the intent to demolish the existing building and construct multifamily housing. I do not believe that outcome would serve our residents.”

Kearns encouraged lawmakers to consider an alternative vision for the property, transforming it into a passive park or courtyard with outdoor seating, leading to the Putnam County Courthouse – which represents a large county investment.

Kent resident and former Legislator Richard Othmer agreed, saying that when the new courthouse was built, the

original plans called for a town green in front of it.

“When they were building the courthouse they were supposed to simultaneously demolish the building, but it would have been a cluster – building one (structure) and ripping down the other at the same time,” he said.

As vice commander of Carmel American Legion Post 270, which neighbors the property, Othmer said that when Memorial Day or Veterans Day ceremonies are held – or when protests or rallies take place on the steps of the Historic Courthouse – people just spill out into the street.

“We have people all over the place right on the road,” he said. “We need some park space and a green... This is our county seat, I just can’t imagine an apartment building in front of it.”

Othmer referenced the “hideous apartment condos” along Route 6 in Mahopac that are taking up lakefront real estate, instead of providing access to local residents.

He even provided renderings that show what the site could look like.

“I’m asking you to have a vision,” he said. “If you build an apartment building there and the judges are up on the second floor, they’re going to be looking at some guy standing there in his underwear making macaroni and cheese at the stove out the front window of the beautiful courthouse, when they could be looking at the lake.”

Legislator Tommy Regan, R-Brewster, was persuaded by the presentation.

“I’m solidified in the feeling that I’ve come to in the last 60 to 90 days, that I don’t think we should sell this building,” he said. “Don’t sell it. This is in front of the county courthouse. God’s not making any more land and it’s an important location.”

Connecticut resident and local developer Paul Camarda, who owns an office down the road from the location, also praised the idea of creating a

park at the site.

“I consider Putnam County an oasis in a very vast, ugly desert around us,” he said. “I look at that property and think no way you can develop it. There’s no development that belongs there. You really want to bring people into this area? You should be having benches on the lake. This park should have a little water feature to it – nothing extravagant. You want to open it up. You want to see people walking the sidewalk.”

Camarda even suggested the county petition to get New York City to install park benches along the lake, which is regulated by the NYC Department of Environmental Protection since it is a drinking water reservoir for the city.

Resident Angela Briante said that if the building remains, retail space should stay on the bottom floor. “We are losing our main streets” as properties are rezoned from commercial to residential, she said.

Legislator Jake D’Angelo, R-Carmel, suggested a engineering study be performed, or a consulting firm be brought in to analyze the building and the site.

“With the building being off the market, it can’t just sit there,” he said. “There has to be a plan moving forward – whatever that may be... This is the main corridor in Carmel. Whatever decision we make is going to be very impactful.”

Respectfully, Othmer said that considering how long this has been a topic, the county needs to take action.

“We need an engineer to build things, we don’t need an engineer to knock things down,” he said. “Just pull the pin on the grenade, blow it up, and get it done with. Don’t procrastinate. Just get it done.”

But first, of course, take care of the veteran organization that calls the space home.

“Before we take one shingle off that roof we have to find an alternative place (for UFT),” said Othmer. “That’s a priority.”

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Entries from the Revolution 250 poster contest hosted by Putnam Arts Council and Assemblyman Matt Slater are currently on display on the Featured Artist Wall at the Belle Levine Art Center in Mahopac, showcasing the creativity and patriotic spirit of Putnam County students in grades one through eight. Pictured are the winning entries.

There's still time to see REV 250 – a special exhibition celebrating the 250th anniversary of American independence – at Putnam Arts Council in Mahopac.

The exhibit features more than 60 works by artists from across the region, including paintings, ceramics, photography, collage, sculpture, mixed media, and more. The exhibition offers a diverse exploration of America's history, landscapes, traditions, people, struggles, and aspirations.

Inspired by America's semi quincennial, REV 250 invites visitors to reflect on the nation's past while considering its present and future through the eyes of local and regional artists. Each work presents a unique interpretation of what America means, creating an exhibit that is both thought-provoking and visually engaging.

"This exhibition demonstrates the power of art to tell our collective story," said Joyce Picone, executive director of the PAC Board of Trustees. "The artists approached the theme from many different viewpoints, creating an exhibition that is thoughtful, inspiring, and deeply reflective of the diversity of the American experience. We are grateful to all of the artists who shared their vision and helped make this exhibition such a success."

Following the juror's review, Eric Gildstad received Best in Show for "Where Would We Be Without Them," Michael Mendel earned second place for "Lasting Friendship," and Monica Craig was awarded third place for "They Will Walk in Raven Town."

Honorable mention awards were presented to Juliana Van Ben-thuysen, Said Reda, Marc Anthony Pandolas, Chris Casaburi, Karalyn Violeta, and James Sparks.

The exhibition will remain on view through Sunday, Aug. 2, in the A. Eric Arctander Gallery. Hours are 1 to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. An artist talk is scheduled Aug. 2 from 3 to 4 p.m.

Winners of Youth

Poster Contest Announced

Winners of the Revolution 250 poster contest at Putnam Arts



"Lasting Friendship" by Michael Mendel is part of the REV 250 exhibit at PAC.

Council, presented in partnership with Assemblyman Matt Slater and celebrating the 250th anniversary of the U.S., range in age and location across the county.

In first place was Emilia from Haldane Central School District, in second place was Kate from George Fischer Middle School, and coming in third was sixth-grader Abigail. Honorable mentions went to Lala Rose at Fulmar Road Elementary School in Mahopac, and Mae at Haldane.

Open to students in grades one through eight, the contest invited young artists to create original, hand-drawn posters expressing what America's 250th anniversary

means to them. The response was inspiring, with entries showcasing creativity, imagination, and pride in the nation's history.

The winning posters, along with many of the contest entries, are now on display on the Featured Artist Wall at the Belle Levine Art Center in Mahopac for the public to view free of charge. An artist talk is scheduled during a closing event Sunday, Aug. 2, from 3 to 4 p.m.

The Putnam Arts Council is a nonprofit organization dedicated to enriching the cultural life of the county through visual, literary, and performing arts. For more information, visit www.putnamartscouncil.com.

Coffeehouse to Host Touring Art Exhibit

The Town of Southeast Cultural Arts Coalition's summer coffeehouse Thursday, July 30 at 7:30 p.m., at the Studio Around the Corner, 67 Main St., Brewster, will feature the unveiling of a new art show, Steve Parlato's "They Are Not Disposable."

These portraits of victims of racial violence look like paintings, but are collages made from disposable materials and garbage. Found objects make their way into the work in surprising and organic ways, creating a feedback loop between this world and the spirit realm.

This show has been touring New England and will be hanging on the walls of the Studio Around the Corner through early fall.

The coffeehouse series is hosted by poet Brittany Carrasco and has been turning audience members into poets for two years running. Open mic signups start at 7 p.m., and a \$5 donation is requested at the door.

The closing of "They Are Not Disposable" will be commemorated with an "activism" event Friday, Sept. 18 from 6 to 9 p.m., at the studio. This immersive evening will explore racial justice and moral responsibility through performances from spoken-word artist Maya Rose's play, "Not Disposable" –



Work from "They Are Not Disposable" will be on display July 30 through mid-September at Studio Around the Corner in Brewster.

inspired by the art show – and a community dialogue examining the concept of art as activism.

Artist Steve Parlato, who will be in attendance, is a professor emeritus at Connecticut State Naugatuck Valley, as well as an award-winning writer, actor, and artist. A member of Poets for the Planet, he has written much of his recent poetry in response to the climate crisis. Parlato lives in Middlebury, Conn., with his family.

For more information, visit www.culturalartsco.com.



Lulada Club will perform Aug. 5 in Brewster.

Salsa Band to Close Out Brewster Concerts

The Brewster Summer Music Series invites the public to dance under the stars to the rhythms of Lulada Club, an electrifying all-women salsa orchestra setting the New York City music scene ablaze.

On Wednesday, Aug. 5, the band will play a free concert in the gazebo in Southeast Veterans Park at 6:30p.m., closing out this year's outdoor concert series.

Through meticulous curation, vocalist and director Andrea Chavarro has assembled a cohort of accomplished New York-based musicians, each with unique merits. Drawing inspiration from her Cali, Colombia heritage – the global epicenter of salsa – Chavarro embarked on a mission to address the void of women ensembles within the live music scene in NYC. This

ambition led to the creation of the band in 2022.

Renowned for their masterful interpretations of vintage tropical rhythms encompassing salsa, bolero, and cha-cha-cha, Lulada Club offers a fresh perspective through its original compositions.

According to Rolling Stone Magazine, the band "extends the salsa canon. Lulada's songs are written from a woman's perspective and establish agency in narratives that have traditionally come from a male perspective," wrote the magazine.

In the event of inclement weather, the performance will be moved indoors to Tom and Jerry's Bar & Grill.

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