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Hundreds Pay Respect as Sheriff McConville is Laid to Rest

Hundreds of first responders from the Hudson Valley and New York City converged on the Village of Cold Spring on Aug. 27 to honor Putnam County Sheriff Kevin McConville's lifetime of public service.

McConville, who died Aug. 22 at the age of 68, was laid to rest at the Cold Spring Cemetery following a Mass celebrated by the Rev. Thomas Lutz of Our Lady of Loretto Church and Father Szymon Kurpios of St. John's Church in Mahopac. The Mass was attended by some 400 officers and emergency responders, along with family members, friends, and state, county and local officials.

The funeral drew officers from multiple agencies across the region who came to pay their respects to a leader and gentleman who dedicated decades to

protecting and serving.

As mourners lined the streets, a funeral procession led by two dozen motorcyclists proceeded to the church followed by bagpipers and a hearse carrying the sheriff's remains. Members of the New York City MTA Police removed the casket and carried it into Our Lady of Loretto Church.

According to his obituary, McConville was a lifelong resident of Cold Spring. Born Jan. 31, 1957, he was raised in the village where he lived with his parents, former Mayor Ronald McConville and Marjorie "June" McConville, and his siblings Barbara, Ronnie, and Dickie.

He graduated from Haldane High School in 1975 and received both his undergraduate and graduate degrees from Marist University. In 1982, he married

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First responders line the street as Sheriff Kevin McConville is laid to rest Aug. 27 in Cold Spring. Photo courtesy of the Putnam County Sheriff's Office.



Volunteers carried the Giglio on Aug. 24 at St. John The Evangelist Church in Mahopac.

Mahopac Celebrates Italian Heritage With the Dancing of the Giglio



Hundreds gathered at St. John The Evangelist Church in Mahopac between Aug. 22 and 24 to celebrate La Festa Del Giglio.

An opening ceremony took

place Friday, with the Italian American Club of Mahopac sponsoring "An Evening in the Piazza" on Saturday, and festivities concluding Sunday. The entire

weekend featured music, food, rides and games, and celebration of the Italian heritage and Catholic tradition.

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Southeast Considers New Rental Rules

Revisits Maple Road Discussion

By Rob Sample

Rental housing – particularly short-term rentals – has become a hot topic among municipalities of all sizes. On Aug. 21, the Southeast Town Board discussed what's needed in the town code to properly regulate this form of housing.

The proposal under discussion would amend chapters 108 and 138 of the town code, which regulates rentals and senior housing in town. According to Councilman Eric Larca, the changes would address issues such as overcrowding, parking, noise, and proper maintenance of rental properties.

In particular, the rules would discourage single-room rentals and Airbnbs. Nonetheless, the proposed changes to the code would apply to all rental properties.

"Occupancy would be limited to no more than five persons per dwelling unit, or the number determined by the planning board based on the number of sleeping rooms and the septic system, whichever is less," said Larca.

Mike Levine, the town's building inspector, noted that the revised code also clarifies the definition of "families," which would be afforded more leeway under the new rules. He pointed to a large home in Southeast that was built in the 1920s; with a whopping 10 bedrooms, its septic system was not built for a home with 10 or more occupants.

"We've initiated enforcement against the property based on several complaints we've received," he said.

Councilwoman Wendy Lewis

noted that these rules would also apply to homes for sale. She said she lives in an older four-bedroom home that has a third story that contains additional rooms, which were likely additional bedrooms long ago.

"Were I to sell my home, I wouldn't be able to market it for more than four bedrooms," she said.

Rental agreements would also need to spell out the size of each bedroom, the number of potential occupants for each, and the number of beds. Under the current rules, just bedroom dimensions are collected.

Board members also discussed whether rental agreements could name all of a home's occupants – but they were unsure exactly how to do so.

One key provision is a statement on whether a rental agreement would be for a short-term rental. "If it is, it has to go for a conditional use permit through the planning board," said Levine.

Fines for violations would begin at \$250 and increase from there. The rules would extend some grace to nonprofits that operate housing for senior citizens. They would incur no application fees under the proposed rules.

Both landlords and prospective renters would be provided with the town's noise ordinances – which strictly limit noise between 8 p.m. and 7 a.m. – with which they must comply. People who receive violations would have 30 days to appeal to the town board, which would schedule a public hearing on the matter.

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Assemblyman Matt Slater and Putnam Community Action Partnership Director Marisa O'Leary show off some of the goods that were donated.

Donations Pour in for Backpack Drive

Putnam Community Action Partnership and Assemblyman Matt Slater successfully wrapped up CAP's 39th annual backpack drive, continuing a longstanding tradition of supporting local students.

As the new school year approaches, many families in the community face challenges in purchasing essential school supplies amid the rising costs of basic necessities. However, more than 350 backpacks were collected through the drive.

Additionally, school supplies and resources were distributed to local families throughout the region.

"As always, I'm incredibly grateful to Putnam CAP and everyone who helped make this year's drive a success," said Slater. "New

York is facing an affordability crisis and it's a shame our students are feeling the effects. Their success begins at school. Ensuring they're prepared is one of the most important ways we can set them up for a brighter future."

Putnam CAP Director Marisa O'Leary said education is the cornerstone of a community's success, and every child deserves a strong start.

"When we equip low-income youth with the school supplies they need, we're making a direct investment in their education and the overall future health and vitality of our community," she said. "Putnam CAP is grateful for Assemblyman Slater's support in this effort."

New Citizens Naturalized in Putnam



Putnam County Clerk Michael Bartolotti administered the Oath of Allegiance to 19 new citizens from 15 countries during a naturalization ceremony Aug. 20 at Putnam County Historic Courthouse in Carmel. New citizens hail from Albania, Costa Rica, Israel, Poland, South Korea, and beyond. The Hon. David Squirrel served as the officiating judge.



Provided photos. Additional pictures from the ceremony can be found at www.putnamcountyny.com/county-clerk.



State Police Make Drug & Firearm Arrest in Brewster

Two people were arrested by New York State Police last week after a vehicle stop in which they were found to be in possession of drugs and guns.

A "be on the lookout" request was broadcast Aug. 22 by Westchester Real Time Crime Center for a vehicle wanted in connection with a fraud investigation originating from the Port Jervis Police Department.

A short time later, the vehicle assigned to NYSP Somers initiated a traffic stop, assisted by members of the Putnam County Sheriff's Office, on Interstate 684 in the Town of Southeast.

A search of the vehicle was conducted, resulting in the discovery of approximately 21.4 grams of MDMA, 3.2 grams of cocaine, and three firearms.

The driver, Victoria Negron, 30, of the Bronx, was charged with two counts of second-degree criminal possession of a weapon-loaded firearm, third-degree CPW, and criminal possession of a firearm, all felonies – as well as vehicle and traffic law violations.

Front-seat passenger, Jonathan Ramirez, 42, of Reading, Penn., was charged with third-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance with intent to sell, third-degree CPCS-hallucinogen, and fifth-degree CPCS-cocaine, all felonies.

Both Negron and Ramirez were arraigned in Carmel Town Court and remanded to the Putnam County Correctional Facility.

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Big Geyser Gets the Final OK in Southeast

Transforming Former Hardscrabble Tennis Club

By Holly Crocco

Final site plan approval was recently granted to Big Geyser, Inc., to redevelop a 6.4-acre property on Sutton Place in Brewster to serve as a warehouse for the distributor that delivers specialty non-alcoholic beverages and snacks from Westchester to Montauk.

The approval came after some debate and discussion over the hours of operation and what's fair and consistent for operations in the otherwise residential area.

A family-owned-and-operated business since 1986, Big Geyser already operates two facilities – in Maspeth and Brentwood – and with this property seeks to expand its distribution area.

According to the statement of use submitted to the Southeast Planning Board earlier this year, the proposed redevelopment at the site, which used to house the Hardscrabble Tennis Club, includes internal renovations to the existing 68,300-square-foot metal frame building, a 550-square-foot addition at the rear of the building, replacing parking areas, removing the outdoor tennis courts, constructing two areas for loading and access bays, adjusting stormwater management practices, replacing the lighting, and installing new landscaping.

It is anticipated that 70 to 75 employees will operate the facility over two shifts, with overall operating hours of 4 a.m. to midnight Monday through Saturday. That includes about 50 drivers and helpers, 10 to 15 employees that fill orders from on-site stock and prepare the delivery pallets for the trucks to be loaded, and 10 office personnel.

There are 22 long beverage trucks (37-foot) and four long box trucks (39.5-foot) as part of the fleet for this facility. Four full-sized tractor-trailers are also anticipated weekly for deliveries to fill stock for distribution.

According to the statement of use, it is expected that there will be about 20 to 22 outgoing deliveries each day. Drivers would begin the load-out delivery procedures start-

ing at 5 a.m., which continues until all trucks have left.

Trucks begin returning around 10 a.m. and continue throughout the afternoon, until about 2 to 4 p.m. Drivers complete the load-in procedure, then temporarily park their trucks outside. A truck jockey would pull trucks into the building around 4 p.m. to load for the following day's delivery.

During the Aug. 11 Southeast Planning Board/Architectural Review Board meeting, Chairman Tom LaPerch explained that the board felt it only fair to hold Big Geyser to the same hours as nearby Clancy Relocation & Logistics, which was told it cannot have truck traffic start until 6 a.m.

"After polling the board, I think it's only fair that we keep our hours of operation consistent with Clancy, which went through a big battle out there," he said. "So I don't think we can accommodate your 4 a.m. or 5 a.m. starting times."

According to Jamie LoGiudice of Insite Engineering, Surveying & Landscape Architecture, P.C., of Carmel, that wouldn't work for the company. She explained that the smaller beverage trucks will all be loaded inside the building during the late night and early morning hours. Long box trucks and tractor-trailers will already be in place, having been parked the night before, and will just be loaded outside before they take off – not having to back up.

"That's where we feel that they differ from Clancy and the other projects on Fields Lane," said LoGiudice.

"I don't think our issue is with loading the trucks," said one planning board member. "It's with the trucks pulling out, accessing Fields Lane... We have to be prepared for Clancy to come back and ask for an adjustment that will match what we approve here."

Jerry Reda, president of Big Geyser, explained that their operation differs from that of Clancy, just based on what they are transporting or moving.

"The board is concerned about

noise – I can see why there's a lot of concern about moving trucks, because they have to maneuver and get loaded," he said. "Our trucks don't do that. Our trucks will be in position at nighttime and will pull straight out without any need to have any backup noise whatsoever. And that's the way we developed the timeline to accommodate the concern with the noise."

Reda explained how their operation works. He said sales persons finish their day between 4 and 6 p.m., and begin transmitting their orders to the office, where staff generate pull tags. Between 5 p.m. and midnight, staff pull goods from the aisles and start packing up the trucks – which are already in position at the facility, either indoor or outdoor.

According to Reda, some trucks have to go as far as the Bronx, and many of the hospitals and schools they deliver to have delivery windows before 8 a.m.

"That's significant business we would lose" if the trucks can't depart at 5 a.m., he said. About 30 percent of the company's business goes to schools, hospitals, and other "institutions" like the Bronx Zoo.

"We deliver milk products, we deliver water projects," said Reda. "Sometimes these people serve breakfast in the morning and they want fresh products before they open up, before the students come in."

The board was receptive to the explanation of how operations will work, and agreed to allow the trucks to depart at 5 a.m., as long as there is no backing up between 4 and 6 a.m.

"That's fair," LaPerch told Reda. "You explained it differently. I guess it's critical to your business to get out early, to accommodate the schools and things like that... I agree that Clancy has every right to come back if they like, but this is a business model that I think is critical to this operation."

Final site plan approval and a conditional use permit were approved by the board, with member Lynne Eckardt voting "no."



Photo provided by Carmel Fire Department.

Two Injured in ATV Rollover Accident

First responders were called to a reported ATV rollover accident Aug. 20 at about 11 a.m., on Belden Road near the New York City Watershed property.

Upon arrival, emergency crews from the Carmel Fire Department and Carmel Volunteer Ambulance Corps located two workers who had sustained serious injuries after their ATV rolled over a steep, 12-foot embankment.

One individual suffered a severe head injury, while the second was initially trapped beneath the overturned ATV.

Both patients were located

roughly 1 mile off the roadway, requiring an extensive extrication operation through wooded terrain. Firefighters and EMS personnel carried the injured workers out of the woods to awaiting ambulances.

Both were transported to a nearby trauma center for advanced medical care.

CFD acknowledged the rapid response and teamwork of its members and the Carmel Volunteer Ambulance Corps, whose coordinated efforts ensured the safe removal and transport of both victims under challenging conditions.

We Will Miss

Carmel

Shirley Sara Traugot, 95, August 20. Cargain Funeral Homes Inc., Mahopac, (845) 225-5655.

Vivian D. Strain, 84, August 10. Balsamo-Cordovano Funeral Home, Carmel, (845) 225-2144.

Mahopac

Elizabeth Della Vecchia, 93, August 23. Joseph J. Smith Funeral Home, Mahopac, (845) 621-1992.

Putnam Valley

Nancy Ann Cottrell, 74, August 21. Yorktown Funeral Home, Shrub Oak, (914) 962-0700.

Maria Rotondini, 90, August 24. Yorktown Funeral Home, Shrub Oak, (914) 962-0700.

Cold Spring

Sheriff Kevin J. McConville, 68, August 22. Clinton Inc Funeral Homes, Cold Spring, (845) 265-3333.

Walter "Jack" Allen, 86, August 22. Clinton Inc Funeral Homes, Cold Spring, (845) 265-3333.

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A Yoga Sound Bath in Old Town Hall Theater

The Town of Southeast Cultural Arts Coalition will host a beginner-friendly yoga sound bath in the historic Southeast Old Town Hall Theater, 67 Main St., Brewster, on Sept. 7 at 11 a.m.

Enjoy 60 minutes of gentle movement led by Cate Bartilucci of Luna Power Yoga and accompanied by Bob Frye of Querencia Soundworks. Bring a mat and comfortable clothing.

Pre-registration is required at www.lunapoweryoga.com. Admission is by donation and payable at the door. Free parking is available in the lot and on the street.

Bartilucci is the owner of Brewster's Luna Power Yoga, where her mission is to create an inclusive, empowering space where all-levels are welcomed to practice yoga. Classes led by the

team of teachers at LPY emphasize safety, empowerment, and fun, to celebrate every unique journey and embrace the joy of coming together to connect, reset, and grow.

Frye is a certified sound bath practitioner and lifelong musician – a classically trained organist, improvising jazz pianist, synthesist, and composer. With a bachelor's of music degree from Fredonia State University, he also participated in classical organ masterclasses and performances in Holland with Arthur Howes of the Peabody Conservatory of Music. His musical education includes graduate studies in composition and electronic music at UCSD with John Cage, Pauline Oliveros, and Roger Reynolds.

Singing bowls and gongs

have become his primary focus as a pathway to meditation and healing. Certified by both the International Academy of Sound Healers and the Ohm Store's Sound School and Gong School, Frye brings a lifetime of musical and meditation experience to sound baths and sonic wellness.

TOSCAC is a nonprofit dedicated to fostering and sustaining the arts in Brewster, Southeast, and the surrounding region. While spearheading the restoration of its home – the historic Southeast Old Town Hall – the coalition has presented hundreds of affordable and engaging arts offerings at the Old Town Hall Theater, Studio Around the Corner, and other local venues, “celebrating the community with transformative and inspiring arts experiences.”

Nutrition Corner

By Allison J. Stowell
MS, RD, CDN



Fall Reset

Whether you have children starting a new school year or not, September brings “reset” vibes. It's time to finally tackle that stack of papers that was pushed aside to relish summer days and return to a regular pattern of shopping and ingredient prep as summer travel wanes. With wellness in mind, let's embrace your fall reset.

Menu Reset

September means it's time to review the calendar and plan a menu to match your new schedule. Return to regular grocery shopping. Choose new “ingredient prep” days- slice and dice fresh produce, grill or roast protein and vegetables to have on hand, while keeping whole grains and other starches available to round out meals. Use these versatile ingredients to bring easy meals together as you adjust to a new schedule.

Exercise Reset

It's time to settle back into a pattern of regular fitness. This may mean a different approach than what has worked in the past, especially for families adjusting to a new fall schedule. Remember that the priority is consistency and doing something most days of the week. If timing is tight, embrace fitness apps that make workouts more effective, when you're at home, in the gym, or on the sidelines at your child's sports practice.

Nutrition Reset

This may be the perfect time to meet the goals you've been putting off, especially if enjoying summer meant more meals out and regular consumption of foods high in sodium, sugar, and saturated fat. Along with your shopping and menu planning, should come a focus on meeting your nutrition goals.

Wellness Reset

Have other aspects of your wellness been neglected over the summer? Maybe it's your sleep hygiene, regular stretching, hydration, or commitment to safely reducing stress. If your summer pace was fun, but not centered around wellness, this is the moment to return to better balance.

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

Air-Fried Apple Tots (1 Guiding Stars) www.Hannaford.com

Kids will love this fun dessert twist on potato tots. They get extra crispy in the air fryer before getting tossed in cinnamon sugar for a sweet coating.

- Ingredients:
- 4 sweet red apples (about 1 3/4 lbs.)
 - 2 large eggs
 - 2 Tbsp. cornstarch
 - 4 Tbsp. cinnamon sugar, divided
 - Cooking spray

- Directions:
- Using the coarse side of a box grater, grate apples down to cores. Discard cores. Line a colander with a tea towel or cheesecloth and set inside a large bowl. Transfer grated apples to colander. Gather ends of towel and squeeze liquid from apples. (You should have about 3 cups grated apples.)
- In a medium bowl, lightly beat eggs, cornstarch and 2 tablespoons cinnamon sugar until combined. Add grated apples and stir to coat. Shape apple mixture into 1” tots (1 tablespoon each).
- Preheat air fryer to 400 degrees F. Coat rack with cooking spray. Working in batches if needed, arrange apple tots on rack in air fryer, spacing evenly. Cook 4 to 6 minutes, flipping tots halfway through.
- Add remaining 2 tablespoons cinnamon sugar to a shallow bowl. Toss warm apple tots in cinnamon sugar. Serve immediately.
- Tip: Toss with more cinnamon sugar, if desired, and serve with vanilla yogurt as a dipping sauce.

Frozen Yogurt Bark

(Family Features)
Frozen Yogurt Bark

- Ingredients:
- 1 1/2 cups low-fat, no-sugar-added vanilla Greek yogurt
 - 2 tablespoons honey or pure maple syrup
 - 2 tablespoons chopped unsalted almonds
 - 1/2 cup finely chopped mango
 - 1/2 cup blueberries
 - 1/4 cup blackberries or raspberries, chopped if large

Directions:

In medium bowl, whisk yogurt and honey until combined

Line 13-by-9-by-2-inch baking dish with parchment paper. Using spatula or knife, spread yogurt mixture over paper as thinly as possible.

Sprinkle almonds over yogurt mixture. Using fingertips, gently press almonds into yogurt mixture. Sprinkle with mango, blueber-



ries and raspberries. Using fingertips, gently press fruit into yogurt mixture.

Cover dish with plastic wrap or aluminum foil. Freeze overnight.

For serving, remove baking dish from freezer. Gently lift parchment paper from dish and transfer to cutting board. Using hands, break bark into pieces or hit lightly on surface of cutting board. Serve immediately as bark begins to melt 15 minutes after removing from freezer.

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Another Dem Joins the Race for NY-17

Prizgintas Brings ‘Woodstock 1969’ to Reed Library

Retired Air Force Lt. Col. John Cappello last week announced his candidacy for Congress in New York’s 17th District.

“Every opportunity I’ve had – the opportunity to attend the Air Force Academy, to serve my country, to live my dream – I’ve had because I grew up in this community,” he said. “At this time, when so many people are feeling those opportunities are increasingly out of reach and Congress is abdicating its responsibilities, I feel my own responsibility to step up, give back, and serve so future generations can have the same – or better – opportunities than I had.”

Cappello, a Democrat who was raised in Suffern, spent more than 25 years serving as a B-1 bomber pilot, Air Force Academy professor, and in senior roles at the embassies in Israel and Serbia.

After graduating from Suffern High School, he attended the Air Force Academy while majoring in political science. His service brought him around the country and the world. In addition to flying B-52 and B-1 Bombers, Cappello led efforts to coordi-



John Cappello

nate exchanges and cooperation with the Ukrainian military, served as acting defense attaché at our embassy in Serbia, and Air Force attaché at the American embassy in Israel.

Upon retiring from the Air Force, he stayed in Israel for three years, working with the U.S. Missile Defense Agency.

“No matter where I went or where my service took me, my home has always been the Hudson Valley,” said Cappello. “And I always knew I’d come home to continue serving my community.”

Since leaving government service, Cappello became a senior fellow at the Foundation for Defense of Democracies and later worked as country manager for Spirit of America. Currently, he is president of the Halyard Mission Foundation and founding partner of the Balkan Security Network, both nonprofits that work to strengthen the relationships between the U.S., Serbia, and other Balkan nations.

For more information on Cappello’s background and platform, visit [CappelloForCongress.com](#).

“The unique sound of Alex Prizgintas and his amplified cello will ring throughout the Reed Memorial Library of Carmel on Tuesday, Sept. 16 at 5 p.m., when he presents “Woodstock 1969: A Cello Show of Peace, Love, and Music.”

Building from his existing rock ‘n’ roll programs such as his popular “British Invasion” show, Prizgintas is preparing his latest electric cello show to resonate at the heart of the Hudson Valley’s rich cultural history.

““Woodstock 1969’ has been an exciting journey,” said Prizgintas. “Although some classics from existing shows will be featured in this new program, the bulk of material being presented is fresh and new, covering the depth of artists featured at the Woodstock festival. Among those I am excited to share – especially with a unique electric cello sound – include the musicians Joe Cocker, Janis Joplin, The Who, Jefferson Airplane, Mountain, Credence Clearwater Revival, and Blood, Sweat & Tears.”

What has perhaps been even more exciting in this journey is crafting the historical narrations that accompany each selection, to blend history and harmony. This allows Prizgintas to bring in a few artists such as Joni Mitchell who, while not present at Woodstock, contributed in important ways to the sentiments of that era.

Classically trained, Prizgintas employs non-classical tools like distortion, delay, and the iconic “wah-wah” guitar pedals symbolic of 1960’s rock n’ roll bands – all in conjunction with a looping station.



Alex Prizgintas will perform on his cello Sept. 16 in Carmel.

Equally comfortable with intimate and stadium settings, Prizgintas is able to craft his own wall of sound through his 1,000-watt amp.

Accompanied with a narration that reveals some of the back stories of baroque, jazz, folk, and rock n’ roll classics, he immerses his audience in a journey through musical history.

For more information, visit [alexprizgintas.com](#).

Aquaflyers Seek Swimmers

The New Fairfield Aquaflyers, a community swim team for children in kindergarten through 12th grade (age 6 to 18), is looking for swimmers to join its ranks.

Swimmers are from Danbury, Bethel, and New Fairfield in Connecticut, as well as Putnam County, and practice at the New Fairfield Middle School, 56 Giltotti Road.

Tryouts are Sept. 5 and 8, and additional times by appointment. Team members must be able to swim one lap (25 yards) of free-style and one lap of backstroke without stopping.

The season begins Sept. 15 and runs through March.

The competitive swim team is for beginners to advanced swimmers and offers a supportive environment with qualified coaches. Meets are sanctioned by USA Swimming.

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AotL to Screen 'The Art of Failure'

Arts on the Lake will host a special showing of the HBO documentary "The Art of Failure, Chuck Connelly, Not for Sale" on Saturday, Sept. 6 at 7 p.m., at 640 Route 52, Kent Lakes.

Connelly was a major up-and-coming talent in the New York art scene along with Julian Schnabel and Jean-Michel Basquiat during the hey days of the exploding 1980's art world, who ended up alienating every collector and gallery owner he worked with.

The documentary follows the life of this brilliant yet enigmatic painter, who now sees his career fading. Driven by desperation, Connelly hires an actor to pose as a young, upcoming artist to sell his work to galleries and art dealers.

The film provides an intimate and often troubling character study of Connelly, a working-class guy from Pittsburgh who

holds "traditional" beliefs that art, above all, is about personal expression and craftsmanship. Shot over six years, this dramatic and entertaining documentary explores a painter's passion for his work – despite being his own worst enemy.

The documentary won an Emmy Award at the 30th annual event in the "outstanding arts and culture programming" category.

Following the film, curator, gallerist, and artist Tony Carretta – who organized the event – will speak about his years representing Connelly's work and how he came to be involved with the HBO release, as well as answer questions about the film and how it relates to all artists in their artistic quest.

He will also bring two of Connelly's works to the event.

Tickets are \$5 and available at www.artsonthelake.org.



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There is a moment of pure release while traveling that does not exist in the regular world. It is the period of time after TSA screeners finish with your bags and body search, clearing you to venture forth toward your departing gate. You weren't exactly fearful – there was no smuggling or subterfuge – but the security check was the culmination of a more general anxiety.

Parking, check-in, baggage fees, flight status, and all of the other logistical concerns pepper your brain in the minutes and hours prior to take off.

For me, the release and Zen-like calm coincides with a visit to the airport general

store and newsstand. The online world fades away and the array of magazines and paperbacks grabs my full attention. It is a time of experimentation. You can choose magazines and books that you otherwise would have no direct exposure.

I grabbed a Harvard Business Review for the low, low price of \$20 (the days of \$1.95 magazines are long gone). There was a broken coffee cup on the cover that piqued my interest and my concern. Inside the magazine were the usual assortment of AI pieces explaining how easily I can be replaced by a free app. But on page 66, lo and behold, there was a substantial article on

elder care and its impact on the American workforce.

Let this quote sink in: "For the first time in U.S. history, the number of working adults providing care to an older adult (nearly 23 million) has surpassed the number providing care to preschool children (21 million)."

Caring for an older loved one requires patience and an understanding of the benefits and programs which provide support. Working alone is a recipe for burnout and breakdown. When a loved one faces health challenges, your first instinct will be to run over to their home with soup, a hospital bed, and a shower seat – and that would be 100 percent correct.

Your second instinct should be to contact an elder care attorney to prepare a long-term care plan.

New York has a Medicaid Home Care system that is workable and flexible. The application has a part covering proof of identification, health insurance, and income, plus a second part listing assets. Community-based Medicaid Home Care does not penalize financial transfers. An individual in need of home care is allowed to hold \$32,396 in resources, not including a home, one car, or qualified retirement accounts (IRAs, 401Ks, 403Bs). Excess resources may be transferred to another person or a trust without impacting Medicaid eligibility for home care.

Monthly income (Social Security, pensions, interest/dividend income) is considered separately from resources and is limited to \$1,800 per month. Excess income can be protected by using supplemental needs pooled income trusts administered by not-for-profit agencies that allow a loved one to shield the income they make above the \$1,800 per month for a small fee, and use that income to pay expenses.

So what does Medicaid Home Care offer?

After eligibility is obtained, your loved one will be assessed to determine hours of care required. Home health aides will be paid by Medicaid to provide assistance with bathing, dressing, and grooming, as well as meal preparation, light housekeeping, mobility, and continence care. Consumer-directed aides (aides chosen directly by the Medicaid recipient) may provide additional services.

If your loved one has more serious health care needs, New York State offers a Medicaid nursing home transition and diversion waived home care program that can be 24/7 with greater care support. The program maintains the same eligibility guidelines as basic community home care Medicaid. It takes longer to set up but its benefits are worthwhile.

Balancing the care needs of a loved one with the financial and legal realities of maintaining a household and not squandering a family's resources requires professional guidance. An airport magazine may alert you to the issue, but seeking out a skilled elder care firm to address the issue is the right approach.

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Putnam County Community Events

Christian

Education Classes

First Presbyterian Church of Mahopac is offering Sunday School to kids age 4 to 12. Participating children attend the 10 a.m. worship service and after the children’s sermon are led to class. Confirmation Class, for eighth-graders and older, is Sunday mornings at 9 a.m. in the Christian Education building on Secor Road. After class, students attend the 10 a.m. worship service with their families. www.mahopacchurch.org.

Suicide Loss

Survivor Support

A support group for suicide loss survivors meets the second and fourth Monday of each month from 6:30 to 8 p.m., at the meeting room at Cornerstone Park, 1 Fair St., Carmel. The group is peer-led, run by Lucille and Roy Ettere, The Nicole Ettere Memorial Gardens Foundation, and supported by the Putnam County Suicide Task Force.

Tuesday, Sept. 2

Chorale Seeks Singers

The Taghkanic Chorale invites prospective singers to its opening rehearsal Tuesday, Sept. 2 from 7:15 to 9:45 p.m., at the First Presbyterian Church of Yorktown, 2880 Crompond Road (Route 202), Yorktown Heights. Prospective singers can attend initial rehearsals with no obligation to join. Performances are Dec. 13 and 14 at St. Columbanus Church in Cortlandt Manor. www.taghkanicchorale.org.

Garden Club Meets

Lake Mahopac Garden Club will meet Tuesday, Sept. 2 at 11:30 a.m., at Airport Park in Mahopac. Participants are welcome to the meeting and bring a lunch. The program topic is “Plastics; We Loved ‘em, Now It’s Time to Leave ‘em,” featuring guest speaker Janice Butler from the Cooperative Extension Service. For information call 845-628-0588.

Roaming Reederers

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

Kent Town Board

The Kent Town Board will meet the following Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at Town Hall: Sept. 2 and 16, Oct. 7 and 21, Nov. 18 and 25, and Dec. 2 and 16.

Wednesday, Sept. 3

Carmel Town Board

The Carmel Town Board will meet at 7 p.m. the following Wednesdays at Town Hall: Sept. 3, 10 and 17; Oct. 1, 8 and 15; Nov. 5, 12 and 19; and Dec. 3 and 10.

Library Meeting

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

Thursday, Sept. 4

America 250

Local teacher Rob Buccheri will present “250th Anniversaries of the American Revolution in New York State” on Thursday, Sept. 4 at 5:30 p.m., at Reed Memorial Library in Carmel. Buccheri explores the critical role New York played in the early years of the American Revolution. He will also highlight upcoming 250th anniversary celebrations planned across NYC, Westchester, and Putnam counties. Registration is required at carmel-library.org/calendar.

Friday, Sept. 5

Scarecrow Contest

The Town of Southeast Cultural Arts Coalition will hold its 2025 Scarecrow Contest at the Brewster Fall Festival. Bring your scarecrow to the Garden Around the Corner at 67 Main St., Brewster, through Sept. 5 to be entered in the contest. Public votes will take place during the festival. Contact Anita Conway to enter, at 302-554-4210.

Doansburg Chamber

The Doansburg Chamber Ensemble, celebrating 40 years of performance, will open its 2025 season with performances by its string quartet with harp, clarinet, and flute, Friday Sept. 5 at 7 p.m., at St. Mary’s Church in the Highlands, 1 Chestnut St., Cold Spring. A second performance is scheduled Sunday, Sept. 7 at 3 p.m., at Trinity Lutheran Church, 2103 Route 6, Brewster. Tickets are \$17 for general admission or \$14 for seniors and students, and available at the door.

Film Screening

Tompkins Corners Cultural Center in Putnam Valley will present a screening of “The City Without Jews,” a prescient silent film accompanied by live original music composed and performed by world-renowned klezmer violinist Alicia Svigals and celebrated silent film pianist Donald Sosin, on Friday, Sept. 5 at 7:360 p.m. A Q&A with the musicians will follow. Tickets are \$20 at Eventbrite.com or at the door.

Grange Fair

The Yorktown Grange Fair returns Sept. 5, 6 and 7 at the Yorktown Grange Fairgrounds, 99 Moseman Road, Yorktown Heights.

Golf Outing

Carmel Fire Department’s Don Pearlman Memorial Golf Outing is scheduled Friday, Sept. 5, at Putnam County Golf Course, 187 Hill St., Mahopac. \$150 per golfer, includes 18 holes of golf with cart, lunch on the course, dinner and refreshments afterward, raffle, 50/50, and awards following dinner. Call Rob Lipton at 845-222-4768 or TK at 845-721-7393.

Trivia Night for Teens

Mahopac Public Library will host a trivia night for teens Friday, Sept. 5 at 5 p.m. Invite your friends, make a team, show off how much you know, and win prizes. This month’s theme is “I love the 90s.” Register at www.mahopaclibrary.org or call 845-628-2009, ext. 153.

Saturday, Sept. 6

Documentary Screening

Arts on the Lake will host a special showing of the HBO documentary “The Art of Failure, Chuck Con-

nelly, Not for Sale” on Saturday, Sept. 6 at 7 p.m., at 640 Route 52, Kent Lakes. Tickets are \$5 and available at www.artsonthelake.org.

Blessing of the Pets

Bring your family pet (leashed or caged) to an annual “Blessing of the Pets” event Saturday, Sept. 6 from noon to 2 p.m., at Mount Carmel Bible Church, 76 Gleneida Ave. The event will be held behind fellowship hall next to Wenco Plaza parking lot. If it rains, it will be held inside the hall. Pastor Andrew Columbia will pray a special blessing over pets and their families. There will be special guests, a parade, pictures, and videos.

Oktoberfest

The German American Social Club of Peekskill will present Oktoberfest on Saturday, Sept. 6 from 3 to 10 p.m.; and Sunday, Sept. 7 from noon to 7 p.m., at 11 Kramers Pond Road, Putnam Valley. Rain or shine. The Spitzbuam and the Red, White and Brews Band will perform both days. Food, drinks, kids activities. \$14 per adult; children younger than 14 admitted free with an adult.

Colonial Drinks

“Forgotten Drinks of Colonial New England” will be presented Sept. 6 from 5 to 7 p.m., at Putnam History Museum, 63 Chestnut St., Cold Spring. Try three colonial-era beverages and learn how taverns became the center of social and political life. Registration is \$60, or \$55 for PHM members, and can be completed at www.putnamhistorymuseum.org.

Brewster Fall Fest

The Brewster Rotary Fall Festival is scheduled Saturday, Sept. 6 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., along Main Street. Live entertainment, local vendors, food, kids’ activities, and more. Proceeds support the Rotary’s community service projects. Free and open to the public. www.brewsterrotaryfallfestival.com.

‘American Revolution Experience’

The Enoch Crosby chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution will sponsor the “American Revolution Experience,” a traveling exhibit, at the Southeast Museum, 67 Main St., Brewster. Kick off viewing starts at the Brewster Fall Festival, Sept. 6 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The display, created by the American Battlefield trust, will be on view through Sept. 26, with special school programs during Constitution week. Museum hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday to Saturday.

Defensive Driving

Mahopac Public Library will host a defensive driving insurance reduction program Saturday, Sept. 6 at 9:30 a.m. This is a series of films and discussions about driving attitudes and behaviors designed for licensed drivers, but those with permits may attend. Register at www.mahopaclibrary.org or call 845-628-2009, ext. 100.

Folk Picnic

Clearwater’s Folk Picnic is scheduled Saturday, Sept. 6 from noon to 6 p.m., at USC Theater, 18 Camp Loop Road, Beacon. Live music, children’s activities, food vendors and more. Free. www.clearwater.org/folkpicnic.

Sunday, Sept. 7

Yoga Sound Bath

The Town of Southeast Cultural Arts Coalition will host a beginner-friendly Yoga Sound Bath in the historic Southeast Old Town Hall Theater, 67 Main St., Brewster, on Sept. 7 at 11 a.m. Enjoy 60 minutes of gentle movement led by Cate Bartilucci of Luna Power Yoga accompanied by Bob Frye of Querencia Soundworks. Bring a mat and comfortable clothing. Pre-registration is required at www.lunapoweryoga.com. \$30.

Classical Concert

Trio Raconteur returns to the Chapel Restoration’s Sunday Music Series to perform Felix Mendelssohn’s “Piano Trio No. 1” and “Piano Trio No. 2” on Sunday, Sept. 7 at 4 p.m., at 45 Market St., Cold Spring. Free.

Monday, Sept. 8

United Way Golf Benefit

United Way of Westchester & Putnam will host its annual Applied Underwriters Invitational & Bud Hammer Memorial Day of Golf benefit Monday, Sept. 8 at the Scarsdale Golf Club. It features a round of golf, on-course competitions and prizes, a barbecue lunch, cocktail reception, dinner, and silent auction. For more information, contact Emilie Enciso, manager of special events and development, at eenciso@uwwp.org or 914-997-6700.

‘The Erie Canal at 200’

The Erie Canal is celebrating its bicentennial. On Monday, Sept. 8 at 6:30 p.m. at Mahopac Public Library, Join David Brooks from the Schoharie Crossing Historic Site as he outlines the story of the canal and how it has been heralded in pop culture, folklore, and history books. Register at www.mahopac-library.org or call 845-628-2009, ext. 100.

Tuesday, Sept. 9

Garden Club

The Brewster-Carmel Garden Club will meet Tuesday, Sept. 9 at the Laura Spain Memorial Cornerstone Park building on the corner of Fair Street and Gleneida Avenue in Carmel. The meeting will begin at 10:30 a.m., followed by a brief social before the club’s presentation. This month’s program on healthy garden soil will be given by Janis Butler, master gardener at CCE. Members and their guests are welcome to bring a lunch. <https://brewstercarmelgardenclub.org>.

Healthy Eating

Patterson Library will present “Healthy Eating from the Garden” on Tuesday, Sept. 9 at noon. Are you a vegetarian, or want to include more vegetables in your diet? Hanaford dietitian Joy De Caro will explain how to eat healthier with delicious and nutritious recipes made with garden veggies. Adults 18 and older. To register, call 845-878-6121 or go to www.patterson-library.org.

Wednesday, Sept. 10

History Hunter

Join Kent Public Library and the Kent Historical Society for a history presentation by local metal detectorist and amateur archeologist Andy Eichhorn on Wednesday, Sept. 10 at

5:30 p.m. He uses metal detectors and knowledge of soils to unearth various artefacts, many of which are directly related to the Colonial history of our region. Register at kentpl.librarycalendar.com.

Marine Corps League

The Marine Corps League Putnam County Detachment meets the second Wednesday each month at noon at George’s Place on Gleneida Avenue in Carmel. For membership, email MCLPutnamCountyNY242@gmail.com.

Thursday, Sept. 11

Meditation Circle

Reed Memorial Library of Carmel will hold its monthly meditation circle Sept. 11 at 6 p.m., via Zoom. Each month, Kris Noelle of Kris Noelle Wellness will gently guide you through a soothing meditative journey designed to restore your spirit. Registration is required at carmellibrary.org/calendar.

Southeast Town Board

The Southeast Town Board will meet at 7 p.m. the following Thursdays at Town Hall: Sept. 11 and 25, Oct. 9 and 23, Nov. 6 and 20, and Dec. 4 and 18.

Art Museum Tour

Patterson Library members will meet at Magazzino Italian Art Museum in Cold Spring on Thursday, Sept. 11 at 11 p.m., for a docent-led tour of the museum’s permanent collection and special exhibit. Arrive by 10:45 a.m. to check in. Registration is required as tickets are limited. Adults 18 and older. Transportation is not provided. To register, call 845-878-6121 or go to www.pattersonlibrary.org.

Friday, Sept. 12

Playwright Festival

The Brewster Theater Company’s fifth annual Playwright Festival presents six new one-act plays chosen from more than 100 submissions this year, at the Theater at Drew Methodist Church, 28 Gleneida Ave., Carmel, on Sept. 12 and 13 at 7:30 p.m., and Sept. 14 at 2 p.m. Tickets are available at www.brewstertheater.org and at the door.

Saturday, Sept. 13

Benedict Arnold’s Flight

The Putnam History Museum will host a hike outlining “Benedict Arnold’s Flight” on Saturday, Sept. 13 from 10 a.m. to noon, beginning at the Marcia’s Mile parking lot/Glencllyffe trailhead in Philipstown. Follow the infamous traitor’s escape route on a moderate guided hike. One mile in length with rocky, uneven terrain. \$12 for PHM members and \$15 for non-members. Register at putnamhistorymuseum.org.

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Carmel High School Mentors Welcome Incoming Freshmen



Carmel High School mentors lined the entranceway and held up posters to welcome incoming freshman during the recent orientation.

The first day of high school for any freshman can be both exciting and anxiety provoking, as there's a bigger school to navigate, more students to get know, and challenging new classes to tackle.

For incoming freshmen at Carmel High School, their mentors have them covered.

"Each incoming freshman is assigned a mentor, who is a junior or senior in the school," explained English teacher Joanne Morgan, who facilitates the mentorship program. "Mentors help the students navigate the school and are there for them if they have any questions."

On Aug. 26, more than 300 new ninth-graders were greeted by their student mentors outside the high school for orientation. As each freshman entered the building, mentors cheered and gave them high fives.

Once inside, Principal Brian Piazza greeted the incoming freshmen.

"Welcome to the class of 2029," he said. "We have been doing our mentoring program for 16 years, and the students we've selected as your mentors are the best of the best."

Mentors are chosen for their academic excellence as well as their engagement in extracurricular activities.

Piazza demonstrated the use of lockable cell phone pouches the students would be receiving, in compliance with the New York State rule prohibiting cell phone use in schools. Students can carry the pouches with their phones in their backpacks but are to refrain from using them during the school day. Once the day is over, students are permitted to unlock the pouches.

Once students were paired with their mentors they were shown their lockers and invited to sign up for clubs and activities.

"We find that students who are the most successful in high school participate in at least one or two activities," said Piazza.

Attendees also received information on their academic classes.

"It's so much bigger than my other school, but I'm sure I'll get used to it really soon," said one enthusiastic student.





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Mahopac Summer Camps Spark Curiosity & Creativity



Students partake in various projects as part of STEM Camp.

Cooking and crafts were part of The Crafty Kitchen Camp.

Students at Austin Road Elementary School in Mahopac dove into hands-on learning and discovery this summer at the school’s STEM Camp, a three-week program designed for second- through fifth-graders with a focus on science, technology, engineering, and math.

“STEM Camp gives students the chance to see how fun problem-solving can be,” said teacher Carolyn Ryan. “They start out excited to build, experiment, and figure things out, and by the end you can really see their confidence shine.”

From building popsicle stick bridges and dissecting owl pellets, to constructing car-and-track engineering projects and taking on Breakout EDU challenges, students were encouraged to collaborate, think critically, and take

creative risks.

Campers also tried out unique activities such as the Milky Way experiment, which demonstrated the principles of surface tension using milk, food coloring, and dish soap, and were introduced to Kendama, a traditional Japanese skill toy that helps develop hand-eye coordination.

With patience, teamwork, and curiosity at the heart of every activity, Austin Road’s STEM Camp helped ignite a love of

learning that students will carry well beyond summer.

Also at Austin Road Elementary, an exciting new summer program for second- through fifth-graders debuted. The Crafty Kitchen Camp blended the creativity of arts and crafts with hands-on cooking.

From the first day, the campers jumped into a variety of activities. In the kitchen, they made treats like “edible soil” made with chocolate pudding, cookie

crumbs, and gummy worms, as well as homemade butter, s’mores, nachos, and an edible mosaic.

In the craft room, campers designed colorful suncatchers, crafted bracelets, and made unique candleholders that doubled as night lights.

The camp’s atmosphere was filled with collaboration, curiosity, and excitement as the students developed new skills and expressed their personalities through both crafts and cooking.

Back to the Den



Westchester Central School District hosted a back-to-school fair last week, as an opportunity for families and students to meet new administrators, get important information and complete forms for the upcoming year, connect with technology, find out about community organizations and opportunities, join a PTA, and celebrate the upcoming school year.



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Trio Raconteur to Perform in Cold Spring

Trio Raconteur returns to the Chapel Restoration’s Sunday Music Series to perform Felix Mendelssohn’s “Piano Trio No. 1” and “Piano Trio No. 2” on Sunday, Sept. 7 at 4 p.m., at 45 Market St., Cold Spring.

The concert at the historic landmark on the banks of the Hudson River is free and open to all. Donations are encouraged.

Brought together through a love for trio repertoire, especially the French masterpieces, Trio Raconteur is a New York-based ensemble that formed in 2019 and performed its first concert that year at the Chapel Restoration. Amy

Schroeder, two-time Grammy-Award-winning first violinist of the Attacca Quartet, and Felix Umansky, cellist of the Grammy-Award-winning Harlem String Quartet, are joined by pianist Yalin Chi.

Schroeder has been hailed by the Washington Post as “an impressive artist whose playing combines imagination and virtuosity.” She has soloed with orchestras including the Buffalo Philharmonic, the Amherst Symphony, the Clarence Symphony, and the Hilton Head Symphony.

Praised for his “sublime” playing by Cleveland Classical, Umansky is a frequently-sought-

after recitalist and pedagogue. His versatile career has taken him all over Europe as well as North and South America, where he has performed in some of the most prestigious concert halls including Carnegie Hall, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, Lincoln Center, and the Kennedy Center.

Chi made her debut with the Central Opera Orchestra before moving to the U.S. to study at Interlochen Arts Academy. She is the principal pianist at the Hudson Valley Symphony Orchestra and the West Point Band.

For more information, visit www.chapelrestoration.org.

Report: Seniors Need More State Support

With federal funding less predictable and New York’s senior population growing, the state must ensure its own investments are reaching older adults who need help, according to a new report from State Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli.

The report finds that even as state funding for senior services has increased, thousands remain on waitlists for in-home care, meals, and other essential support, and data reporting by the New York State Office for the Aging makes it difficult to know who is being left behind or where.

Federal funding that typically supports a range of benefits for older New Yorkers – including Medicaid funding – has been reduced, which may further increase demand for state-funded services.

Many prefer to receive care at home rather than in institutional settings, but as the number of older New Yorkers increases, so does the strain on local agencies and service providers that older adults rely on. These services include in-home personal care, meal delivery, transportation, case management, and support for family caregivers.

In June, the state released a Master Plan for Aging final report which assessed New York’s services for older adults and made recommendations to improve them. It found that a primary issue in meeting the needs of older New Yorkers will be the availability and adequacy of the direct care workforce.

State funding for NYSOFA

programs increased more than 88 percent, or \$114 million, in the state budget for fiscal year 2025-26 when compared to 2018-19. This funding includes support for the Expanded In-Home Services for the Elderly Program and other core services provided by local aging agencies.

The demand for NYSOFA services has exceeded the availability, meaning seniors who would otherwise qualify for services are unable to access them. In recognition of the demand, the state has increased funding to expand access to services like personal care and meals for older adults. Yet thousands remain on waitlists, and some funds were not spent, raising questions about whether the state’s investment is delivering its intended results.

In 2023, DiNapoli released an audit that found NYSOFA did not consistently monitor local agencies or issue guidance on tracking and reporting waitlists. DiNapoli’s new report notes that some data on participation and funding, including allocations for in-home services, is not consistently available.

NYSOFA does not publicly report the information needed to assess the effectiveness of in-home services or the use of unmet need funding, including waitlist numbers by county and program, how much funding each local agency receives and spends on in-home services, and how many eligible older adults remain underserved.

Without this information, it is difficult to determine where services are falling short or how effectively taxpayer dollars are being used.

Southeast Considers New Rental Rules

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There’s a safety aspect to the proposed rules, as renters have been found living in substandard spaces, such as rented rooms that lack windows. Additionally, some landlords have refused to issue a lease, which violates local and state housing laws.

Also during the recent Southeast Town Board meeting, councilmembers continued to explore ways to mitigate flooding conditions along an unpaved section of Maple Road, where flooding can be especially acute at springtime or during heavy rain.

“If it was an especially bad winter, with a lot of ice, when it thaws out everything loosens and it makes those incredible ruts,” explained Town Supervisor Nick Durante.

The best near-term solution is the installation of “geotextile” fabric underneath the dirt roadway’s top surface, he said. This type of material causes the water to drain downward, keeping the top from becoming muddy and rutted.

The town also plans to install a 250-foot section of guardrail along the unpaved part, although it would first need to resolve the road-surface issue.

“Over the longer term, the best solution would be to pave this segment of the road,” said Highway Superintendent Michael Burdick. “Preserving the base also facilitates any eventual road paving and the

cost to pave it would be significantly less because the majority of the sub-base would already be there.”

“As far as funding, has any attention been toward raising a bond, or alternative funding (for the eventual road paving)?” asked Enoch Crosby Road resident Kevin Fennell, whose street adjoins Maple Road. “I know a lot of people are very passionate about this and I understand the speed concerns.”

“We’ve talked about it, but I don’t think we’ve actually set anything up to start being able to fund it in a few years,” said Durante. In the meantime, the town aims to see what develops with its incremental approach.

The roadwork would incur closings Sept. 23 and 24, when local schools will be closed for Rosh Hashanah.

“When you talked about closing the road, I got a little nervous because I was thinking about emergency vehicles,” said one Ivy Hill Road resident. “I know the other end of the road would be open, but is there notice given to, you know, fire, police, all of that?”

“We do notify emergency services” of any scheduled road work, answered Durante.

A separate project would involve installing a 250-foot section of guardrail along the unpaved section of Maple Road. New electric school buses, which the state has mandated that districts switch to by 2027, are much heavier than current ones – which would have an impact on guardrails.

“Most of the guardrails in the whole region are not designed for buses with the new weights,” noted Scott Seaman, a trustee of the Brewster School Board. “So, that’s something to be considered down the road.”

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Enjoy the Yorktown Grange Fair Sept. 5-7



East Coast Pro Wrestling will return to the fair.

Prepare to get “Moo-ving into the Next Century” with the 101st annual Yorktown Grange Fair from Sept. 5 through 7, when the fairgrounds will be packed with 10 acres of fun for all.

Admission is \$15 per carload or \$5 per individual, and includes parking, entertainment, contests – and more. For those who are overwhelmed by the lights and sounds of a fair, the first hour of each day is a “quiet hour,” providing a more tranquil environment to enjoy the event.

Daytime fun begins with concerts for all ages. Kids may sing and dance with Kurt Gallagher’s “Songs for Playful Kids” (Saturday at 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.) and learning about the world with Annie and the Natural Wonder Band (Sunday at 11 a.m.).

Adults may appreciate daytime concerts from rock group Not Sorry (Saturday at 3:30 p.m.) and country music moguls Whiskey’s Edge Band (Sunday at 4 p.m.) In the evenings, sit back and rock with The Crew (Friday at 7:30 p.m.) and jam with Jokerz Wild (Saturday at 8 p.m.).

East Coast Pro Wrestling will return to the ring Saturday at 1:30 and 5 p.m., and Sunday at 1 p.m.

New to the Fair is Wacky Chad (Saturday at 2 and 6 p.m., and Sunday at 1:15, 2:45, and 6:15 p.m.) His interactive stunt show includes towering unicycles,



A watermelon eating contest is just one of the competitions to be held at the fair.

skateboard tricks, and incredible juggling.

There will also be horse riding demonstrations (Saturday at 11:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., and Sunday at 3 p.m.) as well as a full weekend livestock show. Various audience participation contests from watermelon eating and rubber chicken throwing, to nail driving and bubble gum blowing provide fun for everyone.

The fan favorite mile-long tractor parade (Saturday at noon) will be back, along with a midway full of games, rides, and food.

For more information on the Yorktown Grange Fair including a full schedule of events, visit www.yorktowngrangefair.org. The fair

will take place Sept. 6, 7, and 8 at the fairgrounds, 99 Moseman Road, Yorktown Heights.

Hundreds Pay Respect as Sheriff McConville is Laid to Rest

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his high school sweetheart Janice (née Brigati) and together they raised their three children – Ryan, Kylie, and Ilana – in the same house he grew up in.

In 2021, he was elected sheriff of Putnam County. Under his leadership, he improved working conditions for the men and women of his department by implementing safer, more efficient, and appropriate services such as a new records management system and a new jail management system.

He ensured that a radio communication system, which was years in the making, went into effect and obtained new vehicles for officers. He routinely worked with schools and leadership teams to keep students and faculty safe, and partnered with local mental health and domestic violence organizations to provide support, services, and resources for those in need.

In December 2024, the sheriff’s department achieved Division of Criminal Justice Services state accreditation in law enforcement – a major achievement and benefit to all county residents. In addition, the Putnam County Sheriff’s Office Response Team also met the standards for SWAT Team Certification.

McConville was a public servant in every sense of the word, devoting his life to serving others with integrity, courage, and compassion. He was a trustee of the New York State Sheriffs

Association, a lifelong member of the NYS Association of Chiefs of Police, the NYS Fraternal Order of Police, Stephen P. Driscoll Lodge 704, the Hudson Valley 10-13 Association, Knights of Columbus Council 36318, and the Brewster Elks Lodge 2101.

While his family was exceptionally proud of his professional achievements, at home, he was just Dad. He was an adoring husband, a dedicated father, and a beloved “Bop” to his grandchildren Bennett and Reagan. He was happiest when they were all together, whether in the backyard at their house in Cold Spring overlooking his favorite view of the river, or on family trips to Fort Myers, Fla.

McConville dedicated hours to his work and his personal and professional development, but always made time for his kids. He was a Pop Warner coach, a Catholic Youth Organization coach, a Little League coach, a school trip chaperone, and a fixture at Saturday morning rec and Amateur Athletic Union games.

As his kids got older, he loved watching Ryan, Kylie, and Ilana play football and basketball at Haldane, and regularly made the five-hour trip to St. Lawrence University to watch Ryan play football in college.

He was also a proud Bop, watching Bennett and Reagan play baseball and softball.

In addition to his wife, children, and grandchildren, McConville is survived by his brothers Ronnie (Diane) McConville and Dickie (Carol Ann) McConville.

In lieu of flowers, his family asks that donations be made to Putnam County SPCA-New York (<https://spcaputnam.org>) or to the Tunnel to Towers Foundation (<https://dogood.t2t.org/give/320847>).

Playwright Festival to Feature One-Act Play

The Brewster Theater Company’s fifth annual Playwright Festival presents six new one-act plays chosen from more than 100 submissions this year.

The revered festival performs at the Theater at Drew Methodist Church, 28 Gleneida Ave., Carmel, on Sept. 12 and 13 at 7:30 p.m., and Sept. 14 at 2 p.m. Tickets are available at www.brewstertheater.org and at the door.

“BTC’s audience truly looks forward to the festival each year, as do actors and directors who get to explore new, shorter pieces in a more intimate setting and condensed production time,” said Stacy Dumont, BTC president.

Bob Dumont of Patterson produces the festival, which includes local directors Judy Brewster and Nate Brewster of Southeast; Steph-

anie Straface, Vince Umbrino, and Gregg Guest of Carmel; and Philip Anderson of North Salem.

Winning playwrights hail from North Carolina, South Carolina, Minnesota, and Westchester, including Shelley Storloff Segal, Josh Gadek, Larry Eckerle, Bara Swain, Craig McNamara, and John Bryan.

More than 40 community members including actors, technical crew, stagehands, and front-of-house crew from Putnam, Dutchess, and Westchester counties will participate in the anticipated one-act play festival.

The Brewster Theater Company, a 501(c)3 nonprofit community theater, is celebrating its 25th year entertaining audiences and bringing artists together in Putnam County and its surrounding areas.



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Addiction Services in New York Receive \$63M

The New York State Office of Addiction Services & Supports recently announced more than \$63 million in funding awards to support a wide range of initiatives to address the opioid and overdose crisis.

This funding is bolstering efforts to increase access to housing, prevention, and educational services; supporting workforce development; helping connect high-need individuals to services; and increasing access to all forms of medication for addiction.

New York continues to take significant steps to expand substance use disorder services across the state, and these ongoing initiatives have contributed to a 32 percent reduction in overdose death rates during the 12-month period ending in January.

“Working with the Opioid Settlement Fund Advisory Board we have been able to get this funding out quickly to the communities that need it most as we continue our ongoing efforts to address the effects of the opioid and overdose crisis,” said OASAS Commissioner Dr. Chinazo Cunningham.

More than \$33 million in funding from the NYS Opioid Settlement Fund is being awarded to community-based providers across the state to bolster efforts to increase access to housing, prevention, and educational services, and also support workforce development.

New York is receiving more than \$2 billion through various settlement agreements with opioid manufacturers and pharmaceutical companies that were secured by Attorney General Letitia James. A

portion of the funding from these settlements will go directly to municipalities, with the remainder deposited into a dedicated fund to support prevention, treatment, harm reduction, and recovery efforts to address the ongoing opioid epidemic.

To date, OASAS has made more than \$409 million available through the opioid settlement fund, which is the most of any state in the nation.

Initiatives supported through this funding are detailed below.

*** Transitional Safety Units: \$21M** – This initiative is designed to help individuals with a substance use disorder who are experiencing homelessness find short-term housing while they are waiting for a permanent housing solution. With this funding, providers will support the addition of peers to aid in the recovery of those in the housing units. This funding is being provided over four years to 16 providers across the state.

*** Community Prevention & Intervention Project: \$4.6M** – This project is designed to increase prevention services in underserved areas of the state. Providers receiving funding will implement and expand coordinated, evidence-based prevention services in these areas, addressing individuals, families, communities, and societal needs.

*** Interdisciplinary Substance Use Disorder Fellowship Program: \$2.8M** – The goal of this fellowship is to strengthen the addiction services workforce by supporting addiction professionals through increased education, training, and work experience. Those in the program will have the opportunity to

learn from experts in various fields, such as nursing and social work, and will participate in a comprehensive curriculum to receive hands-on experience.

*** Wellness Initiative for Senior Education: \$2.4M** – Eight providers are receiving \$300,000 each to support the WISE program, which provides educational services for older adults on things like medication management and misuse, stress management, depression, and substance use. Providers receiving funding are partnering with local programs and organizations that provide services and resources to adults in their community over 55 years old.

*** Social Emotional Learning: \$1.3M** – This initiative is a prevention program implemented in schools, reaching students from pre-kindergarten through high school. Providers offer training, materials, and support to school administrators to enhance efforts to increase protective factors and reduce risk factors for substance use. This funding is being provided over the course of three years.

*** Paid Prevention Internship Opportunity \$1M** – This is an effort to address workforce issues across the state by providing paid internships for individuals looking to enter the addiction services workforce. The program supports college-level and workforce-ready New Yorkers by providing them with entry level experience and education, and training to support a career in the substance use disorder prevention field. Interns will also receive training hours toward a Certified Prevention Professional or Certified Prevention Specialist

credential.

Through opioid stewardship funding, OASAS is awarding more than \$30 million to support initiatives that help connect individuals identified as having a high need to harm reduction, treatment, and other resources, as well as increase access to medication for addiction.

Initiatives supported through this funding are detailed below:

*** Street Outreach: \$23.9M** – Funding is being awarded to 17 providers over the course of three years to increase street outreach services, including education, support, and linkages to care. This initiative is designed to reach people who use drugs and are not engaged in harm reduction or treatment services, and face barriers to care such as living far away from traditional treatment.

*** Methadone for Opioid Use Disorder Treatment: \$3.7M** – This is a two-year, targeted initiative to increase access to services for opioid use disorder by assisting providers in establishing either a comprehensive outpatient program

or an opioid treatment program. Providers in counties identified as having high needs, including some with no existing methadone services, were targeted for this funding. This is part of ongoing efforts by OASAS to ensure every county has methadone services available, including though previous funding for comprehensive outpatient treatment programs, new OTPs, and mobile medication units.

*** Medication for Opioid Use Disorder for incarcerated individuals: \$3.2M** – To increase access to medication for opioid use disorder in correctional settings, OASAS is awarding funds to providers across New York to help pay for buprenorphine and naltrexone. Criminal-justice involved individuals have a higher risk of overdose, and the state has taken steps to ensure people in correctional settings are able to more easily access medication for addiction. All jails and prisons in New York currently offer all forms of FDA-approved addiction medication.



Volunteers build the Giglio in the days and weeks leading up to the celebration.

Mahopac Celebrates Italian Heritage With the Dancing of the Giglio

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The Giglio (pronounced jeel-yo) is a 75- to 85-foot-tall wooden structure with a papier-mâché face adorned with beloved saints and colorful flowers. Most prominent of the flowers is the lily, which is called a giglio in Italian – hence the name of the structure.

Giglios are built in honor of a town’s patron saint and carried on the shoulders of approximately 120 men in a ritual that dates back to 409AD in the town of Nola, Italy.

The Giglio Society is a devoted group of individuals who have dedicated their lives to honoring Catholic traditions, and that devotion is on display each year during the annual Italian Festival held throughout Italy, the U.S., and the world. They honor their Patron saints in the same fashion their ancestors did – and still do annually – by building a Giglio and dancing in the street.

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Brewster Schools NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF TAX ROLL AND WARRANT

TAKE NOTICE that I, AnnMarie Milano, the undersigned Receiver of Taxes of the Town of Southeast, County of Putnam, and State of New York have duly received the tax roll and warrant for the collection of school taxes within the BREWSTER CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, Town of Carmel, Town of Southeast and Village of Brewster, for the year July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026. Taxes will be collected by the Tax Receiver at the SOUTHEAST TOWN HALL, 1360 ROUTE 22, BREWSTER, NEW YORK, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that taxes may be paid on or before September 30, 2025, without charge or interest (SAT, SUN, AND HOLIDAYS EXCLUDED). Add 2% (two percent) fee October 1, 2025, through October 31, 2025. When tax is in excess of \$50.00, first payment to be received by School Tax Collector not later than September 15, 2025, with **4% (four percent)** service charge included in amount due. Second payment to be paid to Commissioner of Finance, County Office Building, 40 Gleneida Avenue, Carmel, New York 10512 with **4% (four percent)** service charge included in amount due after November 1, 2025, but no later than March 15, 2026. After March 15, 2026, interest accrues at variable interest rate until relevy date. For correct amount due after March 15, 2026; contact the Commissioner of Finance, County Office Building, Carmel, New York 10512.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that pursuant to the provisions of the law, the tax rolls of the BREWSTER CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT will be returned to the Commissioner of Finance of the County of Putnam for collection or Relevy, with additional penalties, on the 3rd day of November 2025.

ANNMARIE MILANO
RECEIVER OF TAXES

BREWSTER CENTRAL
SCHOOL DISTRICT
SOUTHEAST AND CARMEL

August 13, 2025

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RECEIVER OF TAXES LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF TAX ROLL AND WARRANT

TAKE NOTICE, that I, Mary DeLanoy, the undersigned Receiver of Taxes of the Town of Patterson, County of Putnam and State of New York, have duly received the tax roll and warrant for the collection of school taxes within the BREWSTER CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, Town of Patterson for the year July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026. Taxes will be collected by the Tax Receiver at the PATTERSON TOWN HALL, 1142 ROUTE 311, PATTERSON, NEW YORK, Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that taxes may be paid on or before September 30, 2025 without charge of interest (SAT, SUN AND HOLIDAYS EXCLUDED). Add 2% (two percent) interest

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October 1 through October 31, 2025. Taxes may also be paid in installments if each total tax bill exceeds \$50.00. First half of the tax bill plus a 4% (four percent) service fee is payable to Receiver from September 1 through September 15. The second half plus a 4% (four percent) service fee is payable to the Putnam County Commissioner of Finance, 40 Gleneida Ave., Carmel, NY 10512, after November 1, 2025 but before March 15, 2026. After March 15, 2026 interest accrues at variable interest rate.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that pursuant to the provisions of the law, the tax roll of the BREWSTER CENTRAL SCHOOL will be returned to the Commissioner of Finance for collection or relevy, with additional penalties, after November 1, 2025.

Mary DeLanoy
Receiver of Taxes
Brewster Central School
District
Town of Patterson

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Carmel NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF THE TAX ROLL AND WARRANT

TAKE NOTICE that I, Kathleen S. Kraus, the undersigned Receiver of Taxes of the Town of Carmel, County of Putnam, State of New York, have duly received the tax roll and warrant for the collection of school taxes within the Town of Carmel, Mahopac Central School District, Carmel Central School District and North Salem Central School District for the year of July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 and that I will attend at the Carmel Town Hall, 60 McAlpin Avenue, Mahopac, New York from 8:30am to 4:30pm of each day, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays. Saturday hours will be available during the month of September 2025 only, beginning on September 6, 2025, from 9:00am to 12:00pm for the purpose of receiving the taxes listed on said roll.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the taxes may be paid on or before September 30, 2025, without charge or interest. If taxes are paid during the month of October, 2025 (from October 1, 2025 to October 31, 2025), a two percent (2%) fee will be added. Taxes may also be paid in two installments if the total tax exceeds \$50.00. If paying in installments, fifty percent (50%) of the tax bill, plus a four percent (4%) service charge is payable to the Receiver of Taxes during the period September 1, 2025 through September 15, 2025. The second half, plus a four percent (4%) service charge is payable to the Putnam County Commissioner of Finance, 40 Gleneida Avenue, Carmel, New York, 10512 after November 1, 2025 but before March 15, 2026. Payments after March 15, 2026, in addition to the four percent (4%) service charge, must add one percent (1%) interest per month or part thereof.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that pursuant to the provisions of law, the tax rolls of the school districts will be returned to the Commissioner of Finance of the County of Putnam on the 1st day of November, 2025.

Kathleen S. Kraus
Receiver of Taxes
Town of Carmel
Mahopac Central School
District
Carmel Central School District

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North Salem Central School
District

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Putnam NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF THE TAX ROLL AND WAR- RANT

TAKE NOTICE that I, William J. Carlin, Jr., the undersigned Interim Commissioner of Finance, as collecting agent of the Lakeland Central School District, for Towns in the County of Putnam, State of New York, have duly received the tax roll and warrant for the collection of school taxes within the Town of Carmel, Town of Philipstown, and Town of Putnam Valley for Lakeland Central School District for the year of July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 and that I will attend at the Putnam County Office Building, 40 Gleneida Avenue, Carmel, New York from September 1, 2025 to September 12, 2025, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, and, starting September 15, 2025 to September 30, 2025, Monday through Friday, from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays, for the purpose of receiving the taxes listed on said roll. Payments may also be made online at www.putnamcountyny.gov/taxpayment

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the taxes may be paid on or before September 30, 2025, without charge or interest. If taxes are paid during the month of October, 2025 (from October 1, 2025 to October 31, 2025), a two percent (2%) fee will be added. Taxes may also be paid in two installments if the total tax exceeds \$50.00. If paying in installments, fifty percent (50%) of the tax bill, plus a four percent (4%) service charge is payable to the Putnam County Commissioner of Finance during the period September 1, 2025 through September 15, 2025. The second half, plus a four percent (4%) service charge is payable to the Putnam County Commissioner of Finance, 40 Gleneida Avenue, Carmel, New York, 10512 after November 1, 2025 but before March 15, 2026. Payments after March 15, 2026, in addition to the four percent (4%) service charge, must add one percent (1%) interest per month or part thereof.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that pursuant to the provisions of law, the tax rolls of the Lakeland Central School District will be returned to the office of the Commissioner of Finance of the County of Putnam on the 1st day of November, 2025.

William J. Carlin, Jr.
Interim Commissioner of
Finance

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COUNTY OF PUTNAM NOTICE FOR PROPOSAL NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be received by the Director of Purchasing of Putnam County for the following commodities and/or service:

**RFP 08-2025 – PUBLIC
TRANSIT SYSTEM STUDY**

Detailed specifications may be secured at the office of the Director of Purchasing, Putnam County Office Building, 40 Gleneida Avenue, Room 105, Carmel, New York 10512 between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M., Monday through Friday or you may download from the Empire State Bid System’s website at www.empirestatebidsystem.com. Sealed proposals must be filed in the above office on or before **1:00 P.M., FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2025.**

**dated: Carmel, New York
August 27, 2025
Sgd/John Tully, Purchasing
Director**

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**Putnam County Purchasing
Department**

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COUNTY OF PUTNAM NOTICE FOR BID NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be received by the Director of Purchasing of Putnam County for the following commodities and/or service:

**RFB 22-25 – INMATE
CLOTHING & SUPPLIES**

Detailed specifications may be secured at the office of the Director of Purchasing, Putnam County Office Building, 40 Gleneida Avenue, Room 105, Carmel, New York 10512 between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M., Monday through Friday or you may download from the Empire State Bid System’s website at www.empirestatebidsystem.com. Sealed bids must be filed in the above office on or before **1:00 P.M., WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2025.**

**dated: Carmel, New York
August 27, 2025
Sgd/John Tully, Purchasing
Director
Putnam County Purchasing
Department**

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COUNTY OF PUTNAM NOTICE FOR BID NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be received by the Director of Purchasing of Putnam County for the following commodities and/or service:

**RFB 23-25 – LINE
STRIPING PAVEMENT
MARKING (FEMA & ARPA
COMPLIANT)**

Detailed specifications may be secured at the office of the Director of Purchasing, Putnam County Office Building, 40 Gleneida Avenue, Room 105, Carmel, New York 10512 between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M., Monday through Friday or you may download from the Empire State Bid System’s website at www.empirestatebidsystem.com. Sealed bids must be filed in the above office on or before **1:00 P.M., WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2025.**

**dated: Carmel, New York
August 27, 2025
Sgd/John Tully, Purchasing
Director
Putnam County Purchasing
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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 September 11, 2025 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 138 (“Zoning”) of the Town Code to enact new provisions of the Zoning Code which would regulate the use and development of residential and commercial solar energy systems; provide definitions of different types of solar energy installations; provide prohibitions against the use of certain types of solar energy installations; establish the locations for “as of right” installations and where such installations may be located with a “conditional use permit”; amend the title of Chapter 138, Article VII, to read “Energy Systems” and add new provisions to Section 138-35 pertaining to Solar Energy Systems and establishing the general requirements for the

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location, use and employment of all Solar Energy Systems in the Town. Copies of the proposed local law may be obtained from the Town Clerk during 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 Chiudina,
Town Clerk

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) of the Town of Southeast shall hold a public meeting on Monday, September 15, 2025, at 7:30 P.M. at the Town Hall, 1360 Route 22, Brewster, NY, where the ZBA will conduct a work session to review potential applications and to deliberate upon applications for which public hearings have been previously held. Thereafter, at or about 8:00 P.M., or as soon as interested parties may be heard, public hearings will be conducted on the following application:

Lily Lee & Joseph Barzotti, owners of premises located at 7 North Hollow Road, Tax Map ID 47.-2-5, seek to vary the terms of sections 138-20 and 138-25, as the same require minimum set backs of structures from adjoining property lines, to permit the applicant to legalize an accessory structure (shed) which, as proposed, would be set back .5’ from the side (northerly) property line where a minimum set back of 20’ is required in an R-60 zone.

Big Geyser, Inc. / 22 Sutton Place Realty, LLC, owners/tenants of premises located at 22 Sutton Place, Tax Map ID 78.-1-16.3, seeks to vary the terms of Section 138-75(B) (notes 1 & 2) of the Zoning Code as the same regulates the size and location of signs, to permit the applicant to erect three (3) wall signs where only one is permitted and each additional sign, as proposed, would contain 216 SF where only 80 SF is permitted.

Genc & Nora Kalavaci, owners of premises located at 650 North Main Street seek to construct a multi-family dwelling on the premises, which is not an “as of right” or a special permit use in the applicable zoning district (ED). The premises are currently occupied by a pre-existing, non-conforming three (3) family dwelling which the applicants wish to retain. Section 138-9 C. of the Zoning Code permits only one main building per zoning lot and the proposed multi-family dwelling is not a permitted accessory use. If the applicant were successful in obtaining a use variance to construct the second multifamily dwelling on the subject premises, the applicant would require the following additional area variances: Front yard set back - 100’ required, 20’ proposed; Southerly, side yard set back - 50’ required, 30’ proposed; and Rear yard set back - 75’ required 28.5’ proposed. The premises are in an ED zoning district,

By Order of the ZBA
Roderick Cassidy, Chairman
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Raymond Hill

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of plot owners of the Raymond Hill Cemetery Association will be held at the cemetery office located on the grounds of Raymond Hill Cemetery, at 165 Route 52, Carmel,

Mahopac Appoints New Director of Special Education

Corinne Safarowic has been appointed the new director of special education at Mahopac Central School District, bringing more than 20 years of experience as a special educator and administrator to the district.

Safarowic most recently served as assistant director of alternative and special education at Dutchess BOCES. She has dedicated her career to creating inclusive, high-quality learning environments that support students of all abilities.

“Special education is my calling and I am honored to join Mahopac in this leadership role,” she said. “I believe every student deserves access to programs that meet their individual needs and I look forward to working alongside our staff and families to make that vision a reality. My goal is to foster strong partnerships, ensure fidelity in our programs, and cre-



Corrine Safarowic

ate opportunities that allow every student to thrive both in and out of the classroom.”

Acting Superintendent of Schools Frank Miele said Safarowic’s appointment reflects the district’s commitment to strengthening its special education programs.

“Special education is very important to me and I know it’s

an area where we need to continue to grow and improve,” he said. “Corinne brings the experience, knowledge, and passion to help us move in the right direction. I am excited to see the positive impact she will have on our students, families, and staff.”

Safarowic holds New York State certifications in school district leadership, school building leadership, special education, and childhood education for grades one through six. She also earned two master’s degrees from Mercy College and a bachelor’s degree in elementary education and psychology from the University of Rhode Island.

She will oversee the district’s special education programs across all grade levels, ensuring compliance with state regulations while also working to strengthen support and services for students and families in Mahopac.

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REGISTRATION OPEN FOR HEBREW CONGREGATION OF SOMERS HEBREW SCHOOL - Open House on Sunday, September 7th, 2025 for Grades K-7. Email : questions@hebrew-congregationofsomers.org or Call 914-248-9532. 9/17

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WANTED – Private collector buying firemen’s helmets, fishing, hunting items, rods, reels, lures, all types old or new, paintings of fishing, hunting, wildlife art, bows and arrows, no compound bows. Call 845-878-3665 or 845-661-9059. 11/30

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complaint on file and commonly known as 12 KNOLLCREST ROAD, CARMEL, NY 10512.

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SUPREMECOURT COUNTRY OF PUTNAM.

WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE FOR GWST TRUST 2020 1, Plaintiff against **ELIZABETH ANN FLOROM HEIR AT LAW AND DISTRIBUTTEE TO THE ESTATE OF DAVID A. SHELDRAKE**, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered herein and dated December 12, 2024, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction will sell at public auction in the courtroom 209 of the Putnam Supreme Courthouse located at 20 County Center, Carmel, NY on Monday, October 6, 2025 at 10:30 a.m. premises situate in the City of Carmel, Town of Kent, County of Putnam and State of New York, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the westerly side of Putnam Drive where same is intersected by the division line between Lots 9224 and 9225; being a plot 100.00 feet by 40.00 feet by 100.00 feet by 40.00 feet. Section: 22.58 Block: 1 Lot: 26 Said premises known as 109 PUTNAM DRIVE, CARMEL, NY 10512

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

Index Number 500612/2022. CIRINO M. BRUNO, ESQ., Referee

Kosterich & Skeete, LLC Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 707 Westchester Ave, Suite 302, White Plains, NY 10604

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PUBLIC NOTICE

LLC

Notice of Formation of **Gloss Salon II LLC**. Articles of organization filed with the SSNY on 10/26/2021.

Office Location: Putnam County. Designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC)

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upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to: Wesley M. Beal: 83 old Ridgefield Road, Wilton,CT,06897. Purpose: Any lawful purpose or activity.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Formation of **BNF Consulting Westchester LLC**. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 5/6/25.

Office location: Westchester County.

SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process may be served.

SSNY shall mail process to: BNF Consulting Westchester LLC 301 QUARROPAS ST #10D WHITE PLAINS, NY 10601 Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

STABBYNESS LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 4/10/25. Office in Putnam Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 56 Parrott St., Cold Spring, NY 10516. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Formation of **The Sip Spot LLC**. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 5/30/2025. Office location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Diana Long: 261 Bullet Hole Rd, Mahopac NY 10541. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Formation of **Northeast Sportsmen LLC**. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 08/05/2025. Office location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process

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may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Vito Salvatore 470 Haviland Drive, Patterson, NY 12563. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY **500 PONDSIDE DRIVE LLC**

Notice of Formation of 500 PONDSIDE DRIVE LLC. Articles of Organization filed with SSNY on July 8, 2025. Office Location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to The LLC, P. O. Box 698, Patterson, NY 12563. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY **98 WASHINGTON AVENUE NORTH LLC**

Notice of Formation of 98 WASHINGTON AVENUE NORTH LLC. Articles of Organization filed with SSNY on July 8, 2025. Office Location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to The LLC, P. O. Box 698, Patterson, NY 12563. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY **9 DIPIETRO LANE LLC**

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PUBLIC NOTICE

DIPIETRO LANE LLC. Articles of Organization filed with SSNY on July 8, 2025. Office Location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to The LLC, P. O. Box 698, Patterson, NY 12563. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Formation of **Red Maple Group LLC**. Articles of Org filed with SSNY on 8/11/25. Office Location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Red Maple Group LLC, 28 Wainwright Drive, Carmel, NY 10121. Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity.

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CLASSIFIED ADS

PRINT CLEARLY your AD on the form below and send it to: PUTNAM COUNTY PRESS, P.O. BOX 608, MAHOPAC, NEW YORK 10541 by theWEDNESDAY before publication, or email your ad to advertising@putnampresstimes.com. We will run your ad for four (4) weeks. If after that time you wish to renew for another four weeks, resubmit your AD on the form. The price for classified advertising is \$17.50 for 25 words. Please include a check with your submission.

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Kent Summer Reading Program Goes Out With a Pop!



More than 80 excited kids dove into a foam-tastic celebration with Jackie and her team from FunZone Party Rentals at the recent “Color Our World” summer reading program wrap-up at Kent Public Library. The foam party had everyone playing, dancing, and smiling from ear to ear.



Tips for Buying Major Home Appliances Online

FAMILY FEATURES

Nowadays, you can buy just about anything online and have it delivered and installed with just a few clicks. This includes major home appliances such as refrigerators, washing machines, dishwashers, furnaces, heat pumps and water heaters. However, making a large purchase without inspecting the product or planning for installation comes with its own challenges. To ensure a smooth shopping experience, consider these tips for buying major home appliances online.

Do Your Homework

Set a budget and determine what features are necessities and which are nice to have. When you start searching, you’ll be able to compare product features and reviews. Look for customer feedback, especially regarding durability, performance and features.

For large and installed appliances like water heaters and heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) units, research system requirements including size, capacity and system type (like gas or electric) and compatibility with your current home infrastructure like ductwork. Another consideration is if your state or municipality has local code compliances you must meet like emissions or energy-efficiency standards. This can be time-consuming and difficult for some homeowners.

When shopping online, look for retailers that have partnerships with professional and licensed contractors to help determine the appropriate equipment for your home, make the installation process easy and help you tap into local utility rebates and tax credits.

Consider the Seller

On some online marketplaces, products may be listed by third-party sellers who are not affiliated with the original manufacturer, meaning the product may not be covered by the manufacturer’s warranty. Third-party sellers may not have relationships with local dealers or contractors, and most contractors won’t install or repair products not purchased directly from a manufacturer.

To help you purchase with confidence, Walmart and Bryant Heating & Cooling created a unique partnership to simplify the HVAC buying journey. Customers who inquire at Walmart.com are paired with a highly qualified and reputable dealer to help homeowners assess their requirements, offer energy-efficient equipment solutions and provide installation by trained, certified professionals.

Examine the Return and Warranty Policies

It’s easy to get excited about a product and not think what happens if it malfunctions, so it’s important to look for a manufacturer’s warranty and if extended protection plans are available. When you find warranty information, read the fine print. Most manufacturers require the equipment to be registered after it’s installed to realize the full warranty benefits.



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Document Everything and Keep a Paper Trail

Documentation of higher priced items, especially those with installation next steps and extended warranties, can be helpful if you run into issues. Some of the documents you should keep (in paper and digital versions, if possible) include a final invoice, permits (if applicable), warranty terms and information, delivery and installation scope of work and timelines. Take photos before and after installation.

Buying large home appliances and installed appliances online can save time and money, provided you approach it thoughtfully. This is part of a broader trend toward digital convenience in home services that makes online tools, virtual consultations and price transparency more accessible. With a little research, comparison and attention to detail, you can find the right appliances to fit your home, lifestyle and budget – without ever stepping into a store.

To find more heating and cooling solutions, visit [Walmart.com/Bryant](https://www.walmart.com/Bryant).

Look for Discounts and Financing

Many online retailers offer financing for big purchases, including zero-interest promotions or “buy now, pay later” options. These monthly payment options allow you to fit large purchases into your budget rather than dipping into savings. Watch for hidden fees or high interest rates after promotional periods end.

For installed systems, check if you can bundle financing with installation and extended warranties for convenience. Some appliance manufacturers offer discounts on products if purchased through specific retailers. For instance, if you purchase a Bryant Heating & Cooling system through Walmart, you will receive an instant savings on the cost of a new HVAC unit and qualified customers can take advantage of exclusive financing offers.

Confirm Product Delivery and Installation

Products are easy to purchase online, but poor planning on delivery and installation can turn the process into a hassle. For larger and installed appliances, make sure delivery includes unboxing, setup and removal of old units, if needed.

