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The Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail would run along the eastern shore of the Hudson River between Beacon and Cold Spring. Photo courtesy of Scenic Hudson.

Final Env. Impact Statement For Fjord Trail Released *Cold Spring Requests Public Hearing*

By Holly Crocco

With the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation having released the Final Generic Environmental Impact Statement for the planned Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail, the Village of Cold Spring has acted quickly to request that State Parks hold a public hearing on the controversial matter.

"It has a lot of findings of 'no adverse impact,' which is obviously problematic for us as a village,"

said Cold Spring Mayor Kathleen Foley at a Jan. 8 special meeting of the village board.

"We are asking state parks to hold a public hearing on its own document," she explained. "They are not required to do so, but given the scope and scale of the project, and impact and the public interest," the village is making the request.

Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail, Inc., proposes to build a 7.5-mile-long publicly accessible linear park that is a shared-use pedestrian and

bicycle (non-motorized) trail. The park would run along the eastern shore of the Hudson River between the City of Beacon in Dutchess County and the Village of Cold Spring in Putnam.

The Fjord Trail would be partially within the Hudson Highlands State Park Preserve, which is owned and managed by State Parks, and would extend through other public and private lands.

State Parks, which is serving
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County Legislature Led by Birmingham, Gouldman in 2026



Putnam Legislature Chairman
Dan Birmingham, R-Southeast.



Putnam Legislature Deputy
Chairman Bill Gouldman,
R-Putnam Valley.

By Holly Crocco

Returning Legislator Dan Birmingham, R-Southeast, was nominated by his colleagues to serve as chairman of the Putnam County Legislature for 2026, during its Jan. 6 organizational meeting.

In addition to serving as dep-

uty county executive during the Bondi administration (1995-98), Birmingham served on the Legislature from 2004 to 2012, when he decided to forego seeking a fourth term. He was elected back on the board in 2023.

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Exec. Weighs In on Counsel Position

By Holly Crocco

The Putnam Legislature adopted a local law last month that changes the county charter to allow the governing body to hire legal representation for each the majority and minority party.

While County Executive Kevin Byrne holds vetoing power over the resolution – like he does with any local law – he corrected recent misstatements, reiterating that

it was not he who abolished the legislative counsel position at the end of 2024.

According to Byrne, legislative counsel is employed through a contract the Legislature has for legal services under the County Attorney's Office. While the Legislature has typically had its own outside counsel, that contract was not renewed in 2024. However, the

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Convicted Murderer Granted 3rd Retrial

By Holly Crocco

A former Lake Peekskill man who was convicted in 2010 and again in 2017 of the murder of a Philipstown man, and attempted burglary of his business, has again had his conviction overturned and will receive a second retrial in Putnam County Court.

On Nov. 25, the New York State Supreme Court Appellate Division reversed the 2017 conviction of Anthony Grigoroff, who is accused of killing John Marcinak, 49, on Dec. 31, 2008, outside the Garrison Garage on Route 9, which Marcinak owned.

Marcinak was found dead on the side of the road on New Year's Eve day of 2008, an assumed victim

of a hit-and-run accident. However, bullet holes were discovered on his body.

According to news reports, Marcinak grew up in Garrison, attended O'Neill High School in Highlands Falls, and left behind three children.

According to the ruling, on May 1, 2009, an 18-year-old Grigoroff was removed from the Putnam County Correctional Facility in Carmel where he was serving a six-month sentence for a misdemeanor and brought to the Putnam County Sheriff's Office (at the same location) where, over the course of a 12-hour interrogation, he was interviewed by multiple teams of

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Meet Your 2026 Kent Town Leadership *New & Returning Officials Sworn In*

The Town of Kent hosted a swearing-in ceremony for newly-elected and re-elected public officials prior to its Jan. 6 organizational meeting at town hall. From left are Kent Town Justice Kevin Douchkoff, Town Clerk Lana Cappelli, Highway Superintendent Richard Othmer Jr., Town Councilwoman Anne Campbell, Supervisor Jaime McGlasson, Receiver of Taxes Stephanie Nix, new Town Councilwoman Eileen Olifiers, and Town Justice Timothy Curtiss. Photo by Paulette Marino.

Letters to the Editor

School Board to Vote on Veteran’s Tax Exemption

Dear Editor:

I am writing to inform your readers that it is anticipated that the Carmel School Board will vote on a resolution to expand tax assessment reductions for all veterans. The meeting will be held Tuesday, Jan. 13 in the Carmel High School library. The meeting will be called to order at 6:30 p.m., with the board expected to convene an executive session for 30 minutes. The public portion of the meeting will begin at 7 p.m.

The resolution before the school board would revise the current veteran’s exemption from 15 percent of a maximum of \$80,000 in assessments, or \$12,000, to 15 percent of a maximum of \$360,000 in assessments, or \$54,000 in exemption. This includes what is known as an alternative veteran’s exemption for those not serving during a war, as well as those serving in a war but not in a combat zone. For those having served in a combat zone, they shall be entitled to an additional 10 percent exemption, raising the total exemption to 25 percent, up to the maximum of \$360,000 in assessments.

Veterans with a wartime disability would be entitled to an additional 25 percent ex-

emption, raising the exemption to 50 percent of the assessment up to \$360,000, or \$180,000 in exemptions.

The Carmel School Board’s Audit, Facilities & Operations Committee met Dec. 16 to review the above-outlined proposal and unanimously agreed to recommend it to the full Carmel School Board for consideration. It is my sincere hope the Carmel School Board will again demonstrate our appreciation for our veterans and everything they have done for our great nation by passing this expansion to the veteran’s tax exemption.

I invite our community – and especially our veterans – to attend and encourage our school board to pass this tax exemption for our veterans at the Jan. 13 Carmel School Board meeting.

John Curzio II
Lake Carmel

Thanks for the Support

Dear Editor:

Arts on the Lake would like to thank the local businesses that helped make the holiday cookie and vendor event a success. Through their generous donations and continued support, the center was able to raise essential funds for the development and continuation of a variety of artis-

tic and musical events that serve our community.

We thank Tops Supermarket, Stop & Shop Supermarket, Kent Farm Stand, Ace Endico, and Excel Printing for their contributions. Our annual holiday train show was made possible again this year from our loyal supporters at Feehan Insurance and Boyds Well Drilling.

Thank you to the community members who visited us early and stayed late to patronize the cookie sale and local vendors. We wish everyone a healthy and happy New Year and hope to see you at a future event, or visit us now at the holiday train show, which is currently open every Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., through the end of January.

Robert Bradley
President, Arts on the Lake

Leaders Need to Protect Belden House

Dear Editor:

The bell has rung and County Executive Byrne has entered the election ring, but not without touting the thorn in his side in full display – Belden House – assuring supporters and skeptical non-supporters that he has gone to the mat to preserve this 1760 pre-colonial and post-colonial architectural gem.

As exhibit of his commitment, a letter to no less an advocate of preserving American values, newly seated NYC Mayor Zohran Mandani, replete with past correspondence, occupies his Facebook page.

The irony is jaw dropping. Obviously, he didn’t get the memo from previous Mayor Adams, who filed the previous dumpster letter by a legislator into history’s dustbin. But Byrne is undaunted and replying on biblical injunction – if you don’t ask, you don’t get – seeks to convince a duped public that he is employing every avenue and means to preserve this relic before it is rubble.

I’m sure he has prepared the appropriate shifting words of responsibility internment. The only thing he is interested in preserving is his position as county executive.

How sincere is the latest Byrne ruse addition to his electioneering strategies? A letter to Mandami on county stationary and signed is evidence of what? Nothing. Does he care about preserving Belden House? Has he provided any evidence of face-to-face meetings with the DEP commissioner or Deputy Commissioner Rush? What does the commissioner think – that he has been relegated to a lowly “CC” on the dumpster letter?

Although appointed by the mayor, it is the commissioner or his deputy that is responsible for negotiations. But Byrne does not or cannot or won’t negotiate. Is that the stuff of leadership? His legacy, my fellow residents of Putnam County, in 2026 will be not a celebration but a funeral for a remanent of history. He will have been responsible for denying present and future generations visible evidence of Putnam’s history.

Zohran Mandani couldn’t have done better.

Ann Fanizzi
Carmel

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We appreciate your readership and support, and don’t worry – we aren’t intimidated by competitors attempting to feed misinformation to lawmakers prior to the vote on the designation, in an attempt to bump us off. We know our reputation speaks for itself.

Thanks again,

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police investigators.

During that time he gave statements indicating that he, his twin brother, and a man named Byron Mountain parked in the lot outside the garage with the intent of burglarizing it. He claimed that while he remained in the vehicle for 5 to 10 minutes and his brother served as a lookout, Mountain was walking around the side of the building when a tow truck pulled in and the operator (later identified as Marcinak) exited and confronted the burglar.

Mountain pulled a gun from his waistband and shot Marcinak, according to Grigoroff.

Despite his claims, on June 9, 2009, Grigoroff was arrested and charged with murder. Neither his brother nor Mountain was charged with any crime relating to the incident.

Following a jury trial in 2010, he was convicted of second-degree murder and two counts of second-degree attempted burglary, among other charges. On appeal, the Supreme Court reversed the conviction and ordered a new trial, noting “the testimony of the law enforcement officials indicated that the police utilized deceptive techniques during the course of the defendant’s interrogation” to coerce a confession.

Following a new jury trial, Grigoroff was again convicted of murder and attempted burglary. He was sentenced to 25 years to life in prison.

However, according to the recent decision: “The defendant contends that his conviction, which was based solely on his confession, was against the weight of the evidence. In fulfilling our responsibility to conduct an independent review of the weight of the evidence, we nev-

ertheless accord great deference to the jury’s opportunity to view the witnesses, hear the testimony, and observe demeanor. Upon reviewing the record here, we are satisfied that the verdict of guilt was not against the weight of the evidence.”

The decision further states that Grigoroff was denied a fair trial.

“As in the first trial, the sole evidence linking the defendant with the crimes at issue was his confession, which he attempted to repudiate, arguing that promises made by the police rendered his statements involuntary by creating a substantial risk that the defendant might falsely incriminate himself,” it reads.

In the first trial there was no expert testimony regarding the defendant’s susceptibility to providing false confessions. In the second, Grigoroff retained an expert in the field of disputed confessions who conducted a psychological evaluation of him and concluded that he “is more vulnerable than the average person to falsely confessing.”

Following the 2017 trail, the Appeals Court ruled that the scope of the expert’s testimony was limited by precluding the mention of a study by the Innocence Project, which found that of the more than 300 people who had been, at the time, exonerated by DNA, approximately 25 percent of those people had confessed; and people with mental illness or intellectual disability were overrepresented in those who had done so.

“Here, the court improperly concluded that those studies were not relevant to the defendant and the interrogation before the court, as this case did not involve DNA evidence and a study related to those with mental illness or intellectual disability was not germane,” reads the ruling.

Putnam County District Attorney Robert Tendy reacted to the ruling, stating, “We have read the decision, and while we don’t agree with the legal analysis, we are bound by the decision and are already in the process of getting the case ready for re-trial.”



GOP Lawmakers Kick Off Re-Election Campaigns

Republicans gathered Jan. 5 at Centennial Golf Course in Carmel to help kick off the re-election campaigns for Putnam County Executive Kevin Byrne, County Clerk Michael Bartolotti, Assemblyman Matt Slater, and Congressman Mike Lawler. About 150 people crowded the event space to celebrate and support their candidates. Provided photo.

Putnam Land Trust Acquires 44 Acres in Ice Pond Basin

By Michael Gold

The Putnam County Land Trust has acquired 44 acres of forest on Bullet Hill Road in Patterson, about 3 miles south of Camp Herrlich, now named the Marilyn Gail Caplan Preserve.

Currently, the preserve abuts forested woodlands to the north, which is in private hands. The land trust foresees the potential for creating a small trail through the property for recreational walking, which would benefit Fox Run Lane condo owners and other residents nearby. Also, the parcel could become part of a greenway connecting with the forests to the north, all the way to Camp Herrlich, which would provide wildlife with additional needed habitat.

A recent walk on the property provided visitors with an opportunity to experience the beauty of the forest. We saw many interesting plants, including Christmas fern, bright green pincushion moss, low bush blueberry, and a partridge berry growing in Pennsylvania sedge.

In a number of places, the forest's understory has been eaten away by the profusion of deer in the area. Despite that, a 6-year-old white pine left alone by the deer grew out of the soil – an encouraging sign of a forest that is regenerating.

The forest contains a variety of trees, including sugar maple, red maple, black oak, black birch, black cherry, aspen, chestnut oak, hickory, and ironwood.

In addition to their beauty, the trees provide that most elemental of gift – air. One acre of forest exhales enough oxygen for a family of four for one year. Forests maintain air and water quality, dampen noise pollution, and help regulate the climate and water flow, which is particularly important as extreme precipitation events increase across the Northeast.

The land contains a dried-out vernal pool, which generally fills with water in the spring, providing a temporary home for frogs and other amphibians. The vernal pool is currently filled with tires, car parts, and other trash.

On our hike, we discovered other random litter that the land trust plans to clean up.

Because the land has been disturbed, the property also contains many invasive plants, including burning bush, honeysuckle, autumn olive, garlic mustard, and bittersweet vines. A number of large boulders also sit on the property, which may have been dug out of the soil decades ago in anticipation of building a construction project that never was completed.

Missing Person Found Dead

A missing person investigation has concluded with the discovery of a dead body, according to the Putnam County Sheriff's Office.

Just before 6 p.m. Jan. 6, the sheriff's office received a report of a missing person. While deputies and investigators conducted follow-up efforts to locate the individual, the next day at about 8:40 a.m., the body of an individual was discovered in a wooded area in the vicinity of Eastview Court in the Village of Brewster.

At this time, the person's identity is being withheld pending notification of family members.

The cause and manner of death have not yet been determined. However, according to the sheriff's office, based on the information available at this time there is no indication of foul play and the incident appears to be isolated.

The investigation remains ongoing and is being handled by the Bureau of Criminal Investigation.

Ally Sheedy to Lead Creative Workshop at Desmond-Fish Library

Acclaimed actress and author Ally Sheedy will lead a creative writing workshop for young authors at the Desmond-Fish Public Library in Garrison on Saturday, Jan. 17 at 2 p.m.

During this interactive program, Sheedy will be interviewed by screenwriter Emily Lansbury about her early writing journey and how she balances creativity across multiple artistic media. Sheedy will then lead participants in a mini-workshop where children will craft a short piece of historical fiction told from the point of view of an animal of their choosing – encouraging imagination, empathy, and playful exploration of the past.

Sheedy's creative career began in 1975 when at a young age she wrote the bestselling young adult novel "She Was Nice to Mice," relating the adventures of a mouse in the court of Queen Elizabeth I.

Although the book is out of print, the library has acquired 10 copies that are currently available to borrow.

Sheedy is also an award-winning actress known for her iconic performances in classic films including "The Breakfast Club," "St. Elmo's Fire," "High Art," and "WarGames," as well as the television show "Single Drunk Female."

She has also built a rich career in independent film, television, and theatre, and currently teaches and mentors young performers and writers as a professor at City College.

This event is free and open to the public, although space is limited. Refreshments will be provided. Register at desmondfishlibrary.org/event/ally-sheedy.



Actress and author Ally Sheedy.

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Garden Club Has Busy December

Members of the Brewster-Carmel Garden Club were busy over the holidays decorating the Walter Brewster House in Brewster, participating in the Arts on the Lake cookie sale in Lake Carmel, and creating floral centerpieces. Club members created 15 centerpieces that were raffled off to benefit the Kent Public Library. Photo provided by Dee Harrison, publicity chairman.

Nutrition Corner

By Allison J. Stowell
MS, RD, CDN



Dry January

Maybe you’re just one week into your Dry January. Or possibly you’re already part of the growing sober curious movement, which saw a 44% increase in 2025. Americans are increasingly aware of the health impacts of alcohol consumption and are looking toward non-alcoholic options. And we’re not simply drinking less alcohol; we’re seeking beneficial beverages that do more than just hydrate. It’s a growing trend that’s changing the beverage industry.

It’s also impacting consumer health. To address this impact, Guiding Stars offers a beverage algorithm that helps consumers embrace beverages lower in natural and added sugar, saturated fat, salt, and artificial colors. At a time when the beverage aisle includes everything from alternative sodas and to functional sips infused with probiotics, adaptogens and more, this is welcome guidance.

Adaptogen Drinks

Adaptogens are ingredients found in plants that help your body achieve better balance. They’ve very popular for reducing stress, creating calm, and managing cortisol levels. Adaptogen infused beverages are widely available. An individual taking daily medication or under medical care for a chronic condition, should discuss with their doctor before adding them to their regular routine.

Modern Sodas

Gone are the days when soda was either clear or dark, regular or diet. Today’s soda category includes options that offer probiotics, adaptogens and more. Given the benefits and popularity of these modern sodas, it’s easy to view them all with a health halo and overlook drawbacks. For example, in many cases these options will be low sugar, but not sugar-free, a potential pitfall for diabetics. However, they’re a welcome alternative to traditional soda, and most are sold in varying can sizes to assist with portion control.

Probiotic/Prebiotic Beverages

Probiotic and prebiotic beverages are increasingly taking over the beverage aisle. Probiotic beverages offer live active cultures, adding more beneficial bacteria to your gut microbiome. Look for

probiotic-rich fermented drinks like kombucha, along with other options. Include Guiding Stars earning beverages with prebiotic fiber too. These drinks “feed” probiotic bacteria in the gut microbiome, allowing it to flourish. Together prebiotics and probiotics improve gut health, which means fewer digestive issues and improved immunity.

Mocktails and

Non-Alcoholic Beer

The most popular alternatives to alcoholic beverages, particularly in social settings, are mocktails and non-alcoholic beer. Sales of canned, ready-to-drink mocktails are surging as individuals look for convenient ways to avoid alcohol. Before making these your “go to” alternative, review the nutrition facts panel. As with anything, balance is key. And whenever possible, make your own mocktails with less sugar and fewer calories (see below!).

Allison Stowell MS, RD, CDN is a registered dietitian for Hannaford Supermarket. For more information on free, virtual nutrition classes and more, email: astowell@hannaford.com. To learn more about the Guiding Stars nutrition guidance program, visit [GuidingStars.com](https://www.guidingstars.com).

Cucumber Lemon Kombucha Mocktail Hannaford.com (2 Guiding Stars)

Ingredients:

- 1 small cucumber
- 2 lemons
- 1 orange
- 1 tsp honey
- 2 tbsp mint leaves
- 1 (16 oz) bottle Kombucha

Directions:

Thinly slice the cucumber and squeeze juice from the lemons and orange. To a cocktail shaker, add cucumber and honey. Tear up the mint leaves and add to shaker. With muddler or rounded end of wooden spoon, mash cucumbers and mint. Add lemon juice, orange juice, and 1 cup ice. Cover and shake vigorously. Strain mixture into 2 tall cocktail glasses filled with ice. Top off with the kombucha.

Cheesy Spinach Chicken Bake

(Family Features)
Cheesy Spinach Chicken Bake

Ingredients:

- 2 c chopped rotisserie chicken
- 10 ounces frozen spinach, thawed and drained
- 15 oz ricotta cheese
- 2 c mozzarella cheese
- 1 c Parmesan cheese
- 1 tbsp Italian seasoning
- 1 tbsp garlic powder
- 1 tbsp onion powder
- 1 tbsp lemon thyme

Directions:

Heat oven to 375 F.
Cut rotisserie chicken and spinach into bite-sized pieces.



In baking dish, mix chicken and spinach with ricotta cheese.

Add mozzarella, Parmesan, Italian seasoning, garlic powder, onion powder and lemon thyme. Mix well then bake 30 minutes.

Servings: 4-6
Source: [Culinary.net](https://www.culinary.net)

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Put Valley F.D. & Ambulance Corps Install Officers



Officers with the Putnam Valley Volunteer Ambulance Corps are sworn in.

Putnam Valley Volunteer Fire Department officers take their oaths.

Photos by Bill Gouldman.

The Putnam Valley Volunteer Fire Department hosted its annual installation of officers Jan. 1

Sworn in were Chief Vito Rizzi; 1st Ass. Chief Frank DiMarco; 2nd Asst. Chief Travis Gembecki; Capt. Tom Sawyer; 1st Lt. Zach Brown; 2nd Lts. Dave Pawlina, Raj Singh, and Rob Cordella; Fire Police Capt. Mario Perri; Fire Police 1st Lt. Mike Gona; and Fire Police 2nd Lt. Juan Garcia.

Company officers include President James Apostolico, Vice President James LaPorte, Treasurer Mike Carravone, Financial Secretary Lois Rizzi, and Recording Secretary Anne Spoonhour.

The Board of Directors includes Burce Johnson, Derek Rooney, Frank Rush IV, Louie Luongo, Milton Eagens, Ed McCarthy, and Henry Lopez.

The Putnam Valley Volunteer

Ambulance Corps also held its installation of officers recently.

Line officers include Capt. Cheryl Silvernail, 1st Lt. Sandy Bohl, 2nd Lt. Cole Caulfield, and 3rd Lt. Dino Fiorentino.

Administrative officers include President Sheryl Luongo, Vice President Linda Lee Turt-enwald, Treasurer Heidi Metzger, Recording Secretary Louie Luongo, and Corresponding Secretary

Jean McGee.

The Board of Directors includes Nancy Bierhoff, Jeff Clause, Naomi Fanourakis, Mike Moculski, Anita Seiler, Steve Silvernail, and Stuart Wells.

We Will Miss

Brewster
William John (Bill) Ward, 67, December 30. Beecher Funeral Home, Brewster, NY, (845) 279-3615.

Carole Collins, 90, January 1. Beecher Funeral Home, Brewster, NY, (845) 279-3615.

Josephine A. Longo, 102, January 1. Cargain Funeral Home, Carmel, (845) 225-3672.

Mahopac
Catherine C. Lividini, 83, December 30. Joseph J. Smith Funeral Home, Mahopac, (845) 621-1992.

Ronald A. Deagan, 51, January 1. Joseph J. Smith Funeral Home, Mahopac, (845) 621-1992.

Jack P. Hauprich, 85, January 3. Joseph J. Smith Funeral Home, Mahopac, (845) 621-1992.

Patterson
Theresa Marcantonio, 94, December 25. Beecher Funeral Home, Brewster, NY, (845) 279-3615.

PUBLIC NOTICE

VEOLIA WATER NEW YORK, INC. - NEW YORK RATE DISTRICT - FOREST PARK SYSTEM

Pursuant to an Order of the Public Service Commission of the State of New York, issued on May 16, 2024 in Case 23-W-0111, Veolia Water New York Inc., has been granted an increase in rates for water service in the "levelized" amount of \$9.9 million or 6.7%, effective February 1, 2026.

The old and new rates are set forth below:

	Old Rates	New Rates
SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL		
Quantity Used in the Month		
	(Per Hundred Cubic Feet (ccf))	
First 5 ccf	\$ 6.2517	\$ 6.8049
Next 7 ccf	\$ 8.2593	\$ 8.9902
Over 12 ccf	\$ 13.0780	\$ 14.2354
Cost of Water (all usage)	\$ 1.8975	\$ 1.8975
	(Per Thousand Gallons (mg))	
First 3.74 mg	\$ 8.3578	\$ 9.0975
Next 5.24 mg	\$ 11.0418	\$ 12.0190
Over 8.98 mg	\$ 17.4840	\$ 19.0313
Cost of Water (all usage)	\$ 2.5368	\$ 2.5368

NON-RESIDENTIAL		
Quantity Used in the Month		
	(Per Hundred Cubic Feet (ccf))	
First 900 ccf	\$ 6.9184	\$ 7.8290
Over 900 ccf	\$ 8.9189	\$ 10.0929
Cost of Water (all usage)	\$ 1.8975	\$ 1.8975
	(Per Thousand Gallons (mg))	
First 673.2 mg	\$ 9.2492	\$ 10.4666
Over 673.2 mg	\$ 11.9237	\$ 13.4931
Cost of Water (all usage)	\$ 2.5368	\$ 2.5368

Flat Rate Customers		
Service Charge per Month	\$ 137.3013	\$ 137.3013

	Old Rates	New Rates
SERVICE/FACILITY CHARGE		
Meter size per month (Single & Non-Residential)		
5/8"	\$ 17.00	\$ 17.00
3/4"	\$ 21.45	\$ 21.45
1"	\$ 30.11	\$ 30.11
1 1/2"	\$ 43.03	\$ 43.03
2"	\$ 68.74	\$ 68.74
3"	\$ 128.96	\$ 128.96
4"	\$ 214.88	\$ 214.88
6"	\$ 429.63	\$ 429.63
8"	\$ 687.40	\$ 687.40

NOTE: The rates and charges for service under the above service classifications will be increased or decreased by surcharges as provided for elsewhere in the Company's tariff.

The following is a comparison of current and proposed monthly bills for single family residential customers at various levels of consumption using a 5/8" meter.

	MONTHLY WATER CONSUMPTION		
	4 ccf (2,992 gals)	9 ccf (6,732 gals)	15 ccf (11,220 gals)
Monthly			
	Old \$ 49.60	\$ 98.37	\$ 173.77
	New \$ 51.81	\$ 104.06	\$ 185.12
	4.5%	5.8%	6.5%
Annual			
	Old \$ 595.16	\$ 1,180.47	\$ 2,085.24
	New \$ 621.72	\$ 1,248.75	\$ 2,221.49
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Mahopac Students Build Skills Beyond Woodworking



An eighth-grader at Mahopac Middle School works on his project.

Before winter break, Mahopac eighth-graders in technology teacher Luke Douglas's class put their engineering and design skills to work during a hands-on woodworking unit that emphasized planning, precision, and creativity. Students began by constructing a pencil holder box using plans provided by Douglas. The project required students to plan their design on graph paper, accurately measure and cut wood, assemble the pieces, and apply either a natural clear coat or a painted finish. To complete the assignment, students also filled out a self-evaluation reflecting on their craftsmanship and the overall design process. After completing the introductory project, students moved on to a more independent chal-

lenge, creating a dimensional, seasonal decoration such as a snowman. For this project, students selected their own design and developed a to-scale cardboard prototype before creating a detailed cut list that included precise measurements. They then selected materials, cut and sanded each piece, assembled their designs, and applied a final finish. "These projects give students the opportunity to work through the full design process, from planning and prototyping to construction and reflection," said Douglas. "They learn that accuracy, patience, and problem-solving are just as important as creativity, and that mistakes are often part of the learning process."

County Legislature Led by Birmingham, Gouldman in 2026

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Birmingham was nominated by Legislator Tommy Reagan, R-Brewster, and the motion was seconded by Legislator Amy Sayegh, R-Mahopac Falls. But he wasn't a shoo-in for the position. Legislator Bill Gouldman, R-Putnam Valley, was nominated for the seat by Legislator Laura Russo, R-Patterson, and the motion was seconded by Legislator Erin Crowley, R-Mahopac. "Bill has been a wonderful asset to this Legislature," said Crowley. "He has served 11 years, has chaired almost every committee, and has been a dedicated servant." In the end, it was the vote of lone Democratic Legislator Nancy Montgomery of Philipstown that was the deciding factor amongst the split Republicans. "This is not an easy vote because both these candidates who have been nominated before us have given years of service to Putnam County," she said. "Both have

shown commitment and institutional knowledge and a willingness to step up when asked." Montgomery said she had the luxury of casting a vote not shaped by party loyalty, a caucus position, or a coalition agreement. Instead, she said she would be voting for the person she believes will best protect independence of leadership – thereby giving her minority voice a better shot at being heard. That person, she said, is Birmingham. "I respect Legislator Gouldman and I am grateful for the way he has always treated me as a colleague," said Montgomery. "His service to this county is very real and meaningful." Legislators Toni Adonizzio, R-Kent, Montgomery, Regan, and Sayegh voted for Birmingham; while Legislators Crowley, D'Angelo, and Russo voted for Gouldman. Gouldman, who took office in 2015, was appointed deputy chairperson, with D'Angelo nominating him and Russo seconding the nod, and Birmingham, Crowley, and Sayegh voting in his favor – after a nomination of Regan failed to receive enough votes to pass. Montgomery also nominated herself to serve as deputy chairperson, but didn't garner enough votes.

Brewster Third-Graders Make Magical Monsters



C.V. Starr students show off their characters. Provided photos.

Under the glow of black lights, third grade artists at C.V. Starr Intermediate School in Brewster are bringing fantastical creatures to life – one piece of handmade paper at a time.

The journey began with careful planning designed by art teacher Megan Nalcerio. Students studied cartoon references, combined their favorite elements, and sketched monsters with names like Gordon, Drago, Glitch – and others that range from silly to spooky, each one uniquely their own.

With pencils in hand, students refined their ideas, selecting the best features from multiple drawings to create their final design. They carefully chose paper with textures and colors to cut and glue their monsters into existence.

“We actually made all of the paper ourselves,” said Payton Francise. “We colored the paper, used stencils to make patterns, and used blotting paint with foam to make beautiful designs. Then we cut out pieces. Those pieces were used to make our monsters.”

After a month of paper-making with textured plates, crayons, bubble-wrap, and a variety of neon materials, students reaped the benefits of their grade-wide group effort. The final step brought their creatures even more to life – completing character development worksheets that gave each monster a personality and backstory.

“Georgey is a trickster – smart, grumpy, sneaky, and a little crazy,” explained Noah Cacciolla.

“Little Timmy, my monster, is a hero, brave, and lives in a magical forest,” added Alex Alonzo.

Soon, these imaginative creations will take a field trip to Henry H. Wells Middle School, where Nalcerio also teaches, so older students can choose a third-grader’s monster, sculpt it in three dimensions, and collaborate on expanding its story.

“It’s a creative partnership that celebrates imagination, honors each young artist’s vision, and reminds everyone that working together creates something greater than any of us could make alone,” she said.

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Putnam County Community Events

Tuesday, Jan. 13

Social Security Seminar
Mahopac Public Library will hold a Social Security seminar titled “Understanding How It Works” on Tuesday, Jan. 13 at 6 p.m. Join Jack Cunningham, managing partner of Harness Wealth Strategies, for an informative, easy-to-understand seminar on everything you need to know about Social Security. Register at www.mahopaclibrary.org or call 845-628-2009, ext. 100.

Make Dreamcatchers
Teens age 14 to 18 may make their own dreamcatchers Tuesday, Jan. 13, at 5 p.m., at Kent Public Library. Registration is required.

Chakra Workshop
Join Julia Calabrese-Harrer of Yoga in the Trees for an inspiring exploration of the Seven Major Chakra Energy Centers on Tuesday, Jan. 13 at 6 p.m., at Patterson Library. Learn how each chakra connects to both the physical body and the subtle energy body.

Adults 18 and older. To register, call 845-878-6121 or go to www.pattersonlibrary.org.

Wednesday, Jan. 14

Carmel Town Board
The Carmel Town Board will meet at 7 p.m. the following Wednesdays, at Carmel Town Hall: Jan. 14 and 21; Feb. 4, 11 and 18; March 4, 11 and 18; April 8, 15 and 22; May 6, 13 and 20; June 3, 10 and 17; July 1 and 8; Aug. 5 and 12; Sept. 2, 9 and 16; Oct. 7, 14 and 21; Nov. 4, 10 and 18; and Dec. 2, 9 and 16.

Library Closures
Reed Memorial Library in Carmel will be closed Wednesday and Thursday, Jan. 14 and 15, for essential building maintenance. The Library will also be closed Monday Jan. 19, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Digital resources are available 24/7 at www.carmellibrary.org.

Paws to Read
Sunny Boy, a volunteer from Therapy Dogs International, will visit

Kent Public Library on Wednesdays, Jan. 14 and 28 at 4 p.m., to give children age 5 to 11 the opportunity to gain confidence, improve reading skills, and/or relieve anxiety by reading aloud to a therapy dog. Registration is required.

Thursday, Jan. 15

Fundraising for Nonprofits
Mahopac Public Library will present “Introduction to Fundraising Planning for Nonprofits” on Thursday, Jan. 15 at 10 a.m. Learn basic steps for developing a fundraising plan that meets your organization’s needs and resources, including making a case for support, creating a plan of action, and tips on diversifying fundraising base. Register at www.mahopaclibrary.org or call 845-628-2009, ext. 100.

Financial Program
Reed Memorial Library in Carmel will present “What Does That

Mean? The Market, the Economy and You!” on Jan. 15 from 3 to 4 p.m. This workshop breaks down the key components, and jargon, of the financial markets and the economy in a clear, accessible way. Register at carmellibrary.org.

Senior Forum
Yvonne Niles of the Putnam County Office for Senior Resources will be at Patterson Library on Thursday, Jan. 15 at 11:30 a.m., to discuss the many programs available to area senior citizens. A light lunch will be available. To register, call 845-878-6121 or go to www.pattersonlibrary.org.

Friday, Jan. 16

‘Consent & Healthy Relationships’
Mahopac Public Library will present “Consent & Healthy Relationships” on Friday, Jan. 16 at 5:30 p.m. Participants will learn to identify and define the key components of consent, discuss ways

to help their young person understand consent as an essential part of all sexual interactions, explore common barriers that may affect a young person’s ability to practice consent, and develop strategies for becoming an “askable” parent. Register at www.mahopaclibrary.org or call 845-628-2009, ext. 100.

Film Night
Mahopac Public Library will screen a film for adults Friday, Jan. 16 at 6 p.m. Register at www.mahopaclibrary.org or call 845-628-2009, ext. 100.

Saturday, Jan. 17

The Peekskill Raid
Join Kent Public Library and the Kent Historical Society on Saturday, Jan. 17 at noon for a history presentation by historian Michael J.F. Sheehan. In March of 1777, the British launched a campaign with a raid up the Hudson River, attacking Peekskill. At the time, Peekskill held a massive amount of food, goods, and other stores destined for Washington’s fledgling Continental Army. Hear how this event rocked the Hudson Valley. Register at kentpl.library-calendar.com.

Ally Sheedy Visit
Acclaimed actress and author Ally Sheedy will lead a creative writing workshop for young authors at the Desmond-Fish Public Library in Garrison on Saturday, Jan. 17 at 2 p.m. Sheedy will be interviewed by screenwriter Emily Lansbury about her early writing journey, then lead participants in a mini-workshop where children will craft a short piece of historical fiction. Free. Register at desmondfishlibrary.org/event/ally-sheedy.

Final Env. Impact Statement For Fjord Trail Released
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as the lead agency for the State Environmental Quality Review Act, has made the final environmental impact statement available for review at parks.ny.gov/plans.
The 2020 Draft Master Plan and FGEIS can also be found at hhft.org.
According to Foley, it’s a “massive document” of about 1,000 pages.
“We have very tight timelines on this portion of the SEQRA process,” she said. “The village attorney has recommended that we request a public hearing and public comment... No public hearing is required, no comment period is required as part of the SEQRA process when you get to a final document... We are requesting it.”
The Village of Nelsonville and Town of Philipstown are expected to issue similar requests to State Parks.
Prior to the release of the final environmental impact statement, State Parks said it received more than 650 comment submissions, including both verbal testimonies at public hearings and written comments during the public comment period on the draft statement, from Dec. 4, 2024, to March 4, 2025.

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Brewster
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VILLAGE OF BREWSTER
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Brewster will hold a Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2026 pertaining to the 100% Disabled Veteran Wholly Tax Exemption for those living in the Village of Brewster. Copies of the proposed local law will be available on the Village website, www.brewstervillage-ny.gov, and at Village Hall. The Public Hearing will take place during the Village Board Meeting of January 21, 2026, at 7:30 P.M. at Village Hall, 50 Main Street, Brewster, NY 10509. At said Public Hearing, all interested persons shall be heard on the subject thereof. The Board of Trustees will make every effort to ensure that the Public Hearing is accessible to persons with disabilities. Anyone requiring special assistance and/or reasonable accommodations should contact the Village Clerk. Anyone wishing to speak may do so.

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

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PUBLIC NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE
VILLAGE OF BREWSTER
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Brewster will hold a Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law No. 2 of 2026 pertaining to the increase to the Senior Exemption Income Limit for those living in the Village of Brewster. Copies of the proposed local law will be available on the Village website, www.brewstervillage-ny.gov, and at Village Hall. The Public Hearing will take place during the Village Board Meeting of January 21, 2026, at 7:30 P.M. at Village Hall, 50 Main Street, Brewster, NY 10509. At said Public Hearing, all interested persons shall be heard on the subject thereof. The Board of Trustees will make every effort to ensure that the Public Hearing is accessible to persons with disabilities. Anyone requiring special assistance and/or reasonable accommodations should contact the Village Clerk. Anyone wishing to speak may do so.

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LEGAL NOTICE
VILLAGE OF BREWSTER
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Brewster will hold a Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law No. 3 of 2026 pertaining to the amendment for the Volunteer Fire and Emergency Services Exemption for those living in the Village of Brewster but volunteer in a neighboring municipality. Copies of the proposed local law will be available on the Village website, www.brewstervillage-ny.gov, and at Village Hall. The Public Hearing will take place during the Village Board Meeting of January

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21, 2026, at 7:30 P.M. at Village Hall, 50 Main Street, Brewster, NY 10509. At said Public Hearing, all interested persons shall be heard on the subject thereof. The Board of Trustees will make every effort to ensure that the Public Hearing is accessible to persons with disabilities. Anyone requiring special assistance and/or reasonable accommodations should contact the Village Clerk. Anyone wishing to speak may do so.

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

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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 taxes within the Town of Carmel for the year 2026, and that I will attend at the Town Hall, 60 McAlpin Avenue in the said Town of Carmel from January 2, 2026 from 8:30am to 4:30pm each day, excepting Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the taxes may be paid on or before January 31, 2026 without charge or interest. On all taxes received after such date there shall be added interest of one percent for the first month (month of February) and an additional one percent for each additional month until such taxes are paid or until the return of unpaid taxes to the Commissioner of Finance pursuant to law.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that \$2.00 shall be charged against each parcel if taxes remain unpaid and a second notice is mailed pursuant to law.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that pursuant to the provisions of law, the tax roll of the Town of Carmel will be returned to the Commissioner of Finance of the County of Putnam on the 1st day of April, 2026.

Kathleen S. Kraus
Receiver of Taxes
Town of Carmel

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Kent
Legal Notice
Town of Kent
Notice of the Receipt
and Tax Warrant

TAKE NOTICE, that the Receiver of Taxes for the Town of Kent, County of Putnam, State of New York, has duly received the tax roll and warrant for the collection of taxes within the Town of Kent for the year 2026; and I will be in attendance at the Kent Town Center located at 25 Sybil's Crossing in the said Town of Kent Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., except holidays for the purpose of receiving taxes listed on the said roll.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that taxes may be paid on or before January 31, 2026 without charges or interest. All taxes received

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after that date shall have an added interest of one percent (1%) for the first month and an added one percent (1%) for each additional month or fraction thereof, thereafter until such taxes are paid or until return of unpaid taxes to the Commissioner of Finance pursuant to law. The expense of mailing any notice of unpaid taxes shall be an additional penalty of two dollars (\$2.00) chargeable against the parcels for which taxes have not been paid.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that pursuant to the provisions of law, the Tax Roll of the Town of Kent will be returned to the Commissioner of Finance of the County of Putnam on the first day of April, 2026.

DATED: December 30, 2025

Stephanie Nix
Receiver of Taxes
Town of Kent
County of Putnam
State of New York

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TOWN OF KENT
NOTICE OF HEARING

A LOCAL LAW ESTABLISHING A TEMPORARY LAND USE MORATORIUM PROHIBITING MINING WITHIN THE TOWN OF KENT

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that there has been introduced before the Town Board of the Town of Kent, New York, on January 6, 2026 an amendment to Kent Town Code introducing a local law Establishing a Temporary Moratorium Prohibiting Mining within the Town of Kent.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to Section 20 of the Municipal Home Rule Law, the Town Board of the Town of Kent, New York will hold a public hearing on the aforesaid Amendment at the Town Offices, 25 Sybil's Crossing, Kent, New York, on Tuesday, January 20, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in the evening of that day at which time all persons interested therein shall be heard. The Town Board will make every effort to assure that the hearing is accessible to persons with disabilities. Anyone requiring special assistance and/or reasonable accommodations should contact the Town Clerk.
Dated: January 7, 2026

BY ORDER OF
THE TOWN BOARD OF THE

TOWN OF
KENT

YOLANDA D. CAPPELLI, TOWN CLERK

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Southeast
2026 PUBLIC NOTICE

TAX ROLL & WARRANT LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF SOUTHEAST
NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF TAX ROLL AND WARRANT
TAKE NOTICE that I, AnnMarie Milano, the Receiver of Taxes for the Town of Southeast, County of Putnam, State of New York, have duly received the tax roll and warrant for the collection of taxes within the Town of Southeast for the year 2026 and that I will be in attendance at the

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Town Hall, 1360 Route 22, Brewster, New York from December 31, 2025; 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, except holidays, for the purpose of receiving taxes listed on said roll.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the taxes may be paid on or before

January 31, 2026, without charge or interest. On all taxes received after that date, there shall be an added interest of one percent for each additional month or fraction thereof, thereafter, until such taxes are paid or until return of unpaid taxes to the Commissioner of Finance, pursuant to law.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that

\$2.00 shall be charged against each parcel if taxes remain unpaid, and a second notice is mailed, pursuant to law.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that pursuant to the provisions of law, the Tax Roll of the Town of Southeast will be returned to the Commissioner of Finance of the County of Putnam on the first day of April 2026.

Dated: December 22, 2025

AnnMarie Milano
Receiver of Taxes
Town of Southeast
County of Putnam
State of New York

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PUBLIC NOTICE

SOUTHEAST
PLANNING BOARD
NOTICE OF
PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Planning Board/Architectural Review Board of the Town of Southeast, New York, in accordance with Chapters 78 and 138 of the Code of the Town of Southeast, and NYCRR Part 617 of the Environmental Conservation Law (as applicable), will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, January 26, 2026 at 7:00 p.m., at Southeast Town Offices, 1360 Route 22, Brewster, New York to consider the following:

2366 ROUTE 6 – Application is being made for Conditional Use Permit for a proposal to renovate an existing single-family residential structure to add a basement accessory apartment on a 5.327-acre property located at 2366 Route 6, Brewster, NY, in the GC Zoning District, and identified as Tax Map Number 56.-1-14. The proposed apartment is approximately 458 square feet and would contain one bedroom and one bathroom. The upper floors would have two bedrooms and two dens. The property was formerly used as a group home, and there is a second residential structure on the property that is presently uninhabitable. At such time the applicant seeks to renovate and occupy the second residential structure on the property, additional permits and approvals will be required.

Thomas LaPerch, Chairman
Town of Southeast Planning Board
Dated: January 6, 2026

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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 Wednesday, January 21, 2026, 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

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P.M., or as soon as interested parties may be heard, public hearings will be conducted on the following applications:

REINMAKER FARM EAST LLC, owner of premises located at 122 Federal Hill Road, Tax Map ID #58.-1-34.2 seeks to vary the provisions of Section 138-27C, 138-20 and 138-25 of the Zoning Code as the same limits the height and minimum set back of structures located in the Front Yard of a zoning lot, to permit the applicant to maintain an entry gate and pillars which, as constructed, are 4.4' in height where a maximum height of 3' is permitted and located 21.1' feet from the front property line where a minimum set back of structures for the front property line is 100' in an R160 zoning district.

APAP LAND MANAGEMENT, contract vendee, and **TISO HOLDINGS, LLC**, owner, of premises located at 1912 Route 22, Tax Map ID #35.-2-6, seek permission to vary the provisions of Chapter 138 (Zoning) Commercial Zoning Schedule of the Code of the Town of Southeast as the same (1) prohibits structures to be located less than 100' from the front property line, to permit the applicant to construct a commercial building which, as proposed, would be set back 75' from the front property line, and (2) requires a minimum parking set back of 50' to permit the applicant to construct parking facilities which, as proposed, would be located 19' from the front property line in a OP-2 zoning district.

VENNEKOTTER, RANDALL & ANITA, owners of premises located at 148 Turk Hill Road, Tax Map ID #67.16-1-21, seek to vary the terms of Section 138-20 and 138-25 of the Zoning Code as the same require minimum setbacks of structures from front and adjoining property lines to permit the applicant to construct an Accessory Structure (Pool) which, as proposed, would be located 53' from the (westerly) front property line where a minimum set back of 100' is required, and 66' from the (southerly) side property line where a minimum set back of 100' is required in a R160 zoning district.

By
Order of the ZBA

Roderick Cassidy, Chairman

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Patterson
TOWN OF PATTERSON
PLANNING &
ZONING OFFICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY THE TOWN OF PATTERSON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS of the following public hearings to be held on Wednesday, January 21, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. at the Patterson Town Hall, 1142 Route 311, Patterson, Putnam County, New York to consider the following applications:

1. **Rebeca & Steven Bonacci: Case #12-25–Area Variances (Held Over since December 16, 2025):** Applicants are requesting three area variances pursuant to §154-27A(12) of the Patterson Town Code in order to legalize a 12 ft. x 10 ft. shed in a front yard. Town Code §154-27A(12)(a) prohibits accessory structures from being located in the front yard. The subject property has frontage on two streets and, therefore, is deemed to have two front yards. Shed is located between the side of the dwelling and Wallace Place; **variance requested is to allow the shed to be located in a front**

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yard. Town Code §154-27A(12) (b) prohibits accessory structures from being located nearer than 15 ft. to the principal dwelling. Shed is 7 ft. from the dwelling; **variance requested is for 8 ft.** Town Code §154-7 requires accessory structures to meet a minimum front yard setback of 15 ft. Shed is 12 ft. from the front property line; **variance requested is for 3 ft.** This property is located at 15 Sharon Road. Tax Map 36.23-1-20 (RPL-10 Zoning District).

2. **New York SMSA Limited Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless: Case #19-25– Use Variance and Area Variance (Held Over since December 16, 2025):** Applicant is requesting a use variance and area variance in order to install a public utility wireless telecommunications facility. The Patterson Town Code does not permit wireless telecommunications facilities in the GB Zoning District. The proposal includes the installation of a 125 ft. monopole. Town Code §154-7 states that the maximum height for a structure is 38 ft.; **variance requested is for 87 ft.** This property is located at 4 Fairfield Drive. Tax Map 36.9-1-24 (GB Zoning District).

3. **Caccioppoli Engineering, PLLC (Pat Moretti): Case #26-25 – Area Variances (Held Over since December 16, 2025):** Applicant is requesting two area variances pursuant to §154-7 of the Patterson Town Code due to insufficient lot frontage and lot width for Lot #1 of a proposed 2-lot subdivision. Town Code §154-7 requires a minimum road frontage of 225 ft. Lot #1 will have 108 ft.; **variance requested is for 117 ft. of road frontage.** Town Code §154-7 also requires an average lot width of 250 ft. Lot #1 has a proposed average lot width of 187 ft.; **variance requested is for 63 ft.** This proposed subdivision is located at 66 Somerset Drive. Tax Map 23.-1-21.3 (R-4 Zoning District).

By Order of the ZBA
Robert Schmitt, Chairman

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Putnam
SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF PUTNAM
In the matter of the foreclosure of tax liens
Index No. 502060 / 2025
by proceeding in rem pursuant to Article Eleven
Consolidating Index No.: 01915/2019
of Real Property Tax Law by the County of Putnam

affecting parcels located in the Towns of Carmel,

Kent, Patterson, Philipstown, Putnam Valley
and Southeast

NOTICE OF PETITION

AND NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

TO THE PARTY TO WHOM THE ENCLOSED IS ADDRESSED: You are presumed to have, own, or have a legal interest in one or more the parcels of real property described in the attached PETITION AND NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE, and the relevant pages of the List of Delinquent Taxes (In Rem List) attached as Schedule A. A proceeding to foreclose on such property based upon the failure to pay real property taxes has been commenced. Foreclosure will result in the loss of ownership of such property and all rights in that property. To avoid loss of

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ownership or any other rights in the property, all unpaid taxes and other legal charges must be **PAID ON OR BEFORE MARCH 16, 2026 at 4:00 p.m.** or you must interpose a duly verified Answer in the proceeding. You must make payment by sending a certified check, cashier’s check or money order (no personal checks will be accepted) to:Putnam County Department of Finance 40 Gleneida Avenue Carmel, New York 10512 Checks should be made payable to the Putnam County Commissioner of Finance.You may wish to contact an attorney to protect your rights. After **MARCH 16, 2026** the Court will enter judgment authorizing the transfer of the property to the County of Putnam.Should you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact the undersigned. November 7, 2025, Mahopac, New York JENNIFER M. HERODES, ESQUIRE Herodes Law, P.C. Attorney for Tax District 888 Route Six, Mahopac, New York 10541 (845) 628-1100

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PETITION AND NOTICE OF

FORECLOSURE

The above-captioned proceeding is hereby commenced to enforce the payment of delinquent taxes or other lawful charges, which have accumulated and become liens against certain property. The parcels to which this proceeding applies are identified on the attached **List of Delinquent Taxes (hereinafter referred to as the “In Rem List”)**, which is annexed hereto and made a part hereof as Schedule A. This document serves both as a Petition of Foreclosure and a Notice of Foreclosure for purposes of this proceeding. **P L E A S E TAKE NOTICE THAT ON THE 6th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2025. THE PUTNAM COUNTY COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE (SOMETIMES HERINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE “ENFORCEMENT OFFICER”) OF THE COUNTY OF PUTNAM (HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE “TAX DISTRICT”), PURSUANT TO LAW, FILED THIS PETITION OF FORECLOSURE WITH THE CLERK OF THE COUNTY OF PUTNAM.**
Effect of Filing: All persons having or claiming to have an interest in the real property described on the In Rem List, attached hereto as Schedule A, are hereby notified that the filing of this Petition constitutes the commencement by the Tax District of a proceeding in the Court specified in the caption above to foreclose each of the tax liens therein described by a foreclosure proceeding in rem.
Nature of Proceeding: This proceeding is brought against the real property only and is to foreclose the tax liens described on the In Rem List, attached hereto as Schedule A. No personal judgment will be entered herein for such taxes or other legal charges or any party thereof.
Persons Affected: This notice is directed to all persons owning or having or claiming to have an interest in the real property

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described on the In Rem List, attached hereto as Schedule A. Such persons are hereby notified further that a duplicate of this Petition has been filed in the office of the Enforcement Officer of the Tax District and will remain open for public inspection up to and including the date specified below as the last day for redemption.
Right of Redemption: Any person having or claiming to have an interest in any such real property, and the legal right thereto, may on or before March 16, 2026 redeem the same by paying the amount of all such unpaid tax liens thereon, including all interest and penalties, and other legal charges which are included in the lien against such real property, computed to and including the date of redemption. Such payments should be made payable to the Putnam County Commissioner of Finance and mailed to:Putnam County Department of Finance 40 Gleneida Avenue Carmel, New York 10512.Payment must be made by certified check, cashier’s check or money order. Personal checks will not be accepted. In the event that such taxes are paid by a person other than the record owner of such real property, the person so paying shall be entitled to have the tax liens affected thereby satisfied of record.
Last Day for Redemption: The last day for redemption is hereby fixed as the 16TH day of March, 2026.
Service of Answer: Every person having any right, title or interest in or lien upon any parcel of real property described on the attached In Rem List may serve a duly verified Answer upon the Putnam County Attorney, the attorney for the Tax District, setting forth in detail the nature and amount of his or her interest and any defense or objection to the foreclosure. Such Answer must be filed in the Office of the Putnam County Clerk and served upon the attorney for the Tax District on or before the date above mentioned as the last day for redemption.
Failure to Redeem or Answer: In the event of failure to redeem or answer by any person having the right to redeem or answer, such person shall be forever barred or foreclosed of all his or her right, title and interest and equity of redemption in and to the parcels described on the In Rem List, attached hereto as Schedule A, and a judgment in foreclosure may be taken by default. Dated: November 6, 2025
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liam J. Carlin, Jr., Putnam County Commissioner of Finance JENNIFER M. HERODES, ESQUIRE Herodes Law, P.C. Attorney for Tax District 888 Route Six Mahopac, New York 10541 (845) 628-1100

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Sale: the following units containing household items and other goods will be auctioned on the online auction site storageunitrares.com on starting 1/30/26 at 12:30pm through 2/9/26 by Stack N Stor

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Supreme Court NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT COUN-
TY OF PUTNAM, **FEDERAL**

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HOME LOAN MORTGAGE CORPORATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE FREDDIE MAC SEASONED CREDIT RISK TRANSFER TRUST, SERIES 2020-1, Plaintiff, vs. KEITH J. SPOSATO, ET AL., Defendant(s).

Pursuant to an Order Amending Caption, Confirming Referee’s Report and Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered on November 3, 2025, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction in courtroom 209 of the Putnam Supreme Courthouse, 20 County Center, Carmel, NY 10512 on January 26, 2026 at 11:30 a.m., premises known as 7 Hazel Drive, Patterson, NY 12563. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of Patterson, County of Putnam and State of New York, Section 25.78, Block 1 and Lot 20. Approximate amount of judgment is \$427,358.20 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 501186/2023. Cash will not be accepted.

Wendy M. Weathers, Esq.,
Referee

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

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NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT COUN-
TY OF PUTNAM, **WILMINGTON TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE OF MFRA TRUST 2014 2, Plaintiff, vs. TIM D’ACQUISTO, ET AL., Defendant(s).**

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered on October 29, 2025, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction in courtroom 209 of the Putnam Supreme Courthouse, 20 County Center, Carmel, NY 10512 on January 26, 2026 at 3:30 p.m., premises known as 832 Route 9D, Garrison, NY 10524. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of Philipstown, County of Putnam and State of New York, Section 71, Block 1 and Lot 46.2. Approximate amount of judgment is \$321,518.96 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 501857/2024.

Brooke D. Youngwirth, Esq.,
Referee

Friedman Vartolo LLP, 85
Broad Street, Suite 501, New York, New York 10004, At-
torneys for Plaintiff. Firm File No.:190451-4

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SUPREME COURT COUN-
TY OF PUTNAM, **U.S. BANK TRUST, NATIONAL ASSO-
CIATION, AS TRUSTEE OF THE BUNGALOW SERIES IV TRUST, Plaintiff, vs. LINDA M. COOPER, ET AL., Defendant(s).**

Pursuant to a Decision & Order & Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered on October

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29, 2024, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction in courtroom 209 of the Putnam Supreme Courthouse, 20 County Center, Carmel, NY 10512 on January 26, 2026 at 10:30 a.m., premises known as 15 Steiner Drive n/k/a 38 Steiner Drive, Mahopac, NY 10541. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of Carmel, County of Putnam and State of New York, Section 64.9, Block 1 and Lot 5. Approximate amount of judgment is \$616,868.60 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 501476/2022.

Maureen Fleming, Esq., Referee

Friedman Vartolo LLP, 85 Broad Street, Suite 501, New York, New York 10004, Attorneys for Plaintiff. Firm File No.: 222812-1

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SUPREME COURT -
COUNTY OF PUTNAM

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR FREMONT HOME LOAN TRUST 2004-4, ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2004-4

Plaintiff,

Against

NELSON E. ROSSY A/K/A NELSON ROSSY, if living, and if dead, the respective heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, devisees, legatees, assignors, lienors, creditors and successors in interest and generally all persons having or claiming under, by or through said defendant who may be deceased, by purchase, inheritance, lien or otherwise of any right, title or interest in and to the premises described in the complaint herein, and their respective husbands, wives or widow, if any, and each and every person not specifically named who may be entitled to or claim to have any right, title or interest in the property described in the verified complaint; all of whom and whose names and places of residence unknown, and cannot after diligent inquiry be ascertained by the Plaintiff; et al

Defendant(s)

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale, duly entered 10/30/2025, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction, at the courtroom 209 in the Putnam Supreme Courthouse, 20 County Center, Carmel, NY 10512 on 2/2/2026 at 9:30AM, premises known as 1404 Brentwood Drive, Brewster, NY 10509, and described as follows:

ALL that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being a Part of a Condominium in the Town of Southeast, County of Putnam and State of New York, known and designated as Unit No. 14-1404 together with .95248 percent undivided interest in the common elements of the Condominium.

Section 46 Block 2 Lot 27.1404

The approximate amount of the current Judgment lien is \$394,504.16 plus interest and costs. The Premises will be sold subject to provisions of the aforesaid Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale; Index # 500177/2017

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Kenneth Lyle Bunting, Esq., Referee.
MCCABE, WEISBERG & CONWAY, LLC, 10 Midland Avenue, Suite 205, Port Chester, NY 10573
Dated: 12/3/2025 File Number: 17-300401 CA

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NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF PUTNAM, U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY, BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE OF THE TRUMAN 2021 SC9 TITLE TRUST, Plaintiff, vs. UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DISTRIBUTEES OF THE ESTATE OF KATHLEEN DUKE SANTIAGO A/K/A KATHLEEN SANTIAGO, ET AL., Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered on November 21, 2025, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at courtroom 209 of the Putnam Supreme Courthouse , 20 County Center, Carmel, NY 10512 on February 9, 2026 at 9:30 a.m., premises known as 1404 Eagles Ridge Road, Brewster, NY 10509. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of Southeast, County of Putnam and State of New York, Section 56.14, Block 3 and Lot 50.-1404 together with an undivided 2.4721 percent interest in the Common Elements. Approximate amount of judgment is \$265,395.31 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 500851/2024.

Paul C. Brite, Esq, Referee

Friedman Vartolo LLP, 85 Broad Street, Suite 501, New York, New York 10004, Attorneys for Plaintiff. Firm File No.:231623-3

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LLC

Notice of Formation of **Movement Growth & Developement LLC**. Articles of Org filed with SSNY on 7/12/2025. Office Location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Movement Growth & Development LLC, 6 Poplar Street, Lake Peekskill, NY, 10537. Purpose: Movement Growth & Development LLC provides individualized and small-group training sessions focused on sport-specific skill and fine and gross motor development for children of all ages and abilities.

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Notice of Qualification of **KINGFISHER PROPERTY HOLDINGS, LLC**

Appl. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/26/25. Office location: Putnam County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 07/31/25. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 1 Rockefeller Plaza, Rm. 2500, NY, NY 10020. DE addr. of LLC: c/o Corporation Service Co., 251 Little Falls Dr., Wilmington, DE 19808. Cert. of Form. filed with Charuni Patibanda-Sanchez, Secy. of State of the State of DE, 401 Federal St., Ste. 3, Dover,

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DE 19901. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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Notice of Formation of **Vitalis Communications, LLC**. Articles of Org filed with SSNY on 10/02/2025. Office Location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Vitalis Communications, LLC, 5 Hildacar Lane, Carmel, NY 10512. Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity.

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Notice of Formation of **Serenity Yoga, LLC**. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/09/2025. Office location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 99 Washington Ave., Ste. 805A, Albany, NY 12210, CCS Global Solutions, Inc. Purpose: any lawful activities.

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Notice of Formation of **Umarell, LLC**. Articles of Org filed with SSNY on 8/27/2025. Office Location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Umarell, LLC, 44 Knollwood Lane, Cold Spring, NY 10516. Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity.

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Putnam County Press & Times LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/15/25 Office loc: Putnam County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 250 Old Stone Road, Garrison, NY 10524. Purpose: any lawful act.

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Notice of Formation of **Freedom Trailer Rentals LLC**. Articles of Org filed with SSNY on 8/20/2025. Office Location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: United States Corporation Inc, 7014 13th Ave. Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity.

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Notice of Formation of **Glavin Carpentry LLC**. Articles of Org filed with SSNY on 11/05/2025. Office Location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to

41 State Street, Suite 112, Albany, NY 12207

Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity.
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Exec. Weighs In on Counsel Position

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county attorney appointed a deputy county attorney to serve as counsel to the Legislature, so the governing body has not been left without legal representation since 2024.

“The county attorney represents the Legislature too,” said Byrne, who added that the county attorney is not a “pleasure of” position, meaning that, while Byrne appointed the current county attorney, he has no authority over the position.

Two public hearings on the matter have been scheduled Jan. 15 at 3:30 and 5 p.m., at the County Office Building, 40 Gleneida Ave., Carmel.

Byrne will eventually be tasked with signing the resolution into law, or vetoing it and sending it back to the Legislature for revisions and a possible override. He can also take no action, which is a passive approach to allowing it to go into effect.

During the Dec. 18 Rules Committee meeting, followed by a full Legislature meeting, Legislator Nancy Montgomery, the lone Democrat on the governing body, said a lot of work went into the new local law during the budget process and beyond.

“There has been controversy and the appearance of conflict and the appearance of power grabs,” she said. “This law gives the Legislature the tools to do its job better regardless of party. It creates counsel for both the majority and

minority. It ensures that we reinforce the separation of powers that protects all of us, regardless of who holds power at any given moment. Power could change. The majority could be a different party and you’ll be thankful that you have minority counsel, maybe.”

Per the local law, each the minority and majority may appoint counsel to oversee the preparation of local laws and ordinances; research problems related to the function, powers, and duties of the Legislature; prepare written reports on the breadth and depth of function, powers and duties of the Legislature; attend meetings; provide advice on the rules of order and other procedural questions; recommend and coordinate appropriate ways to communicate initiatives and policy through media and other mechanisms; and more.

Legislator Toni Addonizio, R-Kent, said a dedicated legislative attorney ensures that the Legislature will receive legal guidance that is independent from the executive branch.

Legislature Chairwoman Amy Sayegh, R-Mahopac Falls, explained that the legislative branch of government has always had separate counsel in Putnam County.

“For some reason last year, our legislative counsel was revoked and removed,” she said. “We had a contract for legislative counsel which saved taxpayer money... but for some reason that contract was not renewed.”

Montgomery noted that, according to county code, the county attorney has the authority to oversee the hiring and firing of legislative counsel.

“Hopefully the county executive will pass this and sign it into law,” she said. “If he doesn’t, we’ll bring it up again next year.”

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TOWN OF SOUTHEAST
Help Wanted Dog Control Officer

The Town of Southeast is seeking a well-qualified, dependable individual to serve as its Dog Control Officer. Position is part-time with varying weekly hours; candidate should be able to respond to calls within 30 minutes. Duties include but are not limited to responding to loose or stray dogs, transporting dogs to the appropriate shelter, completing required paperwork, and handling nuisance complaints in accordance with the Town Code and NYS AGS and Markets Law. Qualified candidate should have a high school diploma or GED and at least six months experience working with animals in the animal control field or as an animal hospital aide; must have an appropriate vehicle and a valid driver's license throughout employment. Must be reliable, able to work independently, comfortable handling dogs and interacting with the public. Salary ranges from \$24,000 - \$27,000 plus mileage reimbursement. Please send applications by January 30, 2026 to apply@southeast-ny.gov.1/7, 1/14



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