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The Putnam County Community Engagement & Police Advisory Board, in collaboration with the sheriff's office and the county's departments of mental health and social services hosted the first Autism Awareness Walk on April 26 at Tilly Foster Farm in Brewster. Here, CEPAB members join with local elected officials.

Autism Walk Raises Awareness in Putnam



Members of CEPAB present a check to Putnam County Sheriff Kevin McConville.

The Mouth to Hand Learning Center booth was filled with connection, conversation, and community.



Provided photos.

Real Estate Reports: Median Sales Prices Climbed in the HV

While Westchester, Orange and Rockland County single-family sales experienced growth last month, Putnam and Sullivan County sales declined, according to a report by the Hudson Gateway Association of Realtors, based on data supplied by OneKey Multiple Listing Service.

However, median sales prices of single-family homes throughout the Bronx and lower Hudson Valley all saw gains.

Inventory for all property types was mixed across the region, with slight gains and drops. New listings were up in almost all regions for all property types.

"While the regional housing market remains competitive, with single-family home prices up year-over-year, we're observing varied trends across different property types and counties," said HGAR CEO Lynda Fernandez. "This underscores the importance of localized market expertise and reinforces the value our realtors bring in guiding clients through these dynamic conditions."

Putnam's sales declined for both single-family homes, by 10.9 percent, and condos, by 50 percent.

Median prices for condos rose by 11.8 percent to \$394,653, and by 3.2 percent for single-family homes to \$565,000.

New listings for single-family homes showed a significant growth at 28.4 percent. Condo inventory soared by 112.5 percent, keeping in mind Putnam's modest condo market. In March 2024, there were just eight condos in inventory, as opposed to 17 in March 2025. Single-family home inventory moved ahead by 5.5 percent.

Months of supply for all property types increased by 23.8 percent, while pending sales declined by 8.6 percent.

In Westchester County, closed sales of all property types rose in March, with condos seeing the largest increase at 19.1 percent. Sales of co-ops grew by 16.5 percent, and single-family homes by 11.5 percent over last year.

The condo market realized the largest gain in median sales prices at 15.1 percent over last year to a new median of \$575,000. Single-family home prices increased by 8.9 percent to \$860,000, and co-ops by 7.6 percent to \$220,500.

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Home Energy Funds Available to Help Residents Stay Cool

Applications are now open to help low-income New Yorkers stay cool this summer through the Home Energy Assistance Program.

Overseen by the New York State Office of Temporary & Disability Assistance, the program will pay for an air conditioner for eligible households that include someone who has a documented medical condition exacerbated by extreme heat, or households with young children or older adults.

To qualify for federally funded cooling assistance, applicants must meet HEAP eligibility criteria and income thresholds, which vary by household size, and include at least one member of the household who suffers from a medical condition aggravated by extreme heat or is younger than 6 or older than 60.

For example, a family of four may have a maximum gross monthly income of \$6,390 or an annual gross income of \$76,681, and still qualify.

Funding is expected to be

available through the beginning of June, and assistance is provided on a first-come, first-served basis.

The HEAP cooling assistance program covers the cost of an air conditioning unit and installation.

"This program is targeted at those who are at high risk in heat emergencies, but do not have an air conditioner or the means to purchase one," said NYS Office of Temporary & Disability Assistance Commissioner Barbara Guinn. "HEAP cooling assistance will help some of our most vulnerable residents to remain safely in their homes during heat emergencies and avoid the health risks posed to them by extreme hot and humid weather."

Over the past five years, more than 87,000 households have received cooling assistance totaling more than \$67 million.

Residents may apply by contacting their local department of social services by phone or in

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Letters to the Editor

An Open Letter to Elected Officials

Dear Editor:

Funding cuts to the National Institutes of Health will shortly take the United States of America out of being the world leader in basic science, clinical research, and translational medicine that has led to partnerships with pharmaceutical companies and innovative drug development. American research before these budget cuts placed the USA in an extraordinary leadership role for decades.

As a result of these current funding cuts, along with vaccine misinformation, great harm has already been done to veterans' health, and the health of all Americans. Pointed examples are seen in Measles outbreaks, the now emerging threat of rampant polio, and cuts in public health that will result in the return of Ebola, HIV, tuberculosis, with increased risks for all Americans.

We have just been through a pandemic that wreaked havoc on our economy and our health. Do "make America great again," but do not introduce politics into an area that will diminish our global leadership. Please vote to reverse the cuts and increase funds for American science, medicine, and technology so that we continue

to be world leaders in health and science.

The current funding cuts to the NIH will undermine our research in fatal and chronic heart diseases, stroke, various dementia, blood cancers, solid tumor cancers, and infectious diseases. To date, we have made enormous progress resulting in extended long-term survival. In order to find cures for these horrific diseases, we urge you to work with the current Trump administration to halt budget cuts to science and medicine.

The NIH affiliates located in every state require an overhead that has been carefully calculated to effect maximum efficiency in basic research, the delivery of clinical medicine, and drug/chemotherapeutic development. As recently seen in the transmission of COVID, world health is entangled into the well-being of everyone in the U.S. What happens at one end of the globe soon affects all Americans.

We urge you to re-instate the NIH, Food & Drug Administration, and Centers for Disease Control budget cuts, and cuts in personnel to ensure the USA remains the world leader in science, medicine, and technology.

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Sheriff's Deputies Awarded for Drunk-Driving Arrests

Putnam County Sheriff's Deputies Shane Rossiter and Ryan Diskin were recently the recipients of awards for their diligent efforts to remove drunk and impaired drivers from the roads of Putnam County.

In 2024, Rossiter made 35 arrests and Diskin made 16.

The awards were presented on April 3 at the Mid-Hudson STOP-DWI Conference and Top Cop Awards Ceremony in Goshen.

Drug Charges

Two Massachusetts men were recently arrested for allegedly traveling through Putnam County with narcotics.

According to Putnam County Sheriff Kevin McConville, at about 6:40 p.m. April 9, members of the Narcotics Enforcement Unit conducted a traffic stop of a vehicle in the Town of Southeast. During the stop, members discovered that the occupants, Joshua Rosario-Pabon, 22, of Holyoke, Mass., and Christopher Colon-



From left are Putnam County Probation Director and STOP DWI Coordinator John Osterhout, Sheriff's Deputies Shane Rossiter and Ryan Diskin, and First Sgt. Peter Vigilio.

Diaz, 25, of Springfield, Mass., possessed about 5 kilograms of cocaine and unlawfully possessed oxycodone.

Further investigation revealed that the men were traveling from Paterson, N.J., to Springfield with the drugs.

Both men were charged with first-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance and two counts of third-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance, felonies. They were arraigned in Southeast Town Court and held without bail.

Mahopac Names 2025 Valedictorian & Salutatorian

Mahopac High School seniors Maya Lewis and Daniel Walsh have been named valedictorian and salutatorian of the Class of 2025.

"Maya and Daniel have not only achieved remarkable academic success, but they've also led with integrity, curiosity, and heart," said MHS Principal Patrick Keevins. "They've made a lasting impact on our school community and we can't wait to see how they continue to shape the world beyond Mahopac."

Lewis, who earned the highest cumulative grade-point average in the graduating class, is known for her academic excellence, involvement in extracurricular activities, and commitment to the school community. She is actively involved in numerous school organizations including the National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta Math Honor Society, Science National Honor Society, and the Spanish National Honor Society.

Lewis is also a member of the Math Team, Engineering Club, IMPACT Mentoring, the Balloon Club with the Mahopac Public Library, and has participated in Science Olympiad.

"I am truly honored to be named the valedictorian," she said. "This recognition is the result of all the dedication and hard work I have put into my education over the past 13 years."

Lewis acknowledged the support and encouragement from her classmates and teachers who made her educational journey enjoyable and rewarding, and also attributed her success to her father who has been a constant source of motivation.

"I'm very grateful for my time at Mahopac," she said. "Starting from as early as kindergarten, Mahopac nurtured my love for learning. I've had a lot of good teachers that allowed me to get where I am today, and I will



Mahopac High School Class of 2025 Valedictorian Maya Lewis and Salutatorian Daniel Walsh.

definitely miss seeing and learning from them when I graduate."

Looking ahead, Lewis said she is eager to begin the next chapter of her academic journey at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, where she plans to pursue a degree in engineering.

Walsh has been a dedicated student, leader, and role model throughout his high school career, demonstrating exceptional academic achievement, outstanding leadership, and a deep commitment to service.

His list of accomplishments is extensive, as he has served as the executive student body president, captained the varsity wrestling team, and led multiple academic organizations as president of the Science National Honor Society, Math National Honor Society, and the Engineering Club.

Walsh completed two research projects, volunteered as both a peer mentor and tutor, worked as a summer camp counselor and leadership staff member, and was selected to attend the prestigious American Legion

Boys' State program.

"Being named salutatorian means a great deal to me as it reflects the hard work I have put toward my studies and achieving my goals throughout the last four years," he said. "My high school career has been filled with challenges, accomplishments, and unforgettable memories, and finishing my senior year on such a high note makes it all the more special."

Walsh's academic journey is culminating in not only the honor of salutatorian, but also in an appointment to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, where he will join the Class of 2029 and continue his path toward serving as a military officer. He is currently considering a major in engineering.

"Thanks to the amazing support and opportunities Mahopac has offered, as well as the friends who have been by my side, I've been able to turn my goals into reality," said Walsh. "I'll always cherish the memories we've made, and look forward to what's ahead."

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Lake Carmel F.D. Welcomes Visitors at Open House



The Lake Carmel Fire Department held an open house April 27 at its headquarters, where visitors were able to meet with volunteers, watch a demonstration of how to extricate a driver from an automobile crash, see a K9 demo, climb aboard fire trucks, take a turn operating a fire hose, and more.



Putnam County Executive Kevin Byrne presents officer badges to Carmel High School students as part of LCFD's Explorer Post 2041 junior fire-training program for teens. Alongside AJ Smith and Patrick Hickey, the new incoming officers include Capt. Logan Newman and Lt. Ryan Montana.

The open house was part of the statewide RecruitNY volunteer drive held at various New York volunteer fire departments April 26 and 27.

Contributed photos

Mother's Day Hike to Hawk Rock

The Town of Kent Conservation Advisory Committee invites families, friends, and outdoor enthusiasts to participate in its annual community hike to Hawk Rock and the old Mead Farm ruins – one of Kent's most beautiful and historically rich landmarks – Sunday, May 11 (Mother's Day) at 10 a.m.

Meet at the Department of Environmental Protection parking area for the Hawk Rock/Tom Morgan Trailhead at the end of Whangtown Road in Kent.

Hawk Rock is a remarkable glacial erratic – a massive boulder left behind as the glaciers retreated after the last ice age. Its unique hawk-wing shape and ancient turtle carving have made it a beloved natural landmark.

According to local lore, Native Americans once gathered at this site, making it a place steeped in legend and natural beauty.

The trail to Hawk Rock offers a moderate, family-friendly, 3-mile round-trip hike through the lush, wooded landscape of the New York City watershed. Along the way, participants may encounter wildflowers, birds, and the quiet remnants of old farm life at the Mead Farm ruins.

The trail, which includes some moderate slopes, rocks, and

occasional mud, was marked as part of a Carmel Troop 1 Eagle Scout project.

Wear sturdy hiking boots or shoes, and pack water, snacks,

and a lunch.

Heavy rain will cancel the hike.

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Put Valley Awarded EV Infrastructure Funds

A total of \$4.85 million in grants is being awarded to municipalities across the state to support the installation of electric vehicle chargers as part of the state's Municipal Zero-Emission Vehicle Infrastructure Grants program.

Town of Putnam Valley has been awarded \$29,822 for four level two charging ports.

The funded projects support New York's ongoing efforts to advance clean transportation, expand publicly available electric vehicle chargers, and help reduce pollution including greenhouse gas emissions for a cleaner and greener environment.

The grant program administered by the State Department of Environmental Conservation prioritizes clean transportation investments in communities most affected by pollution and climate

change. The program includes a variable local match requirement based on the municipality's median household income and whether the infrastructure is located in a disadvantaged community, based on the disadvantaged communities criteria developed by the state's Climate Justice Working Group.

"Through clean transportation initiatives such as DEC's Municipal Zero-Emission Vehicle Infrastructure program, the state is helping counties, cities, towns, and villages install more public charging stations for zero-emission vehicles across New York," said New York State Research & Development Authority President and CEO Doreen Harris.

"Congratulations to these municipalities for their leadership and making it easier for residents and visitors alike to choose cleaner ve-

hicles with the confidence they'll be able to charge their cars where and when they need to," she said.

More information about the grant program, as well as the DEC Municipal Zero-Emissions Vehicle Rebate program, is available at <https://dec.ny.gov/environmental-protection/climate-change>, or by emailing ZEVrebate@dec.ny.gov or calling 518-402-8448.

New York's climate agenda calls for an affordable and just transition to a clean energy economy that creates family-sustaining jobs, promotes economic growth through green investments, and directs a minimum of 35 percent of the benefits to disadvantaged communities. New York is advancing a suite of efforts to achieve an emissions-free economy by 2050, including in the energy, buildings, transportation, and waste sectors.

Nutrition Corner

By Allison J. Stowell
MS, RD, CDN



Strong Women

When we consider women's wellness, sarcopenia, or declining muscle mass, isn't discussed as much as heart disease or bone health (and osteoporosis). However, women naturally begin to lose muscle mass in their forties. Unless regular exercise and strength training are maintained, this loss of muscle leads to increased weakness and other negative impacts on health. With aging, this worsens and contributes to limited mobility and increased risk of injury. There are important steps women can take to reduce risk of sarcopenia.

Regular strength training
Strength training, especially resistance training, helps prevent muscle mass. If you aren't active, seek guidance on how to safely begin to incorporate regular movement. Even if you're just starting out, you'll be able to engage in something that helps you begin to gain strength and reverse muscle loss.

Protein intake
Protein is essential for building muscle. Most of us don't need more than the recommended .8-1 grams protein/kg body weight (unless we are already engaged in rigorous regular exercise). That said, as we age our protein needs to increase to prevent muscle loss. Seniors require closer to 1.2g protein/kg body weight. To achieve this, it's essential to include protein in all meals and some snacks. Seek a variety of plant and animal-based proteins. Find easy ways to include more through nutrient dense grains and convenient options like unsalted cottage cheese, plain Greek yogurt, hard boiled eggs, cheese sticks, nuts and seeds that make it easy to have protein throughout the day.

Vitamin D
We typically think of vitamin D as essential for bone health. However, it's also key to maintaining strong muscles. If you're presently deficient in vitamin D, it may be affecting your ability to build and maintain muscle mass. Discuss this potential with your doctor if you're concerned before seeking supplementation.

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.

Hash Brown Broccoli-Cheddar Quiche Hannaford.com

Pass on traditional pie crust. Frozen shredded potatoes form the crispy crust for this cheesy quiche. You can use frozen broccoli or any veggies you have on hand for this versatile dish.

- Ingredients:
- Cooking spray
 - 1 1/2 to 2 cups frozen shredded hash browns, thawed
 - 2 Tbsp. olive oil
 - 1 1/4 cups shredded Cheddar cheese, divided
 - 1/2 (16-oz.) bag frozen chopped broccoli
 - 6 large eggs
 - 1 1/2 cups low-fat milk
 - 1 tsp. Dijon mustard

Directions:
Preheat oven to 425 degrees F. Spray a 9" pie plate with cooking spray. Squeeze as much liquid out of thawed potatoes as possible. To a medium bowl, add squeezed potatoes, oil and 1/4 cup cheese. Season with salt and pepper and toss to combine.

Firmly press potato mixture into prepared pie plate. Bake until potatoes are starting to brown, 25 to 30 minutes. Let cool slightly. Reduce oven to 350 degrees F.

Meanwhile, microwave broccoli according to package directions and drain very well. In a large bowl, combine eggs, milk and mustard. Whisk together until smooth. Season with salt and pepper.

Add broccoli and 3/4 cup cheese to crust. Slowly add custard over filling. Sprinkle remaining 1/4 cup cheese over the quiche. Bake until filling is just set, 35 to 45 minutes. Let quiche cool 10 minutes before serving.

Roasted Tomato Soup

(Family Features)
Creamy Asparagus Soup

- Ingredients:
- 3 pounds tomatoes
 - 1/2 onion (optional)
 - 1 garlic bulb (optional)
 - 1 tablespoon garlic powder
 - 2 teaspoons onion powder
 - 1 tablespoon sugar
 - 1 tablespoon mesquite seasoning

- avocado oil
- 1 1/2 cups broth of choice
- 1 cup heavy whipping cream
- salt, to taste
- pepper, to taste
- grilled cheese sandwiches, for serving (optional)

Directions:
Heat oven to 375 F. Slice tomatoes. Slice onions and garlic, if desired. Place in baking dish. Sprinkle garlic powder, onion



powder, sugar and mesquite seasoning over tomatoes. Drizzle avocado oil over top and mix well.

Bake about 1 hour. Blend until smooth.

Pour into pot and mix in broth and whipping cream. Bring to simmer and add salt and pepper, to taste.

Serve with grilled cheese sandwiches, if desired.

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Lucas, Oliver, and Adrian Martinez will participate in the May 31 Relay for Life of Eastern Putnam, occurring in Brewster.



New York State DEC officers recently helped stock trout in the Croton River.

Croton River Stocked with Trout

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation officers Franz and Schuck joined DEC Fisheries employees and local volunteers April 11 to stock approximately 3,000 brown trout throughout the Croton River in Putnam County.

Officers assisted with releasing fish into the water, checking water temperature, and traffic control.

April 1 kicked off the beginning of the highly anticipated spring trout season in New York, and DEC trout stocking is in full swing with brook, brown, and rainbow trout stocked in ponds and streams throughout the state.

Fish stocking enhances recreational fishing opportunities and helps restore native species. For a list of waterbodies scheduled to be stocked with fish, visit [https://dec.ny.gov/things-to-do/freshwater-](https://dec.ny.gov/things-to-do/freshwater-fishing/stocking)

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The DEC Division of Law Enforcement enforces the 71 chapters of New York's Environmental Conservation Law, protecting fish and wildlife and preserving environmental quality across New York.

"DEC Environmental Conservation police officers and investigators protect New York's air, water, wildlife, and public safety, while also working to connect New Yorkers with the outdoors," said Acting Commissioner Amanda Lefton.

Matthew Paterson Student Inspires Relay for Life Team

When Matthew Paterson Elementary School second-grader Lucas Martinez was diagnosed with a rare form of cancer, the impact on his family was tremendous.

"Lucas was 6 months old at the time," said his mother, Ashley Martinez. "He is a twin. We were so worried that his twin brother, Oliver, would develop cancer, too. Our oldest son Adrian was just 3. It was a very scary time."

Lucas is cancer-free now. Since his recovery, the family has helped raise money through the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life to help find a cure. Lucas has been involved in the Relay since he was 2 years old, walking and raising money for cancer research.

This year, the Relay for Life of Eastern Putnam will be held at Brewster High School on Saturday, May 31 from 2 to 10 p.m.

The Martinez family will be there, along with a team of about 20 family members and friends who call themselves "The Lukey-Dukes."

"We welcome all friends, families, and CCSD staff to join us," said Ashley Martinez. "Our team raises money specifically for childhood cancer. At the Relay, we do a dinosaur lap with inflatable costumes. We just try to bring attention to childhood cancer."

When Lucas developed an ultra-rare sarcoma in his stomach as a baby, the Martinez family's life became focused on doctors and medical information. Oliver, who is not an identical twin, was not in danger of developing the disease, doctors assured his parents.

Lucas' tumor was removed by surgery, and he received an experimental treatment regimen at Maria Ferrari Children's Hospital in Westchester to stop additional cancerous lesions from growing. By the time he was 1 year old, the lesions were gone.

The treatment Lucas's doctors used is now followed in hospitals across the country.

"It's why we feel so strongly about supporting the American Cancer Society," said Ashley Martinez. "They fund studies and administer grants that lead to new methods of treatment."

These days, Lucas is so healthy that the cancer is just a note in the school nurse's file.

"He's perfect now," said Ashley Martinez. "He had his last scan when he was in kindergarten, and he is officially cancer free. He will be part of a survivorship program until he is 18, but it's not a big part of his life. I am so grateful my children were so young at the time that I never had to sit them down and have that scary conversation with them."

We Will Miss

Carmel

Marianne Tandoi, 84, April 26. Cargain Funeral Home, Carmel, (845) 225-3672.

Mary J. (Marie) McDonough, 94, April 18. Cargain

Funeral Home, Carmel, (845) 225-3672.

Mahopac

David Rufo, 63, April 22. Joseph J. Smith Funeral Home, Mahopac, (845) 621-1992.

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Painters & Trades Workers Volunteer at Second Chance Foods

Members of District Council 9 volunteered their time and skills April 26 to paint the interior of Second Chance Foods' facility in Brewster, to support the organization's mission of food rescue and redistribution throughout the region.

This project was part of the International Union of Painters & Allied Trades National Community Day of Action, a coast-to-coast effort to give back to communities

through service.

The volunteer effort, organized in partnership with Second Chance Foods, brought together DC 9 apprentices, instructors from the Finishing Trades Institute of New York, DC 9 leadership, and local elected officials including Assemblyman Matt Slater, R-Yorktown.

"This partnership with District Council 9 means so much to us," said Martha Elder, executive



Member of District Council 9 take a break from painting at Second Chance Foods in Brewster.

director of Second Chance Foods. "Their generous volunteerism allows us to create a more welcoming and efficient environment for our staff, volunteers, and the

community we serve. It's amazing what we can do when we come together."

In addition to beautification and maintenance of Second

Chance Foods, the project offered apprentices hands-on training while strengthening the union's ties to the community.

"At District Council 9, we're proud to put our talents to work for causes that feed, serve, and uplift communities," said Joseph Azzopardi of District Council 9. "Second Chance Foods plays a vital role in fighting food insecurity in the Hudson Valley, and we're honored to contribute to their work by helping improve the space where that mission comes to life."

Slater agreed.

"What District Council 9 is doing here today is the definition of community impact," he said. "By improving the facilities at Second Chance Foods, they're directly supporting an organization that provides critical services in our district. This is what showing up for your community looks like."

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Meet the Candidates for Carmel School Board

The Carmel Central School District parent groups are hosting a meet-the-candidates night May 12 at 7 p.m., at George Fischer Middle School on Fair Street.

There are five candidates running for three open board of education seats. The seats will be filled by the three candidates with the highest number of votes.

The candidates, in the order they will appear on the ballot, are Nicholas Magliano, Frank Grasso, Michael Torpey, Prakash Tewari, and Nathaniel Query.

The Mid-Hudson League of Women Voters will be moderating the event. Questions for the candidates may be submitted in advance by emailing gfmstp@carmelschools.org by May 5. All submitted questions will be given to the moderator to include as time allows.

All CCSD residents who are registered to vote will be able to cast ballots in the school budget vote and board of education election May 20.

Putnam County Community Events

Carmel Cruisers

The Carmel Cruisers are returning to Wendys in the Putnam Plaza, 1894 Route 6, Carmel, for their fourth season of free car shows for the community. The will be at Wendys every other Saturday from 3 to 8 p.m., through Sept. 20, and every Sunday morning from 9 a.m. to noon from May 11 to Oct. 12.

Farmers' Market

The Town of Carmel Recreation & Parks Department will host a farmers' market every other Sunday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. through Oct. 19 at the Michael Geary Memorial Hockey Rink at 740 Route 6, Mahopac. Live music, food, vendors. Updates available on social media @CFMatlakemahopac.

Tuesday, May 6

Kent Town Board

The Kent Town Board will meet the following Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at Town Hall: May 6 and 20, June 3 and 17, July 1 and 15, Aug. 5 and 19 (daytimes), Sept. 2 and 16, Oct. 7 and 21, Nov. 18 and 25, and Dec. 2 and 16.

Lake Mahopac Garden Club

The monthly meeting of the Lake Mahopac Garden Club will be held Tuesday, May 6, at Airport Park. Participants are welcome and asked to bring a lunch. The meeting begins at 11:30 a.m. The program presentation, beginning at 1 p.m., features a ring design with flowers. There is a supply charge of \$10. Presenters are Marie Braun and Rose Runco. For information visit www.lakemahopacgc.com.

Teacher

Appreciation Craft

Kids age 5 to 8 can show their appreciation for teachers and their hard work by creating flower pens for them, Tuesday, May 6 at 5:45 p.m. at Brewster Public Library. All necessary materials will be provided.

'The Rise of Steel Rails'

Reed Memorial Library will present author, musician, and historian Alex Prizgintas for part one of his "Riverside Moguls: Wealth & Power in the Hudson Valley's Gilded Age" lecture series Tuesday, May 6 at 11 a.m. "Rise of Steel Rails" will focus on the age of 19th-century railroading. Prizgintas combines rich information to trace this extravagant and complicated era of the Hudson Valley's history. Registration is required at carmellibrary.org/calendar.

Roaming Readers

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Wednesday, May 7

Carmel Town Board

The Carmel Town Board will meet at 7 p.m. the following Wednesdays at Town Hall: May 7, 14 and 21; June 4, 11 and 18; July 2 and 9; Aug. 6 and 13; Sept. 3, 10 and 17; Oct. 1, 8 and 15; Nov. 5, 12 and 19; and Dec. 3 and 10.

Thursday, May 8

'The Way'

Patterson Library will screen "The Way" on Thursday, May 8 at noon, followed by discussion. An inspiring story about Tom, an American doctor who travels to France to collect his late son's remains after a tragic accident on the Camino de Santiago. Driven by grief and a desire to honor his son, he embarks on the pilgrimage himself, unaware of the journey's life-changing impact. Rated PG-13. Adults 18 and older.

Author Talk

Reed Memorial Library will present an author talk with Sue DeMarinis, author of "The Feathers of Fortunato," on Thursday, May 8 at 11 a.m. DeMarinis named her novel after her great-grandfather who supplied the feathers from Italy for the famous DeMarinis Hat Company at the turn of the century. Registration is required at carmellibrary.org/calendar.

Adult Mother's Day Craft

Join Reed Memorial Library in Carmel to make a special Mother's Day craft Thursday, May 8 at 3:30 p.m., and create spring wreaths. Registration is required at carmellibrary.org/calendar.

Friday, May 9

'Hurricane Diane'

The Town of Southeast Cultural Arts Coalition will present "Hurricane Diane" by Madeleine George on May 9, 10, 16 and 17 at 8 p.m., at the Old Town Hall Theater, 67 Main St., Brewster. Watch what happens when the Greed god Dionysus returns to save the earth, starting with a cul-de-sac in New Jersey. Tickets are \$25 at www.ticketleap.events.

Doo Wop Show

The Duprees will headline Lake Mahopac Rotary Club's 11th annual Rock & Roll Spectacular on Friday, May 9 at 7 p.m. at the Mahopac High School auditorium. Also featuring The Brooklyn Bridge and Anthony Duke Claus. Tickets are \$40 at www.eventbrite.com (search for "Lake Mahopac Rotary") and can also be purchased at PCSB in Mahopac, Putnam Music Center, Arthur Avenue Deli, d'Berto's Pizzeria and Route 6 Deli.

History Program

Friends of Belden House seeks to uncover a mystery. Were the Beldens Loyalists or patriots or neither? What was their role? Seek clues Friday, May 9 at 10:30 a.m. at Reed Memorial Library in Carmel. Statistics evidence that only 30 percent ardently supported our separation from Great Britain. We know of the nefarious deeds of Benedict Arnold and those of the equally courageous Nathan Hale and crafty spy Enoch Crosby, but even here in what later became Putnam County, loyalists were a significant presence, Why?

'NUTS'

The Brewster Theater Company will present the suspenseful, psychological drama "NUTS" by Tom Topor at the Theater at Drew Methodist Church, 28 Gleneida Ave., Carmel, at 7:30 p.m. May 9; and at 2 p.m. May 10. Tickets are available at www.brewstertheater.org and at the door — although reservations are encouraged.

Saturday, May 10

Live Art Auction

Garrison Art Center will host "Art Now in the Hudson Valley: A Celebration of Shared Space," a live auction spotlighting the creativity and talent of contemporary artists inspired by the Hudson Valley, on Saturday, May 10, from 4 to 6 p.m., at 23 Garrison's Landing. Viewing begins at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$25 and include admission to the viewing reception and auction, wine, hors d'oeuvres, a bidding paddle, and access to the auction tent. For tickets, visit www.garrisonartcenter.org/2025-auction.

Plant Sales

Cornell Cooperative Extension-Putnam County's annual plant sale returns Saturday, May 10 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at Veterans' Memorial Park, 201 Gypsy Trail Road, Carmel. Native plants, vegetables and herbs, annuals and container gardens, advice, and more.

Patterson Rotary Club will hold plant sales Saturdays, May 10 and 31, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Patterson Auto Body, 2597 Route 22. Hanging baskets, perennials, vegetables, herbs, flowers.

Repair Café

The next Putnam Valley Library Repair Café is scheduled May 10. Community members are encouraged to sign up to bring an item for repair or volunteer to help. For details, visit www.putnamvalleylibrary.org.

Jazz Music

Music at St. Mary's will feature jazz musicians Lindsey Horner and Neal Kirkwood on Saturday, May 10 at 2 p.m., at St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Cold Spring.

Teen Movie

Teens age 13 to 17 may watch the movie "Last Breath" at Brewster Public Library on Saturday, May 10 at 1 p.m. The true story of experienced deep-sea divers who brave harsh conditions to rescue a crewmate trapped deep underwater. Pizza and popcorn provided. Rated PG-13. Registration required at brewsterlibrary.org.

Medicare Seminar

Join John Bousquet from the Medicare Resource Group for an informational introduction to Medicare presentation Saturday, May 10 at 10 a.m. at Kent Public Library. Register at kentpl.library-calendar.com.

Sunday, May 11

Hawk Rock Hike

The Town of Kent Conservation Advisory Committee will host a hike to Hawk Rock and the old Mead Farm ruins Sunday, May 11 (Mother's Day) at 10 a.m. Meet at the DEP parking area for the Hawk Rock/Tom Morgan Trailhead at the end of Whangtown Road in Kent. Wear sturdy hiking boots or shoes, and pack water, snacks, and a lunch. Heavy rain will cancel the hike. For more information, call 914-671-2764.

Breakfast

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

gravy, and more. \$15.

Monday, May 12

'Fried Green Tomatoes'

Reed Memorial Library in Carmel will screen "Fried Green Tomatoes" on Monday, May 12 at 1 p.m. Enjoy a movie and some refreshments in a cozy atmosphere. No registration required.

Meet the Candidates

The CCSD parent groups are hosting a meet-the-candidates night May 12 at 7 p.m., at George Fischer Middle School on Fair Street. There are five candidates running for three open board of education seats. The seats will be filled by the three candidates with the highest number of votes. Questions may be submitted by emailing gmspta@carmelschools.org by May 5.

Pony Bead Creations

Kids age 8 to 12 can craft cute animal keychains using pony beads and string to decorate their backpack or hang in their room, Monday, May 12 at 5:30 p.m. at Brewster Public Library. Registration required at brewsterlibrary.org.

Cloud Dough Workshop

Kids age 4 to 7 can mix, squish, and play with cloud dough Monday, May 12 at 4:30 p.m. at Brewster Public Library. This is a hands-on STEM activity where participants will make their own fluffy and soft cloud dough. Registration required at brewsterlibrary.org.

Tuesday, May 13

Roaming Readers

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'Willitt C. Jewell's Putnam County'

Reed Memorial Library in Carmel and the Putnam County Historical Society will present "Willitt C. Jewell's Putnam County" on Tuesday, May 13 at noon. This lecture explores some of the county's rich history from 1886 through the second World War. Registration is required at carmellibrary.org/calendar.

Garden Club

The Brewster Carmel Garden Club will meet Tuesday, May 13 at 10:30 a.m., at the Laura Spain Memorial Cornerstone Park building on the corner of Fair Street and Gleneida Avenue in Carmel, followed by a brief social before the club's presentation. "Think out of the Box" will be given by a club favorite, Cathy Reich, interior plant and seasonal container designer. Members and their guests are welcome to bring a lunch. For information, visit <https://brewstercarmelgardclub.org>.

Spring Slime

Kids age 4 to 7 can decorate their own colorful slime inspired by blooming flowers, bright colors, and all things spring, Tuesday, May 13 at 4:30 p.m. at Brewster Public Library. Registration required at brewsterlibrary.org.

DIY Seed Bombs

Kids age 8 to 12 can get their hands a little dirty and help bring more green into the world Tuesday, May 13 at 5:45 p.m. at Brewster Public Library. In this hands-on activity, create seed bombs using soil, clay, and flower seeds. They are perfect for tossing into gardens or planters.

Wednesday, May 14

Spelling Bee

CoveCare Center's annual Team Spelling Bee will return Wednesday, May 14 at 5:30 p.m. at Centennial Golf Club in Carmel. \$55 per person includes dinner and dessert; cash bar. Trophies for winning teams, as well as most enthusiastic. Teams are 10 players and eliminated after three misspelled words. Mulligans available. Register at <https://cov-ecarecenter.org>.

Marine Corps League

The Marine Corps League Putnam County Detachment meets the second Wednesday each month. For membership, email MCLPutnamCountyNY242@gmail.com.

Thursday, May 15

Southeast Town Board

The Southeast Town Board will meet at 7 p.m. the following Thursdays at Town Hall: May 15, June 5 and 26, July 10 and 24, Aug. 7 and 21, Sept. 11 and 25, Oct. 9 and 23, Nov. 6 and 20, and Dec. 4 and 18.

Decoupage Mason Jars

Join Mahopac Public Library on Thursday, May 15 at 5:30 p.m., and turn plain 32-ounce mason jars and colorful paper napkins into decorative vessels for flowers, pantry storage, and more. All supplies are provided. For adults. Register at www.mahopaclibrary.org or call 845-628-2009, ext. 100.

Retired Teachers Meet

All retired principals, teachers, aides, coaches, secretarial staff, and substitutes are invited to a luncheon May 15 at 11:30 a.m. at Four Brothers restaurant in Mahopac, in support of Putnam County Retired Teachers Association Scholarship Fund given annually to deserving students graduating from BOCES. Included is a short presentation on the Revolutionary War by Gary Petegine, retired Carmel teacher and encampment enthusiast, as well as a silent auction and raffle. Call or text Nancy at 845-661-3750 for reservations.

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Lakeview Elementary Lets Off STEAM With Hands-On Learning



Lakeview Elementary School students participate in the recent STEAM event.



Stacking cups was just one of the many challenges students faced at the recent STEAM event.



Students got hands-on at Lakeview Lets Off STEAM. Provided photos.

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Lakeview Elementary School in Mahopac was buzzing with creativity and collaboration during the annual Lakeview Lets Off STEAM event, held in the school's auditorium. The event featured 11 challenges, each set up at individual tables for students to explore.

Led by STEAM teacher Jennifer Borst and her dynamic team of fifth-graders, students in kindergarten through grade four rotated through each station, engaging in hands-on activities while learning to apply the engineering design process. From building structures to solving puzzles, each challenge encouraged problem-solving, innovation, and teamwork.

"This event is a highlight of the year," said Borst. "It provides our older students with the opportunity to lead and teaches all of

our students that learning can be fun, creative, and collaborative."

Fifth grade parents were also invited to attend and had the unique opportunity to visit the stations and be taught by their own children – an experience that brought pride and joy to all involved.

"Events like Lakeview Lets Off STEAM are possible because of the expertise and dedication of our EdTech STEAM coaches who train all of our teachers to be able to use these kinds of learning experiences in and around the classroom," said Director of Technology Benjamin August. "Jenn Borst conceived of the event and has been the driving force for making these days something that all the student leaders and participants will remember for years to come."

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‘Hurricane Diane’ Blows into Putnam



Members of the Old Town Hall Theatricals rehearse for “Hurricane Diane.” Photos by Jessy Dunn.



The Old Town Hall Theatricals are back in rehearsal for the May 9 opening of the Obie-winning play “Hurricane Diane,” a comedy about the Greek god Dionysus returning to modern times disguised as a woman intent on reversing mankind’s assault on nature.

With an entity known as the god of wine, festivity and ecstasy coming to town, you know trouble, cultural collisions, and lots of laughs are about to ensue.

The Putnam County premiere of Madeleine George’s hilarious eco-comedy “Hurricane Diane,” is scheduled Fridays and Saturdays, May 9 and 10, 16 and 17, at 8 p.m., at the Old Town Hall Theater, 67 Main St., Brewster.

Watch what happens when some New Jersey housewives on a cul-de-sac cross paths with a god on a mission to save the world. In this comedy with a twist, Pulitzer Prize finalist George pens a hilarious evisceration of the blind eye we all turn to climate change and the bacchanalian catharsis that awaits us – even in our own backyards.

When the play debuted off-Broadway in 2019, *Vulture Magazine* wrote: “‘Hurricane Diane’ is fantastic, heartbreaking. Full of keen observation and profound human affection, the play both lifts us up and wrings us out.”

The theater group formed a couple of years ago and has already launched several seasons of successful theater and music productions under the aegis of Olenna Truskett, president of the Southeast Cultural Arts Coalition.

Jill Paxton, who plays Carol, one of several suburban housewives, brought the production to the group after she got the script and “zipped through the whole thing in one sitting, laughing with tears in my eyes until the end, when it ripped my freaking guts out... I remember stumbling out in a trance to the kitchen after I had finished, tears streaming down my face,” she said.

Paxton immediately texted her fellow thespians to convince them to tackle the play.

A recent visit to a rehearsal was an enjoyable look behind the scenes at a fabulous work-in-progress.

As players, directors, choreographers, and stage managers assembled under the vaulted ceiling of the 130-year-old Victorian-era theater on a recent Thursday, the excitement that goes with creating something new and entertaining was palpable. The beginnings of an original score by Vails Grove’s own Rod Cumming thumped and throbbed as choreographer Bret Fox circled up the actors for a spirited warm-up and some dance steps in front of the stage.

Up under the proscenium arch, Daniel Basiletti, a theater founder and all-around handyman, actor, musician, and technical director, manipulated a giant aluminum ladder in place so he could fuss with the new truss and upgraded lighting system near the ceiling.

Meanwhile, Director Stephanie Schleicher was reviewing the script and chatting with actors and support staff as they milled about, buzzing with conversation as professional photographer Jessy Dunn arrived for a shoot.

Brittany Carrasco plays Diane, the Greek god disguised as a permaculture gardener, bringing his/her supernatural abilities to an Earth struggling with climate change and other human-triggered problems in an effort to recruit followers and return the planet to its natural origin.

The god basically sums up humanity’s inanity with this pointed line: “Mining and stripping and slashing and burning and generally ‘despoiling’ the green earth that gave you life... You don’t know what time it is on the cosmic clock.”

“I love Greek mythology,” said Carrasco. “It’s like the first version of trash TV.”

Other cast members include Patti Hupp as “Beth,” Alea Vorillas as “Pam,” and Matiwonosa Muniyaradzi as “Renee.”

Tickets to “Hurricane Diane” are \$25 at www.ticketleap.com, or at the door.

Brewster Art Students Help Malawi Youth ‘Make Memories’



Brewster High School National Art Honor Society students show off their drawings.

The Memory Project gets its name from its intention – to provide handmade, heartfelt portraits as special memories to children in orphanages.

For 10 years, students in the Brewster High School National Art Honor Society have been drawing and painting portraits for children all around the world. This year, the group made portraits of children in Malawi.

“We got to choose who we were going to paint,” said Emma Derrell, co-president of NAHS. “We looked through pictures and read blurbs about children that the non-profit provided. I chose Delilah, who is 9 years old. Her favorite color is blue so I tried to incorporate blue into the painting.”

Students chose to do their

portrait in any style.

Sienna Heim did her portrait in charcoal, saying charcoal is best for shading and mood. “It’s a chance for a kid to see their face drawn by someone else,” she said. “It can give hope.”

Creating these portraits fosters a sense of civic responsibility among students, according to art teacher and NAHS advisor Janet Lyn-Tallevi.

“They recognize that their artwork serves as a beacon of hope and connection for children who are often overlooked,” she said. “By participating in The Memory Project, our students not only hone their artistic skills, but also cultivate empathy and awareness of global issues. They learn how their creative expressions can transcend geographical

boundaries, bringing joy and a sense of belonging to those who need it most.”

Willow DeSouza, co-vice president of NAHS, painted a child named Broman.

“In the description I read that Broman likes soccer and the color yellow, so aside from his beautiful face, I painted soccer balls and added yellow,” said DeSouza. “This project is meaningful because it creates a connectedness that is more personal to help kids with the hard times they are experiencing. It’s good to give money but this is more personal.”

Sabrina Guo, treasurer of NAHS, said, “This project is special because these kids are growing up in a disadvantaged world and our portraits show them we care about them.”



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Toward the latter part of the

19th century, artists, writers, and prominent families traveled to Cold Spring, and mansions were built along Morris Avenue. The mid-19th century buildings of Garrison's Landing have been so well preserved that the location was used for 1890s scenes in "Hello, Dolly!"

Homes from the colonial, Victorian, and other eras make this

area of the Hudson Highlands an exciting place to explore.

The tour will highlight a variety of historic architectural styles, and tour leaders will share their stories along the way.

The cost is \$60 per person, and space is limited. Make your reservations at <https://histoury.org/historical-tour-calendar-and-tickets>.

Re-Up Your Tick Bite Prevention

Despite prolonged stretches of frigid cold weather this winter, tick season and those pesky arachnids will soon be very active once again.

The chance for getting a tickborne disease is directly related to the risk for encountering an infected tick, as illustrated in the New York State Department of Health's tick risk score by region webpage. Tracking tick populations by regions, along

with the proportion of those ticks that test positive for at least one pathogen, the state assigns a "tick risk score."

This analysis puts the Hudson Valley in the high-risk category, along with the Catskills, Greater Niagara, and the Capital-Saratoga regions, and behind the Finger Lakes region which has the highest risk score in the state.

Human behavior – the one factor which we can control – also

has a direct influence, in particular on the number of bites.

Being informed and avoiding places where ticks may be more common is one of the best ideas – but it's not always possible or realistic. Wearing protective clothing and using appropriate repellants properly goes a long way to reducing risk, but even with repellent, checking frequently for ticks and removing them promptly and properly is important.



Mahopac High School sophomore Cira Graap recently traveled to Washington, D.C., to advocate for epilepsy awareness.

Mahopac Sophomore 'Speaks Up' for Epilepsy Foundation

Mahopac High School sophomore Cira Graap recently represented the Epilepsy Foundation at Capitol Hill as part of the prestigious Teens Speak Up! program.

Graap, a passionate advocate for epilepsy awareness, traveled to Washington, D.C., last month to participate in the Epilepsy Walk and engage in advocacy meetings with local members of Congress.

The Teens Speak Up! program, which took place March 16 to 18, brought together teen representatives from across the U.S. to speak out on behalf of those living with epilepsy. In addition to connecting with and making friends who share similar experiences with epilepsy, the teen representatives heard from speakers who encouraged them to transition into adulthood by taking ownership of their health and gradually lessening their parents' involvement.

Graap's participation in the program is a testament to her commitment to raising awareness, promoting understanding, and advocating for change for individuals with epilepsy.

Graap has been open about her own journey with absent seizures, a type of epilepsy that causes brief, subtle seizures where the person may appear to be staring off into space and lose awareness of their surroundings. These seizures are often mistaken for daydreaming, which can make them difficult to diagnose.

Recognizing the signs – such as sudden, unexplained staring episodes or brief periods of unresponsiveness – is crucial for providing the appropriate support and care for those affected.

"Kids are not open about epilepsy because they are scared of what people will say, but you have to be strong," said Graap. "Adversity makes you stronger. If you can beat it, you'll really go places."

Despite the challenges of her

diagnosis, Graap has remained determined to advocate for herself and others with epilepsy. She discovered the Teens Speak Up! program as a way to speak out and change perceptions surrounding the disease, using her voice to make a meaningful impact.

As part of her commitment to advocacy, Graap will be working with the Epilepsy Foundation for the next year. One of her key initiatives will be to advocate for "Seizure Safe Schools" and the requirement that school administrators in New York receive education on epilepsy and safe seizure training to ensure all students are better supported in school settings.

In addition to her advocacy work, Graap is working with the local nonprofit Putnam Service Dogs toward earning her Girl Scout Gold Award, having previously received her Silver Award in 2022. She is also collaborating with her neurologist, Dr. Steven Wolf, on research projects, including making and donating EEG (electroencephalogram) head coverings for children.

Graap shared how her volunteer and advocacy work will impact her plans for the future.

"I've been thinking about going into medicine, and being an advocate allows you to develop empathy that will help in that field," she said. "I encourage any Mahopac students who might be having difficulty dealing with an epilepsy diagnosis to reach out to me."

MHS Principal Patrick Keevins said the student's resilience, leadership, and determination continue to inspire everyone around her.

"We are incredibly proud of the impact Cira is making not just within our school community, but across the country, and we can't wait to see all the great things she will accomplish in the future," he said.



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Young News Readers!

Thanks to Stephanie Holden for sending in this pic of her kids, Savannah, 5, Ivy, 3, and Hunter, 8, reading the Putnam County Times while waiting for a doctor appointment April 17.

\$90M Available to Make Local Roads Safer

A total of \$90 million is available to help local governments enhance safety and reduce fatalities on their roads as part of a comprehensive "Safe System" approach toward zero deaths being deployed by the New York State Department of Transportation to reduce fatalities on all highway systems across the state, announced Gov. Kathy Hochul recently.

In NYS, about 40 percent of crash fatalities occur when a vehicle departs from its lane, ultimately resulting in a crash. The initiative is part of a multi-year, multi-agency action plan released last year by the DOT to reduce such incidents and minimize the injuries and fatalities that result from them.

Striving to achieve a Safe System Approach toward Zero Deaths, the DOT last summer released the Roadway Departure Safety Action Plan to reduce fatalities and serious injuries that result when vehicles inadvertently depart their lanes or the roadway. Under the plan, DOT is focusing on engineering improvements, public education and awareness campaigns, and the governor's Traffic Safety Committee is coordinating law enforcement activities.

"Highway safety is a shared responsibility and the funding we are making available for local governments, combined with complementary enhancements to the state highway system, will hopefully have a major impact in reducing fatalities and serious injuries on New York's highways," said DOT Commissioner Marie Therese Dominguez.

NYS Association of Counties President Benjamin Boykin II said the funding will help local governments make roadway improvements

designed to reduce accidents and fatalities and make roads safer for everyone.

"Counties are responsible for maintaining thousands of miles of roads and highways across New York State, and ensuring the safety of our residents is a top priority," he said.

Funding for these projects is available through the Federal Highway Administration's Highway Safety Improvement Program and may be used to support the design and construction of countermeasures intended to reduce roadway/lane departures and lessen the likelihood that departure-related crashes cause death or serious injury.

Such countermeasures include enhanced striping, curve warning signs, rumble strips, and median barriers. The funding compliments an additional \$90 million that has also been set aside for DOT to make safety enhancements on roads in the state highway system.

A portion of the funds – about \$10 million – has been set aside to support local municipalities in developing local road safety plans, which identify and analyze problem areas and prioritize potential safety improvements.

Minimum available funding per local project is \$250,000 and additional information about the funding and how local governments can propose projects is available at www.dot.ny.gov/divisions/operating/osss/highway/rwdsap.

Counties, towns, villages, native nations, and metropolitan planning organizations are eligible to sponsor a project. Counties interested in sponsoring a project on behalf of one or more municipalities within their boundaries are also eligible to apply.

6, Building 2, Carmel. The phone number is 845-808-1500.

"High temperatures and humidity in the summer pose a grave threat to those with certain medical conditions, as well as older adults and young children," said Gov. Kathy Hochul. "This assistance is crucial for at-risk New Yorkers, and I encourage those who may be eligible to apply as soon as possible so they can stay cool in their home when the worst of the weather hits."

Brewster H.S. Literary Mag Wins Highest Honor in National Contest

The Brewster High School literary magazine Ursus has been nationally recognized as a REALM First Class magazine, the contest's highest honor, by the National Council of Teachers of English for its January 2024 publication.

This year, schools in 46 states and five countries nominated 422 student magazines; 125 were awarded REALM First Class, with Brewster's Ursus being awarded the distinction of placing in this elite category.

Under the direction of former advisors Kayla Corvino and Rob LoAlbo, this issue was a labor of love for all those involved. With COVID having been such a significant event for so many of the club's participants, and having been a hindrance for past publication, the club wanted to honor those whose work was never put into print.

So, to debut back the publication, the students decided to put together a "pandemic issue" that brought alumni pieces together with current students, thus bridging the created gap. Filled with poetry, prose, and artwork, this issue spotlighted the best skills the students offered, under the guidance of graduated student Editor-in-Chief Sloane Duys.

Yet the biggest change for this issue was the way that the magazine was distributed.

In the past, Ursus has always been purchased by the students, thus limiting its exposure. Last year, the student editorial staff and faculty advisors wanted to bring



Former advisors Kayla Corvino and Rob LoAlbo hold up the REALM award.

student work to everyone, so the magazine became a free insert in the mid-year edition of the award-winning Bear Facts newspaper.

As a result, each and every student – along with last year's eighth-graders and the Brewster community (at newspaper distribution spots) – received their own physical copy. This distribution model made it the most widely read issue yet, achieving a goal of both the students and advisors.

It is for these reasons that Ur-

sus received this recognition from NCTE's REALM program, which nationally recognizes excellent literary magazines produced by students with the support of their teachers. The framed certificate and magazine will soon hang in the front hallway of the school.

REALM is designed to encourage all schools to develop literary magazines that celebrate the art and craft of writing, a description that REALM's judges felt applied to this issue.

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SYNOPSIS OF DETERMINATION AND FINDINGS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF BREWSTER ADOPTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 204 OF THE NEW YORK EMINENT DOMAIN PROCEDURE LAW (THE "EDPL") FOR THE ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE VILLAGE OF BREWSTER, TOWN OF SOUTHEAST, COUNTY OF PUTNAM, STATE OF NEW YORK COMPRISING TWO (2) TAX PARCELS LOCATED WITHIN THE URBAN RENEWAL AREA ESTABLISHED FOR THE VILLAGE OF BREWSTER

Background and Authority.

The Village of Brewster has undertaken an urban renewal program for the acquisition, clearance, building demolition, replanning, reconstruction and neighborhood rehabilitation of certain areas in the Village downtown area (the "Project"). On January 29, 2025, the Board of Trustees held a duly-noticed public hearing, which was followed by an additional ten (10) day period for the submission of written comments, in order to review the public use to be served by, and the potential environmental impacts of, the public project and to afford the owners of properties and residents within the Urban Renewal Area heretofore established by the Village the opportunity to voice support for, or objections to, the Project. The Project is to be developed in accordance with a Certain Land Acquisition Agreement which established a public-private partnership between the Village and Covington Development, LLC, its successors and/or assigns. By Resolution adopted at its regular meeting held on March 19, 2025, the Board of Trustees (i) duly adopted certain Findings and Determinations pursuant to and in accordance with EDPL Section 204 since it may be necessary for the Village to exercise its rights under the EDPL to acquire by eminent domain privately held properties within the overall project area as hereinafter described; and (ii) authorized and directed the Mayor and all other appropriate public officials to take all necessary action to comply with applicable provisions of the EDPL and all other laws, rules and regulations in the furtherance of the Project.

The Public Use, Benefit or Purpose To Be Served by the Project [EDPL §204(B)(1)].

The proposed acquisition of the Parcels as necessary for the Project will serve a public use, benefit and purpose because it will advance the overall general prosperity and economic and social welfare of the residents of the Village by returning underutilized Parcels to productive use, promoting overall improvement in the use, value and marketability of all Parcels within the Project Area, and advancing the goals and purposes of the Village Comprehensive Plan.

Location of the Project and Reasons for Selection of that Location [EDPL §204(B)(2)].

The Project is in the Village and covers the Parcels listed by street addresses and tax identification numbers in the Parcel List which is annexed hereto and hereby made a part hereof. The selection of the Parcels was based on, generally, various studies conducted on the Village's behalf, the desire to achieve the goals of the Village Comprehensive Plan, a desire to facilitate redevelopment, enhance neighborhood attractiveness, and advance economic development for the Project Area, which is served by existing infrastructure and benefitted by existing rail and roadway systems. No alternative locations exist in the

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Village that are being considered for the Project.

General Effect of the Project on the Environment and Residents of the Locality [EDPL §204 (B)(3)].

The general effect on the environment of the Village's proposed acquisition of the Parcels is that the acquisition will have no significant adverse effect on the environment. Any potential impacts from any future development of the Parcels will be appropriately addressed in accordance with applicable land use and zoning approvals and under SEQRA once the particulars of any such development of the Parcels are known, and such review will be no less protective of the environment. The acquisition of the Parcels and potential future development of the Parcels will positively impact the residents of the Village, thereby advancing housing opportunities, creation of additional job opportunities, replacement of properties which are non-conforming under current Zoning regulations, provision of additional off street parking for convenience of employees of businesses and residents within the area as well as visitors, promote transit oriented development and otherwise support the general prosperity and economic welfare of the Village's residents and property owners. Any specific impacts to residents of the Village created by future projects on the Parcels will be appropriately addressed under the Village's zoning laws and SEQRA.

Other Relevant Factors [EDPL § 204 (B)(4)].

The Village has given due consideration to any comments which were received during the January 29, 2025 Public Hearing and within additional comment period thereafter. In addition, the Village has taken into account public opinion and concerns, if any, expressed through the SEQRA process associated with the Project.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that copies of the determination and findings will be forwarded to any and all persons and entities requesting same upon written request without cost.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that pursuant to §207 of the Eminent Domain Procedure Law, there are thirty (30) days from the completion of the publication of this Synopsis of Determination and Findings to seek judicial review of the Determination and Findings made herein.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, pursuant to §207 and §208 of the Eminent Domain Procedure Law, the exclusive venue for judicial review of the Determination and Findings is the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court, Second Judicial Department.

Parcel #	Property Address	Record Owner	Tax Identification #
20	GARDEN STREET		
LLC	20 GARDEN STREET,		67.34-1-37
22	GARDEN STREET		
LLC	20 GARDEN STREET,		67.27-1-1

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Mahopac Public Library

NOTICE OF MAHOPAC PUBLIC LIBRARY'S TRUSTEES ELECTION and BUDGET VOTE

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NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Annual Meeting, Election of Trustees and Budget Vote, of the qualified voters of Mahopac Public Library, being the qualified voters of the Mahopac Central School District, Towns of Carmel and Putnam Valley, New York ("School District"), will be held at Mahopac Public Library, 668 Route 6, Mahopac, New York, on Tuesday, the 3rd day of June, 2025, between the hours of 7:00 am and 9:00 pm for the purpose of:

1. voting on the statement of estimated expenses for the 2025-2026 fiscal year (the Budget);
2. electing three (3) members to the Board of Trustees; and

The four (4) candidates running for three (3) seats on the Board of Trustees are: Samara Antolini, Nancy Di Maggio, Edgardo Rivera, Betty Rouchka.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that those residents of the Mahopac Central School District who registered at the 2024 Annual Meeting and Election of the School District or who previously registered or voted in any annual or special district meeting or election during the four (4) calendar years prior to this year need not re-register. Also, any resident of the Mahopac Central School District, otherwise qualified to vote, who is currently registered for any general election in Putnam County, pursuant to Section 352 of the Election Law shall be entitled to vote without further registration.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN, that personal registration of voters is required pursuant to §2014 of the Education Law. Qualified voters may register for said Annual Meeting, Election of Trustees and Budget Vote of the Mahopac Public Library at the School District Clerk's Office, 100 Myrtle Avenue, Mahopac, New York on weekdays between the hours of 9:00 o'clock A.M. to 4:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) up to and including Wednesday, May 28, 2025.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that the Register prepared pursuant to Section 2014 of the Education Law will be filed in the office of the Election Clerk of Mahopac Public Library and that same will be open for inspection by any qualified voter of the School District between the hours of 10:00 am and 5:00 pm on each of the five (5) days prior to and the day set for the meeting or election, except Sunday, or holidays.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that a qualified military voter who is not currently registered can request a military personal registration form during the same times and at the same locations as listed above. Additionally, qualified military voters can contact the Election Clerk to indicate their preference to receive a personal registration application via mail, facsimile or electronic mail.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that qualified military voters may request a military absentee ballot application from the Election Clerk via email or access it on the Library website, and may indicate their preference to receive a military absentee ballot application via mail, facsimile or electronic mail. Absentee ballots for military voters shall be administered in accordance with the provisions of Section 2018-d of the Education Law and Part 122 of the Commissioner's Regulations.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that applications for absentee ballots for the Annual Meeting, Election of Trustees and Budget Vote may be applied for at the office of the Election Clerk at the Mahopac Public Library. If the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, the completed application must be received by the Election Clerk no later than Tuesday, May 27, 2025. If the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter, the completed application must be received by the Election Clerk

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no later than 5:00 pm on Monday, June 2, 2025. Also, that a list of all persons to whom absentee ballots have been issued will be available at said office of the Election Clerk of the Mahopac Public Library on each of five (5) days prior to the election, except Sunday, or holidays, and that such list will also be posted at the polling place at the election of Trustees.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that applications for early voting ballots for the Annual Meeting, Election of Trustees and Budget Vote may be applied for at the office of the Election Clerk at the Mahopac Public Library. To receive an early voting ballot in person, the application must be delivered to Mahopac Library no later than the day before the election. To receive an early voting ballot by mail, the application must be received by the Election Clerk at Mahopac Public Library not later than the 7th day before the election. Applications may not be submitted more than 30 days prior to the election. If you are qualified for early voting and issued an early voting ballot, the ballot itself must be received by Mahopac Public Library by 5:00 pm on the day of the election in order to be canvassed.

By order of the Board of Trustees of
THE MAHOPAC PUBLIC LIBRARY
668 Route 6
Mahopac, New York 10541
Michele Capozzella, Election Clerk

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Putnam

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 14-25 – SAFETY & SECURITY WINDOW FILM INSTALLATION

Detailed specifications may be secured at the office of the Director of Purchasing, Putnam County Office Building, 40 Glenaida Avenue, Room 105, Carmel, New York 10512 between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M., Monday through Friday or you may download from the Empire State Bid System's website at www.empirestatebidsystem.com.

Sealed bids must be filed in the above office on or before 1:00 P.M., WEDNESDAY, MAY 28, 2025.

dated: Carmel, New York
April 30, 2025
Sgd/John Tully, Purchasing Director
Putnam County Purchasing Department

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Public Notice Putnam Area Rapid Transit Cold Spring Trolley Route Change

Public notice is hereby made that it is the intent of the Putnam County Department of Planning, Development and Public Transportation to make the following changes to the Cold Spring Trolley route effective May 24, 2025: The new route will eliminate service north of Fair St. and Route 9D in Cold Spring, NY and to Magazzino Italian Art in Philipstown and will add service to Garrison Metro-North Station. Additionally, the route will begin 15 minutes after the hour at Cold Spring Bandstand. The current fare schedule will remain unchanged. These changes are intended to better connect high-demand destinations in the area and provide more consistent and efficient public transportation ser-

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vices. For the updated schedule, please visit www.putnamcountyny.gov/transportation.

Por la presente, se notifica al público que el Departamento de Planificación, Desarrollo y Transporte Público del Condado de Putnam tiene la intención de realizar los siguientes cambios en la ruta del tranvía Cold Spring a partir del 24 de mayo de 2025: La nueva ruta eliminará el servicio al norte de Fair St. y la Ruta 9D en Cold Spring, NY, y el servicio a Magazzino Italian Art en Philipstown. Además, añadirá servicio a la estación Garrison Metro-North. Además, la ruta comenzará 15 minutos después de la hora en Cold Spring Bandstand. La tarifa actual permanecerá sin cambios. Estos cambios tienen como objetivo conectar mejor los destinos de alta demanda en la zona y brindar servicios de transporte público más consistentes y eficientes. Para conocer el horario actualizado del tranvía, visite www.putnamcountyny.gov/transportation.

Barbara Barosa, AICP, Commissioner

Department of Planning, Development and Public Transportation

841 Fair St., Carmel, NY 10512

Email: Planning@putnam-countyny.gov

If you wish to comment on any aspect of the proposed project, submit all comments in writing within ten days of the date of this publication. Your requests and comments must be forwarded to the above county representative.

Si desea comentar sobre cualquier aspecto del proyecto propuesto, envíe todos sus comentarios por escrito dentro de los diez días siguientes a la fecha de esta publicación. Sus solicitudes y comentarios deben enviarse al representante del condado mencionado anteriormente.

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Kent

LEGAL NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BY THE KENT PLANNING BOARD 2025 FOR THE ZAKON PROPERTY 592 LUDINGTONVILLE ROAD KENT, NY 10512 TM: 12.-2-27

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing pertaining to the property noted above will be held before the **Town of Kent Planning Board on Thursday, May 8, 2025 at 7:30 P.M. at the Kent Town Hall, 25 Sybil's Crossing, Kent, NY 10512** or as soon thereafter as the matter may come to be heard.

This Public Hearing pertains to an application from:

592 Ludingtonville Road
Kent, NY 10512
Tax Map #12.-2-27

This application proposes to construct a four bedroom house. A single septic system and a single stormwater mitigation system will serve the property. The proposed landscape screening will be coordinated as the project progresses through the site plan approval process. The applicant has performed the necessary soil testing with the PCDOH and has submitted the subsequent design plans and awaits approval.

At this hearing all persons speaking in favor of or in opposition shall be heard. If there are any questions or comments pertaining to this project, please send them to: planningkent@townofkentny.gov. The telephone number for the Kent Planning Board is: 845-

PUTNAM COUNTY AND TOWN NOTICES

To Place Legal Notices, Email (legals@putnampresstimes.com) or Call 845-628-8400

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306-5612.
Date: April 17, 2025

By order of:
Vera Patterson, Secretary for
The Town of Kent Planning
Board
County of Putnam
planningkent@townofkent-
ny.gov

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**LEGAL NOTICE OF A
PUBLIC HEARING
BY
THE KENT PLANNING
BOARD 2025
FOR THE
MOODY PROPEERTY
221 RESSIQUE ROAD
KENT, NY 10512
TM: 11-1-48-3**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN** that a Public Hearing
pertaining to the property noted
above will be held before the
Town of Kent Planning Board
on Thursday, May 8, 2025 at
7:30 P.M. at the Kent Town Hall,
25 Sybil's Crossing, Kent, NY
10512 or as soon thereafter as the
matter may come to be heard.

This Public Hearing pertains
to an application from:

Jerry & Susan Moody
96 Harden Dr.
LaGrangeville, NY 12540
For Property located at:
221 Ressique Road
Kent, NY 10512
Tax Map #11-1-48-3

The project proposes con-
struction of new single-family
residence on an existing lot of
record including a refurbished
driveway, new individual well
and onsite wastewater disposal
system. The project is located
in the R80 Zoning District. The
project requires a Steep Slope
and Erosion Control Permit as well
as coverage under NYSDEC SPDES
General Permit for Stormwater
Discharges from Construction Ac-
tivity, GP-0-25-001. The project
requires Putnam County Health
Department (PCHD) approval for
the water supply and wastewater
treatment facilities. The action is
a Type II action under SEQRA.
The applicant has performed
the necessary soil testing with
the PCDOH and has submitted
the subsequent design plans and
awaits approval.

At this hearing all persons
speaking in favor of or in opposi-
tion shall be heard. If there are any
questions or comments pertaining
to this project, please send them
to: planningkent@townofkentny.
gov. The telephone number for
the Kent Planning Board is: 845-
306-5612.

Date: April 17, 2025

By order of:
Vera Patterson, Secretary for
The Town of Kent Planning
Board
County of Putnam
planningkent@townofkent-
ny.gov

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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 on May 15, 2025 at
7:00 PM or as soon thereafter as
interested parties may be heard,
at Town Hall, 1360 Route 22,
Brewster, NY, to hear public
comment on a proposed LO-
CAL LAW which would amend
Chapter 39 of the Town Code
entitled "Alarm Systems", Sec-
tion 39-3 "Definitions" to delete

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definitions for "NYSIBC" and
"NYSIFC" and add new defini-
tions for Building Code of New
York State "BCNYS" and Fire
Code of New York State "FC-
NYS" respectively; amend Sec-
tions 39-2 entitled "Fire alarms
required" and 39-15 "Key boxes
required" to delete reference to
New York State International Fire
Code and replace with reference
to "Fire Code of New York State".
A copy of the proposed local law
may be obtained from the office
of the Town Clerk during normal
business hours. Any person in-
terested 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 Town Board of the Town
of Southeast shall hold a public
hearing on May 15, 2025 at
7:00 PM or as soon thereafter as
interested parties may be heard,
at Town Hall, 1360 Route 22,
Brewster, NY, to hear public com-
ment on a proposed LOCAL LAW
which would amend Chapter 138
of the Town Code entitled "Zon-
ing", Section 138-4 "Definitions"
to add new definitions for certain
uses; amend Article X "Special
Permits and Conditional Uses"
to add a new section 138-55.3
entitled "Philanthropic Institutions"
to better define the types of uses
and regulations attributable to
philanthropic institutions seeking
special use permits; and to amend
Article XIV, Section 138-90.C of
the Zoning Code entitled "Mem-
bership; meetings, powers and du-
ties" to clarify the Zoning Board
of Appeals' authority to issue
interpretations of definitions and
applicability of provisions of the
Zoning Code. A copy of the pro-
posed local law may be obtained
from the office of the Town Clerk
during normal business hours.
Any person interested in the sub-
ject 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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**Supreme Court
SHERIFF'S SALE**

BY VIRTUE OF a certain
Writ of Execution, issued out
of the SUPREME COURT,
COUNTY of PUTNAM, and to
me directed and delivered, I have
levied upon and taken which I
shall expose for sale as the law
directs at the lobby of the Putnam
County Sheriff's Office, 3 County
Center Carmel, New York, on the
5th day of June, 2025 at 10:00
in the forenoon of that day- all
the right, title, and interest which
John McLaughlin had on the 12th
day of August 2024 or at any time
thereafter of, in, and to the follow-
ing property, to wit:

ALL that certain piece or
parcel of land, situate, lying and
being in the Town of Kent, County
of Putnam and State of New York,
bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point on
the southerly side of a private
road, marked by a stake set,
where said road is intersected
by the northeasterly corner of
this parcel and the northwesterly
corner of lands conveyed to Steve
and Ann Zeman by deed of even
date herewith, and which point is
also 100 feet on a course of South
74 degrees 41'00" West as mea-
sured along the southerly side of

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said private road, from the north
westerly corner of other lands
conveyed to Steve and Ann Ze-
man by Margaret Roberts Chap-
man by deed dated November 3,
1952 and recorded on November
17, 1952 in Liber 419 of deeds at
page 250 in the Putnam County
Clerk's office and from said
point of beginning runs South
19 degrees 58'00" East 347.17
feet along the westerly line of
said lands conveyed to Zeman by
deed of even date herewith to the
southeasterly corner of this parcel
and the southwesterly corner of
said last mentioned Zeman lands;

THENCE through other lands
now or formerly of Margaret Rob-
erts Chapman, South 74 degrees
41'00" West 102.87 feet to the
southwesterly corner of this parcel
and the southeasterly corner of
lands this day conveyed to An-
thony G. Cavagnaro by Margaret
Roberts Chapman;

THENCE along the easterly
line of said Anthony G. Cavagnaro
lands, North 22 degrees 54' 07"
West 349.88 feet to the north-
westerly corner of this parcel on
the southerly side of the aforesaid
private road, and the northeast-
erly corner of said Anthony G.
Cavagnaro lands, and;

THENCE along the southerly
side of said private road, North
74 degrees 41'00" East 128 feet
to the point and place of BEGIN-
NING.

**Sale is subject to all lawful
liens.**

**Terms of the sale are strictly
cash or bank check; 10% pay-
able at time of sale and remain-
der by 4PM of sale date.**

The Sheriff reserves the right
to accept or reject any and all bids.

Dated: 3/31/2025

Kevin J. McConville
Sheriff of Putnam County
3 County Center
Carmel, New York 10512
Sheriff File: 25000179

Attorney for Plaintiff:
D'Agostino Law Office, P.C.
427 Bedford Rd.
Suite 150
Pleasantville, NY 10570
914-747-4455

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NOTICE OF SALE

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

Pursuant to a Judgment of
Foreclosure and Sale duly entered
on February 26, 2025, I, the un-
signed Referee will sell at public
auction at court room 209 of the
Putnam Supreme Courthouse,
20 County Center, Carmel, NY
10512 on May 19, 2025 at 10:30
a.m., premises known as 2407
Route 301, Carmel, NY 10512.
All that certain plot, piece or
parcel of land, with the build-
ings and improvements thereon
erected, situate, lying and being
in the Town of Kent, County of
Putnam and State of New York,
Section 20, Block 1 and Lot 13.
Approximate amount of judg-
ment is \$404,523.48 plus interest
and costs. Premises will be sold
subject to provisions of filed Judg-
ment Index #501723/2023.

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

Friedman Vartolo LLP, 85
Broad Street, Suite 501, New

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York, New York 10004, Attor-
neys for Plaintiff. Firm File No.:
232472-1

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NOTICE OF SALE SU-
PREME COURT COUNTY OF
PUTNAM U.S. BANK NA, SUC-
CESSOR TRUSTEE TO BANK
OF AMERICA, NA, SUCCESSOR
IN INTEREST TO LASALLE
BANK NA, AS TRUSTEE, ON
BEHALF OF THE HOLDERS OF
THE WAMU MORTGAGE PASS-
THROUGH CERTIFICATES,
SERIES 2006-AR12, Plaintiff
AGAINST **THOMAS M. SILVES-
TRO, SALLY A. SILVESTRO, ET
AL.**, Defendant(s) Pursuant to a
Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale
duly entered April 29, 2024, I, the
undersigned Referee will sell at
public auction at Courtroom 209
of the Putnam Supreme Court, 20
County Center, Carmel, NY 10512
on May 19, 2025 at 11:30 AM,
premises known as 9 Seven Oaks
Lane, Brewster, NY 10509. All that
certain plot piece or parcel of land,
with the buildings and improve-
ments erected, situate, lying and
being in the Town of Southeast,
in the County of Putnam and State
of New York, Section 79.10 Block
1 Lot 1. Approximate amount of
judgment \$350,638.97 plus interest
and costs. Premises will be
sold subject to provisions of filed
Judgment Index #500423/2023.
Maureen Fleming, Esq., Referee
Gross Polowy, LLC 1775 Wehrle
Drive Williamsville, NY 14221
22-002892 85160

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SUPREME COURT
STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF PUTNAM

CITIZENS BANK, N.A.,

Plain-
tiff,

-against-

**LISA WHITE A/K/A LISA
M. MCGIMSEY-WHITE; AC-
TION FUEL OIL CORP.; CI-
TIBANK, N.A.**,

De-
fendants. NOTICE OF
SALE

Index No. 500753/2023

MORTGAGED PROPERTY:
90 Stage Coach Road, Pat-
terson, New York 12563

COUNTY: PUTNAM

SBL #: 5-1-46

Mortgage Servicer:
Citizens Bank, N.A. d/b/a
Citizens One Home Loans

Mortgage Service Telephone
No.: 800-234-6002

In pursuance of a Judgment
of Foreclosure and Sale duly made
on April 1, 2025 and entered in the
Putnam County Clerk's Office on
April 1, 2025, I, the undersigned,
the referee, will now sell at public
auction, in the jury assembly room
in the Putnam County Courthouse,
20 County Center, Carmel, New
York 10512 on May 19, 2025 at
9:30 o'clock in the forenoon of
that date, the premises directed
by said judgment to be sold which
are commonly known as 90 Stage
Coach Road, Patterson, New
York, Tax Map No.: 5-1-46. A
complete legal description can
be obtained upon request from
plaintiff's attorney.

Judgment amount -
\$125,761.61 plus interest, costs
and expenses.

Frank Lombardi, Esq., Referee
COOPER ERVING & SAVAGE,
LLP
Attorneys for Plaintiff
20 Corporate Woods Blvd., Ste.
501
Albany, New York 12211
(518) 449-3900

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Supplemental Summons and
Notice of Object of Action SU-
PREME COURT OF THE STATE
OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF
PUTNAM ACTION TO FORE-
CLOSE A MORTGAGE INDEX
#: 500320/2023 **ROCKET MORT-
GAGE, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN
LOANS, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN
LOANS INC.** Plaintiff, vs **WAL-
TER HANKEL AS HEIR TO
THE ESTATE OF CHRISTINE
L. HANKEL, JORDON HAN-
KEL AS HEIR TO THE ESTATE
OF CHRISTINE L. HANKEL,
JOHN HANKEL AS HEIR TO
THE ESTATE OF CHRISTINE L.
HANKEL, UNKNOWN HEIRS
OF CHRISTINE L. HANKEL IF
LIVING, AND IF HE/SHE BE
DEAD, ANY AND ALL PER-
SONS UNKNOWN TO PLAIN-
TIF, CLAIMING, OR WHO
MAY CLAIM TO HAVE AN
INTEREST IN, OR GENERAL
OR SPECIFIC LIEN UPON THE
REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED
IN THIS ACTION; SUCH UN-
KNOWN PERSONS BEING
HEREIN GENERALLY DE-
SCRIBED AND INTENDED TO
BE INCLUDED IN WIFE, WID-
OW, HUSBAND, WIDOWER,
HEIRS AT LAW, NEXT OF KIN,
DESCENDANTS, EXECUTORS,
ADMINISTRATORS, DEVI-
SEES, LEGATEES, CREDITORS,
TRUSTEES, COMMITTEES,
LIENORS, AND ASSIGNEES OF
SUCH DECEASED, ANY AND
ALL PERSONS DERIVING IN-
TEREST IN OR LIEN UPON, OR
TITLE TO SAID REAL PROPER-
TY BY, THROUGH OR UNDER
THEM, OR EITHER OF THEM,
AND THEIR RESPECTIVE
WIVES, WIDOWS, HUSBANDS,
WIDOWERS, HEIRS AT LAW,
NEXT OF KIN, DESCENDANTS,
EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS,
CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, COM-
MITTEES, LIENORS, AND AS-
SIGNS, ALL OF WHOM AND
WHOSE NAMES, EXCEPT AS
STATED, ARE UNKNOWN TO
PLAINTIFF, PEOPLE OF
THE STATE OF NEW YORK,
UNITED STATES OF AMERI-
CA ON BEHALF OF THE IRS,
PUTNAM COUNTY DEPART-
MENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
Defendant(s). MORTGAGED
PREMISES: 13 Longridge Trail
Putnam Valley, NY 10579 To the
Above named Defendant: You are
hereby summoned to answer the
Complaint in this action, and to
serve a copy of your answer, or, if
the Complaint is not served with
this Supplemental Summons, to
serve a notice of appearance, on
the Plaintiff(s) attorney(s) within
twenty days after the service of this
Supplemental Summons, exclusive
of the day of service (or within 30
days after the service is complete
if this Supplemental Summons is
not personally delivered to you
within the State of New York). In
case of your failure to appear or
answer, judgment will be taken
against you by default for the relief
demanded in the Complaint. The
Attorney for Plaintiff has an office
for business in the County of Erie.
Trial to be held in the County of
Putnam. The basis of the venue
designated above is the location
of the Mortgaged Premises. TO
Unknown Heirs of Christine L.
Hankel Defendant In this Ac-
tion. The foregoing Supplemental
Summons is served upon you by
publication, pursuant to an order
of HON. Gina C Capone of the Su-
preme Court Of The State Of New
York, dated the First day of April,
2025 and filed with the Complaint
in the Office of the Clerk of the
County of Putnam, in the City of
Carmel. The object of this action**

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is to foreclosure a mortgage upon the premises described below, executed by Christine L. Hankel (who died on April 1, 2023, a resident of the county of Putnam, State of New York) dated the December 27, 2016, to secure the sum of \$226,875.00 and recorded at Instrument No. 1600311 in the Office of the Putnam County Clerk on January 20, 2017. The mortgage was subsequently assigned by an assignment executed January 4, 2022 and recorded on January 6, 2022, in the Office of the Putnam County Clerk at Instrument Number 194-2022. The property in question is described as follows: 13 Longridge Trail, Putnam Valley, NY 10579 NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this Foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. DATED: April 8, 2025 Gross Polowy LLC Attorney(s) For Plaintiff(s) 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 The law firm of Gross Polowy LLC and the attorneys whom it employs are debt collectors who are attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained by them will be used for that purpose. 85323

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Pursuant to Article 6, Section 75 (7)(b) of the Public Lands Law, **891 South Lake LLC** on or after July 1, 2025 will file an Application for the Use of Land Underwater to the New York State Office of General Services for a new underwater land license to retain and maintain 7 boats up to 23 feet in length, 4 finger piers 20 ft x 2 ft, 1 finger pier 24 ft by 4 ft, 1 finger pier 23 ft x 2 ft and one boathouse 16, w x 26 ft h and 15' h along with a reconfiguration perimeter on Lake Mahopac in the Town of Carmel, Putnam County. This notice shall be published for four consecutive weeks commencing April 30, 2025 with last published date of May 21, 2025. Any comments are due to the Commissioner of General Services no later than 40 days after the last publication date.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY 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 DISTRIBUTEE 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 June 2, 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

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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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SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF PUTNAM

AMOS FINANCIAL LLC, Plaintiff, -against- UNKNOWN HEIRS TO THE ESTATE OF **ISABELLA DELLAROSSA A/K/A ISABEL DELLA ROSSA**, any and all persons unknown to plaintiff, claiming, or who may claim to have an interest in, or general or specific lien upon the real property described in this action; such unknown persons being herein generally described and intended to be included in the following designation, namely: the wife, widow, husband, widower, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors, and assignees of such deceased, any and all persons deriving interest in or lien upon, or title to said real property by, through or under them, or either of them, and their respective wives, widows, husbands, widowers, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants; executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, be included in the following designation, namely: the wife, widow, husband, widower, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors, and assignees of such deceased, any and all persons deriving interest in or lien upon, or title to said real property by, through or under them, or either of them, and their respective wives, widows, husbands, widowers, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants; executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors and assigns, all of whom and whose names, except as stated, are unknown to plaintiff; **ACTION FUEL OIL CORP.**; **HUDSON "VALLEY RADIOLOGISTS PC**; **EMSTAR AMBULANCE**; **COMMISSIONER OF LABOR OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK**; **STACY JORGE AKA STACY GEORGE AKA STACEY ROTHSTEIN AKA HEIR OF THE ESTATE OF ISABELLA DELLAROSSA A/K/A ISABEL DELLA ROSSA**; **UNITED STATES OF AMERICA - INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE** and **NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE**; **PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK**; **SOUTHEAST TOWN COURT**; and **JOHN DOE AND JANE DOE #1 through #7**, the last seven (7) names being fictitious and unknown to the Plaintiff, the persons or parties intended being the tenants, occupants, persons or parties, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the mortgaged premises described in the Complaint, Defendants. INDEX# 500829/2024 Original filed with Clerk. Plaintiff Designates Putnam County as the Place of Trial. The Basis of Venue is that the subject action is situated Putnam

County. Premises: 11 Fox Hollow Road Brewster, NY 10509. TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the Complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the Plaintiff's Attorneys) within 20 days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York); the United States of America may appear or answer within 60 day of service hereof; and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT The OBJECT of the above captioned action is to foreclose a Mortgage in the amount of \$616,500.00 plus interest, recorded in the office of the clerk of the County of PUTNAM on November 24, 2004, in Liber 4397 at Page 492 covering premises known as 11 Fox Hollow Road, Brewster, NY 10509. The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the Mortgage described above. NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this Summons and Complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF AMOS FINANCIAL LLC AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. Dated: Uniondale, New York, April, 2025 Respectfully submitted, Pincus Law Group, PLLC. By: George J. Weissinger, Esq., Attorneys for Plaintiff, 425 RRR Plaza Uniondale, NY 11556 516-699-8902

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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF PUTNAM U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCAF ACQUISITION TRUST, Plaintiff AGAINST **BRUCE P. MESSUR**, Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered March 10, 2025, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at Courtroom 209 of the Putnam Supreme Court, 20 County Center, Carmel, NY 10512 on June 9, 2025 at 9:30 AM, premises known as 12 Lot-tie Road, Carmel, NY 10512. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of Kent, County of Putnam and State of New York, Section 33.82 Block 1 Lot 76 FKA Section 96 Block 4 Lot 1. Approximate amount of judgment \$231,154.14 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index #500912/2024. Julie A. Cherico, Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC 1775 Wehrle Drive Williamsville, NY 14221 24-001430 85178

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NOTICE OF SALE

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SUPREME COURT: PUTNAM COUNTY. **WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, AS TRUSTEE OF UPLAND MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST B, Pltf. vs. KATHRYN C. MADDEN**, et al, Defts. Index #501454/2019. Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale dated Nov. 15, 2022 and order appointing successor referee entered November 18, 2024, I will sell at public auction in Room 209 of the Putnam County Courthouse, 20 County Center, Carmel, NY on June 9, 2025 at 2:30 p.m., prem. k/a 402 Hortontown Road, Hopewell Junction, NY a/k/a Section 9, Block 1, Lot 23. Said property being in the Town of Kent, County of Putnam and State of NY, designated as Lot No. 1 on a certain Map filed in the Putnam County Clerk's Office as Map No. 1540 on October 13, 1976. Approx. amt. of judgment is \$515,059.66 plus costs and interest. Sold subject to terms and conditions of filed judgment and terms of sale. ANTHONY J. CENTONE, Referee. MARGOLIN, WEINREB & NIERER, LLP, Attys. for Pltf., 575 Underhill Blvd., Ste. 224, Syosset, NY. #102255

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NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF PUTNAM, **WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR VERUS SECURITIZATION TRUST 2023-INV1**, Plaintiff, vs. **NICKEISHA FRAZER**, Defendant (s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered on December 5, 2024, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at Courtroom 209 of Putnam County Courthouse located at 20 County Center, Carmel, NY 10512 on June 9, 2025, at 3:30 PM, premises known as 246 ROUTE 292, HOLMES, NY 12531. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Town of Patterson, County of Putnam and State of New York, Section: 3, Block: 1, Lot: 51. Approximate amount of judgment is \$443,183.35 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 500402/2024.

If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee's attorney, or the Referee.

NIKI PAGONES QUINN, Esq., Referee

Roach & Lin, P.C., 6851 Jericho Turnpike, Suite 185, Syosset, New York 11791, Attorneys for Plaintiff

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PROBATE CITATION File No. 2024-195 SURROGATE'S COURT. COLUMBIA COUNTY CITATION THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK. By the Grace of God Free and Independent

TO: John Edward Grant, a first cousin, once removed and distributee of Ann Marie Keeler, deceased, if living, and if dead, her executors, administrators, or heirs at law; otherwise to the distributees of Ann Marie Keeler, deceased, and other persons, if any there be, and whose names and addresses are unknown to petitioner, and also to persons who

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are or make any claim whatsoever as executors or administrators, of any persons who may be deceased, and who, if living would have any interest in these proceedings derived through, or from any or all of the above-named persons or their distributees, devisees, and legatees, and which persons, if any there be, their names and domicile addresses are unknown to petitioner.

A petition having been duly filed by Mary Ann Bogausch, having an address of 16 Garden Street, Philmont, proposed Executor under the Last Will and Testament of Ann Marie Keeler, deceased, YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, Columbia County, at 401 Union Street,

Hudson, New York, on June 10 2025 at 9:45am in the forenoon of that day, why a decree should not be made in the

Estate of Ann Marie Keeler, lately domiciled at 2349 County Route 1, Town of Claverack, Columbia County, New York,

United States, admitting to probate a Will dated May 25, 2018, as the Will of Ann Marie Keeler, deceased, relating to real and personal property, and directing that Letters Testamentary be granted to Mary Ann Bogausch.

Dated, Attested and Sealed April 21, 2025

Hon. MICHAEL C. HOWARD, Surrogate

Chief Clerk Kimberly Jorgensen

John Connor, Jr. Esq 517-828-2712

Attorney for Petitioner

76 Green Street, Hudson, NY 12534

johnconnor@homeemail.com

Address of Attorney

NOTE: THIS CITATION IS SERVED UPON YOU AS REQUIRED BY LAW. YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO APPEAR.

IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR IT WILL BE ASSUMED YOU DO NOT OBJECT TO THE RELIEF REQUESTED. YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO HAVE AN ATTORNEY APPEAR!!!

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LLC

Notice of Formation of **On Sight Home Inspections, LLC** Art. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 01.28.25. Office Location: 14 Stone St, Cold Spring, NY 10516. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC at the addr. of its princ. office. Purpose: Home Inspections.

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CF KINGS RIDGE, LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 3/10/25. Office in Putnam Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 435 Union Valley Rd., Mahopac, NY 10541, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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Emmana Solutions LLC Articles of Organization Was filed with Secretary Of State (SSNY) on 12/17/2024

Location: Putnam County. Ana Lozano has been designated

As LLC's agent upon whom Process against it may be Served. A copy of the process

Shall be mailed to: Ana Lozano

41 Secor Road, Mahopac NY 10541

Empire State Fellows Program

Applications are now being accepted for the Empire State Fellows Program, a full-time, two-year leadership training program that prepares the next generation of professionals for careers as New York State policymakers.

New Yorkers interested in the 2026-28 class of this program must apply by June 1, at www.ny.gov/new-york-state-fellowship-programs/empire-state-fellows-program. The incoming class will serve from Jan. 15, 2026, and receive an annual salary of \$90,000, plus a benefits package.

Since its inception 13 years ago, the Empire Fellows Program has attracted extraordinary and diverse talent from New York and across the nation to serve in high-level positions in the administration. Empire State Fellows graduates

have advanced to senior roles, including deputy commissioner, deputy secretary, and chief of staff positions throughout state agencies.

This is also an opportunity for displaced former federal workers who are encouraged to apply to the fellowship program. New York is running the “You’re Hired” campaign to let displaced former federal employees know about career opportunities in state government.

Engagement in the work of state government lies at the heart of the Empire State Fellows program. The Department of Civil Service will appoint each fellow to work directly with a commissioner, deputy commissioner, or other high-level policymakers at a state agency or authority, or in the executive chamber. Work assignments offer fellows unparalleled experience col-

laborating with senior officials and participating in the policy-making process.

While taking part in the work of state government, fellows will participate in educational and professional development programs that will help them to serve as effective and ethical government leaders.

The educational component of the Empire State Fellows program kicks off with an orientation course in January. Educational coursework will continue on a semi-monthly basis through the first year of the program.

Meanwhile, professional development activities, including a mentoring program and regular meetings with cabinet members and other government leaders, will enhance fellows’ collaboration with policymakers.

Real Estate Reports: Median Sales Prices Climbed in the HV

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Housing Markets North of NYC Exhibit Adaptability

A report by Houlihan Lawrence shows that, despite an atmosphere of uncertainty from rising mortgage rates, stubborn inflation and geopolitical frictions, the residential real estate markets North of New York City exhibited remarkable adaptability and, in many cases, quiet strength in the first quarter of 2025.

“From south to north, a familiar pattern has re-emerged: as affordability continues to be tested in southern Westchester, buyer activity has radiated outward,” said Liz Nunan, president & CEO of Houlihan Lawrence. “Lower Westchester, historically one of the most competitive areas, saw resilient pricing and a slight uptick in sales. But as inventory remained limited and prices climbed, buyers expanded their search parameters geographically, first into northern Westchester, then into Putnam, and increasingly into Dutchess. This outward flow has created a subtle ripple effect, with each ring absorbing demand from the one below it.”

According to the Houlihan Lawrence “Q1 2025 Westchester-Putnam-Dutchess Market Report,” in Putnam County – including Brewster, Carmel, Garrison, Haldane, Lakeland, Mahopac, and Putnam Valley – total sales volume declined 9 percent versus 2024,

but that headline masks a more nuanced reality. Median prices rose 10 percent, indicating that demand has not disappeared, it has simply shifted upmarket.

Mahopac, Carmel, and Brewster remain highly active, with buyers drawn to the relative affordability and quality of life just beyond Westchester’s northern border.

In Westchester County, single-family home sales rose 8.5 percent compared to 2024, per the report. This was accompanied by a 5 percent increase in the average sale price, which reached \$1.18 million.

Despite a notable rise in average days on the market, from 39 to 67, the sale-to-list price ratio remained a robust 101.5 percent, suggesting that well-positioned homes are still finding ready buyers.

Dutchess County continues to attract interest, particularly in commuter-friendly hubs like Beacon, LaGrange, and Red Hook, shows the report. These areas are benefiting from the same centrifugal force seen elsewhere as affordability narrows in southern Westchester, buyers continue moving north in search of value, space, and long-term upside.

“Looking ahead, the second quarter of 2025 is expected to bring a modest increase in listing activity as would-be sellers grow more comfortable with the new normal of interest rates and recalibrated expectations,” said Nunan. “Buyers remain ready, but selective... In this shifting environment, the connective thread is movement, both literal and strategic. Buyers are moving farther, thinking more holistically, and stretching beyond traditional boundaries.”

As the first quarter closes, Nunan said the tone is one of cau-

tious confidence – “grounded in data, shaped by macro forces, and propelled by the enduring desire for home.”

Luxury Homebuyers Remain Highly Active

Despite macroeconomic uncertainty and lingering volatility in interest rates, luxury homebuyers remained highly active in the first quarter of 2025, reinforcing the strength of the luxury residential market across key markets in New York and Connecticut, according to the Houlihan Lawrence “Q1 2025 Luxury Market Report.”

Putnam and Dutchess counties, defined by the \$1 million threshold, held steady in transaction volume with 31 luxury sales – identical to 2024. However, the dollar volume fell nearly 16 percent, and the median sale price dropped 6.7 percent. This softness may reflect seasonal variations, fewer ultra-high-end trades, or a more cautious start to the year in rural and second-home markets.

Still, properties in Garrison (\$3.8 million), Millbrook (\$3.6 million), and Red Hook anchored the high end of activity.

Westchester County saw a 32 percent year-over-year increase in luxury home sales at \$2 million and above, with 98 transactions recorded in the first quarter. However, the median sale price ticked down 4.8 percent to \$2.64 million, reflecting a slight broadening of the luxury base.

Notably, activity in the \$2 million to \$3 million bracket surged by 55 percent. Days on the market increased to 101, but homes continued to trade near list price, with an average sale-to-list ratio of 99.7 percent. High-demand areas included Scarsdale, Rye, and Bedford.

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GENERAL MERCHANDISE

FOR SALE: 1920’S DINING ROOM SET. Perfect condition. Cabinet, credenza, table, six chairs. 845-598-5890. 5/28

FOR SALE - 2022 Mercedes Benz 350 black RUBBER MATS. New. \$100. Call 914-413-0910. 5/7

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YOUR HANDYMAN SERVICES (plus plumbing). Repairs & new installations. Just make a list and we’ll gladly take care of it. 845-264-9623. 5/14

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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. 5/31

PUTNAM COUNTY PERSONNEL ISSUES CIVIL SERVICE EXAM PLEASE VISIT WEBSITE FOR DETAILS

Exam Title & No: Correction Officer 60-036-250 T&E
Exam Date: There is no exam date. This is a training & experience examination
Salary: \$61,636-\$92,833 (2025)
Last Filing Date: May 15, 2025
Exam Filing Fee: \$60

To apply and for information about minimum requirements, job duties, and subject of the exam, as well as the exam announcement, please visit: <https://putnam.munisselfservice.com/employmentopportunities/default.aspx> or call Putnam County Personnel Department (845) 808-1650 X46105. EEO/AA 5/7, 5/14

PUTNAM COUNTY PERSONNEL ISSUES CIVIL SERVICE EXAM PLEASE VISIT WEBSITE FOR DETAILS

Exam Title & No: Correction Officer (Spanish Speaking) 60-036-260 T&E
Exam Date: There is no exam date. This is a training & experience examination
Salary: \$61,636-\$92,833 (2025)
Last Filing Date: May 15, 2025
Exam Filing Fee: \$60

To apply and for information about minimum requirements, job duties, and subject of the exam, as well as the exam announcement, please visit: <https://putnam.munisselfservice.com/employmentopportunities/default.aspx> or call Putnam County Personnel Department (845) 808-1650 X46105. EEO/AA 5/7, 5/14

PUTNAM COUNTY PERSONNEL ISSUES CIVIL SERVICE EXAM PLEASE VISIT WEBSITE FOR DETAILS

Exam Title & No: Librarian I 60-018-630 T&E
Exam Date: There is no exam date.
This is a training & experience examination
Salary: \$25.00-\$28.00/hour (Mahopac Library); \$45,000-\$55,000 (Brewster Library); salary may vary according to library
Last Filing Date: May 15, 2025
Exam Filing Fee: \$35

To apply and for information about minimum requirements, job duties, and subject of the exam, as well as the exam announcement, please visit: <https://putnam.munisselfservice.com/employmentopportunities/default.aspx> or call Putnam County Personnel Department (845) 808-1650 X46105. EEO/AA 4/30, 5/7

PUTNAM COUNTY PERSONNEL ISSUES CIVIL SERVICE EXAM PLEASE VISIT WEBSITE FOR DETAILS

Exam Title & No: Library Director I 60-034-960 T&E
Exam Date: There is no exam date. This is a training & experience examination
Salary: \$65,000-\$75,000 (Reed Library); salary may vary according to library
Last Filing Date: May 15, 2025
Exam Filing Fee: \$45

To apply and for information about minimum requirements, job duties, and subject of the exam, as well as the exam announcement, please visit: <https://putnam.munisselfservice.com/employmentopportunities/default.aspx> or call Putnam County Personnel Department (845) 808-1650 X46105. EEO/AA 4/30, 5/7

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Notice of Qualification of **VISION PRODUCTS MID-HOLD LLC**
Appl. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 04/07/25. Office location: Putnam County, LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 11/08/24. Princ. office of LLC: 8 Slater St., Port Chester, NY 10537. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany,

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NY 12207-2543. DE addr. of LLC: 251 Little Falls Dr., Wilmington, DE 19808. Cert. of Form. filed with Secy. of State, John G. Townsend Bldg., 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: Eyewear wholesale.
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Notice of Formation of **A&J LEGACY PROPERTIES, LLC**. Articles of Org filed with SSNY on 12/14/2024. Office Location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 98 Cherry hill rd

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Carmel NY 10512. Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity.
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Notice of Formation of **HIGH TEK DESIGNS L.L.C.**. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on March 14th, 2025. Office location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 5 Putnam Ave, Brewster Ny, 10509. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

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Looking For Something to Do? Check Out Our Community Events on Page 7

Men Who Cook Serve Up a Good Time!

Patterson Rotary hosted its annual Men Who Cook event April 26 at the Patterson Recreation Center, where attendees sampled dishes from area cooks, with proceeds benefiting local charitable organizations. Contributed photos.



6 Ways to Turn Everyday Items into Extra Cash

FAMILY FEATURES

Making money from everyday items in your home may be easier than you think. With a growing number of companies simplifying the process, turning unused items into cash has never been simpler.

These companies are part of the circular economy, where you get to make money from your items and feel good about it at the same time. By reselling items you don't use, you can give these items a second home or repurpose them into something that has practical applications.

For example, unused gold and precious metal jewelry can be given a second home to or repurposed for vital technology sectors like health care. This reduces the need for environmentally taxing mining operations and gives these valuable resources a second purpose.

Whether it's clothing, jewelry or tech, consider these simple ways to make extra cash by selling items online.

Sell Used Clothing

Some newer platforms offer a less hands-on approach to selling used clothing online. Unlike popular online platforms that require you to take pictures or create listings for your items, look for outlets that allow you to simply package your items and send them out with an insured label. This makes selling clothing online a breeze and reduces the potential headaches of dealing with buyers directly and managing listings.

Sell Unworn Jewelry

For precious metals like gold jewelry or silver jewelry, selling directly to a trusted buyer can provide a fast, secure way to unlock their value. Consider AlloyMarket.com, a company featured in trusted outlets like Forbes, NBC and US News & World Report that offers a streamlined process with free, insured shipping and no hidden fees or commissions. Unlike platforms that require complex listings or charge extra fees, you keep 100% of the quoted price. On average, customers earn \$1,700 or more for gold jewelry and other precious metal items, offering a straightforward, easy and rewarding way to sell unused valuables.



Sell Designer Bags

If you have any designer bags at home, look for platforms that let you sell handbags directly to them and provide upfront estimates before you ship your items. Some platforms provide free insured shipping and marketplaces where you can buy designer handbags at discounted prices.

Sell Books You've Already Read

While this likely won't make you a fortune, selling used books is a simple way to make some extra cash and help preserve the environment. College students in particular can benefit from upfront estimates and free shipping or the ability to trade in used books for ones they'll need next semester. Plus, some platforms also offer books for purchase at heavily discounted prices.

Sell Tech After Upgrading

If you upgraded phones recently or have a used phone just collecting dust, get an upfront estimate for your phone from a trusted site. Some buyers provide free shipping and, with upfront estimates, you know exactly what you will get for your used phone before sending it in.

Sell Old Furniture

Turn your unused furniture into cash by listing items like sofas, tables or chairs on local marketplaces or apps. Clear photos and detailed descriptions can help attract buyers nearby, saving you the hassle of shipping. Selling old furniture not only earns extra money but also helps reduce waste by giving items a second life.

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