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## Judge: County Erred in Denying Ag. Dist. Application *Putnam Legislature Must Reconsider Patterson Farmer's Request*

By Holly Crocco

Supreme Court Judge Victor Grossman ruled April 16 that the Putnam Legislature's denial of Patterson resident Daniel Honovich's 2024 application for the inclusion of Ridge Ranch in the county's agriculture district was "irrational, arbitrary and capricious, and affected by an error of law," and that the determination must be vacated and annulled and the matter be remanded back to the Legislature for reconsideration.

Honovich brought Article 78 proceedings against Putnam County and the County Legislature last year after his farm was denied inclusion into the district, saying, among other arguments, that New York State Agriculture & Markets Law's land/soil classification system – which

the county accused his farm as being in violation of – relates to crop production, not livestock operations like Ridge Ranch.

The state allows for the creation of agricultural districts by county legislative bodies based on several criteria, and Putnam County created its agricultural district in 2003 with several of its own conditions.

In April 2024, Honovich applied for Ridge Ranch to be included in the district. Nine of the 11 members of the Putnam County Agricultural & Farmland Protection Board inspected the ranch, and nine members voted to approve the request.

Neal Tomann, then-interim director of the Putnam County Soil & Water Conservation Dis-

trict, was one of the members who voted against the application, on two grounds: that Ridge Ranch did not meet the requirement that it contain at least 50 percent of prime farmland and/or "statewide important soils," and that it did not have a site plan or stormwater protection plan in place to meet alleged environmental concerns over potential runoff from steep slopes into adjacent wetlands – thereby not meeting State Environmental Quality Review Act requirements.

The application went before the county Legislature's Physical Services Committee last April, where Tomann stated: "They don't have ... the requisite soil composition. We did get some feedback from Rich Williams, the supervisor

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Daniel and Arielle Honovich operate Ridge Ranch in Patterson.

## Big Brothers Big Sisters Makes An Impact on Kids & Grownups



Ann Ellsworth is CEO of the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Westchester & Putnam.

By Rob Sample

Research has long established that adult mentors play an important role in guiding vulnerable kids on the path to successful adulthood. Locally, it's Ann Ellsworth's mission to match young people with just the right grownups to help show them the way.

Last September, Ellsworth became the new CEO of the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Westchester & Putnam, following 18 years directing the Putnam/Northern Westchester Women's Resource Center, located in Mahopac. The Westchester/Putnam affiliate of Big Brothers Big Sisters, established in 1958, is one of 238 groups like it across the U.S., all of which serve kids from age 7 through 17.

April is National Volunteer Month, so it's especially appropriate to trumpet the good work that Big Brothers Big Sisters does for kids and the community at large.



Volunteers for Big Brothers Big Sisters spend time with kids, helping them to grow into successful adults. The local affiliate matches children with adults who share interests in sports, books, art, theater, science, and other pursuits. Provided photos.



Ellsworth is in an enviable position, as her organization has enlisted plenty of volunteers among Putnam and Westchester residents, and she's now spreading the word about how the organization can help kids in need – particularly in semi-rural locales such as Putnam County.

"Most bigs, our adult volun-

teers, work one-on-one with littles, the children with whom they are matched," she explained. "Relationships usually last multiple years, and quite often, those relationships continue beyond the age 17 cutoff point."

Ellsworth described the local  
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## A Sales Tax Pact? *County Exec. Vetoes Rate Reduction*

Press Release

After months of deliberation by the County Legislature over whether to reduce the county's sales tax rate and by how much, as predicted, Putnam County Executive Kevin Byrne vetoed a resolution passed the previous week by the Legislature to reduce the sales tax rate by a quarter of a percent, and instead joined with municipal leaders to announce a "historic compromise" to share a portion of county sales tax revenue.

The reduction to the sales tax rate would have reduced the county's revenue in 2026 by \$5.3 million. Over the past several years, the county has collected more in sales tax revenue than budgeted.

The compromise, supported by every town supervisor and village

mayor in the county, was unveiled at a press conference on Tax Day last week outside Kent Town Hall. It includes an alternative plan that maintains the current sales tax rate while sharing a portion of it with towns and villages – something local governments have sought for years.

"Our local governments face many of the same rising costs as county and state governments but with far fewer resources and tools," said Kent Town Supervisor Jaime McGlasson. "This compromise is fair. It has buy-in from our county executive as well as every town supervisor and village mayor, regardless of party. Kent is poised to receive over \$200,000 in revenue

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## Carmel Schools Seek 0.74% Tax Increase

By Rob Sample

The Carmel School Board unanimously approved a \$147 million budget for the 2025-26 school year – a 3.9 percent or \$141 million increase from the 2024-25 budget – during its April 8 meeting. This equates to a property tax increase of 0.74 percent.

Ken Silver, assistant superintendent for operations and human resources at the district, attributed the spending increase to persistent inflation, currently pegged at 2.99 percent, as well as pay increases mandated by collective bargaining contracts and gradual step increases throughout the workforce.

He described the new budget as a "right-sizing" measure that aims

to correct a recent history of over- and under-budgeting in calculations done by previous school boards and administrators.

"We had a great deal of tumult, in part because of miscalculations, understated revenue, and overstated expenses," said Silver. "We ended up with almost \$6 million left over one way or the other."

Most recently, the last budget erred on the sum of state foundation aid the district would receive – which ultimately was \$1.2 million more than expected. The district also received \$1.6 million more than it anticipated in interest earnings.

"That, combined with a cut of some 20 staff members, resulted in  
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Austin Road teacher Patricia Huestis and Mahopac High School teacher Dennis Quackenbush are Master Teachers.

## Meet Mahopac’s Newest Master Teachers

Two educators from the Mahopac Central School District have been added to the growing list of Master Teachers: Austin Road STEAM teacher Patricia Huestis and Mahopac High School physics teacher Dennis Quackenbush.

Both teachers, who began their four-year commitment to the Master Teacher program in January, recently participated in their second program meeting, furthering their professional development and educational expertise.

The Master Teacher program offers educators a unique opportunity to engage in high-level professional development, including collaboration with colleagues from other districts and a focus on current trends and challenges in education.

Huestis, who teaches at the elementary level, shared how invaluable it has been to connect with high school science educators.

“As an elementary school teacher, it’s crucial to have a foundation of where our students need to be when they transition into high school science,” he said. “By collaborating with high school teachers, I’ve gained insight into how we can better support our students during the early stages of their educational path and ensure they are prepared for these advanced programs.”

Quackenbush focused his professional development on understanding the challenges facing

today’s classrooms. As part of his participation, he engaged in a Collegial Circle centered on the impact of modern technology on students’ mental health.

One of the key topics discussed was “The Anxious Generation,” a book by Jonathan Haidt that explores the rise in mental health issues among young people, attributed to the proliferation of smartphones, social media, and overprotective parenting.

“The data supporting the removal of cell phones in schools is compelling,” said Quackenbush. “Mahopac has already implemented cell phone caddies at the high school, and we are collecting data on how reducing digital distractions can improve student focus. I look forward to sharing these findings with our administration.”

Huestis and Quackenbush are joining an impressive group of educators who have earned the distinction of Master Teacher within Mahopac schools, including Master Teachers James Carroll, Jennifer Cauthers, Kelley Posch, Frank Rizzo, and Szilvia Tobak, as well as Master Teacher Emeriti Tricia Johnson, Michael Mahoney, and Elizabeth Stephens.

## Explore the Rise of Steel Rails at Reed Library

Author, musician, and historian Alex Prizgintas will be returning to the Reed Memorial Library in Carmel on Tuesday, May 6 at 11 a.m., for part one of his “Riverside Moguls: Wealth & Power in the Hudson Valley’s Gilded Age” lecture series.

Register online.

Titled “Rise of Steel Rails,” the program will focus on the age of 19th-century railroading. From the Vanderbilts of Hyde Park to Jay Gould’s purchase of Tarrytown’s Lyndhurst estate and the vast land holdings of E. H. Harriman in Orange County, the

Hudson Valley has been home to many of the Gilded Age’s most illustrious – and infamous – titans of industry.

Although their empires were not always centered in New York, the glamorous estates of these 19th-century moguls offer glimpses into a rich era of the past that binds the nation with the Hudson Valley.

Prizgintas combines rich information with photographs, imbedded videos, and audio quotes from noted biographies to trace together this extravagant and complicated era of the Hud-

son Valley’s history.

A graduate of Marist College with degrees in Hudson River Valley history and public administration, he has been published in the Hudson River Valley Review, New York Archives Magazine, and Orange County Historical Society Journal on topics including Hudson River railroad history, Orange County’s dairy farming history, and the region’s early settlers. He serves as president of the Woodbury Historical Society and town historian of Woodbury in Orange County.

## Mahopac Woman Accused Of Abandoning Dogs

Just before 9 p.m. April 8, the Putnam County SPCA Law Enforcement Division was dispatched by 9-1-1 to the Saint James the Apostle Church after good Samaritans found a severely emaciated, male pit bull mix wandering the parking lot.

SPCA officers immediately transported the dog to Guardian Veterinary Specialists for emergency care.

The dog, named Milo, weighed only 37 pounds when he should have weighed about 60 pounds. His body condition score was a 1.5 out of 9, meaning ribs,

spine, and hip bones were easily visible, fat could not be seen or felt under the skin, there was obvious loss of muscle mass, and there was extreme waist and abdominal tuck.

At the same time Milo was found, another dog named Elly was discovered in the Tacoland Carmel parking lot and transported to Putnam Humane Society by the town dog control officer. Elly, a medium-sized, long-haired, mix-breed dog, was found to be severely matted and neglected as well.

Over the next two days, the Putnam County SPCA Law

Enforcement Division initiated a criminal investigation, and through assistance from the City of Danbury Animal Control Division, Putnam Humane Society, and Guardian Veterinary Specialists, detectives were able to locate the owner of both dogs at her residence and interview her.

On April 10, Gina Riccio, 55, of Mahopac, was arrested and charged with two counts of animal cruelty and two counts of animal abandonment, all misdemeanors. Each charge carries a consequence of up to a year in jail, up to \$1,000 fine, or a combination of both.

## FrOGS Hike

Friends Of the Great Swamp will host a hike at Gordon Douglas Reserve West, along with a trail camera class, Sunday, April 27 at 9 a.m., at the Metro-North Appalachian Trail station in Pawling.

This challenging, 4.5-mile hike will take about four hours and will include instruction on setting up wildlife trail cameras. Bring a lunch or snacks, and plenty of fluids.

There is a suggestion donation of \$5. To register, email Ken Luhman at frogspaddle22@gmail.com.

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**Mark Anthony DiGiacomo**, 68, April 10. Cargain Funeral Home, Carmel, (845) 225-3672.

### Cold Spring


**Charmaine Choi**, 40, April 6. Clinton Inc Funeral Homes, Cold Spring, (845) 265-3333.

### Mahopac

**Michael John Collins Jr.**, 79, April 5. Cargain Funeral Homes Inc., Mahopac, (845) 225-5655.

**William “Brad” Sherry**, 75, April 10. Joseph J. Smith Funeral Home, Mahopac, (845) 621-1992.


**Robert E. Manning**, 97, April 13. Joseph J. Smith Funeral Home, Mahopac, (845) 621-1992.



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# NY Cruisers & ShopRite Help Feed Families in Need

As the New York Cruisers gear up for a new car show season, it’s once again donation time for the crew. This year, NY Cruisers has partnered with ShopRite of Carmel and Supervisor Sand Puglielle to help give back to the community. With the store’s support, and with car show attendees buying 50/50 raffle tickets, NY Cruisers was able to donate 30 hams and 20 bags of food to Mt. Carmel Baptist Church for families in need. The NY Cruisers will start their season May 2 in the parking lot at Lakeview Plaza in Brewster, every Friday night beginning at 4 p.m., featuring classic and muscle cars from all over the tri-state area.

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# Nutrition Corner

By Allison J. Stowell  
MS, RD, CDN

# GLP-1 Medications and Protein

If you’re taking a GLP-1 medication, then you may have been told to follow a “protein first” diet. There are a few reasons why this approach is necessary.

**Why Protein?**  
It’s essential to follow a “protein first” diet when using GLP-1 medication. First, with weight loss comes the risk of losing lean mass (including muscle). If rapid weight loss occurs, an individual is at even greater risk of losing muscle instead of just fat tissue. Secondly, swings to your appetite make it essential to consume protein when you can eat. This is part of ensuring that your diet remains nutrient dense to support safe weight loss. Lastly, regular physical activity is strongly recommended as part of the GLP-1 regimen (approximately 150 minutes of exercise/week). Protein is necessary for building muscle and supporting your workout.

**Proteins to Choose**  
Seek a variety of proteins from animal and plant-based options. Go for lean proteins like skinless chicken, very lean turkey and 90% lean ground beef. Aim for salmon and other fish rich in heart healthy fats. Lastly, choose beans, lentils, edamame and other plant-based sources that also offer fiber.

**Daily Needs**  
Individuals on GLP-1 medications typically need 1.5 grams of protein/kg body weight (calculate your weight in kilograms by dividing your weight in pounds by 2.2). In some cases, protein needs may exceed this amount, but that can be determined by your clinical team.

**Education**  
If you’re currently using or considering a GLP-1 medication, then support and guidance are highly recommended. Seek sound sources of information from hospital-based websites. Your Hannaford dietitians are offering a FREE class called Nourishing Success with GLP-1: A Guide to Balanced Eating. This class is live, interactive and features a robust Q & A with a member of our team. I highly recommend registering to learn more

about the dietary recommendations for GLP-1 medications. Learn more and register using the Hannaford link below.

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.

## Broccoli, Tuna and White Bean Salad (1 Guiding Stars) Hannaford.com

A perfect meal if you’re feeling less motivated in the kitchen but are looking for a balanced meal. Keep canned beans and albacore tuna in your pantry to make this satisfying, affordable salad for a quick dinner. Any leftovers pack up perfectly for lunch the next day.

- Ingredients:**
- 1 (12-oz.) bag broccoli florets
  - 3 Tbsp. olive oil
  - 1/4 cup white balsamic vinegar
  - 2 Tbsp. grainy Dijon mustard
  - 1/4 tsp. sugar
  - 1 red bell pepper
  - 2 (5-oz.) cans solid white albacore tuna
  - 1 (15.5-oz.) cannellini beans
  - 1/2 (5-oz.) package baby arugula

**Directions:**  
To a medium microwave-safe bowl, add broccoli and 1/4 cup water. Cover with vented plastic and microwave until stems are tender, 5 minutes.  
Meanwhile, in a large bowl, whisk together oil, vinegar, mustard and sugar. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Seed and thinly slice bell pepper. Drain tuna. Drain and rinse beans.  
Drain broccoli and add to large bowl along with bell pepper, tuna and beans. Toss until well combined. Add arugula and toss. Season with salt and pepper to taste.

# Fettuccine with Pesto, Prosciutto and Asparagus

(Family Features)  
**Fettuccine with Pesto, Prosciutto and Asparagus**

- Ingredients:**
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
  - 1/2 pound fresh Michigan Asparagus, trimmed and cut into bite-sized pieces
  - 1 pound fettuccine pasta
  - 1/2 cup basil pesto
  - 6 slices prosciutto
  - 1/4 cup whole milk ricotta cheese
  - fresh cracked black pepper, to taste

**Directions:**  
In medium skillet over medium heat, heat olive oil. Add asparagus and cook 5-6 minutes until tender. While asparagus is cooking,



bring large pot of water to boil. Add pasta and cook according to package instructions. Drain and set aside.  
Add pesto to asparagus and add pasta. Toss pasta with pesto and asparagus.  
Divide between four plates. Top with prosciutto and 1 tablespoon ricotta per plate. Top with fresh cracked black pepper, to taste.

Servings: 4  
Source: Michigan Asparagus



# Putnam Autism Walk is April 26

The Community Engagement & Police Advisory Board, in partnership with the Putnam County Department of Mental Health's Office for Individuals with Disabilities and the sheriff's department will present the county's first Autism Walk on Saturday, April 26 beginning at 11 a.m., at Tilly Foster Farm, 100 Route 312, Brewster. The event celebrates the neurodiverse community and raises awareness about autism. There will be informational booths and resources available for families and community members.

Proceeds from the walk will help fund the creation of a sensory playground – a safe, inclusive space where children of all abilities can play, explore, and thrive.

It was the vision and dedication of Scott Rhodes, co-founder of CEPAB, that brought this idea to life. As a parent of a child with autism, Rhodes has been a passionate advocate and the driving force behind this event. Other leaders supporting the walk include Sara Servadio, commissioner of the county's department of mental health; Dana Toupson, coordinator of the Office for Individuals with Disabilities; Sheriff Kevin McConville; and the CEPAB Board of Directors.

To register to walk or host a table, visit [www.putnamcounty.gov/aaw](http://www.putnamcounty.gov/aaw). To donate, visit [www.cepabputnamny.org](http://www.cepabputnamny.org). For more information, call 845-600-4379.

# Kent Townwide Cleanup Day

The Town of Kent invites volunteers from the community to participate in the 2025 Town of Kent Cleanup Day on Saturday, April 26, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The rain date is Sunday, April 27. This celebration, just after Earth Day, is organized by the Kent Beautification Committee and Kent Conservation Advisory Committee, and offers residents the opportunity to join with neighbors, friends, and family to pick up roadside litter throughout the town and help keep Kent clean and green. Community leaders will coordinate litter pickup sites in identified zones. Volunteers can sign up at any of the designated town locations. Gloves, bags, garbage grabbers, and safety vests will be provided at no charge to residents, and can be picked up at the Kent Police Department. This cleanup is designed to

collect garbage on public roads and parks – not for individual trash and recycling. Local organizations participating in this event include several homeowners' associations with pickups around Kent's nine lakes, and the KCAC at White Pond. Local scout troops, businesses, and other organizations are also invited to participate. There is even a cleanup competition for kids with prizes for the most trash picked up around Lake Carmel. Register by emailing [lcpdclerk@townofkentny.gov](mailto:lcpdclerk@townofkentny.gov), or at the parking lot at Champlain Drive/Route 311 the morning of the event. To volunteer, or for more information, email [kentcleanupday@townofkentny.gov](mailto:kentcleanupday@townofkentny.gov), or stop by the Kent Police Station, 40 Sybil's Crossing, on April 26.

# Academic Honors

Several Putnam County students have achieved academic honors at The Harvey School in Katonah for the winter term. Those with a grade-point average of 4.0 or higher were named cavalier scholars, those with a GPA of 3.7 to 3.9 made the head's list, and those with a GPA between 3.3 and 3.69 were named to the honor roll. Jackson Saccomanno, grade 12, of Brewster, was named a Cavalier Scholar. Elisabeth Scarfone, grade 8, Mahopac, made the honor roll; and Ally Zimmerman, also grade 8 of Mahopac, made the head's list. Emileyrose Murphy, grade 9, and Patrick Cuneo, grade 11, both of Patterson, made the honor roll. And Dylan Cuddy, grade 10, and Ian Quilley, grade 9, both of Putnam Valley, made the honor roll. The Harvey School is an independent, coeducational,

college-preparatory school for students in grades six through 12.



Photo provided by Ed Fonzo and The Brewster Theater Company.

# Get Ready to Go ‘NUTS’

If you're looking for a night of quality theater close to home, The Brewster Theater Company invites you to spend time in its courtroom and decide for yourself if Claudia Faith Draper is capable of withstanding a trial.

A suspenseful, psychological drama, "NUTS" by Tom Topor was written in 1979 and became the screenplay of the Barbra Streisand and Richard Dreyfuss movie. "NUTS" will be performed at the Theater at Drew Methodist Church, 28 Gleneida Ave., Carmel, at 7:30 p.m. April 25 and 26, May 2 and 3, and May 9; and at 2 p.m. April 27, and May 4 and 10. Tickets are available at [www.brewstertheater.org](http://www.brewstertheater.org), and at the door – although reservations are encouraged. "NUTS" is a drama which captivates your attention as it unfolds, forcing you to think about choices and opportunities we make every day," said Bob Dumont of Patterson, director of show. "I was also intrigued by the intensity and depth of the characters when choosing this play to produce." The cast and production crew include Madeline Olsen, Steve Zerilli, Ralph Barone Jr., and Stephanie Straface of Carmel; Robert Dumont and Stacy Dumont of Patterson; Brian Dallas Field of Brewster; Barry Schilmeister of Millwood; and Ed

Fonzo of Cortlandt Manor. The show is produced by Ben Kistinger of Carmel and stage managed by Rachel McNamara of Mahopac. This production is presented through special arrangement with

Samuel French. The Brewster Theater Company is a 501(c)3 nonprofit community theater, entertaining audiences and bringing artists together in Putnam County and its surrounding areas since 2000.



# Southeast Residents

On or about December 2, 2024, I announced my candidacy for an open position on the Town of Southeast Town Board (Town Council) in the upcoming 2025 General Election. Unfortunately, over the past month and a half, while campaigning, I encountered some minor health issues that will not permit me to continue campaigning for elected office. I subsequently and regretfully have withdrawn from the race. As this decision affects all our residents, I wanted to dispel any rumors or speculation regarding my withdrawal. I apologize for the suddenness of this decision. I would like to thank all of you who have supported me in my previous election campaigns over the years and appreciate your allowing me the opportunity and privilege to have served our town. Thank you.

  
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# Kent F.D. Open House is April 27

The Kent Volunteer Fire Department will participate in the annual RecruitNY weekend, a statewide initiative designed to help fire departments across New York recruit new volunteers, by hosting an open house Sunday, April 27 from noon to 4 p.m., at 2490 Route 301, Kent Cliffs.

Like many volunteer fire departments across the state, KVFD faces growing call volumes and a need to boost membership to con-

tinue delivering top-level service. This event offers local residents the opportunity to learn more about the vital role of volunteer firefighters and how they can get involved.

During the open house, guests can tour the fire station and explore firefighting apparatus, try on firefighting gear, watch live demonstrations, speak with volunteer firefighters, and learn about the training, time commitments, and

benefits of joining the department.

“We’re excited to welcome the community to our station,” said KVFD Chief Matthew Valente. “Volunteer firefighting is not just about fighting fires – it’s about being part of something bigger and helping your neighbors when they need it most. We hope this open house inspires more people to join our family.”

For more information, visit [KentVFD.com](http://KentVFD.com) or Facebook.

# Retail Thief Faces 2-4 Years in Prison

A Manhattan man recently pled guilty to stealing almost \$4,000 worth of thermostats from Home Depot in Brewster last year, which will land him in prison for between two and four years.

According to Putnam County District Attorney Robert Tendy, on Aug. 24, sheriff’s deputies responded to Home Depot for a report of a larceny of multiple smart home thermostats valued at \$3,956.61. They interviewed witnesses and reviewed surveillance videos, which

revealed that the defendant took numerous thermostats, concealed them in a black bin, and proceeded to walk out of the store.

Once outside, he was confronted by loss prevention staff, but fled the scene before sheriff’s deputies could arrive.

After an extensive investigation by the Putnam County Sheriff’s Office, Tyrell Reynolds, 38, was located and apprehended. On April 15, he plead guilty to fourth-degree grand larceny. Reynolds will be

sentenced May 13.

“Retail thefts are becoming increasingly common in New York, and thieves are becoming more brazen in how much they steal and how they steal it,” said Tendy. “We won’t let this happen in Putnam County. If you get caught, you’re going to pay for it. We have to protect our local businesses.”

The case was investigated by Jeffrey Devolve of the PCSO and prosecuted by Assistant D.A. Mackenzie Ferguson.



The Brewster Education Foundation recently honored teacher Glenn Palmieri (pictured with his family) with the Innovator of the Year award, and BEF founder George Zupko.

# Brewster Education Foundation Celebrates 40th Anniversary

The Brewster Education Foundation, a pioneering non-

profit dedicated to supporting the Brewster Central School District through scholarships and grants, marked its 40th anniversary in style at its spring gala March 28 at Tilly Foster Farm. The event honored BEF founder George Zupko, and Brewster High School teacher Glenn Palmieri.

“It’s not often that we get to celebrate individuals who have profoundly shaped our community,” said BEF President Ann Marie Kovalski. “George and Glenn embody the spirit of innovation and dedication that drives our mission. Their contributions inspire us to continue raising funds to empower future generations.”

Zupko founded BEF in 1984 with a vision to enhance education by fostering stronger connections between schools and the community. A former Latin teacher, and guidance counselor for 17 years, Zupko introduced transformative programs such as the College Career Room, Scholar’s Program, youth employment services, and the National Junior Reserves Officer Training Corps to Brewster.

His leadership also led to initiatives like Scholarship Night and Brewster Young Philanthropists, leaving an enduring legacy in education.

Palmieri, a woodworking expert and beloved BHS teacher, was celebrated as Innovator of the Year for his unique approach to hands-on learning. His woodworking classes teach students practical skills ranging from intricate home projects to everyday repairs.

Beyond his teaching role, Palmieri co-founded Palmieri Woodworks and Bentwood Studio, where he crafts custom pieces and mentors aspiring woodworkers. His journey includes an apprenticeship at The Chicago Bauhaus Academy and years at Renovata Studio before joining Brewster schools.

BEF’s next event, its annual golf outing and awards, will be held Thursday, May 15 at Centennial Golf Club in Carmel, when the foundation will be celebrating Aversano’s Restaurant. Sponsorships and course hole signs are available, and donations are welcome.

For more information, visit [www.BEF.org](http://www.BEF.org).

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# Putnam County Community Events

### ‘Non-Food’ Drive

First Presbyterian Church of Mahopac will host its “non-food” Lenten drive every Sunday through Easter, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at the church library (across the street from the parking lot, red door on the side of the building with the ramp). Donations will be brought to Putnam CAP. Seeking shampoo and conditioner, toothpaste, deodorant, soap, body wash, feminine hygiene products, laundry detergent, dish soap, diapers size 4 to 6 and pullups, and baby wipes.

### 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://covecarecenter.org>.

### Tuesday, April 22

#### Roaming Reederers

Reed Memorial Library in Carmel will present Roaming Reederers on April 22 at 10:30 a.m. Experience the joy of staying active outdoors while connecting with others in a friendly walking group that accommodates all fitness levels. Meet at the library and enjoy a casual walk through Carmel. Registration is required at [carmel-library.org/calendar](http://carmel-library.org/calendar).

#### Local History Program

Kent Public Library will host a local history program with Robert Buccheri on April 22 at 6 p.m. For much of its history, the Hudson Valley consisted of a network of isolated towns, villages, farms, and fortresses connected by one main thoroughfare – the Hudson River. It was not only the primary trade route connecting Canada and the Great Lakes to NYC, but also decisive terrain in military operations throughout the colonial era – particularly during the American Revolution. Adult program. Register at [kentpl.librarycalendar.com](http://kentpl.librarycalendar.com).

#### Bike Trail Cleanup

Celebrate Earth Day by giving back to the community and help Mahopac Public Library clean up the bike trail Tuesday, April 22 at 4:30 p.m. Teens will be picking up debris along the path. Register at [www.mahopaclibrary.org](http://www.mahopaclibrary.org) or call 845-628-2009, ext. 153.

#### Kids Craft Club

Kids in kindergarten through grade four are invited to the Kent Public Library on Tuesday, April 22 at 4:30 p.m. to read a book and make a seasonal craft. Registration is required.

#### ‘Peace by Chocolate’

Patterson Library will show “Peace By Chocolate” on Tuesday, April 22 at noon, followed by a discussion about the film. Based on the true story of the Hadhads, a family from Syria who moved to Canada as refugees from the Syrian civil war, and established the Peace by Chocolate artisanal chocolate shop. The son is caught between following his dream to be a doctor and preserving his family’s legacy. Rated PG-13. Adults 18 and older.

#### DIY Seed Bombs

Kids age 8 to 12 can make seed bombs using recycled materials with Brewster Public Library on Tuesday, April 22 at 5:30 p.m. Registration is required at [brewsterlibrary.org](http://brewsterlibrary.org).

#### IDA Meeting

The Putnam County Industrial Development Agency will meet Tuesday, April 22 beginning at 6 p.m., at 2 Route 164, Patterson. View the meeting at [www.facebook.com/putnamida.com](http://www.facebook.com/putnamida.com) as soon as possible after the meeting has been adjourned.

#### Estate Planning

Reed Memorial Library in Carmel will present an estate planning program April 22 at 1 p.m. An informative session with practical advice for families at every stage of life.

### Wednesday, April 23

#### Celebrate Shakespeare

Concerts Around the Corner will present “Brush Up Your Shakespeare,” a fusion of music and theater, Wednesday, April 23 from 7 to 8 at Studio Around the Corner, 67 Main St., Brewster. Celebrate Shakespeare’s birthday with some of his most beloved monologues. \$20, or free for students younger than 19. [www.culturalartsco.com](http://www.culturalartsco.com).

#### State of the County

Putnam County Executive Kevin Byrne will present a condensed version of his State of the County address at the Putnam Valley Friendship Center, 117 Town Park Lane, on Wednesday, April 23. All will take place from 10:30 to 11:45 a.m.

#### Champions for Children B-Fast

The Child Advocacy Center of Putnam County’s annual Champions for Children Breakfast will be held Wednesday, April 23 at 8 a.m., at the Putnam County Golf Course, 187 Hill St., Mahopac. This year’s event will feature survivor and former federal prosecutor Kevin Mulcahy. Admission is \$30 and tickets are available at [friendsofputnamcac.org](http://friendsofputnamcac.org).

#### Invasive Species

Join Cornell Cooperative Extension for the history of invasive species and new regulations Wednesday, April 23 at 1 p.m. at Mahopac Public Library. Learn what’s being done and what gardeners can do to help. Register at [www.mahopaclibrary.org](http://www.mahopaclibrary.org) or call 845-628-2009, ext. 100.

#### Art Hop

The annual show of Mahopac students’ artwork will be on exhibit April 23 through May 8 in the Mahopac Public Library. Kids in kindergarten through fifth grade from Austin Road, Fulmar and Lakeview schools will have artwork displayed. An opening reception for students and families is April 23 from 4 to 6 p.m. (Middle and high school art will be displayed at Putnam Arts Council, 521 Kennicut Hill Road, Mahopac).

### Thursday, April 24

#### ‘Teens Can Cook’

Mahopac Public Library will host a “Teens Can Cook: Rice Cooker Series” on Thursdays at 5 p.m., from April 24 to May 29. In this virtual program, teens will learn easy and quick meals using one

of the most useful devices: the rice cooker. Each week, teens will check the weekly recipe, shop for ingredients, and cook together. Registration is required at [www.mahopaclibrary.org](http://www.mahopaclibrary.org) or 845-628-2009, ext. 153.

#### Mahopac Library Meetings

The Mahopac Public Library Board of Trustees will meet at 6:30 p.m. April 24 and May 22. The annual meeting is June 2 (7 p.m.), with the reorganizational meeting July 10.

#### Universal Pre-K Meeting

In the 2025-26 school year, Carmel Central School District will offer a universal pre-kindergarten program for children who live within its boundaries. To qualify, a child must be 4 years old by Dec. 1, 2025. The district will hold an information session Thursday, April 24 from 7 to 8 p.m., at Matthew Paterson Elementary School.

#### Bird Watching

Embark on a journey into bird watching Thursday, April 24 at 1 p.m. at Patterson Library. The Bedford Audubon Society will guide participants in identifying some of New York’s most common bird species and exploring their unique traits. Adults 18 and older. Registration is required at 845-878-6121 or [www.patterson-library.org](http://www.patterson-library.org).

### Friday, April 25

#### Dungeons & Dragons

Reed Memorial Library in Carmel will present a Dungeons & Dragons program April 25 at 12:30 p.m. Registration is required at [carmel-library.org/calendar](http://carmel-library.org/calendar).

#### ‘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. April 25 and 26, May 2 and 3, and May 9; and at 2 p.m. April 27 and May 4 and 10. Tickets are available at [www.brewstertheater.org](http://www.brewstertheater.org) and at the door – although reservations are encouraged.

### Saturday, April 26

#### Men Who Cook

The Pattleson Rotary Club will host its annual Men Who Cook event Saturday, April 26 at 6 p.m. at the Patterson Recreation Center, 65 Front St. \$75 per person. Tickets at <https://pattersonrotary.org>.

#### Hazardous

##### Waste Collection

A Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Day for Putnam County residents is scheduled Saturday, April 26 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Fahnestock State Park, Canopus Beach Parking Lot, 1570 Route 301, Kent. Pre-Registration is required; visit [putnamcountyny.gov/health/recycle#HHWD](http://putnamcountyny.gov/health/recycle#HHWD). Bring your confirmation email with you. For information call 845-808-1390. Please place all materials to be discarded in the trunk.

#### Real ID Outreach Event

The Putnam County Department of Motor Vehicles will host a Real ID outreach event Saturday, April 26 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at 1 Geneva Road, Brewster, to provide the opportunity to upgrade a driver’s license to a Real

ID/enhanced license before the deadline of May 7. Appointments are mandatory, and no other DMV transactions will be processed on this day. Visit <https://putnamcountyny.gov/dmv>.

#### Land Trust Gala

The Putnam County Land Trust will celebrate 56 years of “protecting what matters” in Putnam County with a celebratory evening Saturday, April 26 at Centennial Golf Club in Carmel. Live and silent auction, raffles. Tickets are \$85 per person before April 15 and \$95 after. Email [eventsrsvp@putnamcountylandtrust.org](mailto:eventsrsvp@putnamcountylandtrust.org) or call 845-743-3187.

#### ‘Stabat Mater’

The Putnam Chorale will perform Antonin Dvorak’s “Stabat Mater” oratorio at St. Joseph the Apostle Church in Carmel on April 26 at 7:30 p.m., with its 70-member choir, four renowned vocal soloists, and professional orchestra. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$20 for seniors citizens as well as students age 12 to 18, and free for kids younger than 12. They may be purchased at [www.putnamchorale.org/next-event](http://www.putnamchorale.org/next-event), or at the door.

#### Kent Cleanup Day

The Town of Kent invites volunteers from the community to participate in the 2025 Town of Kent Cleanup Day on Saturday, April 26, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The rain date is Sunday, April 27. Gloves, bags, garbage grabbers, and safety vests will be provided at no charge to residents, and can be picked up at the Kent Police Department. Register by emailing [lepdclerk@townofkentny.gov](mailto:lepdclerk@townofkentny.gov), or at the parking lot at Champlain Drive/Route 311 the morning of the event.

#### Autism Awareness Walk

The Putnam County Autism Awareness Walk is scheduled Saturday, April 26 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Tilly Foster Farm, 100 Route 312, Brewster. Sensory-friendly activities for all ages, information and resources, food vendors and refreshments. [www.putnamcountyny.gov/aaw](http://www.putnamcountyny.gov/aaw).

### Sunday, April 27

#### Friendship Walk

Best Buddies International will host its “Best Buddies Friendship Walk: Hudson Valley,” on April 27 at George Fischer Middle School in Carmel. Registration opens at 10 a.m., with opening ceremonies at 11 a.m. The walk will directly follow, and activities will be offered until 2 p.m. A free day filled with inclusive activities, inflatable games, arts and crafts, a DJ-led dance party, community resources plus, food, and more.

#### Holocaust Remembrance

Temple Beth Shalom will welcome Ziporah Janowski, board member of the Holocaust & Human Rights Education Cener and a member of it Generations Forward speakers’ group, Sunday, April 27 at 4 p.m., at 760 Route 6, Mahopac. A ceremony and question-and-answer session will be part of the evening, and refreshments will be served. For information, call 845-628-6133, email [office@tbsmahopac.org](mailto:office@tbsmahopac.org), or visit [www.tbsmahopac.org](http://www.tbsmahopac.org).

#### FrOGS Hikes

Friends Of the Great Swamp will host winter hike on Sunday, April 27 at 9 a.m., at the Gordon Douglas Reserve West. \$5 registration;

email Ken Luhman at [frogspaddle22@gmail.com](mailto:frogspaddle22@gmail.com).

#### Québécois Workshop

Tompkins Corners Cultural Center in Putnam Valley will present a Québécois workshop and concert with Zigue on Sunday, April 27 from 1 to 3 p.m., followed by a performance at 4 p.m. Performing on violin, fiddle, guitar, mandolin, banjo, flute, and bodhran, Zigue’s music radiates an undeniable energy. Tickets are \$25 for the workshop, \$20 for the concert, and \$40 for both, at [Eventbrite.com](http://Eventbrite.com).

#### Fire Dept. Open Houses

The **Lake Carmel Fire Department** will host an open house Sunday, April 27 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Demonstrations, tours, ice cream and more.

The **Kent Volunteer Fire Department** will host an open house Sunday, April 27 from noon to 4 p.m., at 2490 Route 301, Kent Cliffs. Tour the fire station and explore firefighting apparatus, try on firefighting gear, watch live demonstrations, speak with volunteer firefighters, and learn about the training, time commitments, and benefits of joining the department.

#### Art Lillard Band

The Art Lillard On Time Band will perform Sunday, April 27 at 2 p.m. at Mahopac Public Library. The band draws its influence from traditional swing and jazz as well as more contemporary popular music. Register at [www.mahopaclibrary.org](http://www.mahopaclibrary.org) or call 845-628-2009, ext. 100.

#### Penny Social

The Putnam Lake Fire Department ladies auxiliary is having a penny social at the Putnam Lake firehouse, 72 Fairfield Drive, Patterson, on Sunday, April 27. Doors open at noon, calling starts at 1 p.m. Raffles, prizes, food and fun. Admission is \$2.

#### Coffeehouse Reading

A coffeehouse reading will take place Sunday, April 27 from 2 to 4 p.m. at Arts on the Lake, 640 Route 52, Kent lakes. Read, listen, and share. Free. Refreshments available. Submit work/questions by March 31 to [lakewriters10@gmail.com](mailto:lakewriters10@gmail.com).

#### Trail Walk

The Town of Carmel Recreation & Parks Department will host an Earth Day trail walk Sunday, April 27 at 2 p.m. at Volz Park in Mahopac.

### Send Us Your Community Events

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# Exploring Native American Cultures at Lakeview Elementary



Mahopac students show off their creations.

At Lakeview Elementary School in Mahopac, Stephanie Gaur’s fourth- and fifth-graders recently took part in a multidisciplinary project that explored Native American tribes from across the U.S.

The students researched

various tribes and their regions, took notes, and used their findings to create detailed dioramas of Native American homes and their surroundings. They also worked on a Google slide deck where they highlighted important facts about their chosen region

and tribe prior to presenting their slides to the class and sharing the knowledge they had gathered. The final projects, including the dioramas and slide presentations, were displayed in the main hallway of Lakeview for everyone to admire.



“The creativity and effort my students put into these projects is truly inspiring,” said Gaur. “I am so proud of the way they blended their research, writing, and artistic skills to bring the history of Native American tribes to life.”

This project ties into the fourth grade social studies unit on Native American history and the nonfiction research writing unit, offering students a learning experience that merges history, research, and creative expression.

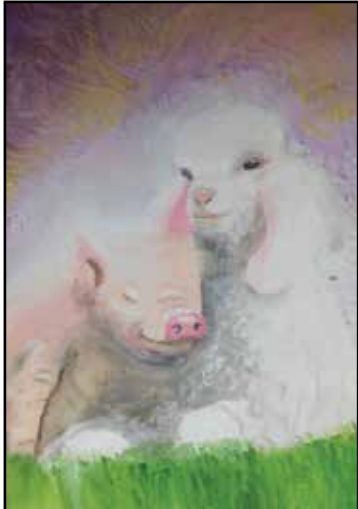
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## Duo Art Exhibition at Mahopac Library



“Pig and Lamb” by Vicki DiCairano.

Two area artists will share their watercolor, acrylic, and pastel works with the community next month in an exhibit at Mahopac Public Library that will primarily feature a mix of animal and human portraiture.

Vicki DiCairano is a Mahopac resident and former vice president and board member of Putnam Humane Society.

“My paintings mainly include animals,” she said. “Many of my farm animal paintings are donated to Broom Animal Sanctuary where they are auctioned off in their fundraisers. A great deal of my work is for individuals doing portraits of their pets.”

DiCairano’s artistic talents were evident at a young age, when her high school artwork earned her a scholarship to the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York City, where she studied as an art major. She later studied oil painting privately with Bedford artist O. Brown, took many art courses at Westchester County Center, and learned watercolor painting techniques at Putnam Arts Council in Mahopac.



“A Wonder Wheel of Life” by Ann Marie Napoli.

Ann Marie Napoli is an accomplished artist and art teacher from Brooklyn who enjoys summering on Lake Mahopac with family and friends.

“Throughout my life as an artist, I’ve discovered that inspiration is all around me, striking when I least expect it,” she said. “I thrive on capturing the essence of the vibrant community in Brooklyn and beyond... My passion lies in painting and sketching portraits that tell a story.”

Like DiCairano, Napoli studied at FIT, graduating with a degree in illustration, and later studied Renaissance art at the University of Florence, Italy. She worked as an accessory designer for over a decade and is now an art educator at a Brooklyn elementary school.

The Duo Art Exhibition will be on display in the Third Floor Gallery at Mahopac Public Library from May 10 to 30, with an opening reception from 1 to 2:30 p.m. May 10. Refreshments will be served.

For more information, visit [mahopaclibrary.org/art-galleries](http://mahopaclibrary.org/art-galleries) and Instagram @mplartgallery.



# Friendly Competition at Annual Funminster



Putnam Service Dogs hosted its annual Funminster Dog Show at the Patterson Recreation Center on April 12, where pups and their people enjoyed a day of competition and showmanship. Photos by Cherry Willow Photography, and Putnam Service Dogs CEO and Founder Nancy Teague.



This canine took home the trophy for "wiggly butt."



Right: This dog-owner duo won the "look alike" award.

Below: The "shaggiest coat" award is one to be proud of.



# Garden Club Gathers for Luncheon

The Brewster-Carmel Garden Club held its annual luncheon April 8 at Centennial Golf Club in Carmel. This month, members began caring for gardens at the Milltown Cemetery, Brewster Public Library, Brewster/Southeast Veterans' Park, Spain Cornerstone Park, and the Brewster train station – just to name a few. Through community involvement, members hope to encourage the next generation to care for the earth and recognize the value in working for the beautification of one's community.





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Carmel High School seniors wrapped up three years' worth of research by presenting at a recent symposium.

# Carmel Seniors Present at Science Research Symposium

Ten Carmel High School seniors presented projects that were the culmination of three years' worth of high-level work at the April 3 Carmel Research Symposium.

Students begin participating in the science research class, which is taught by Dr. Nicole Griffin, in 10th grade and quickly set about identifying an area of interest in the physical, natural, or social sciences. They then work to find a mentor in that field who is willing to help guide them in their studies.

While conducting their original research, they get experience in presenting at competitions like the Regeneron Science Talent Search and Westchester Science & Engineering Fair, among others.

Senior student research presentations included:

- Halina White – “Analyzing Awareness & Interest in Different Sustainability Methods in Putnam County”
- Noah Hartglass – “Verifying The Link Between Execution Time & Energy Efficiency in Python”
- Daniella Morales Vanegas – “Opioids vs Naloxone in the New York State Counties & New York City Boroughs”
- Maia Thompson – “Is There a Relationship Between the Presence or Knowledge of a Seal of Biliteracy Program & an Individual’s Motivation to Learn a Second Language?”
- Gabriella Sinclair – “The Effects of Nonstandard Work Schedules on Sleep Quality in Full-Time Unionized & Nonunionized Nurses”
- Emily Furu – “The Statistically Significant Difference in the Study Habits & Productivity of High School Students with Aromatherapy”
- Kaitlin Furu – “An Analysis of the Relationship Between Coyote (Canis latrans) & Red Fox (Vulpes vulpes) Occupancy Patterns in Urban to Suburban Landscapes”
- Emma Sullivan – “Is There a Correlation Between Ptau & Abeta Levels in Alzheimer’s Patients?”
- Dylan Badolato – “Correlation of the Distribution of Syrian & Ukrainian Refugees in Europe”
- Lucas Tseng – “The Perception of the Global South’s ‘Outliers’”

## Big Brothers Big Sisters Makes An Impact on Kids & Grownups

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Big Brothers Big Sisters as the hub in the mentor/mentee matching process.

“Our volunteer mentors undergo extensive interviews and background checks, and we try to match adults with kids based on a child’s interests,” she said. “Multiple training sessions are required as well... We look at what kids like to do during the day, such as art, sports, or theater. Having an adult match mentor who shares those interests helps with the development of a good relationship, which helps the child benefit the most.”

In recruiting volunteers, the organization puts strong emphasis on availability during after-school hours. Ellsworth pointed out that 80 percent of the children served by this organization come from single-parent households.

“We don’t hear the term ‘latch-key kids’ much anymore, but plenty of kids still spend time by themselves in the afternoon hours,” said Ellsworth. “They are at a vulnerable time in their lives and can easily be sucked in by negative influences when they lack an adult presence.”

What do bigs and littles do during the times they meet?

Some opt to meet at a local library or at a local YMCA, where

the adult volunteer might provide homework help. Other pairs attend sporting events, or engage on their own in one-on-one basketball, bowling, skating at a rink, or hitting a few baseballs.

Theatrically-minded pairs might enjoy attending a play at school or in a community theater. And once a good bond is formed, mentor-mentee pairs might enjoy dinner together or impromptu visits to a local ice cream parlor.

Ongoing training – both in person and online – ensures the adults who volunteer as big brothers and big sisters learn important skills to help them better develop as a youth mentor. One recent session explored what childhood anxiety looks like.

“There is extensive training available through our local staff, as well as online through our national organization,” said Ellsworth. “And we’re always adding new training topics.”

Among nonprofit service organizations, Big Brothers Big Sisters boasts an enviable success rate. While being a national organization provides name recognition, 90 percent of the local affiliate’s funds come from donors within Westchester and Putnam counties.

“Our local supporters recognize that we serve kids who live right here in our own communities,” said Ellsworth.

Parents who want more information about signing their child up for Big Brothers Big Sisters, and interested adult volunteers, may visit [bigswestchester.org](http://bigswestchester.org) or call 914-937-3779.

## Carmel Schools Seek 0.74% Tax Increase

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a reduction in the budget of over \$3 million,” explained Silver.

The excess went into the district’s reserves – \$1.7 million of which is proposed to use on capital projects in the upcoming year. That represents about 4 percent of the \$26 million currently in the reserve fund.

Silver noted that the new budget also responds to a growing demand for a variety of student services, particularly for children with special needs.

“We’ve done more for our children that have special needs than has ever been done before,” he said. “We’ve increased student offerings for children to have better opportunities now and in the future.”

Among the new items proposed for 2025-26 are: school resource officers for the middle and high school, a middle school dean of students, more bus monitors at the middle school, more bathroom monitors at both the middle and high schools, and long-term substitute teachers based in each school building.

“We also want to add an office assistant – one that can respond to student and family calls and facilitate calling home for students at George Fisher (Middle School),” said District Superintendent Erin Meehan-Fairben.

Other proposed expenditures include new air-conditioning units, the leasing of large school buses and the purchase of small ones, and a variety of repairs at the high school. Those include bleacher repairs in the gymnasium, upgrading the baseball field, and repairs to a

side-entrance stairway.

In the classroom, the dual-language curriculum will be made consistent from kindergarten through eighth grade. A social/emotional curriculum is also being introduced, and the district is enhancing its STEM programs.

“We’re also looking at how we can expose students to more career and technical education opportunities,” said Meehan-Fairben.

Among these will be a new Service Academy that emphasizes preparation for law enforcement, fire safety, and forensics careers. The district plans to seek some funding for the academy from Putnam/Northern Westchester BOCES.

“This would be available very similar to the career and tech program available to 11th- and 12th-graders on our campus,” said Meehan-Fairben.

The district expects to receive about \$41 million in aid from New York State, although the exact number is still unknown because the state has yet to finalize its own budget. The district also anticipates \$1 million for prekindergarten programs – a sizable jump from 2024-25.

In addition to the new initiatives, he highlighted a host of cost-cutting measures the district has recently put into place. For instance, when a vacancy for an assistant principal became available at the middle school, the district hired a dean of students, instead, at a salary \$30,000 lower than that of an assistant principal. One key difference in the role is that a dean does not take part in teacher evaluations.

In addition, the district offered a retirement incentive for teachers last year, which eight staff members took advantage of.

A public hearing on the budget will take place May 6 at 5:30 p.m., at the Carmel High School library on Fair Street, with voting by district residents taking place Tuesday, May 20.



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# A Sales Tax Pact?

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from this compromise. This funding could help with maintenance of roads, municipal water and sewer, and other much needed upgrades to town infrastructure.”

Under the terms of the compromise, one-ninth of the county’s 1 percent sales tax extension – symbolic of Putnam’s six towns and three villages – would be distributed to local municipalities based on population, with a guarantee that each will receive at least \$50,000 annually. The shared funds must be used for public projects such as local infrastructure and capital needs, and not for payroll or general operating expenses.

If sales tax revenue remains consistent with last year, the total shared amount would be approximately \$2.44 million.

The compromise is contingent on the State Legislature passing enabling legislation to extend the county’s existing 4 percent sales tax rate.

Every town supervisor and village mayor in Putnam County – regardless of political affiliation – has signed a joint letter urging state lawmakers to sponsor and pass the legislation.

“I know that our senior community, those on fixed incomes, are the ones really struggling to pay their property taxes every year,” said Carmel Town Supervisor Mike Cazzari. “They can choose to limit

what they buy, and limit the impact sales tax has on them, but they can’t choose how much their property tax bill is every year. This deal will ensure we have that alternative source of revenue, separate from property taxes, and can lessen our need to rely on property taxes in the future.”

Putnam Valley Town Supervisor Jackie Annabi emphasized the strength of the partnership, saying, “This is what good government looks like – leaders from every corner of the county working across party lines, standing up for the people we serve. We’re united in this because our communities deserve better, and this compromise delivers real results.”

Byrne called the announcement a “bold step forward.”

“This historic compromise secures much-needed tax relief for residents where it matters most, while enabling us to deliver a record-breaking county property tax cut,” he said. “It’s a victory for our taxpayers, towns and villages, and for responsible, transparent government.”

The county executive said this compromise would enable him to cut the Putnam property tax levy by at least \$1 million in his next county budget, marking the largest property tax cut in Putnam’s history.

“This proposal reflects the will of the people,” he said, referencing a recent public survey in which 72 percent of respondents favored a major county property tax cut over a change to the sales tax rate. “You spoke, and we listened.”

The coalition of local lawmakers called on the County Legislature to reconvene for a special meeting to pass the compromise plan and send a formal home-rule request to Albany.

the deciding vote for the raises. He promised greater transparency through livestreamed meetings, but has stood in the way of those efforts. He’s missed key legislative meetings, skipped community events, ignored concerns from local farmers, and even sent legal threats to residents who dared to question his record.

That’s not leadership – it’s theater.

Putnam County deserves better. We deserve leadership that listens, shows up, and delivers. That’s why I’m running.

This campaign is about more than just calling out what’s broken. It’s about building something better. I’ll fight to open up government with real transparency, root out wasteful spending, protect our constitutional rights, and bring fresh, honest leadership to our county.

I’ve worked my way up from waiting tables to running a small family construction business, and now, I oversee complex commercial projects across New York and Connecticut. I don’t just talk about hard work – I live it. I’m a Knight of Columbus, a proud member of the Putnam County Firearm Owners Association, and earlier this year I was honored to be recognized as a “Rising Star” by the New York State Young Republicans.

Now, I’m ready to fight for you.

It’s time to stop the games, end the flip-flopping, and restore common sense to our county government.

Early voting begins June 14. The Republican primary election is June 24.

*Jake D’Angelo*  
*Candidate for Putnam County*  
*Legislator, District 5*  
*Carmel*

# Judge: County Erred in Denying Ag. Dist. Application

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from Patterson, who expressed some concerns over ancillary uses, some of these other functions that were going on, parties, and events. It came up. It is adjacent to a wetland... We don’t have a site plan, we don’t have a stormwater protection plan...”

However, Honovich’s attorney argued: “I’d like to point out that items such as an EAF (Environmental Assessment Form) or a site plan, those are town-imposed regulations. And if there’s no reason for my client to have required an EAF or a site plan, then it wouldn’t be done. It’s not part of the county’s agricultural district application; it doesn’t ask for that... I don’t think it’s fair to have it held against an applicant that they haven’t had an EAF done because the town hasn’t required it while noting that an EAF will be done when being referred to the state...”

The Physical Services Committee unanimously denied moving the application forward. Then, during an August special meeting of the full Legislature, the application was again denied.

Last week’s supreme court ruling stated that disqualification of Ridge Ranch for inclusion in the district based on the soils requirement was “clearly violative” of the state’s agriculture and markets law.

The ruling noted that having “50 percent of prime farmland and/or statewide important soils” would be desirable for a farm operation devoted to the production, preparation, and marketing of crops. However, the soils requirement was utilized in this case to disqualify a ranch – “that is, a farm operation devoted to livestock and livestock products as a commercial enterprise” – from inclusion in the district.

Further, the ruling states: “Mr. Tomann’s suggestion to the members of the Legislature that site plans and stormwater protection plans are needed for the Legislature to carry out its obligations under SEQRA in this context is clearly erroneous, for those items having nothing whatever to do with the SEQRA inquiry that must be conducted in connection with legislative approval for the inclusion of land in an agricultural district. If in fact the Legislature denied petitioner’s application on that ground, then its determination was affected by yet another error of law.”

During last week’s Patterson Town Board meeting – which took place the same day the decision was released – Honovich said he felt vindicated that the county’s rejection of his farm into the agricultural district was denied. “To me that’s a win, because what it was denied for was wrong and I’m glad to see (the Legislature) vote on it again.”

Putnam County Executive Byrne issued a statement noting that, with the court rendering a legal decision in the matter, the county has an opportunity to modify its criteria for entry into the county’s agricultural district – which is based on a nearly 20-year-old farming protection plan that was inherited by the current Legislature and administration.

“I have asked our county attorney not to seek an appeal, even

while I recognize and applaud our law department’s hard work on this case,” he said. “I believe this is the most appropriate course of action and consistent with the compromise our administration has endeavored to find amidst the controversy involving the board and County Legislature. It’s time to turn the page.”

Also during last week’s meeting, the board was criticized for issuing a public letter declaring its support for farming, despite the lawsuit and accusations. Williams defended the town’s concerns regarding operations at the farm, saying he’s looking out for all residents and making sure that what happens on that property is not disruptive to neighbors or unsafe for visitors.

Ridge Ranch, located at 276 Quaker Road, encompasses 113.52 acres of land where cows, mini-donkeys, chickens, goats, and rabbits are bred and raised for sale. The farm also hosts groups and visitors for events – a practice recognized in the Agriculture & Markets Law as “agricultural tourism.”

Williams expressed concern over these “entertainment-based” activities – such as “donuts with a donkey,” goat yoga, and “coffee with the cows” – and explained that a year ago when Ridge Ranch applied for inclusion into the district, he sent a letter to the county outlining his concerns.

“When you are inviting the public onto your property, that is certainly a health and safety concern for the town,” he said. “These are clearly not activities permitted within our zoning code.”

Williams said he takes issue with the agricultural district allowing certain landowners to be exempt from town zoning codes.

“My problem with the ag district is this: that we’re not all working together to have reasonable requirements so that neighbors can live with neighbors,” he said. “We’re saying that certain people are exempt, and it creates a problem... That letter was prompted by the fact that the farming community in Putnam County is saying that all towns are bad because we don’t like farming, and that’s not true.”

Town Board member Joseph Esposito said the letter was “more in the style of conversation” and not an official statement. “The message is still there, that we support farming,” he said. “But I think that there’s some differences.”

Fellow board member Shawn

Rogan added, “The official stance of the town is our zoning code” – which the farm operations are not in-line with.

Ridge Ranch employee Cassandra Roth said the animals on the farm are used for rotational grazing, pasture management, and even land conservancy.

“The court document today, from the judge, just obliterates explicitly that soils have anything to do with anything besides a tax assessment,” she said, noting that the requirement is for operations that grow plants, not manage livestock.

“I’m not saying there aren’t bad actors... But when you say things the way you did, that does not come from a place of education, clearly,” she continued. “To say that on a public record... These people are good people. I’m here for these people. I cannot speak to any other farmer.”

Williams said his concerns aren’t with soils or having “pet breeds” on the farm, but with public health and safety.

“Breeding and raising animals... I think that’s legitimate farm practices,” he said. “My concern is when you’re inviting the public onto a piece of property, I believe their needs to be adequate controls,” including proper parking, EMS access, potable water, and a septic system. “We need to make sure the public is safe when they’re going out to a site... They are acting outside the zoning.”

Further, he noted that the town has taken no enforcement action against the farm. “I’ve sat on this thing for 11 months now, hoping that somehow we can come together to work things out,” said Williams.

Roth then asked why the town hasn’t reached out, which led to a disagreement as to which party has been less communicative and forthcoming.

“I’ve spent six figures defending farms – including my own – against Putnam County, based on things that you were feeding them, all to defend myself into a district that I still have to work with Patterson (to get into),” Honovich told Williams. “My goal is still to work with Patterson. I understand ag districts better than anyone in this room, and it does not protect me from not working with you guys.”

The town attorney noted that the town has no authority over admission into the county’s agricultural district.

of sales tax sharing for our towns.  
*Alex Sewell*  
*Kent*

## Why I’m Running for County Legislator

Dear Editor:

My name is Jake D’Angelo and I’m a lifelong Carmel resident, a proud conservative Republican, and today, I’m officially running to represent District 5 – which includes Carmel and Lake Carmel – on the Putnam County Legislature.

Over the past few months, I’ve been humbled by the outpouring of support from friends, neighbors, and community leaders who encouraged me to step up. This wasn’t a decision I made lightly.

As someone who has volunteered for years in our Republican Party, I know how serious it is to challenge an incumbent in a primary. But after witnessing broken promises, political stunts, and outright dysfunction in our local government, I realized I couldn’t sit on the sidelines any longer.

I believe in honor, integrity, and accountability. Sadly, we haven’t seen those values consistently from our current Legislator.

Greg Ellner ran on “no pay raises for politicians,” then orchestrated a cynical maneuver to appear opposed to them – before casting

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

**Carmel Schools**  
CARMEL CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Patterson, NY 12563

### NOTICE OF ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING AND ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual District Meeting and Election by the qualified voters of the Carmel Central School District, in the Counties of Putnam and Dutchess, New York (the “District”), will be held in each of the voting districts set forth below at the place specified in each election district where the annual budget vote and election will be conducted by voting machine on Tuesday, May 20, 2025 between the hours of 6:00 AM and 9:00 PM. A public hearing shall be held for the purpose of the presentation of the expenditure of funds and the budgeting thereof for the 2025-2026 school year on Tuesday, May 6, 2025, in the Carmel High School Library, 30 Fair Street, Carmel, NY 10512.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that three vacancies exist on the Board of Education for the seats of Trustee Jason Parakeva, Trustee Dawn Dall and the vacant position of Trustee Valerie Crocco as follows: two three-year terms commencing July 1, 2025 and expiring on June 30, 2028 and one three year and six week term commencing May 20, 2025 and expiring on June 30, 2028.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education shall be filed with the Clerk of said School District at her office in the Administration Building, 81 South Street, Patterson, NY, not later than Monday, April 21, 2025, between 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM. Vacancies on the Board of Education are not considered separate, specific offices; candidates run at large. Nominating petitions shall not describe any specific vacancy upon the Board for which the candidate is nominated; must be directed to the Clerk of the District; must be signed by at least sixty-five (65) qualified voters of the District; must state the name and residence address of each signer and must state the name and residence address of the candidate.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the following proposition in substantially the following form shall be presented to the qualified voters of the District at such Annual District Meeting and Election:

(1) a proposition to adopt the annual budget of the School District for the fiscal year 2025-2026 and to authorize the requisite portion thereof to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the District.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that for the purposes of voting, the School District has been divided into three (3) election districts and that an accurate description of the boundaries of these election districts is on file and may be inspected at the Office of the Clerk, 81 South Street, Patterson, NY, on weekdays when school is in session, during regular work hours, 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM. The vote upon the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimated expenditures or propositions involving expenditure of money, or authorizing the levy of taxes, for the 2025-2026 school year, and for the election of Board members shall be held in each election district at the place designated as follows: Election District No. 1. Register and vote at Carmel High School. Election District No. 1 shall be comprised of Carmel Central School District residents who are within the Towns of Carmel, Southeast and parts of Putnam Valley. Election District No. 2. Register and vote at Kent Elementary School. Election

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District No. 2 shall be comprised of Carmel Central School District residents within the Towns of Kent in Putnam County, parts of Putnam Valley and East Fishkill in Dutchess County. Election District No. 3 Register and vote at Administrative Offices of Carmel Central School District. Election District No. 3 shall be comprised of Carmel Central School District residents within the Town of Patterson.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT a statement of estimated expenses for the school year will be completed, and copies shall be made available, including the tax exemption reporting form, at each school house in the District in which school is maintained from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM, at the District Office from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM on each day other than a Saturday, Sunday or holiday, and at any free association or public library in the School District, during the fourteen days immediately preceding the annual budget vote and election, together with the text of any proposition which will be presented to the voters. The Budget will also be available on the District website.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that pursuant to Section 2014 of the Education Law, personal registration of voters is required. No person shall be entitled to vote at the annual budget vote and election whose name does not appear on the register of the School District, or who does not register as herein provided.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that any person registered to vote with the Putnam or Dutchess County Board of Elections pursuant to the Election Law is eligible to vote at the annual meeting without prior registration with this school district. If any person has heretofore registered to vote with the school district and has voted at an annual or special school district meeting within the last four (4) calendar years, they are eligible to vote at the annual meeting on May 20, 2025.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the qualified voters of the District may register on any regular business day at the office of the District Clerk, 81 South Street, Patterson, NY, between the hours of 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM until five (5) days prior to the vote. No person shall be entitled to vote whose name does not appear upon the School Register or upon the registration list furnished by Putnam and Dutchess Boards of Election for election districts encompassing the District.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the register of qualified voters, including military voters who have registered to vote, shall be filed in the office of the Clerk of the District at the School District Office, 81 South Street, Patterson, NY, in said School District; that such register shall be open for inspection by any qualified voter of said District on each of the five (5) days prior to the vote between the hours of 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM, except Sunday, on Saturday May 17, 2025 by appointment only, and at the polling places on the date of the annual meeting.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT, pursuant to the Education Law, applications for absentee ballots and early mail ballots for the budget vote and election of board members may be obtained at the office of the Clerk of the District. An application for an absentee or early mail ballot must be received by the District Clerk no more than thirty (30) and at least seven (7) days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election, if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter or the voter’s authorized agent set forth in the application, at the District Office. A list of all persons to whom absentee and early mail ballots shall have been issued and a list of all military voters to whom military ballots

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have been issued, will be available for public inspection in the said office of the Clerk during regular office hours until the day of election. Any qualified voter may file a written challenge of the qualifications of a voter whose name appears on such list, stating the reasons for the challenge.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that military voters who are not currently registered to vote may obtain an application to register as a qualified voter of the District and military voters who are registered to vote in the District may obtain an application for a military ballot, for the Annual Meeting on May 20, 2025 by contacting the District Clerk at 81 South Street, Patterson, NY, Telephone (845) 878-2094, Ext. 201, or email jstevens@carmelschools.org. The military voter may indicate their preference for receiving the registration and/or ballot application by mail, facsimile or email. The completed application to register and/or for a military ballot must be received by the District Clerk no later than 5:00 P.M. on April 22, 2025. Military ballots will be mailed or otherwise sent no later than 25 days before the election. Military ballots must be returned by mail or in person and received by the District clerk by 5:00 P.M. on May 20, 2025.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
CARMEL CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
DATED: Patterson, NY By: Joanne Stevens  
March 2025 Clerk, Board of Education

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### Brewster Schools

**NOTICE TO BIDDERS**  
The Board of Education of Brewster Central School District of the Town of Southeast (in accordance with Section 103 of Article 5-A of the General Municipal Law) hereby invites the proposal for the purchase of (1) 8 passenger Primetime Ford Transit Van.

Bids must be submitted through www.bidnetdirect.com and will

be received until 10:00 AM on the 2nd day of May, 2025, at which time and place all bids will be read by the office of the Supervisor of Transportation. Specifications and proposal may be obtained at: www.bidnetdirect.com

The Board of Education reserves the right to reject all bids. Any bid submitted will be binding for \*30\* days subsequent to the date of bid opening. Board of Education  
Brewster Central School District of the Town of Southeast County of Putnam  
40 Farm to Market Road  
Brewster, New York 10509  
By Mary E. Smith  
(Supervisor of Transportation)  
Date: April 21, 2025  
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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### Southeast

**Notice of Completion of Tentative Assessment Roll Pursuant to Section 506 of Real Property Tax Law**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

That the Assessor of the Town of Southeast, County of Putnam, has Completed the Tentative Assessment Roll for 2025. A copy thereof will Be available on the Town & County’s website and in the Town Clerk’s Office at Town Hall, 1360 Route 22, Brewster, NY on May 1, 2025 where any interested person May examine it Monday through Friday between

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the hours of 9:00AM And 4:30PM until the fourth Tuesday in May, being May 27th, 2025 and on such day the Board of Assessment Review will meet at Lakeview Manor, 215 Shore Drive, Brewster, NY From 5:30PM to 9:30PM to hear and examine all Verified written complaints in Relation to such assessment on Application of any person believing Their property to be inaccurate. A Publication containing procedures For contesting an assessment is Available on the Assessor’s website As of May 1, 2025 as well as online At www.tax.ny.gov (form RP-524). In addition to the above hours, the Assessor or her Designee will be in Attendance with the Tentative Roll On:

May 7th from 7:00PM	5:00 to
May 14th from 7:00PM	5:00 to
May 17th from 2:00PM	10:00 to
May 21st from 8:00PM	6:00 to

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### PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE PLEASE TAKE NOTICE

that the Town Board of the Town of Southeast shall hold a public hearing at Town Hall, 1360 Route 22, Brewster, NY, on May 1, 2025 at 7:00 PM, or as soon thereafter as interested parties may be heard, to hear public comment on a proposed local law which would amend Chapter 108 of the Town Code entitled “Rental Housing, Registration thereof” to eliminate the requirement that the owner provide the names of all intended occupants of the dwelling unit and to repeal and reserve section 108-14 entitled “Confidentiality of rental registration”. Copies of the proposed local law may be obtained from the Town Clerk during regular business hours. Anyone interested in the subject matter of the proposed local law will be given an opportunity to be heard at this time.

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

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

**Patterson**  
**TOWN OF PATTERSON**  
**PLANNING & ZONING OFFICE**

### Notice of Public Hearing

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the Town of Patterson Planning Board of a public hearing to be held on May 1, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as may be heard, at the Patterson Town Hall, 1142 Route 311, Patterson, Putnam County, New York to consider an application entitled “**Patterson Properties, Corp. Site Plan Application**” for the commercial use of the property. The Applicant is seeking approval for the conversion of the property from residential to commercial. The former 2,326 sq. ft. residence was converted into commercial office space without Planning Board approval. There are no other proposed site improvements – the existing site improvements, including a 720 sq. ft. garage and 160 sq. ft. shed, are used in support of the commercial use of the site. Access to the 2-acre property is gained from Route 22. This property is located at 2258 Route 22 (C-1 Zoning District) Patterson, New York. All interested parties and citizens will be given an opportunity to be heard in respect to such application.

By Order of the Planning Board

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**Ron Taylor, Chairman**  
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### Carmel LEGAL NOTICE OF ESTOPPEL

The bond resolution, a summary of which is published herewith, has been adopted on April 16, 2025, and the validity of the obligations authorized by such resolution may be hereafter contested only if such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which the Town of Carmel, Putnam County, New York, is not authorized to expend money, or if the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this notice were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of publication of this notice, or such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

A complete copy of the resolution summarized herewith is available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Office of the Town Clerk for a period of twenty days from the date of publication of this Notice.

Dated: Mahopac, New York,  
April 16, 2025.

/s/Alice Daly  
Town Clerk  
BOND RESOLUTION DATED APRIL 16, 2025.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$400,000 BONDS OF THE TOWN OF CARMEL, PUTNAM COUNTY, NEW YORK, TO PAY THE INCREASED COST OF THE INCREASE AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE FACILITIES OF THE CARMEL WATER DISTRICT NO. 2, IN THE TOWN OF CARMEL, PUTNAM COUNTY, NEW YORK.

**Specific object or purpose:**  
To pay the increased cost of the Carmel Water District No. 2 improvements, being Water District tank improvements and related equipment and site improvements, including original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus, appurtenances, and incidental improvements and expenses in connection therewith

**Revised maximum estimated cost:** \$4,162,615

**Prior authorizations:** \$3,762,615 bonds

**Amount of additional obligations to be issued** \$400,000 bonds

**SEQRA status:** Type II Action. SEQRA compliance materials on file in the office of the Town Clerk where they may be inspected during normal office hours by appointment.  
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### LEGAL NOTICE

**TOWN OF CARMEL  
COUNTY OF PUTNAM**

### NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF 2025 TENTATIVE ASSESSMENT ROLL

(Pursuant to Sections 501, 506 and 526 of the Real Property Tax Law)

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Assessor of the Town of Carmel, County of Putnam, has completed the Tentative Assessment Roll for the current year and that a copy will be available at Carmel Town Hall, 60 McAlpin Avenue, Mahopac, N.Y. It may be examined by any person interested starting on or about May 1, 2025 Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:30 am and 4:30 pm until the 23th day of May, 2025. The Board of Assessment Review will meet at Carmel Town Hall on May 27, 2025 from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm to hear and examine all verified



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written complaints in relation to assessments. Information regarding contesting your assessment is available at the Assessor’s office or online at [www.tax.ny.gov/pit/property/contest/contestasmt.htm](http://www.tax.ny.gov/pit/property/contest/contestasmt.htm).

**FURTHER NOTICE IS GIVEN** that the Assessor will be available, by appointment only, most weekday evenings May 1st to May 23th and on Saturday, May 10, 2025 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Dated: April 17, 2025

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### Kent TOWN OF KENT LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF KENT, PUTNAM COUNTY

NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF TENTATIVE ASSESSMENT ROLL

PURSUANT TO SECTION 506 OF REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE ASSESSOR OF THE TOWN OF KENT, COUNTY OF PUTNAM, HAS COMPLETED THE TENTATIVE ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR 2025. A COPY, THEREOF, WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE OFFICE OF THE ASSESSOR AT THE KENT TOWN HALL, 25 SYBIL’S CROSSING KENT LAKES, NY ON MAY 1st, 2025. ANY INTERESTED PERSON MAY EXAMINE IT UNTIL THE FOURTH TUESDAY IN MAY 2025, BEING MAY 27th, 2025.

THE ASSESSOR OR HIS DESIGNEE WILL BE IN ATTENDANCE WITH THE TENTATIVE ROLL FROM: MAY 1st, 2025 TO MAY 27th, 2025. MONDAY – FRIDAY, FROM 8AM-4PM AND BY APPOINTMENT ON SATURDAY, MAY 3, 2025 FROM 9AM-1PM AS WELL AS ON MONDAY, MAY 5, 2025, FROM 5PM-8PM.

THE BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW WILL MEET ON TUESDAY, MAY 27th, 2025, BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 1:00 PM-5:00 PM AND 6:00 PM-8:00 PM, AT THE KENT TOWN HALL, 25 SYBIL’S CROSSING, KENT LAKES, NEW YORK. THE BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW WILL HEAR AND EXAMINE ALL COMPLAINTS IN RELATION TO ASSESSMENTS, UPON WRITTEN APPLICATION, USING FORM RP-524 (COMPLAINT OF REAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENT), OF ANY PROPERTY OWNER BELIEVING HIM/HERSELF TO BE AGGRIEVED.

ALL COMPLAINT APPLICATIONS MAY BE SUBMITTED BY MAIL OR BY DELIVERY TO THE ASSESSOR’S OFFICE NO LATER THAN 4:00 P.M. ON MAY 27th, 2025. THE AGGRIEVED PERSON(S) NEED NOT BE PRESENT ON GRIEVANCE DAY TO HAVE THEIR CASE REVIEWED. HOWEVER, ALL APPLICATIONS, INCLUDING ALL SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION, MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE DEADLINE OF 4PM ON MAY 27th, 2025.

PRE-REGISTRATION FOR AN IN-PERSON HEARING IS MANDATORY. APPOINTMENTS CAN BE MADE BY CONTACTING THE ASSESSOR’S OFFICE. THE PHONE NUMBER IS 845-225-8020.

TOWN OF KENT  
ASSESSOR  
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### TOWN OF KENT, PUTNAM COUNTY LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE CONCERNING THE EXAMINATION OF ASSESSMENT INVENTORY AND VALUATION DATA

PURSUANT TO SECTION 501 OF REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE ASSESSMENT INVENTORY AND VALUATION DATA IS AVAILABLE FOR EXAMINATION AND REVIEW.

THIS DATA IS THE INFORMATION WHICH BEEN USED TO ESTABLISH THE ASSESSMENTS OF EACH PARCEL THAT WILL APPEAR ON THE TENTATIVE ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR THE TOWN OF KENT, NY. THE TENTATIVE ASSESSMENT ROLL WILL BE FILED ON OR BEFORE MAY 1, 2025. ONLINE ASSESSMENT INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE AT [WWW.TOWNOFKENTNY.GOV](http://WWW.TOWNOFKENTNY.GOV) ON THE ASSESSOR’S DEPARTMENT WEB PAGE.

ALTERNATIVELY, DATA CAN ALSO BE VIEWED AT THE ASSESSOR’S OFFICE LOCATED AT: KENT TOWN HALL, 25 SYBIL’S CROSSING, KENT LAKES NY 10512. THE OFFICE IS OPEN MONDAY-FRIDAY FROM 8:00 AM TO 4:00 PM. TO SPEAK WITH A REPRESENTATIVE, PLEASE CONTACT THE ASSESSOR’S OFFICE AT 845-225-8020 OR VIA EMAIL AT [ASSESSOR@TOWNOFKENTNY.GOV](mailto:ASSESSOR@TOWNOFKENTNY.GOV).

SETH PLAWSKY, ASSESSOR  
TOWN OF KENT

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### LEGAL NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BY THE KENT PLANNING BOARD 2025 FOR THE ZAKON PROPEERTY 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:

Joseph Zakon  
106 Overlook Drive  
Mahopac, NY 10541  
For Property located at:  
592 Ludingtonville Road  
Kent, NY 10512  
Tax Map #12.-2-27

The project proposes construction of new single-family residence on an existing lot of record including 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 Activity, 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. .

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

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to: [planningkent@townofkentny.gov](mailto: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@townofkentny.gov](mailto:planningkent@townofkentny.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 construction 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 Activity, 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 opposition shall be heard. If there are any questions or comments pertaining to this project, please send them to: [planningkent@townofkentny.gov](mailto: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@townofkentny.gov](mailto:planningkent@townofkentny.gov)

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### Supreme Court

Pursuant to Article 6, Section 75 (7)(b) of the Public Lands Law, **Old Trolley Properties, Inc. d/b/a Mahopac Marina** on February 23, 2025 proposed an amendment to the filed application for the Use of Land Underwater to the New York State Office of General Services for a new underwater land license (# LUW02515 filed with

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NYSOGS on December 4, 2023 with Application form signed 11/21/23 for Old Trolley Properties d/b/a Mahopac Marina) so as to retain, maintain and slightly reconfigure the marina on Lake Mahopac in the Town of Carmel, Putnam County, while continuing its existing capacity to accommodate 114 boats (previously 102 boats plus 12 transients and personal watercraft), and involving the slight widening of docks for ADA access, reducing the extent of the floats at the southwestern corner of the west dock, shifting the northern “T” of the west dock slightly north, making other minor finger & main dock changes, and maintaining up to 3 “Make No Wake Buoys” as shown on the Revised Application Drawings dated 2/24/25, with the main and finger docks measuring a total of approximately ±6,314 square feet (previously ±6,350 square feet), all located within a proposed re-configuration perimeter for boats, docks and internal access fairways measuring approximately ±54,310 square feet (previously ±54,479 square feet), not including the 3 “Make No Wake Buoys”, as well as establishing two shared boating access fairways with neighboring properties. This notice shall be published for four consecutive weeks with last published date of April 23, 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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### NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF PUTNAM, **U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE FOR THE RMAC TRUST, SERIES 2016-CTT**, Plaintiff, vs. **PATRICK HAMILTON, ET AL.**, Defendant(s).

Pursuant to an Order Confirming Referee’s Report and Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered on December 18, 2023, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at court room 209 of the Putnam Supreme Courthouse, 20 County Center, Carmel, NY 10512 on May 12, 2025 at 9:30 a.m., premises known as 237 Stage Coach Road a/k/a 237 Stagecoach Road, Patterson, NY 12563. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of Patterson, County of Putnam and State of New York, Section 15, Block 1 and Lot 13 f/k/a Section 15, Block 1, and Lot 12. Approximate amount of judgment is \$928,250.81 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index #500399/2020. Cash will not be accepted.

Paul C. Brite, Esq, Referee

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

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### NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF PUTNAM, **U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY, BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE OF LSF11 MASTER PARTICIPATION TRUST**, Plaintiff, vs. **PETER F. TRINGALI, JR., A/K/A PETER F. TRINGALI, ET AL.**, Defendant(s).

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered on March 4, 2025, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Putnam Supreme Courthouse, Room 209, 20 County Center, Carmel, NY 10512 on May 12, 2025 at 2:30 p.m., premises known as 2 Hawks Lane, Brewster, NY 10509. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of Southeast, County of Putnam and State of New York, Section 46, Block 4 and Lot 15. Approximate amount of judgment is \$556,496.17 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index #500609/2024.

Cirino M. Bruno, Esq., Referee

Friedman Vartolo LLP, 85 Broad Street, Suite 501, New York, New York 10004, Attorneys for Plaintiff. Firm File No.: 232975-2

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### NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF PUTNAM, **WILMINGTON 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 undersigned 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 buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of Kent, County of Putnam and State of New York, Section 20, Block 1 and Lot 13. Approximate amount of judgment is \$404,523.48 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index #501723/2023.

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

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

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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF PUTNAM **U.S. BANK NA, SUCCESSOR 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. SILVESTRO, 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 improvements erected, situate, lying and



# PUTNAM COUNTY AND TOWN NOTICES

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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; ACTION FUEL OIL CORP.; CITIBANK, N.A.,  
  
De-  
fendants. NOTICE OF SALE

Index No. 500753/2023

MORTGAGED PROPERTY:  
90 Stage Coach Road, Patterson, 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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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 following property, to wit:

ALL that certain piece or

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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 measured along the southerly side of said private road, from the north westerly corner of other lands conveyed to Steve and Ann Zeman by Margaret Roberts Chapman 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 Roberts 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 Anthony 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 northwesterly corner of this parcel on the southerly side of the aforesaid private road, and the northeasterly 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 BEGINNING.

Sale is subject to all lawful liens.  
Terms of the sale are strictly cash or bank check; 10% payable at time of sale and remainder 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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Supplemental Summons and Notice of Object of Action SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF PUTNAM ACTION TO FORECLOSE A MORTGAGE INDEX #: 500320/2023 **ROCKET MORTGAGE, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS INC.** Plaintiff, vs **WALTER HANKEL** AS HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF CHRISTINE L. HANKEL, JORDON HANKEL 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 PERSONS UNKNOWN TO PLAINTIFF, CLAIMING, OR WHO MAY CLAIM TO HAVE AN INTEREST IN, OR GENERAL OR SPECIFIC LIEN UPON THE REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED

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IN THIS ACTION; SUCH UNKNOWN PERSONS BEING HEREIN GENERALLY DESCRIBED AND INTENDED TO BE INCLUDED IN 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, PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ON BEHALF OF THE IRS, PUTNAM COUNTY DEPARTMENT 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 Action. The foregoing Supplemental Summons is served upon you by publication, pursuant to an order of HON. Gina C Capone of the Supreme 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 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 (MORT-

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GAGE 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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LEGAL NOTICE

Request for Signed Sealed Bids

The Watershed Agricultural Council (WAC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from subcontractors to provide the WAC with Computer Aided Drafting services for the creation of designs following program guidelines for the implementation of Best Management Practices (BMPs) on program participating farms for our East of Hudson office located in Patterson New York. The selected consultant will enter a contract with the WAC for the term. The complete request for bids is available immediately and can be requested from Wendy Hanselman at 607-865-7790 ext. 115 or via e-mail at whanselman@nycwatershed.org. Bids must be received by 12:00 PM on Wednesday, May 14, 2025. Late submissions will not be considered. WAC reserves the right to reject any and all proposals received in response to this RFP. Efforts will be made to select businesses located within the NYC Watershed Area and to use small or minority owned businesses. EOE.  
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DEC

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation  
Notice of Complete Application  
Date: 04/11/2025  
Applicant: LAKE SAGAMORE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.  
116 OLD FORGE DR  
CARMEL, NY 10512  
Facility: Lake Sagamore  
Sagamore Dr & Old Forge Dr  
CARMEL, NY 10512  
Application ID: 3-3799-00029/00006  
Permits(s) Applied for: 1 - Article 24 Freshwater Wetlands  
Project is located: In MULTIPLE TOWNS in PUTNAM COUNTY  
Project Description: The applicant proposes to treat 96 acres of Lake Sagamore, Class B, with aquatic pesticides to control algae blooms. The treatment is within NYS-protected Freshwater Wetland and its regulated 100-foot adjacent area.  
Availability of Application Documents: Filed application documents, and Department draft permits where applicable, are available for inspection during normal business hours at the address of the contact person. To ensure timely service at the time of inspection, it is recommended that an appointment be made with the contact person.  
State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) Determination  
A final environmental impact statement has been prepared on this project and is on file.  
SEQR Lead Agency NYS Department of Environmental Conservation  
State Historic Preservation Act (SHPA) Determination  
The proposed activity is not subject to review in accordance with SHPA. The application type is exempt and/or the project involves the continuation of an existing operational activity.  
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29, Environmental Justice and Permitting (CP-29)  
It has been determined that the proposed action is not subject to CP-29.  
Availability For Public Comment  
Comments on this project must be submitted in writing to the Contact Person no later than 05/16/2025 or 30 days after the publication date of this notice, whichever is later.  
Contact Person  
BETHANY M TIPPING  
NYSDEC  
21 S Putt Corners Rd  
New Paltz, NY 12561  
(845) 256-3128  
bethany.tipping@dec.ny.gov  
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LLC

Notice of Formation of **Ruben Alvarez Flooring, LLC.** Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 12/01/2024. Office location: Putnam County, NY. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 200 Richardsville Road, Kent, NY 10512. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.  
  
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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. P. 4/2, 4/9, 4/16, 4/23, 4/30, 5/7

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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  
Purpose: Lawful Purpose  
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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, 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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# 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.

Featuring 40 works in various 2D mediums, this event offers an opportunity to experience and collect exceptional regional art. The auction is GAC’s largest annual fundraiser, directly supporting its mission to make art accessible and cultivate a vibrant cultural community.

Guests may enjoy a reception and viewing at 3 p.m., followed by the live auction at 4 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](http://www.garrisonartcenter.org/2025-auction).

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

## CLASSIFIEDS

### GENERAL MERCHANDISE

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

### SERVICES

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### WANTED

**BUYING VINTAGE CAMERAS, LENSES, WATCHES, JEWELRY, COINS, CLOCKS, FISHING, HUNTING, MILITARY, FIRE HELMETS, SWORDS, KNIVES, MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS, COMICS, SPORTING, TOYS, FOUNTAIN PENS, WESTERN** And More. Please Call Frank 914-763-8766. 7/31

**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



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### CLEANING PERSON (PART TIME)

The Town of Southeast is seeking applicants to fill the role of Cleaning Person for the Parks & Facilities Department. Well qualified candidates will have a working knowledge of building and outdoor park cleaning methods, materials and equipment. Candidates must be able to lift 40 lbs. This is a part-time position of roughly 20 hours per week, Monday through Friday. Hours can be flexible. Salary is \$19.00/hour. Applications can be downloaded from [www.southeast-ny.gov](http://www.southeast-ny.gov) and should be e-mailed to [jkuczenski@southeast-ny.gov](mailto:jkuczenski@southeast-ny.gov).

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### RECREATION ASSISTANT (PER DIEM)

The Town of Southeast is seeking applicants to fill the role of Recreation Assistant for the Recreation & Parks Department. Well qualified candidates will have adequate experience in and aptitude for leadership in recreational and community enrichment activities. This is a per-diem position and candidates must be available for night and weekend hours. Salary is \$19.00/hour. Those bilingual in English and Spanish are strongly encouraged to apply. Applications can be downloaded from [www.southeast-ny.gov](http://www.southeast-ny.gov) and should be e-mailed to [jkuczenski@southeast-ny.gov](mailto:jkuczenski@southeast-ny.gov).

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### HELP WANTED

Summer Employment – The Town of Kent is seeking Seasonal workers for the Recreation and Parks Department. Experience preferred but not required. Applications can be obtained from the Town Supervisor’s office or downloaded on the Town’s website at [www.townofkentny.gov](http://www.townofkentny.gov). The Town of Kent is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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### RECREATION LEADER ADVERTISEMENT

The Town of Kent Recreation & Parks Department is seeking a Recreation Leader to assist in the planning, implementation and supervision of all recreation activities, programs and events. Candidates must be able to work a variable schedule including nights and weekends. Associates degree in recreation/related field or 3 years work experience in recreation, youth programming, park programming and/or in an educational setting required. Selected candidate will be hired provisionally pending the outcome of a civil service examination.

For additional information on the position please contact Kent Recreation at 845-531-2100. Completed applications should be submitted to the Kent Town Clerk’s Office 25 Sybil’s Crossing, Kent Lakes, NY 10512 or emailed to [lcappelli@townofkentny.gov](mailto:lcappelli@townofkentny.gov).

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PUTNAM COUNTY GOVERNMENT

CAREER<sup>3</sup>  
EXP<sup>2</sup>



WEDNESDAY APRIL 30<sup>TH</sup>

3 P.M. TO 7 P.M.

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

Exam Title & No: Payroll Clerk 60-007-340  
Exam Date: June 28, 2025  
Salary: \$60,416-\$73,378 (2025) salary will vary in other agencies  
Last Filing Date: April 30, 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

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

Exam Title & No: Assistant Payroll Clerk 60-023-120  
Exam Date: June 28, 2025  
Salary: \$46,865.00 (full time salary in Town of Putnam Valley) salary will vary in other agencies  
Last Filing Date: April 30, 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

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

Exam Title & No: GIS Program Specialist 68-765-010  
Exam Date: June 28, 2025  
Salary: \$62,343-\$76,308 (2025)  
Last Filing Date: April 30, 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

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

Exam Title & No: Probation Assistant 60-026-710  
Exam Date: June 28, 2025  
Salary: \$47,060-\$56,508 (2025)  
Last Filing Date: April 30, 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

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

Exam Title & No: Probation Officer I Trainee 60-031-830  
Exam Date: June 28, 2025  
Salary: \$65,573-\$84,489 (2025 salary)  
Last Filing Date: April 30, 2025  
Exam Filing Fee: \$45

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# Putnam CAP Advocates Gather for Luncheon



Putnam Community Action Partnership held its 39th annual luncheon and fundraiser April 10 at St. James the Apostle-Doherty Hall in Carmel. The event honored LiUna! Local 60 and The ARC of Mid-Hudson. Photos by Putnam CAP.



# Lakeview Celebrates Diversity at Multicultural Night



The Zuzu African Acrobats perform for students.



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Cultural displays, artifacts, clothing, and games were all part of the recent Multicultural Night at Lakeview Elementary School in Mahopac. Photos provided by Mahopac Central School District.

Lakeview Elementary School in Mahopac recently hosted its second annual Multicultural Night – a vibrant celebration of the diverse cultures that make its school community unique. The evening brought together families, staff, and local partners including the Mahopac High School German Club, Model UN Club, and the Mahopac Public Library for a cultural experience.

Attendees enjoyed cultural displays in the auditorium featuring artifacts, clothing, and games. Staff members also engaged students and families in reading sessions in the library.

The night was filled with live dance performances including a traditional Filipino Tinikling dance by a Lakeview family. Attendees could also participate in a photo booth activity and a flag coloring station in the cafeteria, supported by MHS’s Model UN Club.

Additionally, two Lakeview

students led an origami workshop with the help of English as a new language student volunteers from the high school.

More than 250 attendees joined together to celebrate and learn about the various cultures that shape the Mahopac school community.

“Lakeview’s Multicultural Night was a beautiful celebration of unity, diversity, and pride in our community,” said Principal Elizabeth Blessing. “The overwhelming support from our families, staff, and local partners made this event truly special. Together we created a night that reflected the heart of Lakeview – where cultures are celebrated and voices are uplifted.”

The festivities continued the following day with in-school assemblies for all students, featuring a performance by the Zuzu African Acrobats, sponsored by the Lakeview Parent-Teacher Organization.