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## Putnam Family Escapes Devastating House Fire *Home Destroyed; Family Pet Lost*



Firefighters battle the blaze on West Lake Boulevard on March 18. Photos by Mahopac Falls Volunteer Fire Department.



The family escaped the devastating fire, but lost a family pet.



A GoFundMe has been established to support Louis and Victoria Arocho, and their daughters.

**By Holly Crocco**

The community is coming together to support a Mahopac family whose home was destroyed by fire last week.

Just before 6:30 a.m. March 18, the Mahopac Falls Volunteer Fire Department was called to a residential structure fire on West Lake Boulevard. Upon arrival, crews found an active fire involving a garage that had extended to the residence.

"Firefighters initiated an aggressive exterior attack due to fire conditions and exposure concerns," according to Ellen Sacher, public information office for MFVFD. "Mutual aid departments respond-

ed to assist with suppression efforts, water supply operations, and manpower."

All occupants had safely evacuated the home prior to the fire department's arrival. However, a family pet was lost as a result of the blaze.

Due to the extent of the fire, the structure sustained significant damage, including a collapse, said Sacher. Firefighters remained on scene for several hours to bring the flames under control, conduct overhaul operations, and ensure the scene was safe.

The Town of Carmel Building Department responded to evaluate the structure, and NYSEG was

notified to address utilities. The cause of the fire remains under investigation.

The home belonged to Louis and Victoria Arocho.

"In a matter of minutes, everything they owned was gone," wrote Mariana Loeblich on a GoFundMe page she set up for the family. "Louis and Victoria were able to escape with their lives and their two young daughters, ages 4 and 2, but they left with only the clothes they were wearing."

Funds are being raised to help the family afford immediate needs, such as temporary housing, food and daily essentials, clothing, and

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## Mahopac School Board Passes Bond Propositions

**By Holly Crocco**

The Mahopac School Board on March 12 approved several propositions to be placed on the May 19 ballot, to be voted on by the community during the annual budget vote and board election.

Propositions two and four were unanimously approved.

Proposition two authorizes the district to bond \$1.6 million to purchase various school buses and related equipment, continuing its ongoing fleet replacement cycle.

Proposition four, which inflicts no addition cost to taxpayers, authorizes the district spend \$12.5 million to construct alterations and improvements to various district buildings including bathroom renovations, select roof replacement, HVAC upgrades, and replacement of the gymnasium floor and gymnasium divider curtain at Lakeview Elementary. About \$5.2 million will be used from the district's capital reserves to cover the proposal.

Trustee Tanner McCracken was the lone "no" vote for proposition five, which authorizes the

district to bond \$8 million to make upgrades to address lighting systems, audio systems, drapery and rigging at the high school auditorium, as well as air conditioning upgrades and practice field lighting replacement. It also includes HVAC upgrades, and playground replacements at Austin Road and Fulmar Road elementary schools.

Proposition six – which passed 5-4 after being hotly debated – authorizes the district to bond \$10.5 million for the construction of a 500-seat home-side grandstand and a 100-seat visitor-side grandstand at the high school, as well as replacement of the existing field at the Falls School with synthetic turf, construction of home and away dugouts, batting enclosures, bullpens, fencing, field lighting, and backstop fencing.

The project also includes concrete pads for portable bleachers, permanent elevated grandstand bleachers with press boxes, scoreboards, and pedestrian walkways at both locations.

Proposition six can only be

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## Expansion Projects Planned in Southeast

### *Orchard, Cell Tower & Golf Course Heard*

**By Holly Crocco**

The Southeast Planning Board was updated on a number of proposed projects during its March 9 meeting.

Fourth-generation Salinger's Orchard owner Tim Salinger once again appeared before the board, seeking approvals related to the expansion of business operations on his 63-acre property.

In 2024, the board approved a site plan that included a 2,884-square-foot addition to the farm store building, to expand the kitchen and bakery, seating area, and increase storage space. Improvements to parking, as well as ingress and egress, stormwater treatment, and drainage were also part of the plan.

However, a proposal to add an event venue was pulled after neighbors voiced traffic concerns.

Now, Salinger is coming back to the table, seeking approval for a 6,350-square-foot barn, which would serve as an occasional event space. Plans indicate it would hold up to 200 people and would increase the current 100 parking spaces to

168.

"Let's cut to the chase here – it's a traffic issue that's going to come up, time and time again," said Planning Board Chairman Tom LaPerch. "I have no doubt what you're going to build here is fantastic. You have a great reputation."

Nicholas Gaboury of Bibbo Associates said a traffic study demonstrates the event barn will not negatively impact traffic in the vicinity of the site, since occasions would be held during off-peak hours.

"Traffic problems now are usually commuter-related," he said, with the highest volume of traffic recorded between 3 and 5 p.m. weeknights.

"We believe that the barn that is currently proposed and the events that would take place in it would not cause a traffic impact to the area," said Gaboury. "I know the roadway has some limitations. I know the town is working on trying to get some of those enhanced or improved in some spots."

A public hearing on the matter

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# Letters to the Editor

## Eliminating All Taxes On Utility Bills

Dear Editor:

New York is facing an energy affordability crisis. Electricity and utility bills have risen nearly 47 percent since 2019 and families across the Hudson Valley are feeling the impact every single month.

As a local official, I receive calls from constituents almost daily about their utility bills. In many conversations, it has become the primary concern. Quite simply, people are struggling to afford their energy costs.

I would like to thank Rob Rolison for recently introducing an amendment in the New York State Senate that would suspend all utility bill taxes and surcharges for one year, along with a two-year "green energy tax" holiday. This proposal would provide immediate relief for every household and business that pays a utility bill.

Today, government taxes, fees, and mandates account for roughly one-third of a typical customer's utility bill. Reducing or suspending these costs – even temporarily – would provide meaningful relief to families and small businesses in Putnam Valley, throughout Putnam County, and across NYS who are dealing with rapidly rising utility costs.

We have taken similar steps

before when residents were facing financial pressure. In 2022, Putnam County temporarily removed the local tax on motor fuel and capped the sales tax at \$2 per gallon, from June 1 through Dec. 1. The goal was to pass savings directly to consumers, and it worked.

People in our communities are struggling with affordability. They are asking for a plan and they expect action.

The solution does not have to be complicated. We need a serious, immediate strategy to lower the cost of utility bills for New Yorkers.

*William Gouldman  
County Legislator, R-Putnam Valley*

## Don't Rebuilt Indian Point

Dear Editor:

Congressman Mike Lawler's plan to rebuild Indian Point as a nuclear reactor is a pie-in-the-sky dream that will never happen.

There is so much information about why nuclear energy is destructive to the environment and why Indian Point, in particular, as a nuclear facility within the 50-mile radius of 20 million people around New York City was always a bad idea. Here are just a few examples:

Dr. Joseph Romm, national energy expert and former U.S. DOE official, said: "Reopening Indian Point would be an anti-affordability disaster with huge health and safety risks. The \$10 billion to \$12 billion or more cost would raise rates on New Yorkers whereas virtual power plants, wind, solar, and batteries would achieve reliable power at lower cost, as Google and others have shown. The latest Harvard research finds that proximity to nuclear plants significantly increased cancer incidence in Massachusetts and was associated with increased cancer mortality" nationwide.

Paul Gunter, reactor oversight project director for Beyond Nuclear, said: "With cost effective, utility-grade, safe renewable energy and battery storage now 90 percent of all new generating capacity being deployed in the U.S., it is crazy talk to rebuild Indian Point nuclear station. Relicensing, reconstructing, and reopening another dangerous nuclear power station close to New York City will also at least triple the cost of electricity, if it is ever completed. Moreover, the notion the nuclear industry can keep piling up more nuclear waste with no place to go on the Hudson River is just as crazy."

Deborah Porder of the Stop Holtec Coalition said: "Reopening Indian Point would cause our energy bills to explode. The last nuclear power plant built in the U.S. raised electricity rates 25 percent and cost each household \$1,000 for construction. We should be investing in wind, solar, battery storage, and geothermal – all of which run on clean sources of energy. Just like the tobacco companies wanted customers addicted to cigarettes, the fossil fuel/nuclear industries want us addicted to their expensive, dirty fuels."

There's much more. And then add the perpetual myths that nuclear energy is "emissions-free" (you think it doesn't take gas to get the building components and fuel to a nuclear plant during construction and operation?) and that it provided 25 percent of NYC's electricity, explained as follows:

"By 2011, the New York Power Authority contract with Indian Point 3 had dwindled to just 100 megawatts. The contract was not renewed and no electricity from that plant was used in this region. In 2011, ConEd contracted with Indian Point 2 for 560 megawatts. That is 4.3 percent of the electricity used in New York City and Westchester County. The contract expired Memorial Day 2018 and was not renewed. From 2018 until the plants closed in 2021, they provided none of the electricity used in New York City and Westchester." (Peekskill Herald, March 11, 2026.)

So, nice try, Mike Lawler. How much campaign funding are you getting from Holtec? I guess that's my next Google search.

Now, here's an idea: as a solar farm and/or wind-generating plant, Indian Point could be a source of new jobs and an influx of tax money for Buchanan, not to mention truly clean, renewable energy for area residents. I'd vote for that!

*Judy Allen  
Putnam Valley  
Member of Indian Point Safe Energy Coalition*



## Working Mom By Holly Crocco

# Baby, I Was Born This Way

Comedian Jim Gaffigan wrote a fantastically funny book called "Dad Is Fat" in which he riffs on the perils of his wife and him being outnumbered by five children in a small New York City apartment.

"I'm not saying parenting cured my narcissism, but it changed me and continues to change me every day," reads one passage. "I am now a teeny bit less of a narcissist."

No truer words have been spoken.

During the recent three-day stint of warm, springlike weather, Mikey had a playdate at the playground with a bunch of classmates. At one point, one of the kids called another "fat," to which all of us moms jumped on the name-caller, and it became a whole thing.

Lesson learned, the playdate continued peacefully.

However, when I was driving my now-8-year-old back home, I decided to continue the conversation and asked if ever calls anyone names – like "fat," "four eyes," or anything else. He gave me a sheepish "Nah," which didn't convince me.

So I pushed further, telling him how hurtful and mean it is to comment on the way someone looks. Well, he piped up from the backseat, "Liam called you fat."

"Me?" I jabbed a thumb in my sternum, looking in the rear-view mirror at my kid.

He nodded.

"The kid down the street called me fat?"

"Yeah. He said his mom is skinny, and you're fat."

Now, another version of myself – a younger, childless version – would probably cry at this revelation, but I've been scrutinized enough over the past eight years by little uncensored mouths enough to just let it roll right off my back. Instead, I decided to use it as a teachable moment.

"Well, Mikey, that's exactly why you shouldn't call people names. That hurts my feelings and makes me feel very sad. Do you like when I feel sad?"

He shook his head and informed me, "Don't worry, Mom. I told him you were born that way and can't help it."

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Yeah, OK. Let's go with that answer.

I didn't know whether to cringe or be proud of my little buddy for (somewhat) defending my honor.

When my husband got home, I relayed the story to him and we had a good laugh. I mean, what else is there to do?

I've said it before and I'll say it again: kids are brutal.

And – spoiler alert – there are no playdates with Liam (or his mother) in our near future.

*Holly Crocco is editor of the Putnam County Press/Times and mother of an 8-year-old boy. She can be reached at editorial@putnampresstimes.com.*

## Call for Artists Great Hollow Photo Club Hosts Juried Show

All painters and photographers who love nature are invited to participate in the ninth annual Great Hollow Photographers Club Juried Painting & Photography Show.

The deadline for submission is midnight Wednesday, April 15.

Artists are invited to submit up to four digital images of two-dimensional work. Accepted media are photographs, paintings, collages, drawings, and digitally augmented art. There is no fee to submit, but the hanging fee is \$15 for each accepted work.

The Great Hollow Photographers Club will retain a 25 percent commission on all works sold. All works must be for sale, as the profits from the art show support the preserve's mission of environmental education, research, and conservation.

The artwork should highlight the richness of the rural nature in and around Great Hollow and should not have previously been part of a Great Hollow art show. Prizes will be donations from local businesses.

Judges for the artwork are Kelly Edwards for painting and Jane Haslam for photography.

Edwards is a watercolor and

mixed-media artist and owner of Arbor Gallery in Carmel. She finds inspiration in the beauty of nature, expressionism art nouveau, and the watercolor medium itself.

Haslam is a photographer and owner of LAND Gallery in Pawling. Her images capture the drama, unpredictability, and magnificence of the Catskills, Hudson Valley, and the Housatonic Valley.

The opening reception for the ninth annual Great Hollow Photographers Club Juried Painting & Photography Show is scheduled Friday, May 15 from 6 to 8 p.m., at Great Hollow Nature Preserve & Ecological Research Center, 225 Route 37, New Fairfield, Conn. Over the past eight years, the club has raised more than \$11,500 for the preserve.

The show will continue for viewing and sales Saturday and Sunday, May 16 and 17, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., in the Gate House Barn. The show will also be online May 15 to June 30, at [www.greathollow.org](http://www.greathollow.org).

This art show is done in collaboration with the Sherman Artists Association, and the prospectus and additional information can be found at [www.sherman-artists.org](http://www.sherman-artists.org).

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Photo provided by Mahopac Falls Volunteer Fire Department.

## Fire Damages Building at Putnam Golf Course

A building at the Putnam County Golf Course in Mahopac sustained significant fire damage last week.

At about 2:15 a.m. March 20, the Mahopac Falls Volunteer Fire Department responded to a commercial structure fire at the county-owned property on Hill Street.

Upon arrival, crews confirmed a fully involved maintenance building located behind the main clubhouse. According to MFVFD, the incident was complicated by two 1,000-pound propane tanks that became compromised during the blaze.

Firefighters established a water supply from a hydrant on

Bullet Hole Road and initiated an aggressive exterior attack. Due to the propane involvement and additional hazards, the Putnam County Hazardous Materials Team was requested.

NYSEG responded to secure power and address downed electrical hazards.

Mutual aid was provided by the Mahopac, Carmel, Kent, and Putnam Valley fire departments, as well as the Carmel Police Department and Putnam County Sheriff's Office.

According to MFVFD, the structure sustained significant damage.

The cause of the fire remains under investigation.

March 14. Cargain Funeral Homes Inc., Mahopac, (845) 225-5655.

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**Kenneth M. Bates, Sr.**, 90, March 13. Joseph J. Smith Funeral Home, Mahopac, (845) 621-1992.



A man has been charged with DWI after crashing his truck into a home on Route 9D. Photo by Cold Spring Fire Chief Ian Saladyga.

## Alleged Drunk Driver Crashes into Philipstown Home

A Philipstown man who was reportedly driving drunk crashed his truck into a home in Cold Spring last week.

According to the Cold Spring Fire Company, just before 6 p.m. March 14, firefighters, along with EMS, the Cold Spring Police Department, and Putnam County Sheriff's Office were called to a house on Route 9D for a report of a single-vehicle crash into a residence.

Although two individuals were inside the home at the time of the crash, no injuries were reported, noted Sheriff Brian Hess.

Crews shut down the roadway, redirected traffic, and kept bystanders clear of the damaged home. Firefighters remained on-scene coordinating with Central Hudson Gas & Electric and the town building inspector to evaluate the structure and ensure the area was safe before clearing the incident.

According to Hess, deputies determined that the operator and sole occupant of the vehicle, Zachary Freeman, 39, was intoxicated when he drove off the roadway and struck the home. He was charged first-degree reckless

endangerment, a felony; aggravated driving while intoxicated and DWI, misdemeanors; and moving from lane unsafely, a traffic infraction.

Freeman was arraigned in Philipstown Town Court and released on his own recognizance

**Looking For  
Something to Do?  
Check Out Our  
Community Events  
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### We Will Miss

#### Carmel

**Daisy Castro**, 60, March 15. Yorktown Funeral Home, Shrub Oak, (914) 962-0700.

#### Cold Spring

**Joseph Anthony Percacciolo III**, 72, March 13. Clinton Inc Funeral Homes, Cold Spring, (845) 265-3333.

#### Mahopac

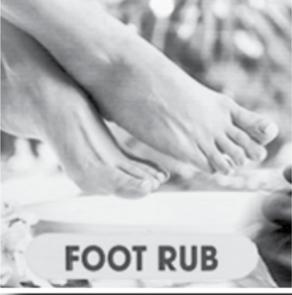
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# NAMI-Putnam Raises Awareness at Brewster H.S.

Speakers from the National Alliance on Mental Illness recently ran an evidence-based, 50-minute mental health awareness program for Rebecca Archer's health classes at Brewster High School. The presentation is unique in its "two-leader" model, as it pairs a lead facilitator who provides clinical facts and warning signs with a young adult speaker who shares their personal journey of recovery.

Chris Guar has been serving in several NAMI-Westchester and NAMI-Putnam programs for over 10 years. He is a trained NAMI Connection peer facilitator, Ending the Silence lead/young adult presenter, Faithnet member, and peer-to-peer mentor.

Todd Matthews is a community and faith leader and longtime advocate for mental health awareness, suicide prevention, and disability inclusion. He serves on the board of NAMI-Putnam and is a certified presenter for NAMI's Ending the Silence program.

Lucille Ettere is a volunteer with various non-profit organizations who share a mission of educating, advocating, and supporting mental wellness. She is



Chris Guar, Todd Matthews, and Lucille Ettere stopped by Rebecca Archer's health classes to discuss the stigma around mental health illness.

a member of the Putnam County Suicide Task Force, serves on the board of NAMI-Putnam, volunteers for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, and created the Nicole Ettere Memorial Gardens Foundation – a non-profit that supports suicide loss survivors by building gardens of hope and healing and providing support groups for loss survivors.

During the program, students were able to ask questions

to gain understanding of an often-misunderstood topic. By putting a human face to mental illness, the program empowers students to recognize the symptoms of mental health conditions in themselves or their peers and provides a clear "how-to" for seeking help.

Research shows the program is highly effective in reducing stigma and increasing the likelihood that students will reach out to a trusted adult when in need.

## Nutrition Corner

By Allison J. Stowell  
MS, RD, CDN



## Global Goodness

Did you know that you can explore global flavors as a guide to balanced, nutrient-rich dishes? At first it might be intimidating to recreate your favorite flavors in your own kitchen. Start with small changes to traditional meals like a rice dish, barbecue or a simple sandwich. Explore supermarket aisles to create unique dishes and recipes, right at home.

**Produce section:** Look beyond the usual carrots, cucumbers and greens and add produce to your cart that helps you bring global flavors to your plate. Go for Daikon radish, Thai basil, cilantro, chili peppers, ginger or jicama for example. These herbs and vegetables help you bring different flavors and spices to your dish, with little effort.

**Pantry staples:** Building a pantry with global flavors takes a bit but leads to easy dishes with big flavors. In some cases, it will be small shifts, like using Basmati rice or rice noodles to change a dish. In other cases, you may need fish sauce, rice vinegar, and tamari to blend into an Asian inspired marinade. There are some dried spices that help too like Garam Masala, curry powder, coriander, ground ginger, cardamon, chipotle chili, smoked paprika, and Chinese Five Spice.

**Packaged products:** There are several Guiding Stars-earning packaged products at your supermarket that help you create easy plates with global flavors. You'll be able to pass on takeout, save money, and control ingredients when you add these items to your cart. Look for pre-cooked lentils, beans and grains with added spices, microwaveable pouches of veggies in Tikka Masala sauce, and nuts and seeds flavored with spices (to make a unique breading!).

For more ideas, check out my blog post at [GuidingStars.com](http://GuidingStars.com)!

Allison Stowell MS, RD, CDN is a registered dietitian for Hannaford Supermarket. For more information about free, virtual nutrition classes and more, visit [Hannaford.com/dietitians](http://Hannaford.com/dietitians). To learn

more about the Guiding Stars nutrition guidance program, visit [GuidingStars.com](http://GuidingStars.com).

### Shrimp and Veggie Fried Rice Hannaford.com (1 Guiding Stars)

Quick, colorful, and better than takeout, this shrimp and veggie fried rice is weeknight dinner made easy. Packed with tender shrimp, crisp veggies, and fluffy rice, it's ready in minutes with just one pan.

- Ingredients:**
- 1 medium onion
  - 1 small bell pepper, seeds removed
  - 1 (8 - oz.) pkg. whole mushrooms
  - 1 ½ cups broccoli florets
  - 1 (12 - oz.) pkg. peeled & deveined large raw shrimp, tails removed
  - 2 Tbsp. vegetable oil
  - 3 cups packed fresh baby spinach
  - 2 Tbsp. reduced-sodium soy sauce (or low sodium tamari)
  - 4 cups cooked rice

- Steps:**
1. Finely chop onion. Chop bell pepper, mushrooms and broccoli. Pat shrimp dry and season with salt and pepper.
  2. In a large wok or deep 12-inch skillet, heat oil over medium-high. Add shrimp and cook until opaque, 2-3 minutes per side. Transfer to a bowl.
  3. To same skillet, add onion and bell pepper. Cook 2 minutes, stirring often. Reduce heat to medium. Add mushrooms, broccoli and ¼ cup water, scraping up any browned bits. Season with salt. Cover skillet and cook until broccoli stems are tender, stirring occasionally, 3-4 minutes.
  4. To same skillet, stir in spinach until wilted. Increase heat to high. Add soy sauce and rice. Cook until rice is hot, stirring constantly, about 3 minutes. Stir in cooked shrimp. Season with salt to taste and serve immediately.

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## Simple Chicken Stir-Fry

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**Simple Chicken Stir-Fry**

- Ingredients:**
- 2 Minute Sticky Rice Cups
  - 2 tablespoons sesame oil
  - 1 pound boneless, skinless chicken breast, cut into thin strips
  - 1 cup mixed vegetables
  - 3 tablespoons soy sauce
  - 2 green onions, chopped
  - 1 tablespoon sesame seeds (optional)



**Directions:**  
Heat rice according to package directions.

In large skillet or wok over medium-high heat, heat sesame oil. Add chicken and saute 6 minutes until chicken is evenly browned and cooked through.

Add mixed vegetables to skillet and stir-fry 4 minutes, or until tender but still crisp.

Add cooked sticky rice to

skillet. Pour in soy sauce and mix thoroughly, ensuring rice is evenly coated and heated through.

Remove from heat, stir in chopped green onions; garnish with sesame seeds, if desired; and serve hot.

**Tips:** Chicken can be substituted for shrimp or tofu. Frozen vegetables can be used in place of fresh; cook 5 minutes, or until cooked through.

Servings: 2-4  
Source: Minute Rice

# Putnam Valley Biz Owner Launches Legislature Campaign

With roots in Putnam Valley and 22 years as a business owner in Oregon Corners, Maia Gilleo said she has spent hundreds of hours listening to her neighbors' concerns. Now, she is running for Putnam County Legislature to represent District 2.



Maia Gilleo

"I'm ready to ask the tough questions, demand serious answers, and fight for the change we need," she said.

Gilleo said she has no interest in joining "the old boys and girls club or in the stale ideas that have paralyzed our county," instead convinced the county can't build a solid future by chipping away at how things have always been done.

The candidate has asked why Putnam Valley taxpayers have to travel so far to access the same services Carmel taxpayers do, why the county doesn't provide public transport to most disabled Putnam Valley residents, why there's no long-term strategy for economic development, and

why the county doesn't have domestic violence prevention programs or activities to keep teens off drugs.

She also asked: Why did the county spend a fortune on Oregon Corners and do nothing to make it attractive? Why do we have no plan to deal

with a local alcoholism rate above the state average? And why doesn't the county spend "serious money" on trades, especially since artificial intelligence is changing the employment landscape?

"Let's prepare the next generation by creating internships with local tradespeople for BOCES students," said Gilleo.

The candidate is holding her first meet-and-greet March 27 from 6 to 8 p.m., at Image Salon, 9A Oscawana Lake Road.

"Let's talk about what is troubling you and the new directions you think we should take," she said.



Easter egg hunts have been a tradition across Putnam County for years.

## Ready, Set, Hunt!

### Easter Celebrations Planned Across Putnam

A number of Easter celebrations and egg hunts are scheduled this weekend and next across Putnam County.

The Town of Carmel Recreation & Parks Department will host an egg hunt Saturday, March 28 at Airport Park in Mahopac. Win prizes, meet the Easter Bunny, enjoy hot dogs provided by the Mahopac Rotary Club, and more.

Ages 4 and younger hunt on field one at 11:30 a.m., and kids age 5 to 8 hunt on field two at noon. For residents only. Register online.

The Town of Southeast Parks & Recreation Department will host an Eggstravaganza for kids age 2 through fifth grade in the Brewster Central School District, on Saturday, March 28 at noon (rain date Sunday, March 29) on the turf field behind JFK Elementary School in Brewster.

The event is free but tickets are required. Sign up at [www.southeastnyparksandrec.org](http://www.southeastnyparksandrec.org).

The Town of Kent Recreation & Parks Department will host an egg hunt for ages 13 and younger Saturday, March 28 (rain date is April 4) at Edward Ryan

Memorial Park, at 10:30 and 11:30 a.m., and 12:30 p.m.

Scramble for as much candy, toys, and goodies as you can get. Registration is required, at <https://secure.rec1.com/NY/kent-ny/catalog>.

Pegasus Therapeutic Riding in Brewster will host its annual egg hunt Saturday, March 28 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the farm. There will be crafts, a bake sale, time with the horses, and more. The cost is \$20 per car. Sign up at [signupgenius.com](http://signupgenius.com).

Patterson Library will host a

tween Easter egg hunt Monday, March 30 at 11 a.m., for youth age 11 to 15 in the library park. See what prizes you can win. Register at [pattersonlibrary.org](http://pattersonlibrary.org).

Putnam Valley Parks & Recreation will host an egg hunt April 1 at 5:30 p.m., at Leonard Wagner Memorial Park. Find the golden egg, guess the number of jelly beans in the jar, make a craft, enjoy music and dancing, and more. Don't forget your baskets.

There will be three age groups, from toddler to fourth grade.

## Fair Street Closure Notice

Carmel residents and commuters are on notice that Fair Street will be closed from March 27 to April 5.

According to Putnam County Department of Public Works Commissioner Tommy Feighery, for those 10 days, only local traffic will be allowed as crews replace two aging culverts between DeColores Drive and Glenna Drive.

"We understand this is a major roadway in the Town of Carmel and we know a closure like this will be disruptive to residents, commuters, and nearby businesses," he said. "But we've reviewed all of our options, and this temporary closure is the most efficient and safest way to complete this critical phase of the project."

By closing the road, contractors can work around the clock, using heavy equipment to remove the old culverts and put new precast ones in their place. Doing so will also speed up construction and reduce the overall cost of the project, according to Feighery.

"We've planned this closure to coincide with spring break at Carmel High School, which will help minimize traffic impacts in the area," he said.

Detours will be marked and traffic control personnel will be onsite during this time. Feighery said local traffic will still be able to access their homes, but no through-traffic will be allowed.

"This culvert replacement is a major milestone in the Fair Street reconstruction project," he

said, noting that, later this year, people will see a new entrance to the high school, realignment of Vink Drive, new sidewalks, street lighting, traffic signals, a turning lane onto Route 52, and paving.

"When it is finalized later this fall, Fair Street will be safer, stronger, and better able to serve the greater Carmel community for decades to come," said Feighery.



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# Putnam County Community Events

## Ballot Applications for Garrison School Board

Absentee ballot applications, early mail voter ballot applications, and military voter absentee ballot applications are now available for the 2026 Garrison school budget vote and board election, at [www.gufs.org/44298\\_2](http://www.gufs.org/44298_2). For more information regarding the applications, or questions about this year's school budget vote and board election, contact the district clerk at [dcallo@gufs.org](mailto:dcallo@gufs.org) or 845-424-3689, ext. 550.

## Suicide Loss

### Survivors Support

The Nicole Etere Memorial Gardens Foundation hosts a Sharing Hearts Support Group for suicide loss survivors the first and third Mondays of each month from 6:30 to 8 p.m., at the Philipstown Behavioral Health Hub, 3590 Route 9, Suite 109, Cold Spring; and the second and fourth Monday of each month from 6:30 to 8 p.m., at Spain Cornerstone Park, 1 Fair St., Carmel. Free. No registration required.

## Tuesday, March 24

### IDA Meeting

The Putnam County IDA will meet Tuesday, March 24 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.

### Table Talk

CoveCare Center will hold Table Talk Tuesdays, including dinner and conversation about living a drug-free life, at the following locations: Gaetano Pizza & Café in Brewster on March 24, and Cold Spring Pizza on March 31. All events begin at 6 p.m. Reservations are required at [prevention@covecarecenter.org](mailto:prevention@covecarecenter.org). Adults must be present with their children/teens.

### Brushes & Blooms

Welcome spring with a relaxed acrylic paint led by artist Sarah Miller Totten on March 24 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at Reed Memorial Library in Carmel. Participants will follow step-by-step guidance while creating a seasonal painting in a calm, supportive setting. Registration is required at [carmellibrary.org/calendar](http://carmellibrary.org/calendar).

### Pixel Pets

Youth age 7 to 12 are invited to Brewster Public Library on Tuesday, March 24 at 4:30 p.m., to design and build a Tamagotchi-inspired pixelated pet using cardboard and other craft materials. Registration required at [brewsterlibrary.org](http://brewsterlibrary.org).

### NAMI Workshops

The National Alliance on Mental Illness-Putnam County will host an eight-week "Family to Family" caregiver educational program Tuesdays, March 24 through May 12, from 6 to 8 p.m., at the MHA Engagement Center, 1620 Route 22, Brewster. A workshop for family members, partners, and friends of loved ones who have been diagnosed with a mental health condition. Understand diagnosis, care, treatment, medication, advocacy, and more. Register at [www.mha-putnam.org](http://www.mha-putnam.org) or call 845-363-1478.

### Road Closed

Route 6N will be closed between Pine Tree Lane and Trailer Court in Mahopac from March 24 through May 22 for a culvert re-

placement project. Drivers should use the posted detour and plan for possible delays.

## Wednesday, March 25

### Pollinator Gardening

Cornell Cooperative Extension-Putnam County will present "Garden Planning: Planting a Pollinator Garden" on Wednesday, March 25 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., via Zoom. Learn the whys and hows of planting for pollinators. \$5 suggested donation Register at [cceptutnamcounty.org/events](http://cceptutnamcounty.org/events).

### College Planning

Confused about college admissions? Learn directly from trusted admissions expert Judy Marano of Educational Awareness on Wednesday, March 25 at 6:30 p.m., at Patterson Library. Families will leave with a realistic roadmap and practical guidance customized for freshmen, sophomores, and juniors. To register, go to [www.pattersonlibrary.org](http://www.pattersonlibrary.org).

### Unclaimed Funds

Putnam County Legislator Bill Gouldman and the New York State Comptroller's Office are encouraging residents to search for forgotten money belonging to them at the Putnam Valley German American Club on Wednesday, March 25 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. There are 156,900 unclaimed accounts, valued at \$27,336,000, still owed to Putnam County residents.

### Egg Hunt

The Town of Carmel Recreation & Parks Department will hold an Easter egg hunt Saturday, March 25 at noon sharp at Airport Park. DJ, lunch, and more. Residents only; kids through second grade. Free. Bring a basket.

## Thursday, March 26

### Open Mic Coffeehouse

The Town of Southeast Cultural Arts Coalition will host an Aries Coffeehouse open mic Thursday, March 26 at 7:30 p.m., at Studio Around the Corner, 67 Main St., Brewster. Hosted by Brittany Carasco. \$5. Music, poetry, comedy and more.

## Friday, March 27

### Road Closure

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## Saturday, March 28

### Eggstravaganzas

**Pegasus in Brewster** will hold its annual Easter egg hunt Saturday, March 28, with time slots from 10 a.m. to noon, rain or shine. \$20 per car. All ages. Bring a basket. Register at <https://pegasustr.org/egghunt>.

The Town of Carmel will host an egg hunt Saturday, March 28 at **Airport Park in Mahopac**. Ages 4 and younger hunt on field one at 11:30 a.m., and kids age 5 to 8 hunt on field two at noon. For residents only. Register online.

The Town of Southeast will host an Eggstravaganza for kids age 2 through fifth grade in the Brewster Central School District, on Saturday, March 28 at noon (rain date Sunday, March 29) on the turf field

behind **JFK Elementary School in Brewster**. The event is free but tickets are required. Sign up at [www.southeastnyparksandrec.org](http://www.southeastnyparksandrec.org).

The Town of Kent will host an egg hunt for ages 13 and younger Saturday, March 28 (rain date is April 4) at **Edward Ryan Memorial Park**, at 10:30 and 11:30 a.m., and 12:30 p.m. Registration is required, at <https://secure.recl.com/NY/kent-ny/catalog>.

### The Birds Are Back

Join Cornell Cooperative Extension-Putnam County to look and listen for migrating birds as they pass through on the way to their summer nesting quarters, Saturday, March 28 from 8 a.m. to noon at Tilly Foster Farm in Brewster. Volunteers from Bedford Audubon and staff from Soldiers2Scientists will be on hand to help navigate the world of birding. There is a tiered registration of \$0, \$10, and \$20. Registration is required at [cceptutnamcounty.org/events](http://cceptutnamcounty.org/events).

### '18th Century

#### Women in Song'

Mahopac Public Library will present "Remember the Ladies: 18th Century Women in Song" on Saturday, March 28 at noon. Enjoy a musical journey featuring songs of 18th-century women at work, in love, as patriots, and in mourning. Interwoven with diary excerpts and letters of the period, the program highlights stories of Deborah Sampson, Martha Washington, Abigail Adams, and other women of the era. Register at [www.mahopaclibrary.org](http://www.mahopaclibrary.org).

## Sunday, March 29

### Marc Berger Live

Marc Berger, a nationally touring artist located in Pawling, will perform Sunday, March 29 at 2 p.m., at Mahopac Public Library. Inspired by his love of the American West, Berger's band, RIDE, features recordings that capture the vastness and romance of the West while exploring its deep roots in the American psyche. Ages 18 and older. Register at [www.mahopaclibrary.org](http://www.mahopaclibrary.org).

## Monday, March 30

### Relay for Life Benefit Dinner

The Italian American Club of Mahopac invites the community to an Italian dinner to benefit Relay for Life on Monday, March 30 from 5 to 9 p.m., at 141 Buckshollow Road. A four-course meal, music, raffles, laughter, and Italian hospitality. Complimentary glass of wine for adults. \$40 for non-members, \$35 for members and seniors, \$10 for children under 10. RSVP by March 25 to Linda Cefaloni at 914-582-4373 or Giulio Cefaloni at 845-745-2655.

### College Planning

Reed Memorial Library in Carmel will present "From Kindergarten to College: Understanding NY's 529 Direct Plan" on March 30 from noon to 1 p.m. Whether you're just starting to think ahead or already saving, this presentation by Steven Tommasone of Ascensus Government Savings will help you learn how NY's 529 Direct Plan can help you save for a child's future education and understand your options. Registration is required at [carmellibrary.org/calendar](http://carmellibrary.org/calendar).

### 'Up'

Kids age 4 and older, and their families, are invited to Brewster Public Library on Monday, March 30 at 5 p.m. to watch "Up." Watch Carl, Russell, and their flying house embark on an unforgettable adventure, then stick around to create a craft inspired by the movie. Popcorn will be served. Rated PG. Registration required at [brewsterlibrary.org](http://brewsterlibrary.org).

### Diamond Painting

Design a shimmering work of art using colorful resin gems Monday, March 30 at 4 p.m., at Brewster Public Library. For ages 13 to 17. Registration required at [brewsterlibrary.org](http://brewsterlibrary.org).

### Winter Play

Preschoolers age 3 to 5 can play at different stations, build with blocks and LEGOs, get creative at the craft table, and sing at Brewster Public Library on Monday, March 30 at 9 p.m. Registration is required at [brewsterlibrary.org](http://brewsterlibrary.org).

### Easter Celebration

Patterson Library will host a tween Easter egg hunt Monday, March 30 at 11 a.m., for youth age 11 to 15 in the library park. See what prizes you can win. Register at [pattersonlibrary.org](http://pattersonlibrary.org).

## Tuesday, March 31

### Jellybean Bingo

Children age 6 and older are invited to celebrate spring with jelly beans and games during Jellybean Bingo on Tuesday, March 31 at 11 a.m., at Reed Memorial Library in Carmel. Registration is required at [carmellibrary.org](http://carmellibrary.org) or 845-225-2439.

### Math Games

Kids in kindergarten through grade five, along with a parent or caregiver, will have the chance to play eight different math games and win prizes Tuesday, March 31 at 1 p.m., at Mahopac Public Library. Those who complete all activities will receive a goody bag. Led by the math specialists at Mathnasium. Register at [www.mahopaclibrary.org](http://www.mahopaclibrary.org) or call 845-628-2009, ext. 139.

### Genre Jumpers

Genre Jumpers takes on "My Antonia" by Willa Cather on March 31 from 4:15 to 5:15 p.m. at Reed Memorial Library in Carmel. Considered Cather's first masterpiece, "My Antonia" is celebrated for its vivid portrait of the American West, its deep emotional warmth, and its enduring exploration of memory, friendship, and the frontier spirit. Registration is required at [carmellibrary.org/calendar](http://carmellibrary.org/calendar).

### Seussical Science

Kids age 4 to 6 may celebrate Dr. Seuss Week at Brewster Public Library with a special program featuring Bartholomew and the Oobleck, on Tuesday, March 31 at 4:45 p.m. Enjoy a storytime and make your own Oobleck to take home. Registration is required at [brewsterlibrary.org](http://brewsterlibrary.org).

## Wednesday, April 1

### Marshmallow Peep Houses

Children age 6 and older are invited to make a marshmallow peep house out of graham crackers and jellybeans April 1 at 11 a.m., at Reed Memorial Library in Carmel. Registration is required at [carmellibrary.org](http://carmellibrary.org) or 845-225-2439.

### Library Meetings

Reed Memorial Library's Board of Trustees will meet April 1, May 6, June 3, July 1, Aug. 5, Sept. 2, Oct. 7, Nov. 4, and Dec. 2, in Carmel.

### Puppetry Workshop

Join Paper Hearts puppeteer Brad Shure for a workshop and puppet show for kids in grades two to six on Wednesday, April 1 at 1 p.m., at Mahopac Public Library. Build simple puppet characters from recycled cardboard, then join the puppeteer in an improvised performance. Children should be able to work independently but caregivers need to stay in the library for the duration of the program. Register at [www.mahopaclibrary.org](http://www.mahopaclibrary.org) or call 845-628-2009, ext. 139.

### Egg Hunt

Putnam Valley Parks & Recreation will host an egg hunt April 1 at 5:30 p.m., at Leonard Wagner Memorial Park. Don't forget your baskets. There will be three age groups, from toddler to fourth grade.

## Thursday, April 2

### Community Chat

The Reed Memorial Library in Carmel will present its new monthly "community chat" with Director Denise Martens on April 2 from 4 to 6 p.m., May 8 from 3 to 5 p.m., June 15 from noon to 2 p.m. Learn about what's happening with your library. Email [devans.durkin@carmellibrary.org](mailto:devans.durkin@carmellibrary.org) with questions.

### Councilwomen

#### Office Hours

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

### Dave Keyes

Dave Keyes will perform Thursday, April 2 at 6:30 p.m., at Patterson Library. He is a keyboardist, singer, and songwriter with 40 years in the blues and American roots Scene. Adults age 18 and older. To register, call 845-878-6121 or go to [www.pattersonlibrary.org](http://www.pattersonlibrary.org).

### Drop-In Craft

Kids in kindergarten through grade five can drop by Mahopac Public Library on Thursday, April 2 between 10 a.m. and noon, and 1 and 3 p.m., to decorate a pet rock, along with a nest for it to rest in. No registration necessary.

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# Mahopac Middle School 'Howls' for Pi Day

Mahopac Middle School marked Pi Day with a daylong celebration that brought students and staff together for a mix of math-themed activities, school spirit, and community giving.

As part of the festivities, the school hosted a weeklong food drive to benefit Putnam Community Action Partnership, collecting more than 350 items. Students earned raffle entries for their donations, adding an extra layer of excitement and encouraging participation throughout the week.

The celebration kicked off with a custom music video created by members of the math department, and education technology specialist Jason Zides, setting a fun and energetic tone for the day. During lunch periods, students gathered outside the cafeteria to take part in interactive math games and activities.

A highlight of the event was a building-wide scavenger hunt in which students searched for hidden miniature wolves throughout the school and exchanged them for prizes.

"It was so fun," said Gia Bernardo. "I loved the prizes and the little wolves, and it was great learning more about pi."

Math teacher Morissa Townsend said the event was a meaningful way to bring the school community together.



Mahopac middle-schoolers - and teachers - spent March 14 celebrating Pi Day.

"It was wonderful to see the entire building come together to celebrate one of mathematics' national holidays," she said. "The energy and enthusiasm from students and staff made this truly special, and we're excited to continue this tradition."

## Plant Sale

The Brewster-Carmel Garden Club is holding its annual plant sale featuring a large selection of annuals, perennials, herbs, hanging baskets, and potted plants, all grown at Kurtz Farms in Cheshire, Conn.

The order deadline is Tuesday, April 7, and pickup is Wednesday, May 6 from 1 to 4 p.m., at Lake Tonetta Park, 140 Pumphouse Road, Brewster. Payment by cash or check is due at pickup.

Orders of \$500 or more come with a free hanging basket. Place your order at <https://forms.gle/wwDHGMgwD17uLmqN9>.

This event is the club's annual fundraiser.

The Brewster-Carmel Garden Club is active in the community as sponsors of two scholarships for students from Carmel and Brewster high schools who plan to pursue studies in horticulture or related environmental sciences. It conducts educational programs at both Reed Memorial Library in Carmel and Kent Public Library.

"We also purchase plants, maintain, and beautify Milltown Cemetery, Brewster library, Southeast Town Hall, and the Bluestar Memorial at the train station," stated the club. "In Carmel, we maintain the Reed Memorial Library, Cornerstone Park, the Sybil Ludington statue, the Blue Star Memorial, and the county and law offices."

In addition, the club has a garden therapy program at Putnam Hospital.

"We decorate and donate wreaths to honor the veterans, decorate the Walter Brewster House at Christmas along with the Christmas tree at Putnam Hospital, and we create centerpieces for the Friends of Kent Library for their annual holiday fundraiser," stated the club.

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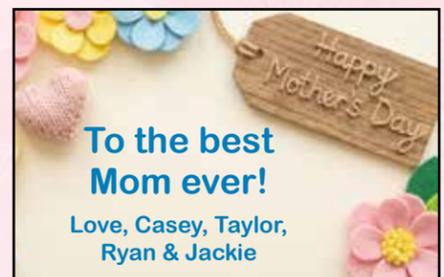
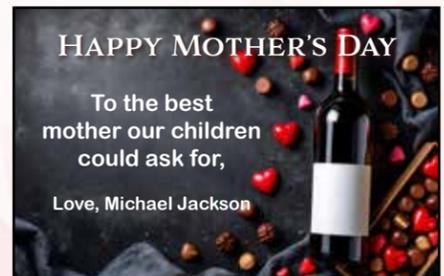
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# Haldane Youth Learn a Little Jig



Haldane Central School District Superintendent Dr. Gail Duffy hosted a special assembly on St. Patrick's Day to share about her childhood as an Irish step dancer and pass along some moves to young learners.



# DID YOU CATCH THE LEPRECHAUN?



Young builders stopped by Kent Public Library on St. Patrick's Day to create leprechaun traps. Using pots, pipe cleaners, cotton balls, "gold" coins, and more, kids designed creations they hoped would catch the holiday rascal. There were ladders, tunnels, fluffy disguises, and plenty of sparkly bait.




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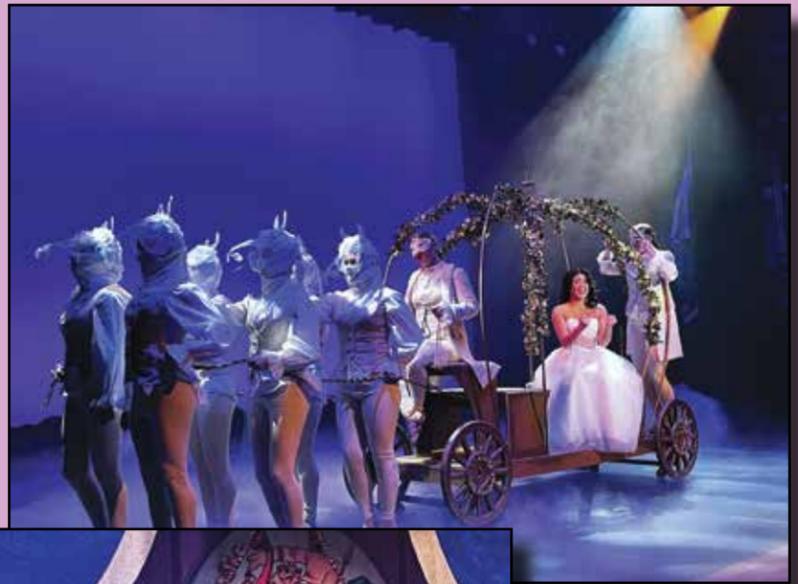
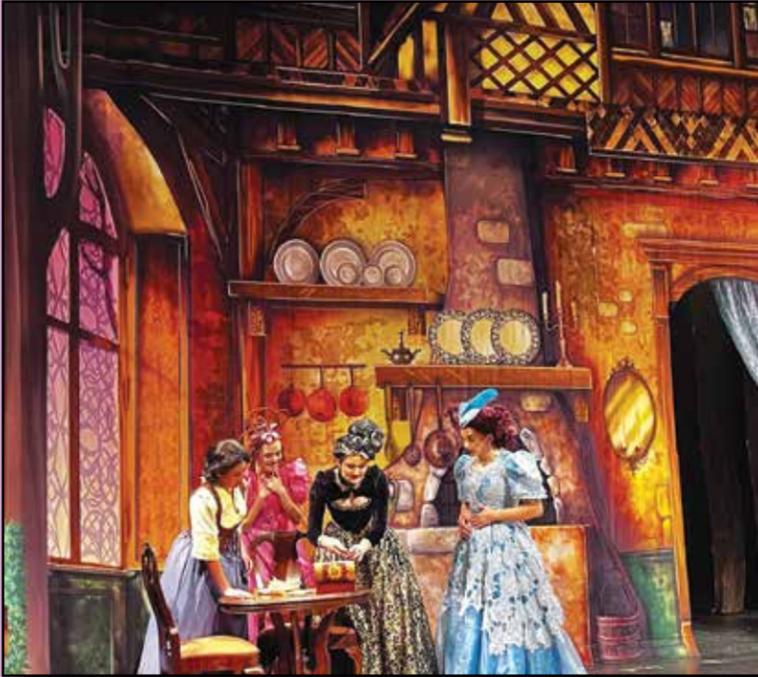
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# BHS Makes Impossible Things Happen With 'Cinderella'



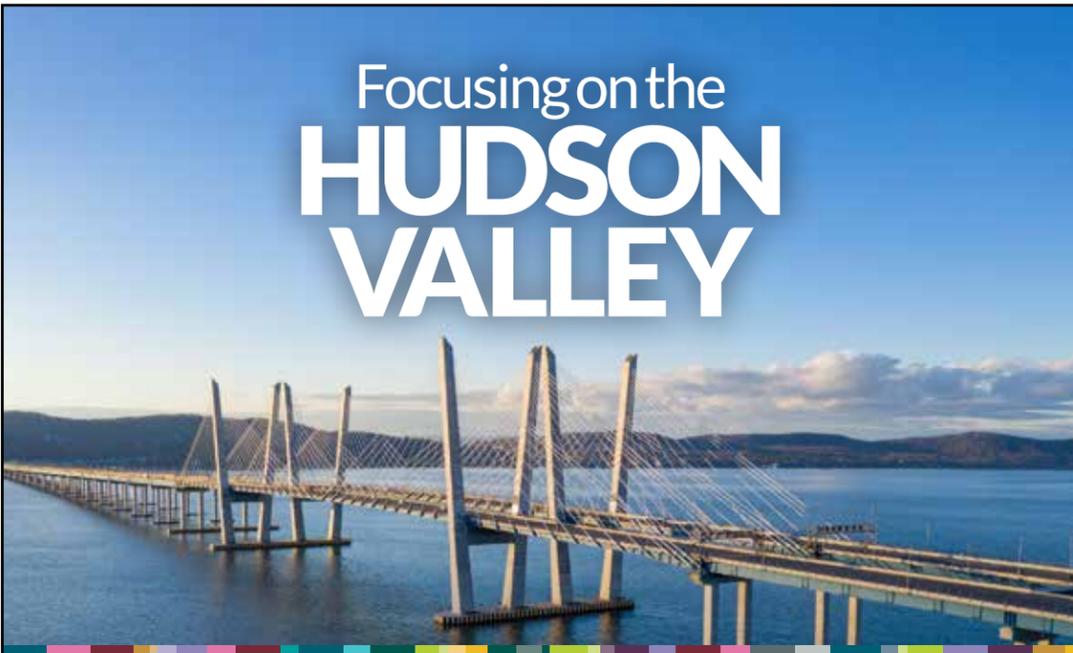
Brewster High School Performing Arts students wowed crowds March 19 to 22 with its production of "Rogers & Hammerstein's Cinderella."

The vibrant, large-scale show with beautiful sets, smokey scenes, and cool lighting highlighted the talent of more than 100 students, featuring over 100 costumes and 25 wigs that helped transform the stage into a fairytale world.



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Students in Glenn Palmieri's carpentry workshop.

## Brewster Carpentry Students Build Bench for Land Trust

By Michael Gold

The sweet smell of southern yellow pine wood fills the air of Glenn Palmieri's carpentry workshop. The classroom is stocked with sheets of wood, drill bits, saws, mallets, and other tools as Brewster High School make a wooden bench for the Putnam County Land Trust.

When they're done, Glenn's father, Ernie Palmieri, who is a trustee for the land trust, will stain the wood to complete the project.

Once it's finished, the bench will be placed on a PCLT preserve so visitors can rest after a hike or simply take a moment to admire the beauty of one of the preserves. The wood has been pressure-treated so the bench can withstand the rigors of rain, snow, wind, and moisture, and endure for years.

Before that happens, the finished bench will be displayed at the PCLT's annual gala at the Centennial Golf Club in Carmel on April 11.

This project is planned as the first of many for the trust, as Palmieri's classes plan to build an information kiosk, then more benches.

"My father and I taught together at our private studio for years together," said Palmeri. "We constantly donate to different charity fundraisers. He recently became a board member and was curious if my carpentry students were interested... I said sure and immediately applied for a grant from the Brewster Education Foundation."

The grant will cover the bench, possibly a second one, and a few signs and kiosks.

"Being an avid outdoorsy person myself, I thought this was a great way to give back to open spaces that create trails for people to enjoy," said Palmeri. "With spring upon us, this seemed like a great way for these awesome seniors to make things that will be used by countless Putnam County residents as they enjoy being outside."

And students are happy to support PCLT.

"I think the land trust's mission is very important and smart,"

said Beckett Grutzner. "Keeping the land preserved is important for the ecosystems and animals around... Tearing down trees and wildlife is not something we should be doing."

Patrick Williams said the project is important for the community. "It will allow us to provide a better habitat to our local animals and a place for people to explore nature in a way that they are not disturbing the environment," he said.

Chase Prohaszka provided an explanation of how the classes worked to develop the project – using chop saws and T-squares to make the support frames.

"When putting the bench together, you have to use screws and glue to make sure the structure is very strong," he said. "But we are using hidden screws to make the project look better and more professional, which also increases the value in these projects."

Palmieri started as a carpentry teacher in the middle school in 2019 and began teaching at the high school last year. The school offers five sections of beginning carpentry and one section of advanced carpentry, as well as home repair classes.

The carpentry 1 class is building a 12-by-8-foot house in the classroom. "They will learn how to frame, run electrical, install windows, sheetrock, tile, install wood flooring, spackle, install vinyl siding, and roof," said Palmieri.

The "home repair" class will learn to repair things along the way as the house is being built. "We are currently installing sinks and learning about fixing plumbing," explained the teacher.

Palmieri and his father run Bentwood Studio in Carmel. He helped build the papal throne and lectern for Pope Benedict for the pope's papal youth rally in Yonkers in 2008. He also constructed furnishings for a Ground Zero mass by the pope at the site of the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center, also in 2008.

Michael Gold is a trustee with the Putnam County Land Trust.

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# BOCES Students Rank High in Regional Competition

Putnam/Northern Westchester BOCES barbering students were razor sharp at the SkillsUSA Regional Competition.

Stacy Rella's students, who took first, second, and third place in barbering, are among the Career & Technical Education students headed to Syracuse next month for the New York State SkillsUSA Leadership & Skills Championships.

The students plied their trades in front of judges at Southern Westchester BOCES on Feb. 28.

Christopher Jadan from Peekskill High School took first place in barbering, Kevin Landaverry of Brewster came in second, and Kristofer Kazani from Mahopac came in third.

Two Pawling students won medals. Shelby Strehle, a New Visions veterinary science student, came in third in the animal careers category, and Joshua Litt took the third spot in carpentry.

Microcomputer technology had a strong showing with two students winning for cybersecurity.



Students of Putnam/Northern Westchester BOCES recently won medals in a regional contest.

Joshua Leon from Mahopac took second place honors and Jayden Ventura of Walter Panas followed in third place.

Lakeland's Owen McManus, a construction electricity student, placed second in the electrical construction wiring competition.

CTE students also competed

in advertising design, culinary arts, esthetics, heavy equipment, information technology services, job interview, quiz bowl, and welding. Three microcomputer technology students also received additional certifications in IT hardware, software and systems support, and security.

# Health Department Travel Clinics Begin

The Putnam County Department of Health has kicked off its 2026 monthly travel clinics.

Health department nurses suggest getting any necessary vaccines at least two months before travel, and already some Putnam travelers have scheduled their appointments. Clinics will continue on the second Friday of each month, from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m., and appointments are required by calling 845-808-1332.

"Overseas travel can present health challenges that Putnam residents don't normally face at home," said Health Director Rian Rodriguez. "It is important to begin gathering information early in your planning stage. Some countries do require specific vaccines before entering, but others do not. It is also important to remember that healthy travel is much more than just getting required shots. Our nurses not only provide vaccines, but also guidance about other health risks you may encounter, even if they are not new."

A variety of travel vaccines are in stock at the health department, according to Rebeca Garcia, immunization coordinator. "The most common immunizations we give for travel are typhoid, hepatitis A, rabies, and yellow fever," she said.

In fact, the health department is a registered yellow fever vaccination center and provides certificates of vaccination for this potentially deadly mosquito-borne illness.

Insect bite and sun protection,

along with food and water safety, are some of the health challenges travelers may face abroad and may be to a greater degree than usual. These concerns can be met with many of the same tried-and-true practices from home.

One common-sense, yet far-reaching travel tip is to pack the most effective insect repellent, typically with 25 to 30 percent DEET, according to "Consumer Reports" magazine. Illnesses spread by mosquitoes account for about 17 percent of all infectious diseases globally, noted the World Health Organization.

When it comes to food considerations while away, helpful tips come from the department's staff that inspect restaurants and provide food safety education year-round.

"Depending on the sanitary conditions in your destination, travelers may want to take the extra precautions," said Mitch Lee, a senior public health sanitarian. "Eat only hot foods that are steaming and cold foods that are chilled. Avoid raw foods, fresh salads, cut fruit, street food, local game meat, and unpasteurized dairy. Dry or factory-sealed packaged foods are generally safe."

With beverages, Lee advises avoiding tap water, ice, fountain drinks, and freshly squeezed juices prepared by others.

"Bottled or canned drinks from sealed containers and repu-

table sources, or hot drinks served steaming are the best choices," he said. "It is also a good idea to brush your teeth with bottled or boiled water, and as always wash your hands before eating and preparing food."



Putnam County Sheriff's Office Capt. Corrine Pitt was recognized by the County Legislature last week.

# Sheriff's Captain Honored During Women's History Month

In recognition of Women's History Month, the Putnam County Sheriff's Office is celebrating Capt. Corrine Pitt.

Pitt began her law enforcement career in February 2003 with the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office before later joining the PCSO. Throughout her career, she has served in numerous specialized assignments including the Honor Guard, Bike Patrol Unit, Motorcycle Unit, and as a team leader with the Hostage Negotiation Team.

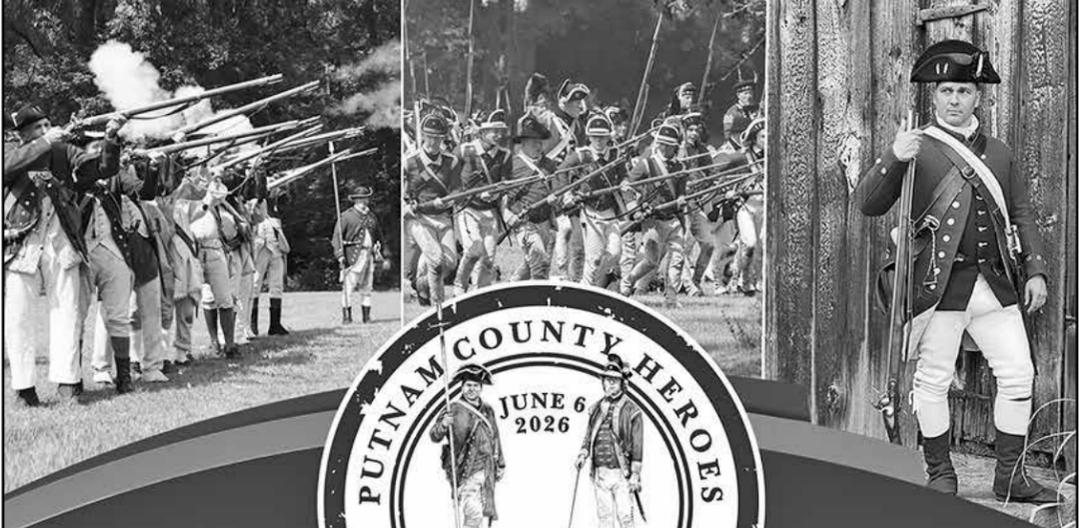
In December 2022, she was promoted to senior investigator within the Bureau of Criminal Investigations, and also served as a task force officer with the Department of Homeland Security.

In December, Pitt was promoted to captain of the Communi-

ty, Safety & Intelligence Division, becoming the first sworn female deputy in the history of the PCSO to rise through the ranks and be promoted to captain.

In recognition of this historic achievement, Pitt was recently presented with a certificate of recognition from Gov. Kathy Hochul, as well as a proclamation from Putnam County Executive Kevin Byrne and the Putnam County Legislature.

Note: While Pitt is the first female to "rise through the ranks and be promoted to captain," in 2017, Lisa Ortolano was appointed to the position of captain by former Sheriff Robert Langley. She did not serve as a sworn deputy at the sheriff's office prior to her appointment.




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## Open Space Institute Bestows Grants

The Open Space Institute recently announced the recipients of its 2026 Malcolm Gordon Charitable Fund Awards – including two area organizations.

Bannerman's Castle Trust has been awarded \$4,000 for outreach and hands-on educational experiences on the Hudson River and at Bannerman Island through community cruises and curriculum-connected field trips for middle school students.

The program uses experiential learning, storytelling, and local history to deepen understanding of river science, geography, and the Hudson Valley's cultural landscape

while fostering welcoming outdoor learning opportunities and a sense of responsibility for the environment.

Hudson River Sloop Clearwater has been awarded \$5,000 for a river exploration program that connects youth and families to the Hudson River through a free day of guided paddling and hands-on ecological learning in Newburgh.

The pilot program intends to remove barriers to river access by providing equipment, instruction, and multilingual support, creating a community-centered program that builds environmental understanding and a sense of belonging on the waterfront.

"The Malcolm Gordon Awards build on the Hudson Valley's long and celebrated community-based environmental efforts by providing critical resources to programs that may not otherwise have the funding to reach their full potential," said Oni Tongo, conservation communities manager at OSI.

"The organizations we invest in are doing thoughtful, creative work, bringing people onto the land and supporting lasting care for the region's natural resources. This year's recipients stood out for their inclusive approaches and for the promise and originality of their educational and cultural programming."

## Recent Arrests

Two Putnam men have been charged with Leandra's Law in separate instances this month.

At about 6:30 p.m. March 4, New York State Police from Brewster responded to assist the Brewster Police Department with a hit-and-run property damage auto accident at the Sinclair gas station on Main Street.

While canvassing the area, troopers located a vehicle matching the description in a rear parking lot on Main Street. The operator, Julian Castillo, 22, of Brewster, reportedly displayed signs of intoxication, and failed standardized field sobriety tests. Two children – ages 9 months and 2 years – were in the vehicle at the time of the crash.

Castillo was taken into custody and provided a breath test that yielded a blood-alcohol concentration of 0.11 percent.

Castillo was charged with two counts of aggravated driving while intoxicated with a child passenger (Leandra's Law), a felony; DWI, a misdemeanor; and vehicle and traffic law violations. He was issued tickets returnable to Brewster Village Court. The children were safely released to a sober third party.

Just before 10 p.m. March 15, NYSP at Stormville arrested Anthony Mercado, 34, of Mahopac, after he was stopped on the Taconic State Parkway in Yorktown and determined to be intoxicated.

According to police, Mercado was stopped for traffic violations and failed standardized field sobriety tests. Three children – ages 3, 7, and 9 – were in the vehicle at the time of the stop.

Mercado was taken into custody and provided a breath test that yielded a blood-alcohol content of 0.12 percent.

He was charged with aggravated DWI with a child passenger (Leandra's Law), a felony; DWI, a misdemeanor; and vehicle and traffic law violations. He was issued tickets returnable to Yorktown Town Court.

The children were safely released to a sober third party.

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An upstate New York man is facing numerous drug and weapons charges after being stopped by Putnam County sheriff's deputies earlier this month.

According to Putnam County Sheriff Brian Hess, at about 6:15

p.m. March 7, deputies stopped Jon Vena, 42, of Bethel, on Bryant Pond Road near Butterfly Lane in Putnam Valley, for not wearing a seatbelt. He was found to have fentanyl, alprazolam (Xanax), metal knuckles, and a sawed-off 20-gauge shotgun inside the vehicle, as well as several imitation air pistols that had been spray-painted black.

Vena was also found to be operating the vehicle while his driver's license was revoked.

He was charged with third-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance-narcotic drug with intent to sell, fourth-degree criminal possession of a narcotic drug, third-degree criminal possession of a weapon-previous conviction, and criminal possession of a firearm, all felonies; as well as seventh-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance and second-degree aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, misdemeanors; and multiple vehicle and traffic law infractions.

Vena was arraigned in Putnam Valley Town Court where he was remanded to the Putnam County Correctional Facility without bail due to prior felony convictions.

## Mahopac School Board Passes Bond Propositions

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successful if propositions four and five pass.

"I go into grocery stores every week in Mahopac and I walk our neighborhoods, and my neighbors are telling me they are getting crushed by the school taxes," said McCracken. "I believe strongly in a strong education system for our kids, but I also believe in having an affordable community. And there are wants and there's needs, and I believe this proposition has more wants than needs for our district."

Trustee Lucy Massafra noted that all the board was doing during the meeting was agreeing to put the questions on the ballot for voters.

"The community has the opportunity to decide if they want the propositions to continue," she said. "These are like a house. If you don't take care of your house every year or every so many years, everything will start to deteriorate and fall apart, and this is a decision that the community can make to bring our campuses to the next level."

Trustee Ben DiLullo said the district needs to get its priorities straight.

"We need to be competitive in special education, we need to be competitive in our Pathways program... maybe we need to hire a business director at some point," he said.

DiLullo noted that the district is proposing a budget with a 0 percent tax increase. However, if proposition six passes, it will cost taxpayers \$9.27 a month, or \$111 a year – which will go specifically to the projects designated, not to general education needs.

Rather, he said the district should increase the budget 2 percent, which will cost taxpayers \$15 a month or \$184 a year – but those funds can be used to serve all students.

"Do we have our priorities right? No we don't," he said. "That is an investment in our

children, not a vanity project for the president of the board."

Trustee Christopher Harrigan disagreed.

"It's not a vanity project, it's to bring this project in line with other districts like Brewster and Somers," he said. "Having fields at the Falls Academy, fixing those fields that have horrible drainage, and the turf that goes down would be able to accommodate more sports than just baseball and softball. You'd be able to put a lot more teams out there if it's turf."

Board President Michael Mongon also defended the proposition.

"This is anything but a vanity project," he said. "I've been in this community a long time. And I've watched our children play in mud for a good portion of that... It's a project that is trying to do something that's not only for our school community and our athletes."

Trustee Jennifer Travis said there is a better use for those tax dollars.

"We don't have space for sensory rooms... we are busting at the seams in our buildings and we have to look ahead," she said. "I can appreciate athletes needing the ball field – I do, but I think we need to educate our students first."

One resident said she understands the desire to save money, but that delaying repairs or upgrades will cost taxpayers more in the long run.

"Right now, it's costing us more because we have to go out to neighboring district schools to play our games because we can't play on our fields," she said. "This is safety. This is not just about athletics."

Former school board member Adam Savino criticized the board for touting a 0 percent budget increase, but spending millions specifically on athletic upgrades.

"When are we going to go back to budgeting to benefit all the students, not just specific groups, special topics, and do what's right?" he asked. "The fields outside are horrible, they need to go; \$10 million? Not so much. But a 0 percent increase – what is that doing down the road?"

Harrigan, Massafra, Mongon, and Trustees Nicole Iacono and Kyle Potter voted in favor of the proposition; McCracken, DiLullo, Travis, and Lisa Carway voted no.

## Putnam Family Escapes Devastating House Fire

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shoes.

As of Friday, the goal of \$80,000 was close to being reached.

In the days following the fire, Louis Arocho, who is a youth pastor and minister at Hopewell Reformed Church in Hopewell Junction, expressed his gratitude to all the local fire departments, EMS services, and police who provided assistance.

"The way they showed up not just professionally, but with kindness and care meant more to us than we can express," he wrote on social media. "They walked us through one of the worst moments of our lives with patience and compassion, and we are beyond grateful."

The family is also overwhelmed the by support it has

received from family, friends, businesses, neighbors, and even strangers.

"In a time like this, you realize how blessed you are to be part of a community that loves people they've never even met," wrote Arocho. "To our friends, family, and even strangers who have reached out, offered help, prayers, clothing, food, shelter, and financial support, we truly thank you from the bottom of our hearts... Most importantly, we thank God that our girls made it out safely. That alone is everything."

While the family is lucky to have escaped the fire, they mourn the loss of their dog, Charlie, who Arocho called his "best friend."

"I know it may sound strange to some, but he was like a son to me and a big brother to Lorelei and Genevieve," he wrote. "We may not understand why things like this happen, but we are holding on to our faith and trusting God through it all."

To support the family, visit [www.gofundme.com/f/help-the-arochos-family-rebuild-after-devastating-house-fire](http://www.gofundme.com/f/help-the-arochos-family-rebuild-after-devastating-house-fire).



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## 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 Drug and Alcohol testing according to Omnibus Transportation Employee Act 1991.  
Bids must be submitted through [www.bidnetdirect.com](http://www.bidnetdirect.com) and will be received until 10:00 AM on the 31st day of March, 2026, 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](http://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: March 9, 2026  
Putnam  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

### Brewster Central School District

**Attention Parents:**  
In compliance with §3635 of the New York State Education Law, a parent or guardian of children residing within the Brewster Central School District who are attending a non-public school must request transportation services prior to April 1st, 2026, proceeding the next school year, or within 30 days of residence within the district.

To obtain an application, please visit [www.brewsterschools.org/transportation](http://www.brewsterschools.org/transportation)

Each year all new and existing students are required to register and provide proof of residency documents for these services.  
If you have any questions, please email us at: [transportation@brewsterschools.org](mailto:transportation@brewsterschools.org).

BY: Mary E. Smith  
Supervisor of Transportation  
Brewster Central School District  
40 Farm to Market Road  
Brewster, NY 10509  
845 279-4700

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## Southeast

Sealed bids for Materials will be accepted at Town Hall, 1360 Route 22, Brewster, NY 10509 until **10:00 AM, April 1, 2026**. All bids must be clearly marked on the exterior of the mailing envelope as follows: **Southeast Highway 2026-001, Sealed Material Bids**.

**Technical Specifications are available at [www.south-east-ny.gov](http://www.south-east-ny.gov), Bidnet or Town of Southeast Clerk's office during regular business hours.**

Sealed bids for Guide Rail Installation will be accepted at Town Hall, 1360 Route 22, Brewster, NY 10509 until **10:00 AM, April 1, 2026**. All bids must be clearly marked on the exterior of the mailing envelope as follows: **Southeast Highway 2026-002**

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### Sealed Guide Rail Installation Bids.

**Technical Specifications are available at [www.south-east-ny.gov](http://www.south-east-ny.gov), Bidnet or Town of Southeast Clerk's office during regular business hours.**

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

### SOUTHEAST TOWN BOARD PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the Town Board of the Town of Southeast shall hold a public hearing on April 2, 2026 at Town Hall, 1360 Route 22, Brewster, NY, at 7:00 PM or as soon thereafter as interested parties may be heard to consider the application of Arbor Fields of NY, LLC / Stefan Karlson owner of Premises located at 11 Fields Land and 383 North Salem Road, Tax Map Nos. 78.-2-72.1 and 78.-2-72.2 (the "Subject Premises") for a Special Use Permit to allow the Subject Premises to be used and utilized as a Tree Farm / Nursery for the raising and harvesting of specimen trees and shrubs in existing fields located on the premises. The Subject Premises are zoned OP-1 and R-60 which requires a Special Use Permit to maintain a landscape nursery pursuant to the provision of Section 138-62 of the Zoning Code. Anyone interested in the subject matter of this application may be heard at this time.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD  
Hon. Kathleen Chiudina,  
Town Clerk

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## Brewster

### VILLAGE OF BREWSTER TENTATIVE BUDGET WORK SESSION

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE**, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Brewster will hold a Work Session on Wednesday, March 25, 2026, beginning at 7:00 P.M. at Village Hall - 50 Main Street, Brewster, NY. The work session is to evaluate and rework the 2027 Tentative Budget, and no public comment will be taken during this time.

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

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### SOUTHEAST TOWN BOARD PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the Town Board of the Town of Southeast shall hold a Public Hearing on April 2, 2026 at the Town Hall, 1360 Route 22, Brewster, NY, at 7:00 PM or as soon thereafter as interested parties may be heard, pursuant to the Municipal Home Rule Law to consider a proposed local law which, if adopted, would amend Chapter 126 of the Town Code ("TAXATION"), Article I ("Senior Citizen Tax Exemption"), Section 126-1 (A), (B) & (C) in accordance with recent amendments to Real Property Tax Law § 467 to increase the income limits and percentages of exemptions for eligible seniors. A copy of the proposed local law may be obtained from the office of the Town Clerk during regular business hours. All persons having an interest in the foregoing matter will be

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given an opportunity to be heard at this time.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD  
Hon. Kathleen Chiudina,  
Town Clerk

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## Putnam

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

**RFB-15-26 - FEED & HAY**  
Detailed specifications may be secured at the office of the Director of Purchasing, Putnam County Office Building, 40 Gleneida Avenue, Room 105, Carmel, New York 10512 between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M., Monday through Friday or you may download from the Empire State Bid System's website [www.empirestatebidsystem.com](http://www.empirestatebidsystem.com). Sealed bids must be filed in the above office on or before **1:00 P.M., WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2026, dated: Carmel, New York, March 19, 2026, Sgd/John Tully, Director, Putnam County Purchasing Dept**

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## Supreme Court

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK  
COUNTY OF PUTNAM

**WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.,**

-against-

**DANIEL SZIGETHY A/K/A DANIEL J. SZIGETHY, ET AL.**

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Putnam on December 19, 2025, wherein **WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.** is the Plaintiff and **DANIEL SZIGETHY A/K/A DANIEL J. SZIGETHY, ET AL.** are the Defendant(s). I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the **PUTNAM COUNTY SUPREME COURT, COURTROOM 209, 20 COUNTY CENTER, CARMEL, NY 10512**, on April 13, 2026 at 3:30PM, premises known as **44 JOHNSON STREET, LAKE PEEKSKILL, NY 10537**; and the following tax map identification: **91.25-1-41**.

**ALL THAT CERTAIN PLOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF LAKE PEEKSKILL IN THE TOWN OF PUTNAM VALLEY, COUNTY OF PUTNAM AND STATE OF NEW YORK**

Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No.: 502008/2024. Daniel Lawrence Pagano, Esq. - Referee. Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC, 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 310, Westbury, New York 11590, Attorneys for Plaintiff. All foreclosure sales will be conducted in accordance with Covid-19 guidelines including, but not limited to, social distancing and mask wearing. \*LOCATION OF SALE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DAY OF IN ACCORDANCE WITH COURT/CLERK DIRECTIVES.

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**NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF PUTNAM**

**Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation**, as Trustee for the benefit of the Freddie Mac Seasoned Credit Risk Transfer Trust, Series 2019-2

Plaintiff,

Against

**Sally Hartmann**, Capital One Bank (USA) N.A., Midland Funding LLC; John Doe #1

Defendant(s)

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale, duly entered 11/19/2025, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction, in the courtroom 209 at the Putnam Supreme Courthouse, 20 County Center, Carmel, NY 10512 on 4/20/2026 at 11:30AM, premises known as 27 Dunwoodie Road, Lake Carmel, New York 10512, and described as follows:

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 33.64 Block 1 Lot 32 The approximate amount of the current Judgment lien is \$151,870.30 plus interest and costs. The Premises will be sold subject to provisions of the aforesaid Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale; Index # 501130/2024

Anthony Centone, Esq., Referee.

**SHELDON MAY & ASSOCIATES Attorneys at Law**, 255 Merrick Road, Rockville Centre, NY 11570

Dated: 3/4/2026 File Number: 39767 CA

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### NOTICE OF SALE

Index No.: 500286-2025

STATE OF NEW YORK

**S U P R E M E COURT COUNTY OF PUTNAM**

**NBT BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,**

Plaintiff,

-against-

**KANWARJEET MALIK,**

Defendant.

In pursuance of and by virtue of an ORDER CONFIRMING REFEREE REPORT AND JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE AND SALE signed by the Honorable Victor G. Grossman, Justice, Supreme Court on February 9, 2026 (the "Judgment") and entered in the office of the Putnam County Clerk on February 9, 2026, the undersigned referee, duly appointed in this action for such purpose, will expose for sale and sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the Putnam County Courthouse, 20 County Center, Carmel, New York 10512

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on **April 22, 2026 at 11:00 a.m.**, the premises described in Schedule "A" attached hereto. The amount due to the plaintiff as fixed in the Judgment is \$461,822.25 together with, as applicable, accruing interest, fees, costs, attorneys fees, expenses, advances, and other amounts as specified in the Judgment.

Dated: March 3, 2026

Brewster, New York

Christopher York, Esq., Referee

### BURGESS & ASSOCIATES P.C.

(Melissa H. Pugliese, Esq.)

Attorneys for the Plaintiff

6 Executive Park Drive, Suite C

Clifton Park, New York 12065

(518) 371-0052

The real property to be sold is located in the Town of Kent, County of Putnam, State of New York, and is commonly known as 13 Crestwood Road. The Tax Map Parcel Number for the property to be sold is 33.59-1-3. To request a copy of the legal description for the property to be sold, contact Burgess & Associates P.C. (Melissa H. Pugliese, Esq.) 6 Executive Park Drive, Suite C, Clifton Park, New York 12065, (518) 371-0052.

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### NOTICE OF SALE

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

Pursuant to an Order Amending Caption, Confirming Referee's Report and Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered on November 3, 2025, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at court room 209 of the Putnam Supreme Courthouse, 20 County Center, Carmel, NY 10512 on April 27, 2026 at 10:30 a.m., premises known as 7 Hazel Drive, Patterson, NY 12563. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of Patterson, County of Putnam and State of New York, Section 25.78, Block 1 and Lot 20. Approximate amount of judgment is \$427,358.20 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 501186/2023. Cash will not be accepted.

Wendy M. Weathers, Esq., Referee

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

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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF PUTNAM **U.S. BANK TRUST COMPANY, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, AS SUCCESSOR-IN-INTEREST TO**

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U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR MASTR ASSET BACKED SECURITIES TRUST 2006-WMC3, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-WMC3, Plaintiff AGAINST Rosemond Kissi; **Vincent C. Wojsnis** a/k/a Vincent Wojsnis; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered February 27, 2026, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Courtroom 209 of the Putnam Supreme Court, 20 County Center, Carmel, NY 10512 on April 27, 2026, at 3:30PM, premises known as 4 Marina Drive Unit 4F, Mahopac, NY 10541. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of Carmel, County of Putnam and State of New York, Section 76.5 Block 1 Lot 52.-604. Approximate amount of judgment \$609,214.62 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 500346/2024. Daniel Pagano, Esq., Kent Hazard, LLP, Referee LOGS Legal Group LLP f/k/a Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 430-4792 Dated: March 10, 2026 89372

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

**PUBLIC AUCTION NOTICE OF SALE OF COOPERATIVE APARTMENT SECURITY BY VIRTUE OF DEFAULT** in a security agreement executed on December 17, 2007 by Susan C. Boadway, and in accordance with its rights as holder of the security, Nationstar Mortgage LLC, by Kim Carrino, Auctioneer, will conduct a public sale of the security consisting of 417 shares of common stock in **Woodcrest Gardens, Inc** and all rights title and interest in and to a proprietary lease between corporation and debtor for UNIT C10 in a building known as and by the street address, 675 Route 6, Woodcrest Gardens, C10, Mahopac, NY 10541 together with fixtures and articles of personal property now or hereafter affixed to or used in connection with UNIT C10 on April 17, 2026 at 12:00PM at the front entrance of the Historic Courthouse at 44 Gleneida Ave, Carmel, NY, in satisfaction of an indebtedness in the principal amount of \$71,672.36 plus interest from July 01, 2024 and costs, subject to open maintenance charges. The secured party reserves the right to bid. Ten percent (10%) deposit by bank or certified funds required at Auction, payable to the attorneys for the secured party. Closing within 30 days. Such sale shall be subject to the terms of sale. GROSS POLOWY LLC 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williams-ville, NY 14221 (716) 204-1700 ATTORNEYS FOR SECURED CREDITOR 88936

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

**PROBATE CITATION**  
File No. 2026-22  
**SURROGATE'S COURT, PUTNAM COUNTY CITATION**  
**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,**  
By the Grace of God Free and Independent  
TO: The unknown Heirs at Law If living and if dead, to the heirs at law, next of kin and distributees whose names and places of residence are unknown and if they died subsequent to the decedent herein to their executors, administrators, legatees, devisees, assignees, and all other heirs at law, next of kin and distributees of Russell Bruno the decedent herein, whose names and places of residence are unknown and

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cannot, after diligent inquiry, be ascertained.

A petition having been duly filed by Janice Strain who is domiciled at 41 Wyndham Road Carmel New York 10512.

**YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE** by appearance before the Surrogate's Court, Putnam County, LOCATED at 44 Gleneida Ave Carmel New York 10512, on

Friday, April 24, 2026

at 9:30 a.m. why the court should not grant the following relief: Why a decree should not be made in the Estate of Russell Bruno, lately domiciled at 41 Wyndham Road Carmel New York 10512 Admitting to Probate a Will dated 5/28/2019 as the Will of Russell Bruno and Issue Letters Testamentary to Janice Strain

Dated, Attested and Scaled,  
March 12, 2026

HON. Joseph J. Spofford, Jr

Seal

Law Office of Patrick J Wynne  
Finn Name  
3453 East Tremont Ave,  
Bronx, New York 10465

Patrick J Wynne  
Print name of Attorney  
(718) 828-8270  
Telephone  
patrick@pwynnelaw.com  
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**SURROGATE'S COURT STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF PUTNAM PRESENT: HON. JOSEPH J. SPOFFORD, JR., SURROGATE**

In the Matter of the Administration Proceeding, Estate of **RUSSELL J. BRUNO, a/k/a RUSSELL JOHN BRUNO,**  
Deceased.

**ORDER AUTHORIZING SERVICE BY PUBLICATION**

File No. 2026-22

Upon the application of Janice Strain, petitioner! made on January 23, 2026, by which it appears to the Court's satisfaction that petitioner has produced proof that the heirs at law, next of kin, and distributees of Russell J. Bruno, a/k/a Russell John Bruno, deceased, if living, and if any of them be dead to their heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, legatees, executors, administrators, assignees and successors in interest whose names are unknown and cannot be ascertained after due diligence are persons required to be cited upon the above entitled proceeding of said deceased, and

Whereas this Court has authority to issue orders regarding service of process and authorize substituted service by publication in a newspaper (see SCPA 307 [3]

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[a] [i]; see generally Matter of Pollina, 192 AD3d 118, 123-124 [2d Dept 2020];

NOW, on the application of Janice Strain, petitioner; it is

ORDERED that the Court, pursuant to SCPA 307(a) and CPLR 316, grants petitioner permission to effectuate service by publication upon the heirs at law, next of kin, and distributees of Russell J. Bruno, a/k/a, Russell John Bruno, deceased, if living, and if any of them be dead to their heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, legatees, executors, administrators, assignees and successors in interest whose names are unknown and cannot be ascertained; and it is further

ORDERED that service of the citation herein, shall be made by publication thereof in two (2) newspapers, to wit: "Putnam County Times" and "Putnam County Press" once in each of four successive weeks, the first publication of which shall be at least twenty-eight (28) days prior to the return day thereof - said newspaper being published and circulated in the County of Putnam, State of New York, which is designated as the most likely newspapers to provide due notice that is reasonably calculated to apprise said persons of the pendency of this proceeding; and it is further ORDERED that, pursuant to CPLR 316 (c), the first publication herein shall be made within thirty (30) days after the date of this Order; and it is further

ORDERED that, pursuant to CPLR 316 (c), service by publication shall be deemed complete on the twenty-eight (28th) day after the first publication; and it is further

ORDERED that petitioner shall cause an affidavit of service to upon completion of such service, as is set forth herein.  
Dated: March 12, 2026  
Carmel, New York

d with the Court via NYSCEF

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

**REFEREE'S LEGAL NOTICE OF POSTPONEMENT OF SALE IN FORECLOSURE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF PUTNAM MID-ISLAND MORTGAGE CORP., Plaintiff - against - RENEE CELLIO, et al Defendant(s).**

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on December 18, 2025, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction in courtroom 209 of the Putnam Supreme Courthouse located at 20 County Center, Carmel, NY 10512 on the 2nd day of March, 2026 at 10:30 AM. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Town of Carmel, County of Putnam, State of New York.

Premises known as 49 Ivy Hill Road, Mahopac, NY 10541. (Section: 74.43, Block: 1, Lot: 6)

Approximate amount of lien \$223,422.37 plus interest and costs.

Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale.

Index No. 501880/2024. William Timothy O'Keeffe, Esq., Referee.

McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC  
Attorney(s) for Plaintiff  
420 Lexington Avenue, Suite 840

New York, NY 10170  
Tel. 347/286-7409

For sale information, please visit Auction.com at www.Auction.com or call (800) 280-2832  
Dated: December 23, 2025

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**governmental health requirements in effect at the time of sale including but not limited to, wearing face coverings and maintaining social distancing (at least 6-feet apart) during the auction, while tendering deposit and at any subsequent closing. Bidders are also required to comply with the Foreclosure Auction Rules and COVID-19 Health Emergency Rules issued by the Supreme Court of this County in addition to the conditions set forth in the Terms of Sale.**

The above sale has been postponed, the new sale date is March 30, 2026 at 10:30 am. at the same place. William Timothy O'Keeffe, Esq., Referee.

Dated: February 24, 2026

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK  
COUNTY OF PUTNAM

**US BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR VRMTG ASSET TRUST,**

-against-

**JANE M. DETORRES, ET AL.**

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Putnam on May 1, 2025, wherein US BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR VRMTG ASSET TRUST is the Plaintiff and JANE M. DETORRES, ET AL. are the Defendant(s). I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the PUTNAM COUNTY SUPREME COURT, COURTROOM 209, 20 COUNTY CENTER, CARMEL, NY 10512, on April 27, 2026 at 11:30AM, premises known as 468 PEEKSKILL HOLLOW ROAD, PUTNAM VALLEY, NY 10579; and the following tax map identification: 73-2-10.

ALL THAT CERTAIN PLOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND, SITUATE AND BEING IN THE TOWN OF PUTNAM VALLEY, COUNTY OF PUTNAM, STATE OF NEW YORK

Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No.: 500877/2022. Jack Elliot Schachner, Esq. - Referee. Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC, 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 310, Westbury, New York 11590, Attorneys for Plaintiff. All foreclosure sales will be conducted in accordance with Covid-19 guidelines including, but not limited to, social distancing and mask wearing. \*LOCATION OF SALE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DAY OF IN ACCORDANCE WITH COURT/CLERK DIRECTIVES.

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### LLC

Notice of Formation of **Cabrera Property Holdings LLC.** Articles of Org filed with SSNY on 1/16/2026. Office Location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY Should mail process to: Julie Cabrera, 90 Cherry Hill RD, Carmel, NY 10512. Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity.

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Notice of Formation of

## PUBLIC NOTICE

**HOMETOWN HANDYWOMEN LLC.** Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 12/18/2025 Office location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 15 Parsonage Street Cold Spring, New York, NY, 10516, USA. Purpose: any lawful act or activity  
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## PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Formation of **Hudson Valley Epoxy, LLC.** Articles of Org filed with SSNY on 2/12/2026. Office Location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Hudson Valley Epoxy, LLC. 54 Concord Dr, Mahopac NY 10541. Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Formation of **DK Athletics, LLC.** Articles of Org filed with SSNY on 2/9/2026. Office location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: DK Athletics, LLC, 421 Kennicut Hill Road, Mahopac, NY 10541. Purpose, any lawful purpose or activity.

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Notice of Formation of **BALDWIN PARK LLC**  
Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 03/01/02. Office location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to c/o the LLC, P.O. Box 118, Mahopac Falls, NY 10542. Purpose: Any lawful activity.  
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Notice of Formation of **The Memory Press, LLC.** Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 1/15/26. Office location: Putnam Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to United States Corporation Agents Inc., 7014 13th Ave, Suite 202, Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: any lawful activity.

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Notice of Formation of **Serenity Rehab & Wellness LLC.** Articles of Org filed with SSNY on 2/12/2026. Office location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 101 Archer Rd, Mahopac, NY 10541. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Formation of **The Farmstand Society LLC.** Articles of Org filed with SSNY on 1/29/26. Office Location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process c/o The Farmstand Society LLC P.O. Box 199 Brewster, NY 10509. Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity.  
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# Putnam CAP Luncheon

Putnam Community Action Partnership will hold its annual luncheon and silent auction fundraiser April 9 at noon, at St. James the Apostle Church in Doherty Hall, 14 Gleneida Ave., Carmel.

This year marks 40 years of service to the community. In addition, CAP will be recognizing the county for its 40-year partnership, which has been instrumental in allowing CAP to provide essential resources and a safety net for local individuals and families in need.

Every dollar raised during the luncheon and silent auction goes directly toward the continued operation of CAP's vital programs. From food pantry services to emergency financial assistance, these funds ensure the county's most vulnerable community members receive the support they need to achieve self-sufficiency.

Tickets are \$55 per person and can be purchased at [www.putnam-cap.org](http://www.putnam-cap.org). For more information, call 845-278-8021.

## Expansion Projects Planned in Southeast

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has been scheduled April 13.

New York State Electric & Gas is seeking approval to replace its existing cell tower at 87 Hillside Park in Southeast, known as the Marvin Martin tower. The proposed new tower is 20 feet taller and includes two microwave antennas capable of handling future telecommunication needs, including land mobile radio, microwave backhaul, and private wireless systems.

"The increase in height is needed to support two new microwave antennas, and also the existing tower is structurally failing per current standards," explained Jacqueline Phillips Murray, representing NYSEG. "The existing tower that's going to be coming down and be replaced, at 160 feet, versus the replacement tower of 180 feet, is going to have an immeasurable difference in visibility than what is in the existing viewshed."

She explained that, since submitting its original application, NYSEG has reduced the disturbance area to less than 5,000 square feet and the clearing of trees to only two.

"We've modified the plan so that there is no turnaround area or staging area" at the site, according to Phillips Murray. She said the plan is to have construction vehicle start out at the NYSEG service center in Brewster to do staging, and then head to the site, to eliminate the need for more disturbance.

The 66-acre site has two towers on it; in addition to the NYSEG tower, there's a 130-foot tower that belongs to a wireless communications provider.

The NYSEG tower supports personnel and equipment in the field, "so that NYSEG can monitor the health of its electricity distribution system and more quickly and efficiently have real-time data in order to address outages... These are all upgrades to modernize the grid so they have real-time data," said Phillips Murray.

No blasting, or evening and weekend work is expected as part of the construction, which would take about three to four month to complete, she said.

Approval has not yet been granted by the town, and the public

hearing on the matter continued at the March 23 board meeting.

Earlier this month, a public hearing continued regarding the proposed expansion at Morefar, a private membership club and golf course on almost 700 acres of land on Federal Hill Road that straddles the state line.

The course was originally opened in approximately 1964 and is now owned by Back O'Beyond, Inc. The site includes an 18-hole golf course, clubhouse, residences, pro shop and cart barn, maintenance building and administrative offices, fitness building, wellness building, parking lots, driveways, cart paths, and golf course comfort station.

BOB seeks to demolish several structures and reconstruct, or renovate, new ones. The project also proposes redevelopment of the existing 18-hole golf course, including the renovation of the tee boxes, fairways, bunkers, greens, and appurtenant cart paths and utilities.

According to Jennifer Gray from Keane & Beane Attorneys at Law, the necessary modifications will result in tree removal.

"The game of golf has changed since the 1960s, particularly in how the front nine holes of the golf course were designed and constructed," she said. "The technical advances of golf equipment in particular, or the players at any level, can hit the ball farther and harder. That results in a situation where you have a golf course with narrow fairways that are parallel with each other, which increases the chance of cross-conflict play."

To reduce this safety issue, the fairways are being made wider.

Gray said the applicant is asking for the board to waive the need for a tree survey due to the size of the project, and since the plan already shows where tree removal will take place.

Town Planning Consultant Ashely Ley suggested that a survey of a limited portion of the site be completed, which can be used to develop a projection for the entire area.

While some trees will be coming down, others will be planted, particularly in the northern portion of the property. According to Greg Felischer of Capital Environmental Consultants, about 340 native trees and 2,000 shrubs will be added.

The board closed the public hearing, and the next step for Morefar is to have a State Environmental Quality Review Act determination completed.

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# Conservative Party Makes Endorsements

The Putnam County Conservative Party recently held its annual meeting and candidate interviews, and afterward announced its slate of endorsed candidates for the November elections.

Endorsed for re-election are Putnam County Clerk Michael Bartolotti, County Coroners Dr. Michael Nesheiwat and John

Bourges, Congressman Mike Lawler in the 17th District, State Sen. Rob Rolison in the 39th District, and Assemblyman Matt Slater in the 94th District.

New candidates endorsed include Christian Russo for Putnam County Legislature in District Two, Joseph Cunningham for County Legislature in District

Three, Tanner McCracken for County Legislature in District 8, and Sergio Esposito for New York State Senate in the 40th District.

"These candidates represent strong leadership and a commitment to fiscal responsibility, public safety, and protecting the values of Putnam County," stated the party.

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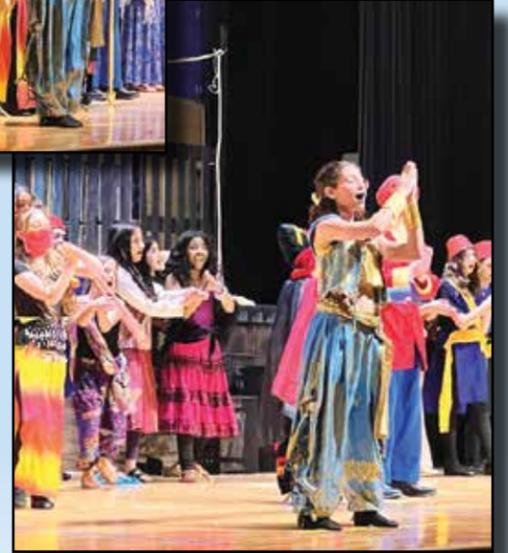
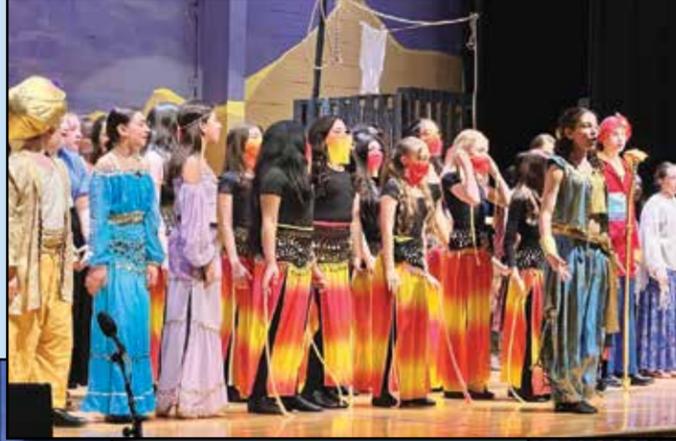
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# Mahopac Middle School Brings 'Aladdin Jr.' to Life



Students shined in "Aladdin Jr." Photos provided by Mahopac Central School District.

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# Peer Support Groups

Join us for peer-led wellness programs focused on helping people cope with mental health challenges and addiction. These sessions are FREE to attend and open to all residents of Putnam County.



### Healing Through Art

Every Monday, 12pm - 1pm  
Running through June

Art therapy to build self confidence, patience, self determination, and daily coping skills.



### Grounding & Grace

Every Monday, 2pm - 3pm  
Starting March 2 (10 weekly sessions)

Meditation, gentle movement, breathing exercises, and mindfulness practices to support emotional balance and nervous system regulation.



### Moods & Musicality

Last Wednesday of the Month, 11am - 12pm  
Starting February 25 (5 monthly sessions)

Wellness through music, rhythm, and listening experiences that support mood regulation and emotional expression.



### Emotional Life Skills

Every Wednesday, 12:30pm - 1:30pm  
Starting March 25 (10 weekly sessions)

Learn about yoga, mindfulness, and the other activities to help with your emotional wellbeing.



### The Power of Hobbies

Every Wednesday, 1:30pm - 2:30pm  
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Creative wellness through crafting, creative art, writing, and journaling. Focused on stress reduction, self-expression, and skill-building through hobbies.



### Light After

Every Wednesday, 3pm - 4pm  
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An empowerment-focused group centered on confidence-building, personal growth, and self-advocacy skills.

All sessions held at the MHA Putnam Engagement Center  
1620 NY-22, Brewster, NY

The Mahopac Middle School Theater Company recently took audiences on a magical journey with its production of Disney's "Aladdin Jr."

The production, directed by middle school chorus teacher Heather Palkewick, featured vibrant costumes, energetic choreography, and strong vocal and acting performances that brought the beloved story to life on stage.

In addition to evening performances, the cast held a special dress rehearsal for faculty and welcomed Mahopac fifth-graders for a daytime performance, giving the younger students a chance to experience live theater.

Superintendent Frank Miele praised the production and the students' talent.

"I joked to my wife that I was taking her to a Broadway show, and honestly, it felt like one," he said. "The level of talent on that stage was incredible. The singing, acting, dancing, costumes, and set design were all exceptional, and it's clear how much hard work went into every aspect of the performance."

Miele also noted the strong foundation of the district's performing arts program.

"Our high school theatre program is outstanding as well, and it's exciting to see the talent coming up through the middle school," he said. "The future is bright here at Mahopac. I am so proud of our students and grateful to Heather, her staff, and all the volunteers who made this musical possible."

### Like to Take Photos?

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