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## Community Joins Together to Rescue Trapped Cat in Brewster

By Holly Crocco

When a Marshalls employee heard a cat's cry coming from somewhere outside the Brewster store on a bitter cold day last month, they couldn't just keep walking.

Instead, they called the Putnam County SPCA to report what they believed to be a trapped feline, likely in a storm drain, and what happened over the next few days was an act of community kindness that is nothing short of heart-warming.

Kathleen Sutherland of Putnam AdvoCATS received a call about the trapped animal from the SPCA mid-day Jan. 28. "The SPCA doesn't handle that sort of thing, so they reached out to us," she explained.

However, Putnam AdvoCATS, which is a nonprofit, all-volunteer organization that primarily runs a trap-neuter-return program for stray and feral cats in the county, also wasn't equipped to help the animal.

"This was a tricky situation because it was a rescue that involved a small drain pipe," said Sutherland.

Knowing special equipment would be needed, she began calling local well companies, and eventually was put in touch with Evans Septic Tank Service in Mahopac.

"Wednesday I got a call from Putnam AdvoCATS looking for someone to donate their time, who had a sewer camera line," said Andrew Evans, who immediately headed to the scene. "I'm a cat dad – I just rescued two myself – so I was determined to save it. It wasn't even a question. This is my slow season so anything I can do

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Andrew Evans greets the tabby cat that was rescued from a storm drain pipe outside of Marshalls in Brewster on Jan. 30. Photos provided by Putnam AdvoCATS.



Representatives from Evans Septic Tank Service and Electric Snake Sewer & Drain Service, volunteers from Putnam AdvoCATS, members of the Brewster Fire Department, and even building management worked together Jan. 28 to 30 to make the rescue.

## Paramedicine Comes to Putnam

### First County Program in NYS

Putnam County launched its community paramedicine program last week, providing needed care in patients' homes, reducing unnecessary 911 calls and hospital transport for non-emergency conditions. Putnam's community paramedicine/mobile integrated healthcare program will be administered by Empress, which has provided the county advanced life support services since 2023.

"We are excited to collaborate to close healthcare gaps and deliver essential services directly

to our community," said County Executive Kevin Byrne, who was joined by Putnam's Director of Emergency Medical Services Robert Cuomo and Empress EMS Executive Director Robert Stuck, in announcing the start of the initiative. "These professionals will deliver public health, primary care, and preventive services directly to residents' homes, with a focus on seniors, homebound individuals, and people with chronic conditions."

The move builds on the

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## Putnam Valley Nixes Mixed-Use Zoning Proposal

By Rob Sample

After listening to several sessions of public comment, the Putnam Valley Town Board unanimously decided to withdraw a series of proposed townwide zoning changes during its Jan. 28 meeting.

"We decided to withdraw the proposed changes based on public input and on the advice of our newly appointed town attorneys, the firm of Daniels, Porco & Lusardi," said Town Supervisor Alison Jolicoeur.

Dave Daniels, managing partner at Daniels, Porco & Lusardi, noted that the proposed zoning

changes could have an environmental impact, suggesting the formation of a steering committee to ensure any changes would be in sync with the town's 20-year-old comprehensive plan.

"My thought is... to withdraw it from consideration and start again with the process," he said.

The new zoning proposal – the brainchild of the volunteer Neighborhood Business Committee in Putnam Valley – sought to create a host of commercial/neighborhood zones. The proposal aimed to foster mixed commercial

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## Roof Placed on Cornell Cooperative Barn at Tilly Foster

Cornell Cooperative Extension-Putnam County last week welcomed supporters to celebrate the substantial progress on its new home now under construction at the county-owned Tilly Foster Farm in Brewster.

Executive Director Stefanie Hubert showed off the sprucewood, two-story building that has been framed by barn specialists King Construction. The metal roof was installed just last week.

Hubert, who has led the organization since 2019, is acting as general contractor with the help of board member Rodney Dow.

"The building will give us 5,500 square feet, compared to the 1,900 we have now," she said. "We will have offices, classrooms, and a horticulture lab, and the barn's beautiful ground-floor space can host community events

for up to 100 participants."

While construction is moving fast, funding is still needed to complete the building, which will provide state-of-the-art agricultural and environmental education spaces, workforce development training, and rooms for community workshops, volunteers, and public programs.

Funds for the \$1 million project are coming chiefly from donations through the "Build a Dream" campaign, including gifts from the Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley and a \$50,000 state and municipal grant through former Assemblyman/nor County Executive Kevin Byrne, R-Mahopac, and a CREST grant from State Sen. Peter Harkham, D-Peekskill.

As of Feb. 5, a total of

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Cornell Cooperative Extension-Putnam County Executive Director Stefanie Hubert explains the barn structure to Stephen Gnojewski and Nat Prentice of the Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley, which has donated to the campaign to build a new home for CCE at Tilly Foster Farm in Brewster.





## Working Mom

By Holly Crocco

# Winter Wonderland? I Think Not.

I'm not sure if it's despite the fact that I was born and raised in western New York or because of it, but I am not a winter person.

I can appreciate the first snowfall but that's about it. And even that I like to enjoy from the comfort of my living room.

A white Christmas? Don't care.

Frosty the Snowman? He can go scratch.

But I have a 7-year-old boy who is an only child and that means when it snows, you'll find me out in the offensive weather wheezing and snotting and complaining the whole time.

So, with the recent insufferable temperatures and massive snowfall that rained down on us like the Amazon delivery driver dropping off packages during the holiday season, I had to put on my big girl pants – and boots and gloves and hat and scarf – and go play in the darn snow with my kid.

OK, fine ... It was a little bit fun.

During the morning of the recent storm, Mikey and I bundled up to "help" his dad dig us out. Then we busted out the sled and snow tube. Fortunately for my lower back – and hips – the

snow was very light and therefore didn't provide a surface for a super-fast decline down the sloped front yard.

But it was still enough to enjoy a few rides and an attempt at a snowball fight. We also tried to build an igloo but the snow just wasn't cooperating.

It takes all of about 30 minutes for me to be done with the great winter outdoors. Snow gets stuck in the gap between my gloves and my coat cuff and numbs my wrists, and my toes start to lose feeling in my boots.

Also, I'm too old to be trudging through thigh-deep snowdrifts dragging my 64-pound kid in a sled behind me. I just don't have the core strength for it.

To lure my child back into the comfort of the warm house, I brought out a big bowl to scoop up some snow so we could make snow cones. I made sure to tell him to get top snow from an area that has been undisturbed, so we didn't get anything gross in it.

We went inside and Mikey made all three of us some frozen treats. My favorite was the slushie mixed with orange juice and lemonade – it really had my cheeks puckering! My husband preferred

the apple juice and blue Gatorade, while Mikey liked the one that mixed every single liquid we had in the kitchen.

A few sips in I found some nature debris floating in mine and suddenly I was full.

One Netflix movie, two SpongeBob episodes, and a messy baking situation later, my husband had to go back outside for more snow maintenance. I was a little horrified by how much screen time the child was getting ... but not enough to force him to come back outside with us. So when he gave a "nah" to my asking if he wanted to go out again, I gladly took the opportunity not to have to help him back into all his gear.

Twenty minutes later I was huffing and puffing under the darkening sky, fingers prickling in my cheap gloves as I hoisted the last shovelful of powder away from the driveway, excited to finally go back to the comfort of my electric blanket. I hit the button to raise the garage door, ducked low to step into the garage, and immediately heard a little voice.

"Hi, Mom! I'm coming out to play!"

I looked up to see Mikey standing before me in full gear, having dressed himself in all his winter garb himself, ready to play.

How could I say no?

So, back out into the tundra we went.

Thirty minutes later my husband came out and practically had to scrape my frozen carcass off the driveway as Mikey played around me.

Between you and me, it wasn't such a bad time.

Side question: Did anyone else's parent ever put bread bags on their feet before putting boots on, to make them "waterproof?" No? Just me? ... Must be a WNY thing.

*Holly Crocco is editor of the Putnam County Times/Press and mother of a 7-year-old boy. She can be reached at editorial@putnampresstimes.com.*

# Firefighters Battle Bitter Cold to Extinguish House Fire



Patterson firefighters attack a structure fire Jan. 28 on Ice Pond Road.



The Patterson Fire Department was dispatched to a structure fire on Ice Pond Road just before midnight Jan. 28.

Several units responded, and upon seeing flames blowing out the windows on a bitterly cold night that saw temperatures below zero, mutual aid was quickly sought from many area agencies.

Snow and ice were a major issue on-scene, with the water freezing within seconds of hitting the ground. However, a crew from Putnam County Department of Public Works was able to make the trip out in the middle of the night to salt the nearby roadways.

With firefighters from the Putnam Lake, Brewster, Carmel, Lake Carmel, Mahopac, Pawling, and J.H. Ketchum Hose departments arriving to help extinguish the fire, several other departments were on standby in the area in case additional help was needed – or if another emergency arose.

"It was a team effort to extinguish this fire on one of the coldest days on record, and we are greatly appreciative for all the firefighters, EMTs, police, and DPW workers that came to help in the middle of the night – working until the next morning," stated the department.

No injuries were reported.

## We Will Miss

**Carmel**  
**Theresa E. Rynn**, 90, January 16. Cargain Funeral Home, Carmel, (845) 225-3672.  
**Christine Petrone**, 83, January 26. Balsamo-Cordovano Funeral Home, Carmel, (845) 225-2144.  
**Bianca "Blanche" Tron-gone**, 97, January 26. Cargain Funeral Home, Carmel, (845) 225-3672.

**Brewster**  
**Billie Jo A. Froessel**, 58,

January 27. Beecher Funeral Home, Brewster, NY, (845) 279-3615.  
**Alfred Kiederer, Jr.**, 87, January 29. Joseph J. Smith Funeral Home, Mahopac, (845) 621-1992.

**Mahopac**  
**Rita L. Ballato**, 87, January 21. Joseph J. Smith Funeral Home, Mahopac, (845) 621-1992.  
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## Letters to the Editor

### Disappointed in Carmel

Dear Editor:

I hereby nominate the residents of Carmel for the National Nimby Award in recognition of their rejection of the proposed crisis stabilization center.

I'm confident, however, that the good citizens of Carmel would find it well within their patriotic duty to welcome the proposed ICE detention facility, should it be rejected by the citizens of Chester.

Upon which I will nominate them for the Make America Hate Again Award.

*Jeff Hodges  
Carmel*

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





From left are Fr. Dennis Polanco, SA, president and spiritual director at St. Christopher's Inn; Fr. Alexander Reed, SA; and Fr. Damian MacPherson in the newly renovated bathrooms at the inn. Provided photo.

## Feeling ‘at Home’ at St. Christopher’s Inn

### Facility Improvements for Men in Recovery

St. Christopher’s Inn at Graymoor welcomed the start of 2026 by celebrating meaningful improvements to its Garrison grounds and facilities, reaffirming its long-standing commitment to the care and dignity of men overcoming addiction.

“These renovations are not just about buildings, but about fostering healing, community, and a renewed sense of home,” said Fr. Dennis Polanco, spiritual director and president of St. Christopher’s Inn.

At the beginning of the year, the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement at Graymoor gathered for a small ribbon-cutting ceremony to bless newly renovated showers and sinks for the men served at the inn, which provides lifesaving treatment to thousands each year.

The upgraded sink areas now also include electric hand dryers – an enhancement that supports sustainability efforts by reducing reliance on paper towels and minimizing waste, in keeping with Franciscan values.

Additional bathroom renovations are scheduled to begin soon, with the goal of completing upgrades to all bathrooms by the end of 2026.

In 2025, the friars also turned their attention to the dining hall and kitchen, renewing these shared spaces to better embody Franciscan hospitality and create an environment that is brighter, more welcoming, and more conducive to fellowship and connection. The kitchen received fresh paint and new epoxy flooring, improving both functionality and cleanliness in a space central to daily life at the inn.

The dining room itself was refreshed with new paint, updated accent lamp fixtures, and the addition of a coffee station featuring specially designed cabinetry. This inviting space allows the men to enjoy coffee and daily breaks together in a setting that encourages conversation, connection, and community.

These enhancements were intentionally designed to foster a sense of dignity and comfort – making the dining hall feel more like a home and less like a residential setting.

In keeping with the Franciscan value “that nothing be lost,” former dining tables were redistributed to the inn’s thrift shop, employees, and members of the surrounding community.

The Friars of the Atonement continue to seek ways both large and small to improve the daily lives of the men they serve, ensuring the inn remains a place of healing, respect, and hope.

“At St. Christopher’s Inn, every improvement we make is ultimately about honoring the dignity of the men entrusted to our care,” said Polanco. “By creating spaces that are welcoming, sustainable, and rooted in simplicity, we affirm a fundamental Franciscan belief – that each person deserves to be treated with respect, compassion, and hope.

St. Christopher’s Inn is committed to providing dignified, compassionate, and lifesaving care. To support the completion of this renovation project and the mission of the inn, visit [www.StChristophersInn.org](http://www.StChristophersInn.org)/Donate or contact Audrey Warn at 845-424-2142.

# Excitement Surrounds Carmel Cinema Developments

Residents are going crazy over subtle changes at Carmel Cinema/Box Office Cinemas that indicate the reopening of the county’s only movie theater, on Route 52 in the hamlet. According to a representative at the Town of Carmel Building Department, new owners have every intention to reopen the cinema this year, but a date has not yet been set. After some cosmetic changes are finalized, the health department will have to issue a permit, and a certificate of occupancy can be granted. Residents are asked to be patient, although their enthusiasm is appreciated!



## Patterson Library Seeks Artwork for Rev250 Exhibit

The Town of Patterson Rev250 Committee and the Patterson Library invites artists to submit work for a special exhibition commemorating the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution, with a focus on Putnam County – its people, places, and stories.

This exhibition will be on view at the Patterson Library throughout May as part of local Rev250 commemorations.

Artists are encouraged to interpret the theme broadly. Submissions may explore, but are not limited to, Revolutionary War-era history in Putnam: local sites, landmarks, or events connected to the Revolution; everyday life during the 18th century; and reflections on liberty, independence, and civic ideals.

Contemporary responses to the legacy of the Revolution – both historical and modern interpretations – are welcome.

A wide range of wall-hung, two-dimensional work is sought, including painting, drawing, photography, printmaking, mixed media, and small sculpture.

This exhibit is open to artists residing in the Hudson Valley. All experience levels are welcome and artists must be able to deliver and retrieve work in person.

Artists should email up to five images of proposed or recent work to [StacyDumont@PattersonNY.org](mailto:StacyDumont@PattersonNY.org) with the subject line “Call for Artists – America250 Exhibition.” A form will be sent back in return to gather artist information.

Submitted work should be ready to hang and appropriate for display in a public library setting.

The submission form deadline is Feb. 28, and the artwork submission deadline is March 31.

Questions may be directed to Dumont, or to Stephanie Harrison at [director@pattersonlibrary.org](mailto:director@pattersonlibrary.org).



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A community center is planned at the former Kent Town Hall on Route 52.

# Kent Receives Funding to Help Rehab Former Town Hall

The Town of Kent has received \$100,000 in grant funding to go toward installation of an energy-efficient HVAC system and electric vehicle charging stations as part of renovations and modernization of Kent’s historic Old Town Hall and enhancement of other town facilities.

“This investment in Kent will help bring new life to a historic building and provide efficient EV charging, both while advancing our shared commitment to clean energy and community resilience,” said State Sen. Pete Harckham, D-Peekskill, in announcing the grant. “This important financial support can help save local taxpayers money both in the short-term and in the long-term.”

According to Kent Supervisor Jamie McGlasson, the town will use half the funds for an HVAC system at the community center, which is currently under renovation, and half to build EV charging stations.

“The generous funding provided for these two projects will positively impact the lives of our Kent residents,” she said.

Located at 770 Route 52 in Kent Lakes, the Old Town Hall is a 3,616-square-foot building constructed in 1950 that once served as a town courthouse, police station, and municipal offices. Since the construction of the new town center complex in 2004, the building has remained largely vacant.

Kent officials plan to fully renovate the structure to serve residents as a community hub powered by renewable energy and energy-efficient infrastructure.

The renovation aligns with other clean-energy initiatives underway in Kent, including the installation of EV chargers at the library and current town hall. Once complete, the project will reflect the town’s long-term commitment to sustainability, resilience, and smart reinvestment in existing infrastructure.

## Nutrition Corner

By Allison J. Stowell  
MS, RD, CDN



## The GLP-1 Lifestyle

Individuals are improving their health with the support of GLP-1 medication. GLP-1 medications help people reduce risk of diabetes and heart disease. With weight loss, individuals also increase mobility and improve physical fitness. In most cases, individuals utilize GLP-1 medication for about a year. This seems to be the typical length of time a person experiencing side effects tolerates the medication. Sometimes, cost or lack of insurance limits prolonged use. As more patients discontinue the medication, we’ve come to understand how the body reacts to this transition. We also understand more about how important it is to adhere to a GLP-1 lifestyle that goes well beyond a weekly injection.

There are three essential guidelines that a patient on a GLP-1 medication must adhere to:

**Protein:** It’s imperative that individuals on a GLP-1 medication meet their daily protein needs (1.5g/kg body weight). Meeting this guideline is essential for protecting muscle mass, maintaining good metabolism, and ensuring that weight loss comes from fat tissue (not lean tissue). Not only is this important while using the medication, but it’s also proving to be essential for transitioning off the medication. Recent research has found that weight regained in the months following medication use is generally regained as fat tissue if muscle mass has declined (resulting in more fat mass than an individual previously had).

**Exercise:** Exercise is also critical for maintaining muscle mass and supporting weight loss. The GLP-1 exercise guideline is 150 minutes per week (minimum), combining cardio and strength training.

**Hydration:** The minimum daily fluid intake while on a GLP-1 medication is 80 ounces. This increases with exercise, when fluid needs to be replenished. Inadequate hydration can increase risk of constipation (a common GLP-1 side effect).

Learn more through our FREE online class, Nourishing Success on GLP-1 medication: A Guide to Balanced Eating. Visit [Hannaford.com/dietitians](https://Hannaford.com/dietitians) for the schedule and to register.

*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](https://Hannaford.com/dietitians). To learn more about the Guiding Stars nutrition guidance program, visit [GuidingStars.com](https://GuidingStars.com).*

### Buffalo Cauliflower Bites Hannaford.com (1 Guiding Stars)

Crispy, tender and full of spicy flavor, this plant-forward twist on classic Buffalo wings will win big with your crowd on game day. Serve with Greek yogurt dip for a protein boost.

- Ingredients:
- 1 medium head cauliflower
  - 1 cup all-purpose flour
  - 1 cup milk (low-fat or plant-based)
  - 1 tsp paprika
  - 1 tsp garlic powder
  - 3 tbsp unsalted butter, melted
  - ½ cup Buffalo wing sauce
  - Chopped chives, to serve
  - Ranch dressing or blue cheese dressing, to serve
- Directions:
- Preheat oven to 425°F. Line a large baking sheet with parchment. Cut cauliflower into small florets to total about 8 cups.
  - In a large bowl, combine flour, milk, paprika and garlic powder. Season with salt and pepper. Add cauliflower to batter, coating each piece evenly; note that batter will be thick. Pour mixture onto prepared baking sheet, making into an even layer. Bake 15 minutes.
  - Meanwhile, in a medium bowl, combine melted butter and Buffalo sauce. Whisk until combined. After 15 minutes, remove cauliflower from oven. Brush buffalo sauce mixture over cauliflower. Bake another until cauliflower is golden and tender, 10–15 minutes. Using a spatula, transfer cauliflower to a platter. Sprinkle with chopped chives and serve with blue cheese or ranch dressing.

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## Thyme-Roasted Garden Veggies

(Family Features)  
Thyme-Roasted Garden Veggies



Ingredients:

- 2 zucchinis
- 2 yellow squashes
- 2 tomatoes
- 2 carrots
- avocado oil
- 2 tablespoons thyme
- 2 tablespoons minced garlic
- salt, to taste
- pepper, to taste
- 1 cup shredded Parmesan cheese

Directions:

Heat oven or grill to 425 F. Cut zucchinis, squashes, tomatoes and carrots into bite-sized pieces. Place on lined baking sheet. Drizzle with avocado oil. Sprinkle with thyme and garlic then season with salt and pepper, to taste. Top with Parmesan cheese.

Bake or grill 30 minutes until fork tender.

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



# Annual Diaper Drive Returns

Assemblyman Matt Slater will once again host a diaper drive throughout the month of February to support families in need across the 94th Assembly District.

Diapers are a necessity for infants and toddlers, yet nearly half of families with young children struggle to afford them. To help address this need, donations will be collected through Friday, Feb. 27 at drop-off locations throughout Putnam and Westchester counties, in coordination with Putnam Community Action Partnership and local municipalities.

“I’m proud to once again partner with Putnam CAP and our local communities to support families who are struggling,” said Slater.

“These donations provide essential relief to the low-income families we serve, ensuring that every child in our community has access to basic necessities,” said Marisa O’Leary, director of Putnam CAP.

All sizes of diapers are needed, with a particular emphasis on larger sizes such as sizes 5, 6, and pull-ups.

Diapers and wipes may be dropped off at Putnam CAP, 121 Main St., Brewster; Carmel Town Hall, 60 McAlpin Ave., Mahopac; Putnam Valley Town Hall, 265 Oscawana Lake Road; Southeast Town Hall, 1360 Route 6, Brewster; Kent Town Hall, 25 Sybil’s Crossing; and Patterson Recreation Center, 65 Front St.

# Cornell Cooperative Offers Scholarships

Cornell Cooperative Extension-Putnam County is offering several scholarship opportunities for graduating seniors who live in Putnam. Applications are due April 30 and can be submitted online after March 1.

The Master Gardener Volunteers Scholarship is sponsored by the Master Gardener Volunteer Program and will award one \$1,000 scholarship to an individual pursuing a degree in the field of plant science, horticulture, floriculture, architectural landscape design, forestry, botany, or an environmentally-related program.

The Hebe Gordon 4-H Scholarship is sponsored by the Putnam-Westchester 4-H Horse Show Committee. One scholarship of \$500 will be awarded to a young person who has been actively engaged in the 4-H Horse or Animal Science Club Program for at least three years, and who will be pursuing further education upon high school graduation.

The William C. Nichols 4-H Memorial Scholarship is sponsored by the Family of William C. Nichols. There is one \$1,000 scholarship awarded to an individual who has been part of 4-H for three years and demonstrates leadership and community engagement through 4-H, school, and other organization activities.

All awardees will receive their scholarship money after completion of the first semester of college and after submitting a copy of the semester’s transcript to CCE within one month of completion of first semester.

Learn more at [cceptutnamcounty.org/about-us/high-school-scholarships](http://cceptutnamcounty.org/about-us/high-school-scholarships).

# State Park Funds Awarded

The New York State Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation has announced \$2.25 million in grants to 27 nonprofit organizations – including three in Putnam County – to support the stewardship of state parks, trails, historic sites, and public lands.

The Park & Trail Partnership Grants program is funded through the NYS Environmental Protection Fund. Grants are administered in partnership with the advocacy group Parks & Trails New York. Recipients must raise outside funding for a match of at least 10 percent of the grant amount received.

Bannerman Castle Trust has been awarded \$27,450 to connect the historic “Red Trail” to “The Grotto,” to the “Wee Bay,” facilitating access for all visitors – especially those who are mobility-impaired.

Friends of Fahnestock & Hudson Highlands has been awarded \$77,950 to preserve and restore an historic 1874 one-room schoolhouse for transformation into an interpretative visitor center, providing a window into late 19th to early 20th century way of life.

Harlem Valley Rail Trail Association has been awarded \$263,132 to construct an Americans With Disabilities Act-compliant boardwalk along an environmentally sensitive section of trail that is part of the eventual 46-mile regional rail trail system.

# History Column

Jack Alcott, Southeast Historian



Contributed photo.

# The ‘Other’ Brewster Heights?

What if the Brewster Heights name was used for a development circa 1913 and later co-opted for the one on the hill in 1955?

“A lot of these homes were built by William Smalley, including mine,” wrote the group Shakedown on my blog page.

“He (Smalley) was a well-known carpenter and builder of Brewster and was active in the development of these houses and others, including along Eastview Avenue... According to his obituary, other localities such as the Silver Birches on Route 22 north and the Snideros’ properties on Route 6 were made available to homeowners through the efforts of William Smalley.”

But, as a 1920 postcard attests, an area was called Brewster Heights way before the first development house was built up on top of the hill off Route 6, about 1955.

It appears that another part of town possibly had that name at the time of the 1920 postcard, and it was over by Crosby Avenue where some of the homes resemble those depicted on the postcard and in the Brewster Heights photos from 1913 to 1915.

It’s not absolutely confirmed, but it sure looks very likely based on Shakedown’s findings.

“I could be wrong, but I’m pretty sure Brewster Heights around this time was in reference to a completely different part of Brewster versus present-day Brewster Heights.”

Very cool! I appreciate the effort to solve these Brewster mysteries.

Jack Alcott is the Town of Southeast historian and a Brewster history enthusiast. See more on Facebook, at “Southeast, NY – Historian.”

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# Trivia Night Fundraiser at Patterson Library

The Patterson Library invites the community to put their knowledge to the test during a trivia night fundraiser benefiting the Patterson Library Friends.

This lively, adults-only event takes place Friday, March 6 at 6:30 p.m., at the library. It promises to be an evening of friendly competition, food and drink, and community spirit.

Hosted by Garry Leavy from Let's Go Trivia, the night will feature trivia rounds and plenty of chances to win prizes. Attendees may enjoy light bites, wine, and the opportunity to try their luck with raffle items, all while supporting programs and services at Patterson Library.

"This event is a fun and meaningful way to support the library," said staff. "It's a night

out that brings the community together while directly benefiting the work of the Patterson Library Friends."

The event is open to adults ages 18 and older.

Tickets are \$50 and include admission, light bites, and wine. Seating is limited and advance purchase is encouraged. Visit [www.pattersonlibrary.org](http://www.pattersonlibrary.org) or call 845-878-6121, ext. 10.

For parents and caregivers who purchase tickets, the library's youth services staff will offer on-site babysitting for children age 3 to 10 during the event. Space is limited, and children must be registered in advance through the library's online calendar.

The snow date is Friday, March 13.



Carmel students Isabella and Max with Superintendent Michael Plotkin.

## Student School Board Members Learn About Leadership

For the 2025-26 year, New York State has required boards of education to include student representatives among their members – and those chosen for the slots in Carmel intend to make the most of

the opportunity.

Seniors Isabella and River work alongside sophomores Max and Aarav. Because all four students juggle packed schedules, they split attendance at the twice-monthly meetings, and each notices something different.

What has stood out to Isabella is the public nature of the discussions. "It's good that everyone can air their concerns," she said. "There is a sense of accountability because issues are raised and brought up in a public space."

Seeing decisions unfold in real time has changed how Isabella understands leadership, she said.

Aarav has paid close attention to how the board functions, saying the formal process is structured and deliberate – and surprisingly interesting.

"I learn something about how a board works at every meeting," said Aarav. "There is a specific order that things must happen on the board. Someone makes a motion, and someone has to second it. It is interesting."

River is focused on the relationships in the room, seeing how different opinions do not stop progress, but shape it.

"It's interesting to see that board members can have different points of view but there's still a balance there," he said. "They put things aside and make it work."

Max views the role as a new way to connect with the community. "I wanted to be able to speak about issues that are important to me and to other students," he said. "It's a different way of interacting with my community and the teachers and students."

Before each meeting, Superintendent Michael Plotkin meets with the students to review the agenda and explain what to expect, emphasizing preparation and problem-solving.

"If you want to bring up an issue, try to propose a possible solution," he said. "That usually sparks a real conversation."

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# Putnam County Community Events

**Winter Coat Drive**

Putnam Community Action Partnership is collecting new winter coats (tags still on) in all sizes for children age 0 to 18. Donations can be made at Putnam CAP, 121 Main St., Brewster, through Feb. 28. Financial donations to help Putnam CAP purchase coats for those in need can be made at [www.putnamcap.org](http://www.putnamcap.org). For information, call 845-278-8021.

**Kindergarten Registration**

Kindergarten registration for the Brewster High School Class of 2039 will take place the weeks of March 2 and March 9, by appointment only. Children who will be 5 years old on or before Dec. 1, 2026, are eligible to register for September classes. Families residing in the district are asked to call 845-279-5051, ext. 6162, for English; or 845-279-2087, ext. 4143 or 4144, for Spanish, for more information.

**Find Shelter**

Brewster Cares’ winter shelter is open nightly at 8:30 p.m. (you must arrive by 9 p.m.) Daytime warming center hours are 6:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Meet for screening at 72 Main St., Brewster.

**Senior Center Art Class**

Seniors may paint and draw with peers at the Koehler Senior Center on Route 6 in Mahopac, or the Putnam Valley Friendship Center, 117 Town Park Road, on Thursday mornings from 10 a.m. to noon. Whether you are a beginner or just want to brush up on your skills. Bring your own supplies or use provided materials.

**Tuesday, Feb. 10**

**Garden Club**

The monthly meeting of the Brewster Carmel Garden Club will take place Tuesday, Feb. 10, at the Spain Memorial Cornerstone Park building on the corner of Fair Street and Gleneida Avenue in Carmel. The meeting will begin at 10:30 a.m., followed by a brief social before the club’s presentation, “Native Plants for Pollinators & Beneficial Insects.” Members and their guests are encouraged to bring a light lunch. For information, visit <https://brewstercarmelgardenclub.org>.

**Home Seller’s Workshop**

Reed Memorial Library in Carmel will present a home seller’s workshop Feb. 10 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Join local real estate professionals of Keller Williams Realty Partners for practical, budget-friendly tips to get your home ready for a successful sale. Learn how to prepare, what to expect, and the smart steps that can help your property stand out in today’s market. Registration required at [carmellibrary.org/calendar](http://carmellibrary.org/calendar).

**Little Valentine Painters**

Kids age 4 to 6 are invited to Brewster Public Library on Tuesday, Feb. 10 at 5:30 p.m., to celebrate Valentine’s Day with an art program. Kids will paint small wooden Valentine pictures using bright colors and make a festive keepsake to take home. Registration is recommended at [brewsterlibrary.org](http://brewsterlibrary.org).

**K-Pop Dance Off**

Teens age 13 to 17 are invited Brewster Public Library on Tuesday, Feb. 10 at 4:15 p.m., to hit the dance floor and show off their moves or try learning choreogra-

phy as K-pop songs play. Snacks included! Registration is required at [brewsterlibrary.org](http://brewsterlibrary.org).

**‘The Roses’**

Patterson Library will screen “The Roses” on Tuesday, Feb. 10 at 1 p.m. On the surface, life looks perfect, until hidden resentments and competition turn their once-perfect life upside down in this witty dark comedy. Adults 18 and older. Register at 845-878-6121 or [www.pattersonlibrary.org](http://www.pattersonlibrary.org).

**Wednesday, Feb. 11**

**Carmel Town Board**

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

**Music & Movement**

Kids age 18 months to 4 years are invited to Brewster Public Library on Wednesday, Feb. 11 at 9:15 a.m., for a morning of songs and stories. Children and caregivers will sing, move, shake instruments, and enjoy stories that encourage early literacy, coordination, and social skills. Registration is required at [brewsterlibrary.org](http://brewsterlibrary.org).

**Marine Corps League**

The Marine Corps League Putnam County Detachment meets the second Wednesday each month at noon at George’s Place on Gleneida Avenue in Carmel. For membership, email [MCLPutnam-CountyNY242@gmail.com](mailto:MCLPutnam-CountyNY242@gmail.com).

**Thursday, Feb. 12**

**Valentine’s Storytime**

Celebrate Valentine’s Day with a special storytime and craft Thursday, Feb. 12 at 6 p.m., at Brewster Public Library. Kids age 4 to 8 will enjoy a story and create a craft to take home. Registration required at [brewsterlibrary.org](http://brewsterlibrary.org).

**Pokémon Club**

Mahopac Public Library will host a Pokémon Card Club for kids in kindergarten through grade five Thursday, Feb. 12 at 4:30 p.m. Bring your Pokémon cards and join in games and trading. Register at [www.mahopaclibrary.org](http://www.mahopaclibrary.org) or call 845-628-2009, ext. 139.

**Friday, Feb. 13**

**‘Vive La Revolution’**

The Town of Southeast Cultural Arts Coalition will present “Vive La Revolution,” Bad Reputation performing the songs of Georges Brassens, on Friday, Feb. 13 at 7:30 p.m., at Old Town Hall Theater, 67 Main St., Brewster. Tickets are \$20 at [culturalartscso.com](http://culturalartscso.com).

**Saturday, Feb. 14**

**District Transit Facility**

The Carmel Central School District invites the public to an informational meeting about proposed renovations to its district transportation facility Saturday, Feb. 14 at 11:30 a.m., at Kent Elementary School. All community members are invited learn more about the proposal and share feedback.

**Music at St. Mary’s**

The next performance of Music at St. Mary’s is scheduled Feb. 14 at 2 p.m., at St. Mary’s Episcopal

Church in Cold Spring. It will feature a mix of classic flamenco and modern rock by a family guitar quartet from Brooklyn. Free.

**Defensive Driving**

Mahopac Public Library will host a Defensive Driving Insurance Reduction Program on Saturday, Feb. 14 at 9:30 a.m. A series of films and discussion about driving attitudes and behaviors designed for licensed drivers, but those with permits may attend. Register at [www.mahopaclibrary.org](http://www.mahopaclibrary.org) or call 845-628-2009, ext. 100.

**Sunday, Feb. 15**

**Hike**

Friends of the Great Swamp will host a hike at Gordon Douglas Nature Reserve-East on Sunday, Feb. 15 at 9:30 a.m., at 1143 Route 22, Pawling. Park in the vacant lot. This is an easy, 1.5-mile hike with amazing views of the Great Swamp and an opportunity to do some winter birding in a private reserve. Bring your binoculars and cameras, and snacks and plenty of fluids. Email Ken Luhman at [frogspaddle22@gmail.com](mailto:frogspaddle22@gmail.com) if you plan to attend. \$5 payable at <https://friends-of-the-great-swamp.square.site>.

**Monday, Feb. 16**

**Book-to-Movie Event**

Mahopac Public Library will host a book-to-movie Monday, Feb. 16 at 4 p.m. Did you know the famous Studio Ghibli film “Spirited Away” was actually based on a book? “The Village Beyond the Mist” by Sachiko Kashiwaba, just got its official English translation in 2025. Read the book that inspired the film, then watch it. Make your own soot sprite and learn to make your own onigiri (Japanese rice balls). For grade six. Register at [www.mahopaclibrary.org](http://www.mahopaclibrary.org) or call 845-628-2009, ext. 153.

**Spotting Scams**

Learn about three online scams and familiarize yourself with some of the techniques scammers commonly use to access sensitive information Monday, Feb. 16 at 6:30 p.m., at Mahopac Public Library. Register to attend in-person or virtually, at [www.mahopaclibrary.org](http://www.mahopaclibrary.org) or 845-628-2009, ext. 100.

**Tuesday, Feb. 17**

**Kent Town Board**

The Kent Town Board will meet at Kent Town Hall at 7 p.m. (unless otherwise noted) on: Feb. 17, March 3 and 17, April 14 and 21, May 5 and 19, June 2 and 16, July 7 and 21, Aug. 4 and 18, Sept. 8 and 15, Oct. 6 and 20, Nov. 10 and 17, and Dec. 1 and 15.

**Bingo**

Enjoy Lunar New Year Bingo at Reed Memorial Library in Carmel on Feb. 17 from 11 a.m. to noon. Celebrate the Year of the Fire Horse by doing a craft and playing bingo. For children age 6 and older. Register at [carmellibrary.org](http://carmellibrary.org).

**Patterson**

**Library Meeting**

The Patterson Library Board of Trustees will meet Feb. 17 at 6:30 p.m.

**Tree & Shrub Seedling Sale**

Cornell Cooperative Extension and Putnam County Soil & Water Conservation have teamed up to

offer a selection of trees and shrubs Tuesday, Feb. 17. The seedling sale has a long-standing tradition of planting trees and shrubs that create habitat and protect water quality. Plants includes native trees, shrubs, and perennials that support birds and pollinators. Also a selection of native plant plugs to get a head start on creating backyard habitat. Shopping deadline is March 27. Plants will be sold online only, at [cceputnamcounty.org/events](http://cceputnamcounty.org/events).

**Lunar New Year Celebration**

Kids age 4 to 8 are invited to celebrate the Lunar New Year at Brewster Public Library on Tuesday, Feb. 17 at 4:45 p.m., and welcome the Year of the Fire Horse. Listen to an engaging story and take part in crafts and activities that highlight the rich tradition of this festive season. Registration required at [brewsterlibrary.org](http://brewsterlibrary.org).

**Cupid Academy**

Kids age 7 to 12 are invited to Brewster Public Library on Tuesday, Feb. 17 at 5:45 p.m., for its Cupid Academy. Build a bow and arrow and test your aim while creating a fun, colorful group painting with every shot. Registration is required at [brewsterlibrary.org](http://brewsterlibrary.org).

**Wednesday, Feb. 18**

**Marshmallow**

**Stem Challenge**

Kids age 6 and older will design and build using marshmallows and simple materials in a hands-on STEM challenge that blends creativity, problem-solving, and a little cold-weather inspiration Feb. 18 from 11 to 11:45 a.m. at Reed Memorial Library in Carmel. Register at [carmellibrary.org](http://carmellibrary.org) or call 845-225-2439.

**Thursday, Feb. 19**

**Snowflake Craft**

Kids age 6 and older can make snow day crafts Feb. 19 at 11 a.m., at Reed Memorial Library in Carmel. Cut, create, and design a snowflake. Registration is required at [carmellibrary.org](http://carmellibrary.org) or 845-225-2439.

**Food Preservation**

Cornell Cooperative Extension-Putnam County Ag & Food Systems Coordinator Ruby Koch-Fienberg will be teaching two food preservation lunch-and-learn classes via Zoom from noon to 1 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 19 featuring a “Beginners Guide to Canning and Food Preservation,” and Thursday, March 19 featuring “Planning Your Garden for the Jar.” \$5 per class. Register at [cceputnamcounty.org/events](http://cceputnamcounty.org/events).

**‘The Dream & Hope of the Slave’**

In recognition of Black History Month, the Kent Public Library will host Tanisha Mitchell from “Opera Talks” as she presents “Cotton: The Dream and Hope of the Slave,” “a moving and immersive program honoring the journey of the African-American slave through spirituals, art, and first-hand narratives, Thursday, Feb. 19 at 6:30 p.m., via Zoom. Register at [kentpl.librarycalendar.com](http://kentpl.librarycalendar.com).

**Friday, Feb. 20**

**‘Nightcrawler’**

Adults are invited to Mahopac

Public Library to watch “Nightcrawler” on Friday, Feb. 20 at 6 p.m. Register at [www.mahopaclibrary.org](http://www.mahopaclibrary.org) or 845-628-2009, ext. 100.

**Owl Prowl**

Join Cornell Cooperative Extension-Putnam County on Feb. 20 from 5 to 8 p.m., at Tilly Foster Farm in Brewster, for a visit from an owl, at the Restore and Regenerate Forest. Chris Evers and an owl ambassador from Animal Embassy teach about these animals. Activities are outdoors and will include a woods walk where participants look and listen for local owls with volunteers. There is tiered pricing at \$20, \$30, and \$40. Registration is required at [cceputnamcounty.org/events](http://cceputnamcounty.org/events).

**Saturday, Feb. 21**

**Local Genealogy**

Join Reed Memorial Library in Carmel on Feb. 21 from 11 a.m. to noon for a session with Alicia Briley who will guide participants through the world of local genealogy. Perfect for curious beginners, seasoned researchers, and anyone who loves a good local story. Registration required at [carmellibrary.org/calendar](http://carmellibrary.org/calendar).

**‘Coffee & Conversation’**

State Sen. Pete Harckham will host a “Coffee and Conversation” from 1 to 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21 at Mahopac Public Library, to discuss legislative priorities for the newly commenced 2026 session and important issues affecting the community. Attendees are welcome to bring their questions, ideas and concerns. Coffee and light refreshments will be served. RSVP to [Harckham@nysenate.gov](mailto:Harckham@nysenate.gov).

**Defensive Driving Class**

Kent Public Library will host a defensive driving class Saturday, Feb. 21 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Receive up to a 10 percent discount on your motor vehicle collision and liability insurance premium for up to three years, and up to a four-point reduction on your driving record. \$40. Register at [kentpl.librarycalendar.com](http://kentpl.librarycalendar.com).

**Yoga for Adults**

Join Jennifer Nikischer for a 45-minute session of yoga Saturday, Feb. 21 at 11 a.m. at Kent Public Library. This class is for all abilities. Registration is required at [kentpl.librarycalendar.com](http://kentpl.librarycalendar.com).

**Black History**

**Celebration**

Arts on the Lake will hold its fifth black history celebration and food drive Saturday, Feb. 21 from 2 to 5 p.m., at 640 Route 52, Kent Lakes.

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# Fulmar Students Visited by Children’s Illustrator, Performers



Children’s author and illustrator Daniel Jude Miller addresses students.

Fulmar Road Elementary School students in Mahopac were treated to two special presentations last month.

On Jan. 21, children’s author and illustrator Daniel Jude Miller shared his personal journey as a young artist and encouraged students to embrace creativity, practice, and perseverance.

Miller’s love of drawing began at a young age, when he filled pages with pictures of helicopters, airplanes, dragons, dinosaurs, knights, and skeletons. In the fourth grade, he decided he wanted to become an artist and committed himself to learning new skills and improving through constant practice.

As Miller shared examples of his early artwork, students “oohed” and “ahhed” at how his drawings evolved over time. He explained that practicing a little bit leads to small improvement, but practicing consistently can lead to significant growth.

Miller later attended a specialized school where he was able to focus on art throughout the day, further developing his skills and



Pushcart Players perform “Stone Soup... and Other Stories.”

confidence as an artist. He emphasized to students that creativity grows with effort, patience, and a willingness to keep learning.

“It truly was an honor to be invited to Fulmar Road to read my stories, show my artwork, and have the opportunity to inspire a new generation of artists and storytellers,” said Miller.

On Jan. 28, Fulmar Road students enjoyed a lively assembly featuring “Stone Soup... and Other Stories” by Pushcart Players. The interactive play brought several folktales to life, each centered on

characters facing challenges and working together to find solutions.

The performance introduced students to stories from cultures around the world, including those from Africa, Eastern Europe, India, and the U.S., while reinforcing the joy of reading and storytelling.

Fulmar Road Parent-Teacher Organization volunteer Serena Marks praised the Pushcart Players.

“The performance of ‘Stone Soup... and Other Stories’ was animated and engaging,” she said. “It received outstanding reviews from the teachers and students.”

# New Exhibit Lights Up Kent Library



“Island Happening” and “Island Paradise” by Fonesca.



Artwork by “Fonesca” will be on display through Feb. 28 at Kent Public Library.

Fonseca is a Bronx-based multidisciplinary artist with a bachelor’s degree in photography from the City College of New York.

“My artwork is shaped by chance encounters, memories, and evolving ideas rather than a fixed outcome,” he said. “It began with an invitation for a solo exhibition at Kent Library in Putnam – a place I encountered while helping a friend install his show.”

Having worked in libraries throughout high school and college, Fonseca said the setting prompted him to reflect on past systems of knowledge and their contrast with contemporary digital information retrieval.

“I realized that many younger visitors have never encountered a physical card catalog, and that absence became the project’s conceptual anchor,” he said. “While visiting California, I encountered a carpenter’s workshop and met Michael, who owned an authentic card catalog. He generously gifted me a portion of it, confirming the card catalog as the ‘container’ for the project.”

Work then evolved into a



dialogue between the physical/ analog, and the virtual/artificial intelligence-driven, with ChatGPT assisting in the project’s research and structure.

“The content emerged from a personal moment of realizing my ignorance,” said Fonseca. “Preparing for a digital exhibition in Grenada, I realized I did not know where the country was. This gap in geographic knowledge, despite formal education, became the catalyst. With AI’s assistance, I assembled maps, lists of Caribbean sovereign nations and dependencies, Dewey Decimal classifications, and QR codes.”

The installation presents a pebble-textured Caribbean map mounted on metal mesh. Each island is illuminated by an LED light activated by the viewer, who may take a catalog card.



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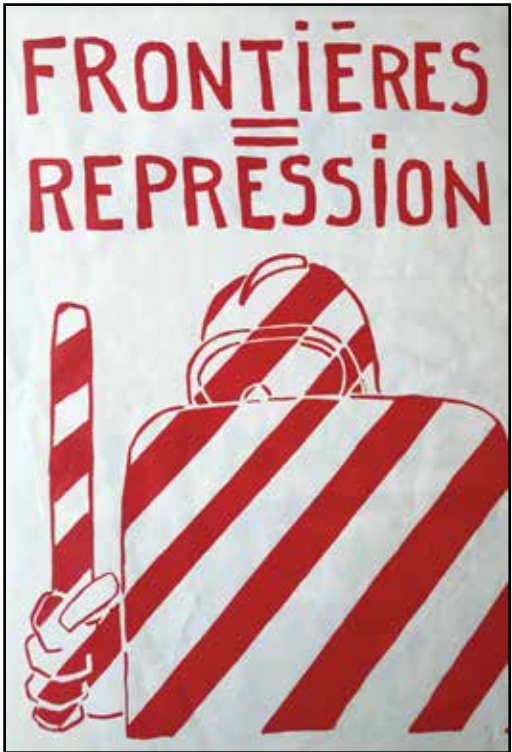
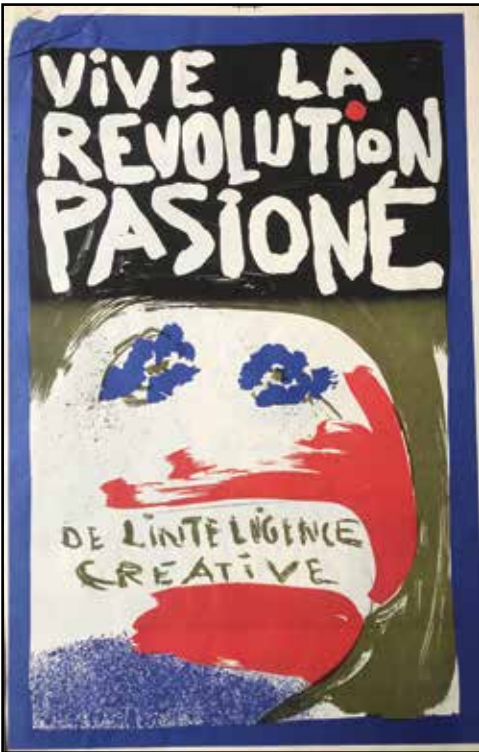


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# Experience ‘Vive La Revolution’ in Brewster



Pierre de Gaillande will perform Feb. 13 in Brewster during “Vive La Revolution.”

Posters by James Shearwood will be on display as part of the event.

The Town of Southeast Cultural Arts Coalition invites the public to experience the spirit of rebellion Friday, Feb. 13 at 7:30 p.m., as Bad Reputation brings the Gypsy jazz-influenced, raunchy and subversive chansons of legendary singer Georges Brassens in English and French – alongside James Shearwood’s collection of revolutionary 1968 posters – to Old Town Hall Theater, 67 Main

St., Brewster. Tickets to “Vive La Revolution” are \$20 and available at [www.culturalartsco.com](http://www.culturalartsco.com). Bad Reputation is the musical project of Paris-born, New York-based musician Pierre de Gaillande, reimagining the songs of legendary French poet and singer Brassens for English-speaking audiences. The band has been featured on NPR’s “The World,”

“TV5,” and in numerous outlets across France, Spain, and the U.S. Brassens was a towering figure in French culture, blending sharp, literary poetry with spare folk melodies to challenge authority, hypocrisy, and social conventions (much like Bob Dylan or Leonard Cohen). His lasting global relevance comes from the way his songs transcend language and era, using humor, humanity, and moral

clarity to speak to universal struggles around freedom, individuality, and power. Exhibited at Old Town Hall theater will be reproductions of a selection of Shearwood’s collection of revolutionary French posters, produced during the 1968 student uprising in Paris – when workers and students went to the Atelier Populaire in the occupied School of Fine Arts with ideas for

poster designs, which would then be printed and plastered all over Paris alongside a wave of radical graffiti. The posters, although beautifully simple, express the feelings of hope and resistance flooding the streets at the time and still feel relevant to today’s viewer. Reproductions of some of the posters will be available for purchase at the show.

## Brewster NJROTC Celebrates Time-Honored ‘Pass in Review’



The Brewster High School Naval Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps recently underwent its annual Area Manager’s Inspection.



Members of the Brewster High School Naval Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps – 148 in total – recently gathered in the gymnasium looking sharp for their annual Area Manager’s Inspection. The event is meant to ensure the group operates and maintains U.S. Navy standards, including the proper wearing of the Navy uniform, personal appearance, general knowledge of the U.S. Navy, general orders and chain of command, and an exhibition of armed Color Guard and armed drill, which ends with a pass and review parade. “I inspect all 29 schools in Area 1,” said Inspecting Officer Gregory Washington. “Brewster is one of the most complete units in all of Area 1. You do it all with

pride, and your kids have fun. This program is a citizen development program. The first order of business is to produce great citizens. Thank you for allowing your kids to be part of this program.” To prepare for inspection, each cadet has been studying all of the general orders, Navy chain of command, the fleet, uniform measurements, and foundational knowledge of Navy procedure. “How are you doing, Cadet Cruz?” asked Washington. “What are the measurements for a ribbon on a male uniform?” “I am good sir. The ribbon is placed a quarter-inch from the top of the left breast pocket,” replied the cadet. After inspection, the unit stood in formation for the pass in review.

The band played “Review March” by John Philip Sousa, which is not an easy piece. Parents, guardians, grandparents, friends, teachers, and district administrators packed the bleachers to show their support. A.J. Palmer’s family was in

attendance, including his grandfather who is a veteran, and the Curtins were there to support their student, Michael. “We love NJROTC for the tradition and the discipline,” said Kelly Curtin.

As commanding officer of the unit, Danna Hernandez Madrid led the pass in review to close the ceremony. When she asked the company if it was motivated, there was a resounding “Hooyah! The company is motivated!”

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# Putnam Youth Swimmers Start 2026 Strong

The New Fairfield Aquaflyers – which includes participants from Patterson, Brewster, and Carmel – swam into the New Year with the first mini meet of 2026 on Jan. 7. The team is getting ready for a swim-a-thon Feb. 11, which is its biggest fundraiser, in coordination with USA Swim. There will be games, prizes, music, and lots of swimming. The public is asked to consider sponsoring a swimmer or making a donation.

The top 10 swimmers from the “Swim Into the New Year Mini Meet” are as follows:

Piera Amaral finished ninth in the 25-yard freestyle.

Wylann Archer finished first in the 25-yard butterfly.

Isabella Cardona finished second in the 25-yard backstroke, fifth in the 25-yard freestyle, and sixth in the 25-yard breaststroke.

Lena Coniglio finished seventh in the 25-yard butterfly.

Eva Fabiano finished sixth in the 25-yard butterfly.

Owen Fabiano finished seventh in the 25-yard breaststroke, eighth in the 25-yard backstroke, and 10th in the 25-yard freestyle.

Violet Fairchild finished fifth in the 25-yard butterfly.

Riley Glover finished eighth in the 25-yard butterfly.

Hudson Guerrero finished 10th in the 25-yard butterfly.

Jackson Monroe finished third in the 25-yard butterfly.

Benjamin Kozlenko finished eighth in the 25-yard breaststroke and 10th in the 25-yard backstroke.

Willow Krompinger finished first in the 25-yard backstroke, and third in the 25-yard freestyle and 25-yard breaststroke.

Adrianna Rasulo finished sixth in the 25-yard freestyle, seventh in the 25-yard backstroke, and 10th in the 25-yard breaststroke.

Leo Ruscigno finished second in the 25-yard breaststroke and 25-yard freestyle, and fourth in the 25-yard backstroke.

Hailey Sandoval finished third in the 25-yard backstroke, and fourth in the 25-yard freestyle and 25-yard breaststroke.

Luca Scala finished fifth in the 25-yard breaststroke, eighth in the 25-yard freestyle, and ninth in the 25-yard backstroke.

Charlotte Smith finished first in the 25-yard freestyle and 25-yard breaststroke, and fifth in the 25-yard backstroke.

Desiree Stancek finished



The New Fairfield Aquaflyers at the recent “Swim Into the New Year Mini Meet.”

fourth in the 25-yard butterfly.

Hannah Sullivan finished sixth in the 25-yard backstroke, seventh in the 25-yard freestyle, and ninth in the 25-yard breaststroke.

Jackson Burdi finished first in the 50-yard freestyle, 50-yard breaststroke, and 50-yard butterfly; and second in the 50-yard backstroke.

Chloe Carey finished third in the 50-yard breaststroke, sixth in the 50-yard freestyle, seventh in the 50-yard backstroke, and ninth in the 50-yard butterfly.

Brynn Frederick finished eighth in the 50-yard breaststroke and 10th in the 50-yard butterfly.

Rebecca Gavin finished

ninth in the 25-yard butterfly and ninth in the 50-yard backstroke.

Anthony Jachym finished sixth in the 50-yard backstroke, seventh in the 50-yard freestyle and 50-yard butterfly, and 10th in the 50-yard breaststroke.

Tristan Keutmann finished fifth in the 50-yard breaststroke, eighth in the 50-yard butterfly, and 10th in the 50-yard freestyle and 50-yard backstroke.

Lily Knox finished first in the 50-yard backstroke, fourth in the 50-yard butterfly, and eighth in the 50-yard freestyle.

Zachary Krompinger finished second in the 25-yard butterfly, fourth in the 50-yard freestyle and 50-yard breaststroke, and eighth in the 50-yard

backstroke.

Kylie Mino finished fifth in the 50-yard butterfly, seventh in the 50-yard breaststroke, and ninth in the 50-yard freestyle.

Saige Mosiej finished second in the 50-yard freestyle, third in the 50-yard butterfly, fourth in the 50-yard backstroke, and sixth in the 50-yard breaststroke.

Lily Reichert finished ninth in the 50-yard breaststroke.

Alejandro See finished fifth in the 50-yard freestyle and 50-yard backstroke, and sixth in the 50-yard butterfly.

Quinn Welsh finished second in the 50-yard breaststroke and 50-yard butterfly, and third in the 50-yard freestyle and 50-yard backstroke.

# Brewster Teen Promotes Safe Driving for Teens

Brewster High School student Alex Romero is connecting his Senior Success Project to meaningful community action through his work with the Putnam County Youth Council.

As part of this project, Romero has partnered with Even Delfs, youth program specialist for the council, to support the Youth Court Steering Committee – an initiative focused on improv-

ing road safety for young drivers. On Jan. 30, Romero presented his work to the entire senior class, sharing how student voice and civic engagement can directly influence public safety efforts



Brewster High School students practice walking a straight line while wearing “drunk goggles” as part of a presentation on how to improve road safety for young drivers.

in the community. His presentation highlighted the goals of the Youth Court Steering Committee, which aims to reduce adverse traffic outcomes among 16- to 20-year-olds in Putnam County, including fatal and personal injury crashes, speed-related incidents, and arrests for driving while intoxicated.

The initiative takes a holistic approach to highway safety.

“Data shows that young people who engage in risky driving behaviors are more likely to drive while impaired by alcohol or other substances,” said Romero. “The numbers from Putnam County are even higher than those from New York overall. By addressing risky behaviors together rather than in isolation, we hope to create long-term positive change.”

“This project is a powerful example of the incredible work our seniors are doing for their community beyond the classroom,” said Kayla Corvino, Senior Success Project coordinator. “Seeing students like Alex connect learning to real community needs is exactly what this experience is meant to do.”



BHS student Alex Romero recently presented his Senior Success Project to the entire grade level.

Through his project, Romero has connected academic research, youth advocacy, and real-world policy work. His collaboration with the Putnam County Youth Council demonstrates how students can play an active role in identifying local challenges and contributing to solutions that benefit the broader community.

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Putnam Hospital President Dr. Mark Hirko and Vice President of Medical Affairs Keyur Ajbani, County Executive Kevin Byrne, Putnam Commissioner of Emergency Services James Oster, Director of EMS Robert Cuomo, Empress EMS Executive Director Robert Stuck, and County Legislators Nancy Montgomery and Laura Russo gathered to kick off Putnam’s community paramedicine program last week.

Paramedicine Comes to Putnam

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county’s \$2.8 million annual investment in paramedic services. Putnam is the first in the state to centralize paramedic funding at the county level. The county adjusted some Empress resources to cover costs of the community paramedicine unit, which aims to ease strain on emergency systems, improve access to non-urgent care, and create long-term cost savings through more efficient use of emergency resources.

Paramedicine services can include wound care, medication adjustments, blood draws, chronic disease management, fall prevention, and telehealth consultations. One of the main goals of community paramedicine is to keep patients from returning to the hospital for follow-up care – accelerating recovery and enhancing overall health.

“This initiative is about meeting people where they are, safely at home with the care they need,” said County Legislator Nancy Montgomery, D-Philipstown. “I thank County Executive Byrne, EMS Director Cuomo, Rob Stuck, and all of Empress for their leadership – and especially the paramedics, volunteers, and first responders who have served Putnam County with such dedication for so many years.”

Legislator Laura Russo, R-Patterson, called the program a smart, compassionate investment in the health of residents.

“By bringing care directly into people’s homes, we are improving outcomes for seniors and families while reducing strain on our emergency system and saving taxpayer dollars,” she said. “I’m proud to support an initiative that puts patients first and positions Putnam County as a leader in innovative, community-based healthcare.”

“This is the first county program in the state of New York,” added Stuck. “It’s proactive and

community based, it’s family and patient centric, and it will fill those gaps in care that have traditionally existed in our current system.”

According to the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention, about 40 percent of emergency department visits involve patients who could be treated effectively in nonurgent care settings.

At least 40 states have launched mobile-integrated health or community paramedicine programs.

“The launch of community paramedicine marks a crucial, forward-thinking step, promising significant impact on patient well-being through in-home care and a reduced strain on our emergency department,” said Keyur Ajbani, Putnam Hospital’s vice president of medical affairs. “We’re proactively improving community health, preventing crises, and leveraging telemedicine for immediate patient improvements.”

Community paramedicine expanded during the COVID-19 pandemic due to a need for ample COVID testing, providing vaccines, and keeping elderly and immunocompromised residents out of emergency rooms and hospitals. Empress’ community paramedics were called on and became the first in the state to vaccinate homebound individuals and were responsible for more than 200,000 COVID-19 vaccinations.

“By reducing unnecessary ambulance transports for non-critical conditions, this program ensures patients get the proper care in a timely manner,” said Cuomo. “It also supports safe recovery at home, improving health outcomes through collaboration with our hardworking first responders.”

During his time in the State Assembly as ranking member of the Health Committee, Byrne championed legislation that allowed for the creation of community paramedicine programs in local governments. He is expected to testify before the State Legislature’s Joint Budget Committee Meeting on Health on Feb. 10 in Albany, about the county’s community paramedicine program.

Putnam Valley Nixes Mixed-Use Zoning Proposal

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and residential development in Putnam Valley, with an eye toward attracting small mom-and-pop enterprises. It also was championed by former Town Supervisor Jacqueline Annabi as a way to encourage the patronage of local businesses that many in town say they favor, while protecting the local environment.

Nonetheless, the proposals met intense criticism during the Nov. 19 and Jan. 28 public hearings. Critics said the changes would alter the town’s semi-rural character while not guaranteeing successful business development.

Peekskill Hollow Road resident Christie Kroll pointed to deficiencies in how the town had filled out the 13-page environmental assessment form associated with the proposed zoning changes, saying that some of that EAF information was incomplete.

“It leaves the town in an uncomfortable position, legally, so I think the EAF should be revisited,” said Kroll. “What I’m hearing is ‘go slow,’ and I absolutely agree that is the right thing to do.”

Shawnee Road resident Jeff Coren said the town needs to proceed cautiously for a key reason: the local watershed. “This is the county of lakes,” he said. “Everything we do has an effect on the lakes and lake quality.”

People in both sessions pointed to a key sore point: the abundant empty storefronts and commercial properties in some parts of town.

“Everybody keeps talking about how we have all these buildings that are empty,” said Councilwoman Sherry Howard. “They want to see businesses in them, but they also have to realize that we do not own them. Unless they (property owners) are willing to put businesses in them, there’s not a lot we can do.”

Even after the proposal was withdrawn, several on the board said they favor the proposal’s goal and voiced their intention to keep it moving forward.

“I see this as one part of a much bigger picture,” said Jolicoeur. “I’d like to move forward, but in conjunction with other things as well.” She cited a need to update the town’s comprehensive plan, and also said she would study the town’s open-space inventory.

Both Howard and Jolicoeur stressed the need for outreach to the building owners and offering assistance to them in attracting business. Councilman CJ Brooks said it’s also important to attract quality enterprises.

“We don’t want situations where buildings have been rezoned and then sit empty because

somebody’s got enough money to buy a building – and they don’t really need to have a business there,” he said.

In Councilman Louie Longo’s view, the zoning code changes mark a return to how things once existed in much of Putnam Valley – with small, family-owned businesses coexisting with residences. He said the Neighborhood Business Committee will need to judiciously solicit public input on any proposed changes in the future, because any change will alter the town’s landscape in some way.

“We need to tread lightly on it, but we also need to move ahead,” he said.


Councilman Christian Russo noted that the public requires good, clear information on any proposals to change zoning regulations. He also said the committee will need to carefully consider the comments made during the two public hearing sessions – and seek even more input from residents.

“The members who volunteered to be on this committee put a lot of time and effort into this over the past couple of years,” said Russo. “I believe we can have some small businesses in these residential-type places throughout Putnam Valley and increase our business here.”




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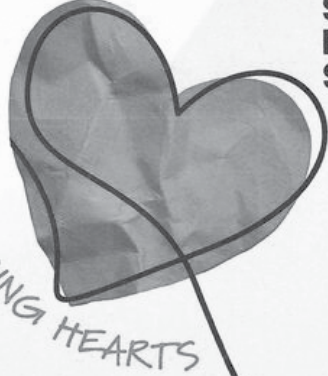


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## Audition for 'Into the Woods' with Brewster Theater Co.

The Brewster Theater Company will hold auditions for "Into the Woods" next month.

James Lapine and Stephen Sondheim take everyone's favorite storybook characters and bring them together for a timeless yet relevant piece—and a rare modern classic. The story follows a baker and his wife who wish to have a child, Cinderella wishing to attend the king's festival, and Jack who wishes his cow would give milk.

When the baker and his wife learn that they cannot have a child because of a witch's curse, the two set off on a journey to break the curse. Everyone's wish is granted, but the consequences of their actions return to haunt them with disastrous results.

One of Sondheim's most popular works, "Into the Woods" is a musically sophisticated show with the opportunity to feature actors adept at dark

comedy.

Auditions are by appointment and take place Sunday, March 22 from noon to 4 p.m., and Tuesday and Thursday, March 24 and 26 from 6 to 9 p.m., at Drew Methodist Church, 28 Gleneida Ave., Carmel.

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gmail.com for an audition form, which must be filled out to receive an audition time slot. Audition sign-ups will close Thursday, March 19.

Video auditions will be accepted, but the auditioner must provide their own accompaniment. All video submissions must be submitted by Sunday, March 22.

Audition material must be

memorized.

Call-backs are by invitation only and will take place Saturday, March 28 from 1 to 4 p.m.

Actors must be available for all performance dates, which include Fridays and Saturdays, July 18 and 18, 24 and 25, and July 31 and Aug. 1, at 7:30 p.m.; and Sundays, July 26 and Aug.

2 at 2 p.m., at Drew Methodist Church.

Actors will also be expected to attend tech week from Saturday, July 11 to Thursday, July 17, at least one "scene shop Saturday" from 10

a.m. to 1 p.m., and a strike Aug. 2 immediately following the show.

Rehearsals are typically Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., and Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m., from April 8 through July 9.

For more information, email [btcentothewoods@gmail.com](mailto:btcentothewoods@gmail.com).



Kathleen Sutherland from Putnam AdvoCATS and Andrew Evans from Evans Septic Tank Service visit the animal five days after her rescue.



A veterinarian examines the cat at Carmel Animal Hospital. Photos by Chloe Wareham-Gordon.

## Gov. Announces 'Local Cops, Local Crimes Act'

Legislation to "protect New Yorkers, strengthen constitutional safeguards, and prohibit local law enforcement from being deputized by ICE for federal civil immigration enforcement" was announced last week by Gov. Kathy Hochul.

The legislation would eliminate 287(g) agreements, barring state and local police from acting as federal agents or using taxpayer-funded resources or personnel to carry out federal civil immi-

gration enforcement. It would also prohibit federal agents from using local detention centers for civil immigration enforcement, mass raids, or the transportation of detainees.

"Over the last year, federal immigration agents have carried out unspeakable acts of violence against Americans under the guise of public safety," said Hochul. "These abuses—and the weaponization of local police officers for

civil immigration enforcement—will not stand in New York."

In New York, 14 law enforcement agencies across nine counties have signed 287(g) agreements with ICE. With this legislation, all existing 287(g) agreements will be void and New York will join seven other states that currently prohibit 287(g)s: Washington, Oregon, California, Illinois, New Jersey, Delaware, and Connecticut.

### Community Joins Together to Rescue Trapped Cat in Brewster

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to give back."

By the time Evans arrived, Electric Snake Sewer & Drain Service was also at the scene—as was Sutherland—and together they came up with a plan deploy snake lines to scope out where the cat was trapped.

"We camera-ed a couple lines and found out where the cat got in," said Evans, who explained that they believe the animal fell in through a gutter pipe in front of the building. Using commercial snake lines that can reach up to 350 feet, they narrowed down the cat's approximate location within the 24-inch storm drain pipe that collects groundwater in front of the shopping center.

And sure enough, they saw it.

"When we saw that little face, we couldn't just go home," said Sutherland.

Volunteers from AdvoCATS helped set traps, using tuna fish and other wet and dry food to attempt to lure the animal into one of the cages that Evans placed by crawling inside a manhole.

Then, they had to wait.

Over the next two days, volunteers returned to the scene, as did Evans, to check on the cat and see if it had been trapped. Even customers visiting the plaza seemed heartbroken for the animal, asking how they could help.

"It's very hard to leave there when you hear that little cry," said Sutherland. "Any stray cat is 100 percent at risk right now, in this

weather. I was afraid that underground would be worse, but the building management and Andrew assured me it was actually warmer down there."

Two full days after the cat was first discovered, Sutherland got another call from the Marshalls employees who said the crying sounded like it was in a different location. It was 10 p.m. and bitter cold, but when she turned around and called Evans, he didn't hesitate to meet her back at the scene.

That's when they found the cat had crawled into a trap, and they were able to pull it to safety.

The gray and white calico female cat, which is believed to be between 2 and 3 years old, was taken to Carmel Animal Hospital, where veterinarians treated her for some dehydration and ear mites.

"She is surprisingly in very good health," said Sutherland, who is fostering the animal for a bit as the organization attempts to find her owners, since she isn't microchipped. "She clearly came from a home. She's friendly, she rolls over, she purrs ... She's not afraid of humans."

As part of their services, AdvoCATS sought to have the animal spayed, but there was one problem... The veterinarian believes she is pregnant.

If no owners step forward, adoptive "parents" will be sought for not only the rescued cat, but her babies, when they come. In the meantime, anyone missing a tabby cat is encouraged to contact AdvoCATS.

Putnam AdvoCATS is always looking for volunteers to drive cats to veterinary appointments, collect donations outside of local stores, foster animals, and learn to trap. Monetary donations are also sought, and can be made at [putnamadvocates.org](http://putnamadvocates.org).



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PUBLIC NOTICE

## Carmel

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Town Board of the Town of Carmel will conduct a Public Hearing at the Town Hall, 60 McAlpin Avenue, Mahopac, New York 10541 on Wednesday, February 18, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter that evening as possible on a proposed Local Law amending Chapter 137 of the Code of the Town of Carmel, entitled “Taxation”.

Copies of the full text of the proposed Local Law are available in the lobby at Town Hall, from the Town Clerk’s office during normal business hours as well as on the Town of Carmel website at townofcarmelny.gov

At said Public Hearing, all interested persons shall be heard on the subject thereof. The Town Board will make every effort to assure that the Public Hearing is accessible to persons with disabilities. Anyone requiring special assistance and/or reasonable accommodations should contact the Town Clerk.

By Order of the Town Board of the Town of Carmel  
Alice Daly, Town Clerk

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PUBLIC NOTICE

## Patterson

### TOWN OF PATTERSON PLANNING & ZONING OFFICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY THE TOWN OF PATTERSON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS of the following public hearings to be held on **Wednesday, February 18, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.** at the Patterson Town Hall, 1142 Route 311, Patterson, Putnam County, New York to consider the following applications:

1. **Rebeca & Steven Bonacci: Case #12-25– Area Variances (Held Over since January 21, 2026):** Applicants are requesting seven area variances pursuant to §154-7, §154-15A(1) and §154-27A(12)(a) & (b) of the Patterson Town Code in order to legalize a 12 ft. x 10 ft. shed, a 10 ft. x 8 ft. shed and a 6 ft. privacy fence. This property is located at 15 Sharon Road. Tax Map 36.23-1-20 (RPL-10 Zoning District). The variances requested are as follows:

- Shed (12 ft. x 10 ft.): Town Code §154-27A(12)(a) prohibits accessory structures from being located in the front yard. The subject property has frontage on two streets and, therefore, is deemed to have two front yards; **variance requested is to allow the shed to be located in a front yard.** Town Code §154-27A(12)(b) limits accessory structures to a minimum separation distance of 15 ft. from the other structures. The shed is 7 ft. from the house; **variance requested is for 8 ft.** Town Code §154-7 requires accessory structures to meet a minimum front yard setback of 15 ft. The shed is 12 ft. from the property line; **variance requested is for 3 ft.**

- Shed (10 ft. x 8 ft.): Town Code §154-27A(12)(a) prohibits accessory structures from being located in the front yard. The subject property has frontage on two streets and, therefore, is deemed to have two front yards; **variance requested is to allow the shed to be located in a front yard.** Town Code §154-27A(12)(b) limits accessory structures to a minimum separation distance of 15 ft. from the other structures. The shed is 3 ft. from the other shed; **variance requested is for 12 ft.** Town Code §154-7 requires accessory structures to meet a minimum front yard setback of 15 ft. The shed is 12 ft. from the property line; **variance requested is for 3 ft.**

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- Fence: Town Code §154-15A(1) limits fence height in a front yard to 4 ft. Fence is 6 ft. in height; **variance requested is for 2 ft. in height over the 4 ft. permitted.**

2. **Caccioppoli Engineering, PLLC (Pat Moretti): Case #26-25 – Area Variances (Held Over since January 21, 2026):** Applicant is requesting two area variances pursuant to §154-7 of the Patterson Town Code due to insufficient lot frontage and lot width for Lot #1 of a proposed 2-lot subdivision. Town Code §154-7 requires a minimum road frontage of 225 ft. Lot #1 will have 108 ft.; **variance requested is for 117 ft. of road frontage.** Town Code §154-7 also requires an average lot width of 250 ft. Lot #1 has a proposed average lot width of 187 ft.; **variance requested is for 63 ft.** This proposed subdivision is located at 66 Somerset Drive. Tax Map 23.-1-21.3 (R-4 Zoning District)

By Order of the ZBA  
Robert Schmitt, Chairman

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## Putnam

### LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held on February 25, 2026, in the office of the Putnam County Personnel Officer located in Building #3 at 110 Old Route 6 in Carmel, NY at 10 a.m. on the matters of amending the Putnam County Civil Service Rules and Appendices.

Such proposed changes are available for inspection during business hours in the office of the Putnam County Personnel Officer located at the address listed above.

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**C O U N T Y O F P U T N A M**  
**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-06-26 – DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS** 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, MARCH 11, 2026. dated: Carmel, New York, February 5, 2026, Sgd/ John Tully, Director, Putnam County Purchasing Dept**

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**P.M., WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 2026. dated: Carmel, New York, February 5, 2026, Sgd/ John Tully, Director, Putnam County Purchasing Dept**

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK  
COUNTY OF PUTNAM

In the matter of the foreclosure of tax liens  
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by proceeding in rem pursuant to Article Eleven

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of Real Property Tax Law by the County of Putnam

affecting parcels located in the Towns of Carmel,

Kent, Patterson, Philipstown, Putnam Valley and Southeast

### NOTICE OF PETITION

### AND NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

TO THE PARTY TO WHOM THE ENCLOSED IS ADDRESSED: You are presumed to have, own, or have a legal interest in one or more the parcels of real property described in the attached PETITION AND NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE, and the relevant pages of the List of Delinquent Taxes (In Rem List) attached as Schedule A. A proceeding to foreclose on such property based upon the failure to pay real property taxes has been commenced. Foreclosure will result in the loss of ownership of such property and all rights in that property. To avoid loss of ownership or any other rights in the property, all unpaid taxes and other legal charges must be **PAID ON OR BEFORE MARCH 16, 2026 at 4:00 p.m.** or you must interpose a duly verified Answer in the proceeding. You must make payment by sending a certified check, cashier’s check or money order (no personal checks will be accepted) to: Putnam County Department of Finance 40 Gleneida Avenue Carmel, New York 10512 Checks should be made payable to the Putnam County Commissioner of Finance. You may wish to contact an attorney to protect your rights. After **MARCH 16, 2026** the Court will enter judgment authorizing the transfer of the property to the County of Putnam. Should you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact the undersigned. November 7, 2025, Mahopac, New York JENNIFER M. HERODES, ESQUIRE Herodes Law, P.C. Attorney for Tax District 888 Route Six, Mahopac, New York 10541 (845) 628-1100

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### PETITION AND NOTICE OF

### FORECLOSURE

The above-captioned proceeding is hereby commenced to enforce the payment

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of delinquent taxes or other lawful charges, which have accumulated and become liens against certain property. The parcels to which this proceeding applies are identified on the attached **List of Delinquent Taxes (hereinafter referred to as the “In Rem List”)**, which is annexed hereto and made a part hereof as Schedule A. This document serves both as a Petition of Foreclosure and a Notice of Foreclosure for purposes of this proceeding. **P L E A S E TAKE NOTICE THAT ON THE 6th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2025. THE PUTNAM COUNTY COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE (SOMETIMES HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE “ENFORCEMENT OFFICER”) OF THE COUNTY OF PUTNAM (HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE “TAX DISTRICT”), PURSUANT TO LAW, FILED THIS PETITION OF FORECLOSURE WITH THE CLERK OF THE COUNTY OF PUTNAM.**

Effect of Filing: All persons having or claiming to have an interest in the real property described on the In Rem List, attached hereto as Schedule A, are hereby notified that the filing of this Petition constitutes the commencement by the Tax District of a proceeding in the Court specified in the caption above to foreclose each of the tax liens therein described by a foreclosure proceeding in rem.

Nature of Proceeding: This proceeding is brought against the real property only and is to foreclose the tax liens described on the In Rem List, attached hereto as Schedule A. No personal judgment will be entered herein for such taxes or other legal charges or any party thereof.

Persons Affected: This notice is directed to all persons owning or having or claiming to have an interest in the real property described on the In Rem List, attached hereto as Schedule A. Such persons are hereby notified further that a duplicate of this Petition has been filed in the office of the Enforcement Officer of the Tax District and will remain open for public inspection up to and including the date specified below as the last day for redemption.

Right of Redemption: Any person having or claiming to have an interest in any such real property, and the legal right thereto, may on or before March 16, 2026 redeem the same by paying the amount of all such unpaid tax liens thereon, including all interest and penalties, and other legal charges which are included in the lien against such real property, computed to and including the date of redemption. Such payments should be made payable to the Putnam County Commissioner of Finance and mailed to: Putnam County Department of Finance 40 Gleneida Avenue Carmel, New York 10512. Payment must be made by certified check, cashier’s check or money order. Personal checks will not be accepted. In the event that such taxes are paid by a person other than the record owner of such real property, the person so paying shall be entitled to have the tax liens affected thereby satisfied of record.

Last Day for Redemption: The last day for redemption is hereby fixed as the 16TH day of March, 2026.

Service of Answer: Every person having any right, title or interest in or lien upon any parcel of real property described on the attached In Rem List may serve a duly verified Answer upon the Putnam County Attorney, the attorney for the Tax District, setting forth in detail the nature and amount of his or her interest and any defense or objection to the foreclosure. Such Answer must be filed in the Office of the Putnam County Clerk and served upon the attorney for the Tax District on or before the date above mentioned as the last day for redemption.

Failure to Redeem or An-

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swer: In the event of failure to redeem or answer by any person having the right to redeem or answer, such person shall be forever barred or foreclosed of all his or her right, title and interest and equity of redemption in and to the parcels described on the In Rem List, attached hereto as Schedule A, and a judgment in foreclosure may be taken by default. Dated: November 6, 2025

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liam J. Carlin, Jr., Putnam County Commissioner of Finance JENNIFER M. HERODES, ESQUIRE Herodes Law, P.C. Attorney for Tax District 888 Route Six Mahopac, New York 10541 (845) 628-1100

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Kent

NOTICE OF HEARING

AMENDMENT TO SENIOR EXEMPTION CHAPTER 67 OF THE TOWN OF KENT TOWN CODE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the Town Board of The Town of Kent is considering amending the Senior Citizen Tax Exemption pursuant to Chapter 67-3.1 of the Kent Town Code.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to Section 67-3.1 of the Town Code, the Town Board of the Town of Kent, New York will hold a public hearing on the aforesaid Amendment at the Town Offices, 25 Sybil's Crossing, Kent, New York, on February 17, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. in the evening of that day at which time all persons interested therein shall be heard. The Town Board will make every effort to assure that the hearing is accessible to persons with disabilities. Anyone requiring special assistance and/or reasonable accommodations should contact the Town Clerk.

Dated: February 4, 2026

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF KENT

YOLANDA D. CAPPELLI, TOWN CLERK

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Southeast

SOUTHEAST TOWN BOARD

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Town Board of the Town of Southeast shall hold a public informational meeting and hearing on February 19, 2026 at the Town Hall, 1360 Route 22, Brewster, NY, at 7:00 PM or as soon thereafter as interested parties may be heard, concerning status of the following Town Special Improvement Districts: Brewster Heights Water District, Brewster Heights Sewer District, Blackberry Hill Water District, Peaceable Hill Water District, Starr Ridge Manor Water District, Birch Hill – Highview Terrace Water District, Hillcrest Water District, Springhouse Water District, Mountain Brook Water District, and Foxhill Water District, including but not limited to the discussion of the structure and implementation of water and sewer rates/charges for the fiscal year. All persons having an interest in the foregoing matters will be given an opportunity to be heard at this time.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD

Hon. Kathleen Chiudina, Town Clerk

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PUBLIC NOTICE

BOARD

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Town Board of the Town of Southeast shall hold a Public Hearing on February 19, 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, in accordance with recent amendments to New York State Real Property Tax Law § 467, to increase the income limits and percentage of exemption from certain real taxation for eligible senior citizens. All people who have an interest in the foregoing matter will be given an opportunity to be heard at this time.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD

Hon. Kathleen Chiudina, Town Clerk

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Supreme Court

NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT COUNTRY OF PUTNAM, WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, NOT INDIVIDUALLY BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE FOR FINANCE OF AMERICA STRUCTURED SECURITIES ACQUISITION TRUST 2019-HB1, Plaintiff, vs. MATEUSZ WIEROMIEJCZYK AKAMATT WIEROMIEJCZYK, AS EXECUTOR OF THE ESTATE OF JOHN M. JONES AKA JOHN MILTON JONES, JR., ET AL., Defendant(s).

Pursuant to an Order Confirming Referee Report and Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered on October 31, 2025, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at courtroom 209 of the Putnam Supreme Courthouse at, 20 County Center, Carmel, NY 10512 on March 2, 2026 at 9:30 a.m., premises known as 74 Fairview Road, Brewster, NY 10509. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of Southeast, County of Putnam and State of New York, Section 56.8, Block 1 and Lot 53. Approximate amount of judgment is \$207,533.32 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 501408/2024.

Joseph J. Tock, Esq., Referee

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Greenspoon Marder, 1345 Avenue of the Americas, Suite 2200, New York, NY 10105, Attorneys for Plaintiff

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REFeree’s NOTICE 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

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

During the COVID-19 health emergency, bidders are required to comply with all 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.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT PUTNAM COUNTY

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON F/K/A THE BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE FOR NATIONSTAR HOME EQUITY LOAN TRUST 2007-B, Plaintiff against

CHAD GEFFNER, et al Defendant(s)

Attorney for Plaintiff(s) McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC, 420 Lexington Avenue, Suite 840, New York, NY 10170.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered April 23, 2025, I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder at the Putnam County Courthouse, Courtroom 209,

20 County Center, Carmel, NY 10512 on March 9, 2026 at 9:30 AM. Premises known as 21 Colonel Court, Holmes, NY 12531. Sec 2. Block 1 Lot 7. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Town of Kent, County of Putnam and State of New York. Approximate Amount of Judgment is \$356,621.87 plus interest, fees, and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No 501156/2023.

The foreclosure sale will be conducted in accordance with 9th Judicial District’s Covid-19 Policies and foreclosure auction rules. The Referee shall enforce any rules in place regarding facial coverings and social distancing.

For sale information, please contact XOME at www.Xome.com or call (844)400-9633. Raymond A Cote, Esq., Referee

File # 22-12589NY

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK IN-DEX NO. 501097/2024

COUNTY OF PUTNAM

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR AMERIQUEST MORTGAGE SECURITIES

PUBLIC NOTICE

INC., ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-R7,

Plaintiff, vs.

JACKIE SHEEHAN AKA JACQUELINE SHEEHAN AKA JACQUELINE O’HANLON, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF VINCENT O’HANLON AKA VINCENT R O’HANLON; TARYN CORNELIUS, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF VINCENT O’HANLON AKA VINCENT R O’HANLON; DEAN O’HANLON, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF VINCENT O’HANLON AKA VINCENT R O’HANLON; TROY O’HANLON, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF VINCENT O’HANLON AKA VINCENT R O’HANLON, any and all persons unknown to plaintiff, claiming, or who may claim to have an interest in, or general or specific lien upon the real property described in this action; such unknown persons being herein generally described and intended to be included in the following designation, namely: the wife, widow, husband, widower, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors, and assignees of such deceased, any and all persons deriving interest in or lien upon, or title to said real property by, through or under them, or either of them, and their respective wives, widows, husbands, widowers, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors and assigns, all of whom and whose names, except as stated, are unknown to plaintiff; PROVIDENT BANK; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; JOHN DOE; JANE DOE,

“JOHN DOE #3” through “JOHN DOE #12,” the last ten names being fictitious and unknown to plaintiff, the persons or parties intended being the tenants, occupants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the premises, described in the complaint,

Defendants.

Plaintiff designates PUTNAM as the place of trial situs of the real property

SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS

Mortgaged Premises: 526 LAKE SHORE ROAD, PUTNAM VALLEY, NY 10579

Section: 41.10, Block: 2, Lot: 21

To the above named Defendants

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in the above entitled action and to serve a copy of your Answer on the plaintiff’s attorney within twenty (20) days of the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service, or within thirty (30) days after service of the same is complete where service is made in any manner other than by personal delivery within the State. The United States of America, if designated as a defendant in this action, may answer or appear within sixty (60) days of service. Your failure to appear or to answer will result in a judgment against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. In the event that a deficiency balance remains from the sale proceeds, a judgment may be entered against you.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT

THE OBJECT of the above caption action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure the sum of \$438,250.00 and interest, recorded on July 13, 2005, in Liber 4598 at Page 0234, of the Public Records of PUTNAM County, New York., covering premises known as 526 LAKE SHORE ROAD, PUTNAM VALLEY, NY 10579.

The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the Mortgage described above.

PUTNAM County is designated as the place of trial because the real property affected by this action is located in said county.

NOTICE

YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME

If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home.

Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property.

Sending a payment to the mortgage company will not stop the foreclosure action.

YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT.

Dated: January 28th, 2026

ROBERTSON, ANSCHUTZ, SCHNEID, CRANE & PARTNERS, PLLC

Attorney for Plaintiff

Matthew Rothstein, Esq.

900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 310

Westbury, NY 11590

516-280-7675

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LLC

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

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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

41 State Street, Suite 112, Albany, NY 12207

Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity.

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# Income Tax Credits Provide Boost to NY Families

The New York State Department of Taxation & Finance urges taxpayers to review their eligibility for the Earned Income Tax Credit and the Empire State Child Credit. Both provide financial boosts to families.

“The Earned Income Tax Credit and expanded Empire State Child Credit put money directly into the pockets of working taxpayers,” said Department of Taxation & Finance Acting Commissioner Amanda Hiller. “I encourage all those eligible to take advantage of these valuable benefits that can be a financial lifeline for those struggling to make ends meet.”

The Earned Income Tax Credit is a refundable credit for working taxpayers who earn less than \$68,675. This means taxpayers get a refund even if the credit amount is more than what they owe in taxes.

When combined, federal, state, and New York City Earned Income Tax Credits can be worth \$12,873 for a family with three or more qualifying children.

Every year, thousands of New Yorkers qualify for the Earned Income Tax Credit for the first time because of changes to their financial situation, filing status, or personal life. For eligibility requirements, visit [www.tax.ny.gov](http://www.tax.ny.gov).

For federal qualifications, visit [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov).

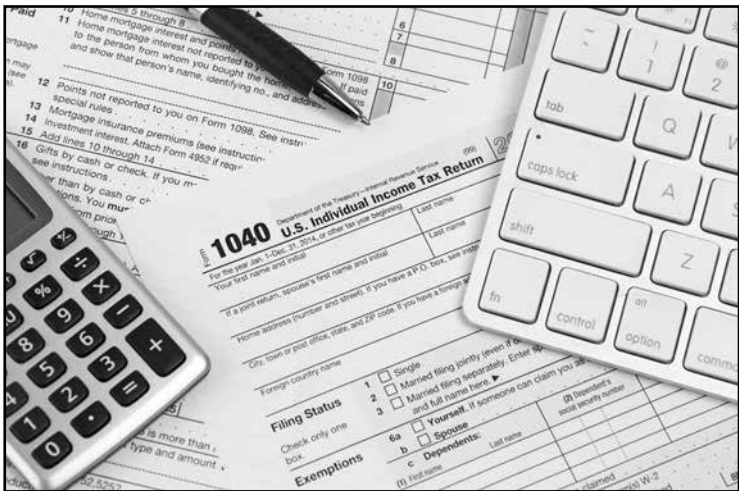
For tax year 2025, the Empire State Child Credit has been substantially enhanced. The maximum amount for the credit for children less than age 4 increased from \$330 to \$1,000 per child. This refundable credit provides support to eligible families who file state income tax returns.

You are eligible for this refundable credit if you are a full-year New York resident and have at least one qualifying child less than 17 years old on Dec. 31 of the year you are claiming the credit for. For more information on this credit, visit [www.tax.ny.gov](http://www.tax.ny.gov).

Taxpayers must file a personal income tax return to receive both credits, even if they don’t owe any taxes. Most taxpayers who are eligible for the Earned Income Tax Credit and the Empire State Child Credit are likely also eligible to take advantage of free e-filing options available through the tax department.

Depending on your income and other criteria, you may be eligible to use Free File software at [www.tax.ny.gov/pit/efile/freefile.htm](http://www.tax.ny.gov/pit/efile/freefile.htm) to e-file your federal and state income tax returns at no cost.

For taxpayers who qualify, the Taxpayer Assistance Program can help electronically prepare and file federal and state income tax returns at no cost. Visit [www.tax.ny.gov/tap](http://www.tax.ny.gov/tap) to register for a session.



The new home for Cornell Cooperative Extension-Putnam County is taking shape at Tilly Foster Farm in Brewster.



From left are CCE-Putnam Executive Director Stefanie Hulbert and board president Frank Smith, 4-H educator Brandy Keenan and senior resource educator Jenn Lerner, Stephen Gnojewski of the Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley, and CCE-Putnam Fund Development Committee member Lorie Karlin, Communications Coordinator Rachael Paradise, and Fund Development Committee Chairperson Rodney Dow.

## Roof Placed on Cornell Cooperative Barn at Tilly Foster

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enjoyment this barn will bring.”

CCE-Putnam started in 1944 and has been operating in the same location for the past 30 years. Since 2019, it has grown to reach more than 110,000 “Friends of Extension,” who have received programming through the organization.

Its top three service areas are 4-H youth development, a community horticulture (Master Gardeners) program, and strengthening community and economic vitality – with many new initiatives in development.

The goal is to build a two-story barn that will fit into the current footprint of an older building and blend into the aesthetics of the historic Tilly Foster Farm.

To donate to the campaign, visit [cceputnamcounty.org/build-a-dream-at-tilly-foster-farm](http://cceputnamcounty.org/build-a-dream-at-tilly-foster-farm).

\$463,740 has been raised through the campaign.

“This structure will be a resource for everyone in Putnam County, especially the children who participate in 4-H, our widespread network of master gardeners, and those concerned with food insecurity,” said CCE-Putnam Board President Frank Smith. “We appreciate everyone who has given and our partner, Putnam County, for bringing us this far, and we look forward to sharing the

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Notice of Formation of <b>TKP CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT LLC</b> . Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/08/2026. Office location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: THE LLC, 22 ROSE DR., MAHOPAC, NY 10541. Purpose: any lawful activities. P. 1/28, 2/4, 2/11, 2/18, 2/25, 3/4	Notice of Formation of <b>Sterling Oaks, LLC</b> . Articles of Org. filed with SSNY on 01/05/2026. Office Location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 33 Arborview Carmel NY, 10512. Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity. P. 2/11, 2/18, 2/25, 3/4, 3/11, 3/18	Notice of Formation of <b>Borderless Solutions, LLC</b> . Articles of Org. filed with SSNY on 12/24/2025. Office Location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Almonte Law Firm P C, 2472 McDonald Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11223-5233. Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity. P. 2/11, 2/18, 2/25, 3/4, 3/11, 3/18

## CLASSIFIED ADS

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

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## CLASSIFIEDS

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**WANTED** – Private collector buying firemen’s helmets, fishing, hunting items, rods, reels, lures, all types old or new, paintings of fishing, hunting, wildlife art, bows and arrows, no compound bows. Call 845-878-3665 or 845-661-9059. 2/28

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


Exam Title & No: Typist II 26-600  
Exam Date: 03/11/2026  
Salary: \$48,595-\$58,287 (Brewster Central School District)  
Last Filing Date: 2/16/2026  
Exam Filing Fee: \$35

To apply and for information about minimum requirements, job duties, and subject of the exam, as well as the exam announcement, please visit: <https://putnam.munisselfservice.com/employmentopportunities/default.aspx> or call Putnam County Personnel Department (845) 808-1650 X46105. EEO/AA 2/4, 2/11




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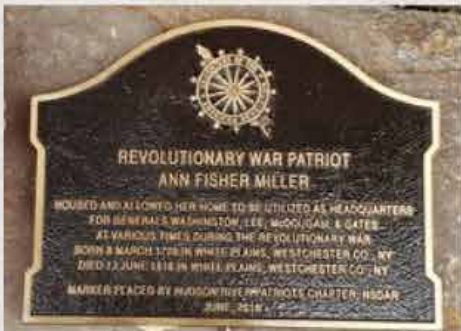
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250<sup>TH</sup> YEAR OF AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE

UPCOMING LOCAL EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

**History Exchange presents “Patriot in a Petticoat: The Ann Fisher Miller Story”**

*Cynthia Abott Kaufman brings Ann Fisher Miller’s story to life, exploring the history of this patriot who hosted General Washington at the Miller House/Washington’s Headquarters in North Castle.*  
*Facilitated by Deborah Oswald, Ed.D*  
February 18, 2026 at 12:30 p.m. (registration required)  
Brewster Public Library at 72 Main Street, Brewster, NY



**“Sybil Rides” a Musical**

*Preview of 31 songs from the Revolutionary War Musical – Sybil Rides.*  
February 22, 2026 at 2:00 p.m.  
Patterson Baptist Church at 595 Route 311, Patterson, NY



**Movie Screening: “Drums Along the Mohawk”**

*The Kent Historical Society in partnership with the Kent Public Library presents this 1939 John Ford movie classic, which takes place in revolutionary upstate New York.*  
February 28, 2026 at 12:00 p.m.  
Kent Public Library at 17 Sybil’s Crossing, Kent, NY

**“The History and Culture of the First Peoples of the Hudson Valley”**

*Discussion on the Ramapough people, descendants of the Munsee/Lenape tribe, living in the Ramapough Mountains of southern New York and northern New Jersey.*  
February 28, 2026 from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. (register to secure your spot)  
Putnam Valley Library at 30 Oscawana Lake Road, Put. Valley, NY



**Putnam History Museum Presents: “Slavery and Anti-Slavery in the Hudson Valley” a Virtual Lecture**

*This talk by Laura Chenven will review key stories of local Mid-Hudson slavery and the people who helped to bring it to an end.*  
February 18, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.  
Hosted by the Putnam History Museum. (register to secure your spot)



June 6, 2026

Putnam County Heroes battle the Redcoats

A living history event at Putnam Veterans Memorial Park.

August 15, 2026

George Washington Inaugural Bible

Coordinated by Philipstown Lodge 236

August 30, 2026

Dedication of bust of Daniel Nimham

Installation event at the base of Mount Nimham, Gipsy Trail Road

For more events and activities visit: [revolutionaryputnam.org](http://revolutionaryputnam.org)  
For newsletter updates, email: [REV250Putnam@gmail.com](mailto:REV250Putnam@gmail.com)  
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