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Storm Debris Removal in Putnam Valley May Take a While *DEC Gives Green Light for Action*

By Holly Crocco

Cleanup from not only one, but several summer storms that brought torrential rain to the area – hitting Putnam Valley especially hard – is continuing, with debris removal from blocked drains, and other efforts, proving to be a challenge.

The Putnam Valley Town Board passed a resolution Aug. 12 approving the highway department to remove storm debris from various drains, waterways, and other areas.

According to Supervisor Alison Jolicoeur, a total of 8.22 inches of rain was recorded in the Cold Spring area during the July 28 and 29 storm – on top of the 5 or 6 inches the week prior, and 5 or 6 inches that rained down over the Fourth of July weekend.

“We had an unprecedented amount of water here,” which led to the town declaring a state of emergency July 29, she said.

While the resolution passed last week specifically allows for the removal of debris from the Canopus Brook, Peekskill Hollow Brook, “and all estuaries thereto,” Highway Superintendent Shawn Keeler encouraged any residents who see blockages to speak up.

“If there are blockages in any waterway and we can get to it to take it out, we will,” he said. “So if you happen to live on any of these creeks or water bodies, please call our office and let us know what’s going on. We’ll try to get to it... We will be doing this into the fall and probably next spring.”

The resolution also states that the hydraulics and hydrology of Canopus Creek will be reviewed in conjunction with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

Keeler has met with members of the DEC, who have confirmed that the town can legally clear the storm debris.

“I have the authority, at any point, if I see a blockage or anybody sees it... I can go in there and remove the blockage,” he said.

Councilman Louie Luongo praised Keeler for forging a relationship with the DEC to take action.

“For too long we’ve been told ‘you can’t touch it, you can’t touch it, you can’t touch it,’”

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Putnam Valley was hit hard by the July 28 and 29 storm. Provided photo.



The second annual Patterson Fire Department Water Fight Parade was another success. Several hundred participants lined the street Aug. 9 to splash and spray the marchers — and the marchers sprayed back!

A Super Soaker!

Patterson F.D. Holds 2nd Water Fight Parade



The soaking silliness continued all afternoon in a designated “splash zone” on the fire department lawn. Additional photos are on page 16. Provided photos.

Tatiana Brahimí Runs For County Executive *Gets Conservative Nod*

By Holly Crocco

The race for county executive just got a little more heated, with the Putnam County Conservative Party Executive Committee announcing Friday afternoon that it has changed its endorsement and is now unanimously backing Tatiana Brahimí

for the county’s top seat.

“This decision was neither hurried nor made lightly,” wrote



Tatiana Brahimí

We further believe that she can, and will, win this election.”

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Secretary Theresa Votano in a statement on behalf of the committee. “After careful deliberation, the committee concluded that Tatiana, a registered Conservative who affirmatively sought our endorsement, best represents the principles and values of our party.

Salary Limits for County Lawmakers?

By Holly Crocco

A local law to limit and restrain the ability of local government to increase salaries for county legislators and the county executive has been proposed by Legislator Dan Birmingham, R-Southeast.

Currently, each of the nine legislators make about \$48,000 a year for what is considered a part-time position.

“We have almost 50 employees who, whether they pave our streets or answer the phones or deal with public on a full-time basis, we have almost 50 of them making less than we do as part-time

people,” said Birmingham at the county’s Aug. 2 Rules Committee meeting.

While the job duties of lawmakers is admittedly vastly different from that of other employees, Birmingham said, “It’s important that we, as elected officials, set the tone as far as husbanding our taxpayer dollars.”

In addition to the base pay, the Legislature chairperson is also eligible for a 25 percent stipend. However, many of the appointed chairperson have turned down the added pay.

“I don’t accept the legislative
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Safer Roads a Focus at Youth Bureau Event



The Putnam County Youth Bureau hosted its annual Parents As Driving Partners conference Aug. 7 at Tilly Foster Farm in Brewster, to bring youth and professionals together to discuss how make roads safer.



The day featured various simulations that showed participants what it's like to try to operate a vehicle while impaired. Provided photos.



More than 20 participants from Dutchess, Orange, Greene, and Putnam County attended. The event featured keynote presenters Jacy Good and Steve Johnson, New York State Troopers, Putnam County Sheriff's Office Sgt. Weinberg, and Youth Court alumni Sabrina Downey – a senior at Vanderbilt University.

Putnam Valley Looks to Act Fast on Data Center Ban

By Holly Crocco

With a town moratorium on battery storage systems and large-scale wind energy conversion systems having expired in October, the Putnam Valley Town Board is looking to act quickly to pass another moratorium that will protect the town from not only these types of developments, but also data centers.

The state recently passed a one-year moratorium on new hyperscale data centers using 50 megawatts or more of power to assess environmental, energy, and community impacts. Meanwhile, local communities – such as nearby East Fishkill and Yorktown – are passing their own bans on data centers, battery storage facilities, and solar farms.

However, it's been learned that even local laws banning such development can't always prevent it.

According to Putnam Valley Councilman Christian Russo, a private company recently brought forth plans for a battery storage center in Yorktown, where zoning rules were in place to prevent it.

"Although the zoning board ruled they couldn't do this, the Supreme Court overturned that decision and said because it fell under 'utility infrastructure' it was allowed to happen," he said at the Aug. 12 board meeting. "The Town of Yorktown is appealing that decision at this time. But looking at that, I think it's imperative we do something now."

Councilman Louie Luongo agreed.

"The data centers, that's a big concern I have," he said. "The amount of electricity they're using. We're having enough trouble as it is with the amount of electricity that's being produced – we're using it all up. The more things we add to it, the more strenuous it is on the grid. We don't have enough to supply what we need right now."

In addition, Luongo noted that such developments use an incredible amount of water, so if one was proposed in Putnam

Valley, that would mean multiple wells would have to be dug. "Our infrastructure and aquifer is so fragile as it is," he said.

Further, the councilman noted that on a recent trip through the western part of state, he was saddened to see acres and acres of land that had been covered with solar panels.

"To see how much farmland has been destroyed by solar panels is just absolutely amazing," he said. "The towns have lost the home rule... It was just a shame to see land with rows and rows of solar panels."

Supervisor Alison Jolicoeur was in agreement. "I've said publicly before that parking lots and rooftops are the only appropriate place (for solar panels)... especially in a time when we need access to healthy food," she said.

Councilwoman Sherry Howard also supported a new moratorium on battery storage facilities, solar panels, and data centers. "We can't even always support our own businesses with

the amount of water we have," she said. "How are we going to have data centers?"

Councilman CJ Brooks added: "The amount of duress and stress that the expansion of data centers is having on our country, let alone the area... 'significant' isn't even a strong enough word," he said, especially concerning the amount of resources needed.

During public comment, one resident reiterated how Yorktown had a ban in place, and yet a battery storage system is still being pushed. The developer is now suing the town.

"We need to be prepared ahead of that," she said. "Shore up zoning laws, our master plan... because it's coming."

Another resident said he's less concerned, noting, "I do think that not a single big operation would try it here because there's no water... along the same lines that we're never going to get a Fortune 500 company here because there just isn't the infrastructure."

Brewster Poetry Slam

The Town of Southeast Cultural Arts Coalition invites the public to see and hear poet Kat Anderson "Refuse to Drown" at a free spoken-word poetry night Thursday, Aug. 20 at 7 p.m., at Studio Around the Corner, 67 Main St., Brewster.

Anderson will be joined by two other poets as she reads and signs copies of her first book of poetry, "The Etymology of Break."

Anderson is a Panamanian poet born, raised, and living in the Hudson Valley. Her first collection has been described as "a fierce and tender debut that wrestles

with language and kicks you in the teeth."

Anderson's previous work was most frequently shared within the privacy of Boston Poetry Slam's weekly show, where she was a regular attendee, volunteer, and board member over the last three years.

During the Aug. 20 event, poets Brittany Carrasco and Sam Durgah will also perform. The hard-hitting touring art show "They Are Not Disposable" will be on view on the walls of the Studio Around the Corner and copies of the book will be available for purchase.

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Guest Column

Assemblyman Matt Slater,

R-Yorktown

Taking Action for Those

Who Answer the Call

The room fell quiet.

As our first responder roundtable was drawing to a close, I asked one final question: “What mental health resources does New York State provide to support our local police officers, firefighters, EMTs, and dispatchers after responding to traumatic incidents?”

For a moment, no one spoke. Then heads around the room slowly began to shake. It wasn’t because these men and women don’t know how to do their jobs. They do, and they do them exceptionally well. It wasn’t because they were looking for recognition or praise. They weren’t.

It was because many felt that after the call is over – after the horrific crash, the fatal overdose, the devastating fire, the child they couldn’t save or the heartbreaking responsibility of notifying a family that a loved one or fellow officer will never be coming home – they are too often expected to simply move on.

That moment has stayed with me.

I hosted this roundtable because I wanted to hear directly from the police officers, volunteer firefighters, EMTs, and emergency dispatchers who protect our communities every day. Good public policy doesn’t begin in Albany; it begins by listening to the people doing the work.

Throughout the discussion, I heard remarkable stories of courage, professionalism, and service. But I also heard honest conversations about the emotional toll that comes with protecting our communities. First responders spoke about memories that never leave them, the cumulative stress of responding to traumatic incidents, and the challenge of carrying those experiences home to their families.

The conversation also reminded me that no one serves alone.

Behind every police officer, firefighter, EMT, and dispatcher is a spouse who worries, children who sacrifice time with a parent working nights and weekends, and families that quietly shoulder

the emotional burden that comes with a career dedicated to protecting others.

There is a longstanding understanding in many service-oriented professions that supporting families is essential to sustaining those who serve. When families are supported and resilient, those on the front lines are better able to focus on the difficult work before them. After listening to our local first responders, it is clear the same principle applies here at home.

Supporting the families behind our first responders ultimately strengthens the entire public safety system.

I have long believed we need to do more to support the mental health of our first responders, which is why I proudly co-sponsored legislation creating a statewide First Responder Peer Support Program. That proposal recognizes a simple truth: those who have experienced trauma in the line of duty are often best equipped to help one another process it.

Peer support is an important step forward, and I remain committed to seeing it become law.

But after hearing directly from the men and women at this roundtable, it became clear that peer support is only one piece of a much larger puzzle. As a result of those conversations, I have formally requested that Gov. Kathy Hochul include two new initiatives in the upcoming executive budget proposal.

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Nutrition Corner

By Allison J. Stowell

MS, RD, CDN



Affordable

Summer Meals

Summer can be expensive, making it even more important to grocery shop on a budget. Let’s highlight money saving tips and dollar stretching strategies that begin before you even enter the store.

Check your Calendar

Review your calendar while curating your weekly list. Do you have longer days that will make it hard to prepare dinner? Will you be home to grill extra food? Or away for a few days, making it difficult to ingredient prep? Planning ahead helps you shop for food that matches your needs, saves money, and reduces waste.

Home Chef Habits

Keep your own cooking habits in mind and buy ingredients that match your cooking style. Do you like to assemble easy, nutritious plates? Or prefer to make larger meals to use over several days? Being honest about how much cooking you want to do is essential for saving money and reducing waste. Though, sometimes it means spending a bit more now, to save later. For example, picking up pre-washed greens or a rotisserie chicken may cost a bit more than other options. But this may mean you’ll save more money outside of the store too because you’ll be less likely to pick up last-minute meals or takeout. And don’t forget that the box of pre-washed greens and rotisserie chicken will likely provide more than just one meal.

More Affordable

Try to shop for beans, grains, frozen vegetables, seasonal produce, and other foods that haven’t been as impacted by inflation or rising food prices. Luckily these are versatile foods that are convenient to have on hand (and great for easy summer meals and sides).

Unit price

The unit price (found in the small orange box on the price tag), allows you to compare products based on the cost per unit (such as an ounce). Using the unit price

helps you save and makes it easier to compare products that come in different sizes.

Balanced Meals on a Budget

I am thrilled to introduce you to a new FREE 4-week meal planning guide, Balanced Meals on a Budget. Whether you’re feeding a busy family or simply looking for fresh meal inspiration, this new guide helps you plan, shop and cook affordable, nutritious meals. It includes “cook once, eat twice meals”, gluten free options, and a weekly shopping list. Enjoy the sample recipe below and visit www.hannaford.com/dietitians to download the full guide.

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. To learn more about the Guiding Stars nutrition guidance program, visit GuidingStars.com.

Gingery Chicken Fried Rice (1 Guiding Stars)
Hannaford.com

Ingredients:

- 2 tbsp vegetable oil
- 1 lb ground chicken
- 1 (15.9 oz) pkg Jasmine Rice
- 1 (2 - inch) piece fresh ginger
- 1 ½ tbsp minced garlic
- 1 (16 oz) bag frozen mixed vegetables, thawed
- 2 tbsp Sriracha sauce

Directions:

In a large pot, heat the oil on medium-high. Add the chicken and season with salt and pepper. Cook 6 min., until no longer pink, stirring and breaking up meat with back of spoon.

Meanwhile, heat the rice according to package directions. Peel and grate the ginger.

Add ginger, garlic, and vegetables to chicken. Cook 2 min., stirring. Add the rice and cook 1 min., stirring. Season with salt. Serve with sriracha.

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Little Potatoes with Bacon

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Ranch Green Beans and Little

Potatoes with Bacon

Ingredients:

1 package maple bacon

1/2 pound fresh string beans,

washed

2 tablespoons olive oil

1/2 teaspoon garlic powder

1/2 teaspoon rosemary

salt, to taste

pepper, to taste

1 package A Little Homestyle

Ranch Microwave Ready Kit

Directions:

On stovetop, cook bacon until

crispy, reserving 1/4 cup bacon

grease. Crumble bacon and set

aside.

In same pan, add fresh string

beans, bacon grease, olive oil, gar-

lic powder and rosemary. Season

with salt and pepper, to taste. Saute

until soft.

Peel back plastic on potatoes

kit and microwave 5 minutes.

Let potatoes cool 1-2 minutes

and spread ranch seasoning over

potatoes followed by bacon and

string beans.

Servings:2

Source: Little Potato Com-

pany



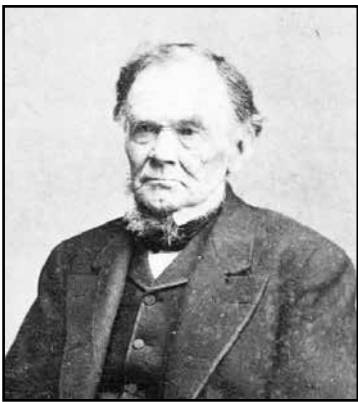
History Column

Jack Alcott, Southeast Historian

The Brewster Railroad Tycoon Who Became a Disgrace

Noted Gilded Age multi-millionaire, robber baron, and “steamboat promoter” Daniel Drew grew up in Carmel but lived for decades in Brewster/Southeast, where he owned the gothic Drewscleft castle at Deans Corner, built in 1874.

He was also involved with the early circus here as a young man, reportedly as a ticket-taker and fledgling clown, and he was the founder of Drew University in New Jersey.



Drew’s grave is across Deans Corner Road from the castle and until the 1970s was marked with an elaborate 8-foot-tall, rusting, wrought-iron vase-like monument now long gone.

Following is a biographical history by John Duncan, written in 2023:

There was a devout Methodist named Daniel Drew who became a self-made millionaire and used his fortune to found churches and a seminary.

There was a railroad tycoon named Daniel Drew who became famous as an unscrupulous and corrupt Wall Street speculator and manipulator.

There was an admired financier named Daniel Drew who had an immense personal fortune, was regarded as one of the country’s leading businessmen, and was known respectfully in the business world as “Uncle Daniel.”

And there was a bankrupt, disgraced, embittered old man named Daniel Drew who was held up as the representative of all that was wrong with the Gilded Age. They were all the same man.

Daniel Drew grew up poor and uneducated in Carmel. After his father died when Drew was 15 years old, the boy found work as a cattle-drover. Later, at age 23, after moving to New York City to operate a tavern, he formed a partnership with two other men to buy and sell cattle, using the knowledge and contacts he had made as a drover. The business was successful and by the time he was in his mid-30s, Drew had gone into the steamboat business.

But it was in 1844, at age 47, that he discovered his true talent – stock market speculation. “I got to be a millionaire afore I know’d it hardly,” he later said.

Drew became known on Wall Street as “the Great Bear,” as he earned millions short-selling stock (essentially gambling that the stocks would fall in price). In 1866, he became treasurer of

the Erie Railroad and a member of its board of directors. Having brought the corrupt New York politician Boss Tweed onto the board, Drew and fellow board members James Fisk and Jay Gould began issuing “watered down” stock in the railroad, all while they were themselves short-selling.

Obviously, corporate directors should not be attempting to profit by driving down the price of their company’s stock, but Drew and the others trusted Tweed to keep them safe from any legal ramifications.

Drew made millions on the scheme, and one of the investors most stung by it was Cornelius Vanderbilt. In this case, the Great Bear had stuck his nose into the wrong beehive, as Vanderbilt enjoyed the challenge of a rival and set up a masterful trap. He began to buy up shares in the struggling Harlem Railroad.

Drew was on the Harlem board and was up to his old tricks. He and other board members, as well as corrupt New York politicians, were short-selling the railroad’s stock, relying on insider knowledge that the corrupt politicians were going to pass a law restricting the railroad’s activities, thus driving down the price.

But even as they put their scheme into motion and the stock price began falling, Vanderbilt kept buying, deploying his own vast wealth to buy up all the available stock and preventing the short-sellers from being able to “cover.”

Able to set any price he wanted, Vanderbilt made a killing and Drew and his allies took a bath.

Eager for another crack at the commodore, within a few years Drew tried his short-selling scheme again. He short-sold shares in the Harlem Railroad, and once again he enlisted corrupt legislators to drive the stock price down (this time by purporting to



Daniel Drew, 1797-1879, owned the Drewscleft castle at Deans Corners, built 1874.

revoke the railroad’s charter).

Vanderbilt encouraged the scheme by allowing rumors to float that he was short of cash, but in fact he was loaded for the Great Bear. When the short-selling began, Vanderbilt bought every share on the market, once again cornering it and once again ruining Drew and his fellow short-sellers.

Much of Drew’s \$250 million fortune (in today’s money) was gone, and in a few years the Panic of 1873 finished him off. He filed for bankruptcy in 1876 and spent the last few years of his life broke and dependent upon his son.

Interestingly, there was another side of Daniel Drew.

He “got religion” after attending a Methodist camp meeting when he was 14 years old, and throughout his career of ruthless and often fraudulent business dealings, he never wavered in his commitment to Methodism. It was a strange contradiction that was always a part of his life.

Drew founded at least four churches in his life, including the Methodist Church on Brewster’s Main Street.

In 1866, the same year he set in motion what would be called “the Erie War,” he funded the creation of Drew Theological Seminary in Madison, N.J., which remains a prestigious seminary (Drew University) today and is the third oldest of the 13 official Methodist seminaries.

Drew (born July 29, 1797) died in New York City in 1879, at age 82. Having ruined thousands of businessmen with his corrupt market manipulations, few mourned his death.

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

We Will Miss

Brewster

Kathleen Heverin Sam-bora, 85, August 30. Cargain Funeral Home, Carmel, (845) 225-3672.

Mahopac

Louise (Paretti) Mundy,

102, August 30. Cargain Funeral Homes Inc., Mahopac, (845) 225-5655.

Gerard P. McCormilla, 82, August 8. Joseph J. Smith Funeral Home, Mahopac, (845) 621-1992.

Putnam Valley

Billy Lee Crowder, 92, August 8. Heritage Funeral Home, Putnam Valley, (845) 526-3000.

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How to Sign Up for a Food Bag:

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To request a food bag, please email Lisa at circulation@kentlibrary.org with your name and request.

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- You must sign up individually for each week you would like to receive a food bag.
- Sign-ups cannot be made for multiple weeks in advance.
- Limit one food bag per eligible household, per week.

Questions? Contact the Kent Public Library at 845-225-8585 or visit kentlibrary.org.



Putnam County Community Events

Book Sale Donations

Donations to the Patterson Fire Department book sale may be dropped off through Sept. 18, at the fire department grounds, 13 Burdick Road, in the designated POD storage container near the picnic pavilion. Books, Anime, DVDs, Blue-Rays, CDs, LPs, and trading cards. Only books in good condition. Fiction, non-fiction, and children’s books should be packaged in separate, labeled bags or boxes. Book sale is Sept. 26 to Oct. 4.

Committee

Members Sought

The Kent Conservation Advisory Committee is accepting applications to the volunteer organization that provides recommendations on environmental issues and promotes the enjoyment and protection of local natural areas. Visit www.townofkentny.gov/committees. Send resume and Kent Town Clerk Yolanda Cappelli, 25 Sybil’s Crossing, Kent Lakes, NY 10512; or lcappelli@townofkentny.gov.

Tuesday, Aug. 18

Plein Air Event

Artists, leave your studios behind and bring your cameras, pencils, paints, canvases, and easels to set up in the beautiful grounds of Patterson Library for a plein air event Tuesday, Aug. 18 at 10:30 a.m. The Great Swamp, gazebo, and gardens, as well as distant vistas are subjects for your work. Teens and adults welcome.

Kent Town Board

The Kent Town Board will meet at Kent Town Hall at 7 p.m. (unless otherwise noted) on: Aug. 18, Sept. 8 and 15, Oct. 6 and 20, Nov. 10 and 17, and Dec. 1 and 15.

Campfire Storytime

Join Ms. Cindy, Ms. Dayna, and Ms. Erika at Mahopac Public Library for a campfire storytime Tuesday, Aug. 18 at 4:30 p.m. There will be songs, stories, nature activities, and imaginative fun for families with kids ages 3 and older. S’mores will be served. Register at www.mahopaclibrary.org or call 845-628-2009, ext. 139.

Library Board Meetings

The Patterson Library Board will meet Tuesdays, Aug. 18, , Sept. 15, and Oct. 20 at 6:30 p.m., at the library.

Business Development & Marketing

Join Cornell Cooperative Extension for a business development and marketing Zoom series from noon to 1 p.m. to following Tuesdays: Aug. 18, Sept. 15, Oct. 20, Nov. 17, and Dec. 15. These monthly webinars focus on a variety of business development and marketing topics. All sessions will be led by content experts across the CCE system, organizations and businesses which support agricultural operations across New York State. Free. Register online.

Watercolor Workshop

Local artist Sarah Miller Totten and participants will explore watercolor techniques while creating their own finished pieces Aug. 18 from 5 to 6 p.m., at Reed Memorial Library in Carmel. Suitable for beginners and those with some experience. All materials provided. Registration is required at carmellibrary.org/calendar.

Wednesday, Aug. 19

Cut Flower Webinar Series

CCE’s Cut Flower Program Work Team invites cut flower growers to join a free monthly webinar series focused on practical, research-based strategies to support successful production. From noon to 1 p.m., on Aug. 19, Sept. 16, Oct. 21, Nov. 18, and Dec. 16. Free. Register at <https://cceputnamcounty.org>.

Thursday, Aug. 20

Family Day

The Town of Putnam Valley Parks & Recreation Department will present its Family Day on Thursday, Aug. 20 from 5 to 9 p.m., at Leonard Wagner Park. Gaga ball, arts and crafts, face painting, spike ball, volleyball, and music by Elysian, CJ the DJ, and the Loose Wheel Band. Food trucks, and more. Register for the cornhole tournament (\$25 per person) by Aug. 18, at www.pvpr.com.

Bible Seminar

Saint James the Apostle Parish will present a summer Bible seminar “The New Testament Witness to Family Life” on four Thursdays from 7 to 9 p.m., in Doherty Hall, 14 Gleneida Ave., Carmel. Aug. 20, and 27, and Sept. 3. Free. All welcome. Bring your own Bible.

Women’s GOP Club

The Putnam County Republican Women’s Club meets every third Thursday of the month. Consider joining in discussion about Republican programs, policies, and issues affecting the county. Email the president at putnam-womensgop@gmail.com for more information, including time and location.

Poetry Slam

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Tai Chi in the Park

Looking for a serene way to relax and recharge? Join certified instructor Victoria Gentile for an introduction to Tai Chi and Qigong at Patterson Library Park on Thursday, Aug. 20, at 10:30 p.m. Learn the basic flowing movements designed to help balance energy, improve flexibility, and calm your mind. Adults 18 and older. Bring a yoga mat or blanket, and water. To register, call 845-878-6121 or go to www.pattersonlibrary.org.

Pickle Preserving Basics

Join a Cornell Cooperative Extension-Putnam master food preserver for a hands-on pickle canning workshop Thursday, Aug. 20, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., at Tilly Foster Farm in Brewster, where you’ll learn the basics of safe home food preservation and leave with the skills to make crisp, flavorful pickles at home. This is a family friendly workshop and

light refreshments will be served. \$25. Register at cceputnamcounty.org/events.

Friday, Aug. 21

Designer Bag Bingo

ShopRite of Carmel will host a designer bag bingo at the Carmel VFW, 32 Gleneida Ave., on Friday, Aug. 21, beginning at 6 p.m. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. \$40 in advance, \$45 at the door. Includes 10 bingo cards, dauber, and door raffle ticket. Additional cards are three for \$10. Refreshments sold. BYBO and outside snacks welcome.

Youth Bingo

The Putnam County Youth Bureau will host Bingo on Aug. 21 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., at Tilly Foster Farm in Brewster. For ages 10 to 14. Free. Snacks provided.

Flower Show

The Brewster-Carmel Garden Club flower show titled “America the Beautiful – 250 Years” will be held Friday, Aug. 21 from 2 to 4 p.m., and Saturday, Aug. 22 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Trinity Lutheran Church, 2103 Route 6, Brewster. (Enter on Old Route 6 and turn on Husted Road.)

‘Down by the Riverside’

Tompkins Corners Cultural Center will present the documentary film “Down by the Riverside” on Friday, Aug. 21 at 7:30 p.m., at 729 Peekskill Hollow Road, Putnam Valley. In the 1960s, legendary folk singer Pete Seeger launched an audacious plan to build a sailboat to save the polluted Hudson River. But the Clearwater was not just a beautiful wooden vessel, it was also a movement, intersecting environmentalism, civil rights, and antiwar activism. \$10 at the door; students admitted free.

Saturday, Aug. 22

‘Unearthing Woodstock’

Mahopac Public Library will present “Unearthing Woodstock” on Saturday, Aug. 22 at noon. Woodstock was more than a symbol of 1960s culture, anti-war protest, and iconic music captured in film. Discarded items and festival debris have become artifacts, offering insight into the behaviors and experiences of hundreds of thousands of attendees. Register at www.mahopaclibrary.org or call 845-628-2009, ext. 100.

Veterans Services Info.

Marine Corps veteran and accredited national veterans service officer Richard Buck will host an informative session designed to help veterans and their families better understand the VA benefits and resources available to them Saturday, Aug. 22 at 2 p.m., at Putnam Valley Library. RSVP at 845-528-3242.

Puzzle Night

The Carmel VFW Post 1374 ladies auxiliary will hold a puzzle night, when teams of four can compete for prizes, Saturday, Aug. 22 from 6 to 8 p.m., at 32 Gleneida Ave. Free. Reservations required by Aug. 8. Call Irene at 845-661-6169.

Folk Picnic

Clearwater’s third annual Folk Picnic is scheduled Saturday, Aug. 22 from noon to 6 p.m., at USC Park Theater, 724 Wolcott Ave., Beacon. In the 1960s, when

Pete and Toshi Seeger and their co-founders set out to build Clearwater, they organized community folk picnic fundraisers using music as a tool to unite people behind a shared goal of restoring and protecting the Hudson River. Nearly 60 years later, this continues with a free, community-centered day of music, celebration, family activities, and advocacy.

Insecta-Palooza

Help Cornell Cooperative Extension-Putnam County count and identify as many insects as it can Saturday, Aug. 22 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Restore & Regenerate Forest at Tilly Foster Farm, 100 Route 312, Brewster. Scavenger hunt for kids, insect experts will be on hand, and specimens for children and adults to learn from. Free. Register at cceputnamcounty.org/events.

Monday, Aug. 24

‘Pop Culture Nights’

Mahopac Public Library will present “Pop Culture Nights – Cosplay and Hatsune Miku’s Magical Mirai Concert” on Monday, Aug. 24 at 4 p.m. Join friends and other fans as they watch popular internet series with crafts and snacks. Dress up, hang out, sing along, and join in for a giveaway. Grades six through 12. Registration is required. at www.mahopaclibrary.org or call 845-628-2009, ext. 153.

Tuesday, Aug. 25

‘Solo Mio’

Patterson Library will show “Solo Mio” on Tuesday, Aug. 25 at 1 p.m. A wedding disaster leaves a groom stranded in Rome, heartbroken in the world’s happiest city. With help from a determined local and a few meddling couples, his ruined honeymoon becomes an adventure that he never expected. Adults 18 and older. Register at 845-878-6121 or go to www.pattersonlibrary.org.

Teen Summer

Movie Festival

Mahopac Public Library will present its Teen Summer Movie Festival on Tuesday, Aug. 25 at 5:45 p.m. Teens all over Putnam have worked hard on their dinosaur films, and the library is ready to show them off. Each film will be no longer than 5 minutes. Seating starts at 5:45 p.m., the screening will start at 6 p.m. Registration is required at www.mahopaclibrary.org or call 845-628-2009, ext. 153.

Money Management

Join Financial Advisor David McMahon of Edward Jones in a practical and approachable program designed to help participants build confidence with their money, Aug. 25 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., at Reed Memorial Library in Carmel. Registration is required at carmellibrary.org/calendar.

Thursday, Aug. 27

Narcan Training

The Cold Spring Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with The Philipstown Hub, is providing a free Narcan training workshop that is open to all Philipstown businesses and community members. It will take place at St Mary’s Parish Hall at 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, Aug. 27. It is about 1 hour. RSVP appreciated to info@coldspringnychamber.com.

Teen Karaoke

And end-of-summer karaoke night for teens is scheduled Thursday, Aug. 27 at 5 p.m., at Mahopac Public Library. Sing some karaoke with friends, take pictures, and get some cookie cake and snacks. Grades six through 12. Register at www.mahopaclibrary.org or call 845-628-2009, ext. 153.

Library Board Meetings

The Mahopac Public Library Board of Trustees will meet at 6:30 p.m., Aug. 27, Sept. 24, Oct. 22, Nove. 18, Dec. 17, Jan. 28, Feb. 25, March 25, April 22, May 27, and June 7.

Yoga in the Park

A yoga class for all levels of practitioners is scheduled Thursday, Aug. 27 at 10:30 a.m., at the outdoor park at Patterson Library, with Julia Calabrese-Harrer of Yoga in the Trees. Adults 18 and older. Bring a yoga mat or blanket, and water. By registering for this program, you agree to sign a waiver and release before participating. Register at www.pattersonlibrary.org.

Friday, Aug. 28

Movies in the Meadow

The Town of Carmel Recreation & Parks Department will host movies in the meadow Fridays at dusk at Camarda Park. Aug. 28 “Ferris Bueller’s Day Off.” Free.

Saturday, Aug. 29

Pet Food Drive

A pet food drive is scheduled Saturday, Aug. 29 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Feed Barn, 1515 Route 22, Brewster, to benefit the Patterson Community Food Pantry. For more information, call 845-721-4762.

Hike

Friends of the Great Swamp will host a hike at Gordon Douglas Reserve-West on Saturday, Aug. 29 at 8:30 a.m., beginning at the Metro-North Appalachian Trail station. This challenging, 4.5-mile hike will last about 3 hours. Most of the hike will be off trail and includes steep terrain, crossing the AT boardwalk and departing the trail to hike along the west side of the Swamp River. Bring your own lunch or snacks, and plenty of fluids. No dogs. Email Ken Luhman at frogspaddle22@gmail.com if you plan to attend. \$5 per person.

Craft Sale

The Lake Carmel community will hold a craft fair Aug. 29 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Arts on the Lake, 640 Route 52, Carmel. Handmade goods, local artisans, live music, demonstrations, and more.

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Brewster Central School District administrators with Assemblyman Matt Slater.

Brewster Schools Get \$20,000 for Student Safety

A total of \$20,000 in state bullet aid funding has been secured for the Brewster Central School District to support the purchase of automated external defibrillators and the district’s nationally recognized Navy Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps program, helping enhance student safety and expand opportunities for students to develop leadership and citizenship skills.

“Investing in our schools means investing in both the safety and success of our students,” said Assemblyman Matt Slater, who helped secure the funding.

“Whether it is ensuring students are safe in the classroom and on the athletic field or empowering the next generation of leaders, I will always be a strong partner for our students, families and educators.”

Brewster Central School District Superintendent Dr. Michelle Gosh said the district is grateful to for the support.

“Helping to purchase AEDs not only assists in funding this mandate, but allows us to keep our students safe in the classroom and on the athletic fields,” she said. “It is a full community effort to continue to foster our thriving, nationally-recognized NJROTC program.”

The \$20,000 allocation is part of \$60,000 in state bullet aid funding secured for local libraries and schools in the 94th Assembly District, with the John C. Hart Memorial Library and Mahopac Public Library also receiving \$20,000 each.

“Brewster has an incredible school community, and I am committed to making sure our local schools have the resources they need to continue providing a safe, supportive environment where students can thrive,” said Slater.

Excelsior Scholarship Application Open for 2026-27 School Year

The application for the Excelsior Scholarship for new applicants for the 2026-27 academic year is currently open.

The Excelsior Scholarship, administered by the New York State Higher Education Services Corporation, provides eligible full-time students with tuition-free attendance at SUNY or CUNY two- or four-year colleges.

In the 2024-25 academic year, \$101 million in Excelsior awards was distributed to more than 25,000 students, enabling 72 percent of CUNY students and 55 percent of SUNY students to attend college tuition-free through a combination of the Excelsior Scholarship and other awards.

Students from households with federal adjusted gross incomes up to \$125,000 are eligible for an Excelsior Scholarship award. They must attend a SUNY or CUNY two- or four-year college, enroll full-time and complete 30 credits per year toward their program of study (including summer and winter terms), and be on track to graduate with an associate degree in two years or a bachelor’s degree in four years.

Additionally, students choosing to attend a participating private college in New York State can receive up to \$6,000 toward their tuition costs through the Enhanced Tuition Award.

In 2024-25, \$1.7 million in Enhanced Tuition Awards was provided to more than 1,500 students.

To qualify, students must be a U.S. citizen or eligible noncitizen, a NYS resident for at least 12 months before the start of the term, be attending a participating private college in New York, have a combined federal household income of \$125,000 or less, enroll full-time and complete 30 credits per year in their program of study, and agree to live and work in New York for the same number of years the award was received.

The deadline for new applicants to apply for the ETA or Excelsior Scholarship for the 2026-27 academic year is Aug. 31.

Students currently receiving either the Excelsior Scholarship or Enhanced Tuition Award do not need to submit applications annually to receive continued award payments; however, they must continue to meet eligibility criteria and complete the FAFSA and TAP applications, or DREAM Act application each year applying for aid.

“This program reflects our commitment to making college more affordable, breaking down barriers, and ensuring eligible students understand what’s available and how to access it,” said NYS Higher Education Services Corporation Acting President Doris González. “We encourage students and families to take that next step – apply. Let us help you move closer to earning your degree.”

For more information about the Excelsior Scholarship program, the Enhanced Tuition Award, or to explore other NYS financial aid opportunities, visit <https://hesc.ny.gov>.



“Organic Matters” is one of the pieces on display in “Ephemera Unleashed” by Heidi Stein.

Kent Library ‘Unleashes’ New Art Exhibit

Heidi Stein is presenting “Ephemera Unleashed” at the Kent Public Library through Aug. 31, sponsored by the Friends of the Kent Library.

Stein is a local artist who has exhibited with the Putnam Arts Council in Mahopac, the Mahopac Public Library, Field Gallery in Peekskill, and the Hendrick Hudson Library in Montrose. She teaches classes in gel plate printing, card-making, and mixed media art.

The artist’s work incorporates a mix of recycled and hand-painted papers, transforming them into complex acrylic paintings enriched with added layers of texture, color, and intrigue. Through her art, Stein said she aims to immortalize fleeting snippets of personal history, inviting viewers to consider the beauty and significance of the mundane.

Stein said the series features parts of handwritten letters from 1951 about daily activities written by a woman whose fiancé is in the armed forces. Also included are printed papers she made with a gel plate.

“My art uses recycled, found, and hand-painted materials that could be disposable,” she said. “I enjoy collaging these bits of paper into acrylic paintings because it adds another layer of interest, color, and texture.”

Stein said her work has become a way to elevate the mundane by memorializing ephemera.

“Making collages or printing paper with the gel plate is a frequent activity, like exercise, cooking, and reading,” she said. “Exploring and experimenting with paint and paper creates an internal dialogue that helps me process things I don’t have words for yet. The minutiae of handwritten letters, art on paper, and daily activities can be forgettable or memorable, but I choose to use ephemera and share it through my art.”

To purchase artwork or view other pieces, email heidistein65@gmail.com



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Avoid Back-to-School Scams

As New Yorkers prepare for a new school year, the New York Department of State's Division of Consumer Protection is sharing back-to-school shopping tips and reminding consumers to remain vigilant against increasingly sophisticated scams targeting shoppers.

Back-to-school shopping is the second-largest spending event of the year, ranking closely behind the holiday shopping season. It's also prime time for scammers to create fake online stores, deceptive ads, and emotionally manipulative content to trick people into buying low-quality or completely non-existent goods.

According to PricewaterhouseCooper's 2026 U.S. consumer poll on back-to-school shopping, 73 percent of parents and caregivers plan to use artificial intelligence somewhere in their shopping journey, whether to research, compare, budget, or find deals.

"Artificial intelligence is changing the way we shop, but it is also used as a tool to exploit consumers during one of the most expensive times of the year for parents and caregivers," said Secretary of State Walter Mosley. "As families make the most of the final weeks of summer, I encourage New Yorkers to do their research and use these helpful tips to protect themselves from scams while shopping for the new school year."

Beware of Fake Websites – As fraudsters become more sophisticated, fake websites frequently resemble legitimate sites with credible looking logos, pictures, and payment options. Fake websites imitate real brands with small changes. Check the URL (website address) in the browser bar for strange spellings, odd domain extensions, or extra characters, and check website content for any words or images that contain errors or appear to be off.

Vet the Store Before You Buy – Be cautious of business marketing that is overly emotional, especially when paired with big discounts. Scammers can create deceptive ads and fake stories that play on consumers' sympathy and manipulate consumers to buy low-quality or nonexistent items. Always look for consumer reviews of businesses

from sources outside the business website.

Be Suspicious of Unrealistic Deep Discounts – If the website advertises extremely low prices or severe markdowns, consumers should be wary and diligently verify the legitimacy of the seller. Learn how to spot fake websites at www.bbb.org/all/spot-a-scam/how-to-identify-a-fake-website?

Identify Phishing Emails – Scammers may send phishing emails or texts to students and parents/caregivers saying they missed a delivery of school supplies. These emails or texts request that the recipients click on a link to reschedule this delivery. That link can either flood victims' computers or phones with malware or send them to fake websites that request their personal and payment information. Phishing attacks have been getting more sophisticated as scammers leverage AI tools, so it is increasingly important to verify sources through alternate channels.

Be Cautious of Unsolicited Calls – As high school students prepare for SAT tests as this academic school year begins, parents/caregivers and students should be cautious of unsolicited calls offering test preparation materials. The College Board does not make unsolicited calls or ask for sensitive information, including Social Security or credit card numbers.

Know Who the Seller Is – Major retailers may allow third-party sellers to list items on their site, and those sellers may have sales or return policies that differ from the major retailer. Consumers should thoroughly read the applicable policies for the item(s) they are purchasing and ensure they are comfortable with them.

Pay Attention to Return & Refund Policies – Retailers must post their refund policy. If no refund policy is posted, consumers generally have up to 30 days from the date of purchase to get a full refund or store credit with receipt.

Use a Credit Card for Online Purchases – Credit cards generally offer fraud protection and may come with zero-fraud liability. Beware of online sites that ask for payments by gift cards or cash transfer apps.

Summerlong Learning at Brewster Schools



Brewster Central School District's summer programming helps students keep up skills, maintain routines, and continue making progress on goals – all while having a blast. Miniature golf, a visit from the petting zoo, bubble mania, food science, and more were all part of the fun. Provided photos.



Reader Engagement Needed!

The Putnam County Press & Times is organizing a debate for the candidates running for Putnam County executive, and we want to know what's important to you!

If you have any questions for the candidates, please email them to editorial@putnampresstimes.com for consideration – and keep an eye on future issues for announcement of the date, time, and location of the debate.

Audience questions will not be entertained at the live event, so this is your chance to participate.

Keep in mind that questions must be related to Putnam County-specific issues, and in good taste, to be considered.



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Tatiana Brahimi Runs For County Executive

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The race was already interesting enough, with Democrat Brett Yarris challenging incumbent Republican Kevin Byrne – who the Conservative Party passed on this year, instead announcing its backing of its own Party Chairman William Spain in March.

However, the executive committee further shook things up Friday by throwing its weight behind Brahimi.

The Carmel resident made waves in 2021 when she accused the Carmel Central School District of “emotionally abusing” children by teaching them “communist values,” she declared at a school board meeting. She claimed the district was allowing teachers to promote the Black Lives Matter movement, an LGBTQ agenda, and anti-police viewpoints while also indoctrinating children.

“You created a curriculum of Black Panther indoctrination – you’re teaching your children to go out and murder police officers,” she told the board. “You’re emotionally and mentally abusing our children

and demoralizing them by teaching them Communist values. This is still America.”

Brahimi is extremely outspoken on social media, as well, where her 18,000-plus followers on Facebook (where she goes by Tatiana Ibrahim) engage in much political dialogue.

In an Aug. 13 post, she issued a call for Putnam County to “wake up.”

“Does anyone else in Putnam County actually see what is going on with this county executive election?” she wrote. “On one side, we have Kevin Byrne, who lost the Conservative line and is now pursuing the Libertarian line. That raises a very simple question for me: What has actually been accomplished for Putnam County during his time in office?”

Then she turned her focus to Yarris.

“Brett has expressed and participated in support for the Black Lives Matter movement, and that is something voters have every right to consider when deciding whether his political philosophy aligns with theirs,” she wrote.

Brahimi said that when it comes to public safety, she wants candidates to explain exactly where they stand.

“Are we going to support law enforcement and ICE and hold criminals accountable, or are we going to adopt policies that make

it harder for police to do their jobs and easier for criminals to take advantage of the system?” she asked. “It was obvious when our imitation of the Declaration of Independence was vandalized, neither candidate fought for accountability.”

Brahimi said Putnam needs leadership with a backbone.

“We need someone willing to make difficult decisions, protect taxpayers, address public safety, control government spending, protect the character of our communities, and actually listen to the people who live here – not just the people who can help them politically,” she wrote.

The Conservative Party running its own candidate could take votes away from Byrne, thus making way for Yarris rise to victory.

“If you are worried about splitting the vote, then maybe the answer isn’t telling voters who they’re supposed to vote for,” wrote Brahimi. “Maybe the answer is putting forward candidates who actually earn people’s votes.”

The candidate’s LinkedIn page, where she is listed as Tanya Brahimi, identifies her as a “government relations professional,” with Wells Fargo as her current employer. She attended Mercy University, studying corporate homeland security and national security.

Brahimi was unable to be reached between the time the Conservative Party released its

statement, and press time.

Shortly after the endorsement was announced, Byrne released a statement criticizing the Conservative Party and its politicking.

“From my very first time seeking public office, I made it clear that I would never be a rubber stamp for any political party or party structure,” he said. “I will never trade my principles, my record, or my commitment to Putnam County for political power. I will not ‘bend the knee’ in exchange for a party’s blessing – especially when that party has become so blatantly compromised by backroom politics and self-serving deals.”

Byrne said the Conservative Party’s decision to remove Spain from its line and “replace him with a grossly unqualified candidate exposes exactly the kind of dirty political dealing New Yorkers are sick of... This appears to be the latest effort to split the conservative vote and ultimately help surrender Putnam County to the same radical political forces that have seized control of New York City,” he said.

The political maneuvering goes back months.

Byrne alleges that earlier this year, County Attorney Compton Spain (who is William Spain’s brother and was appointed by Byrne in 2022) shared with him that Democratic Party Chairwoman Jennifer Colamonico had “offered” him re-nomination as county attorney

if he assisted Yarris.

Colamonico quickly denied the allegation.

“That is 100 percent false,” she commented. “I have never met with him, nor do I have the power or inclination to offer such a thing. Can’t blame this on us. They say when you point a finger at someone you have three fingers pointing back at yourself.”

In a later statement, Colamonico continued: “This is what it looks like when a county executive has lost the trust of those around him... The myth that somehow Democrats and Conservatives have joined forces to take him down is a fantasy that someone is feeding him, or that he is inventing to make himself feel better.”

Byrne also accused a member of the Conservative Party’s Executive Committee of running Yarris’ campaign.

“At some point, you have to call this what it is: the leadership of the Putnam County Conservative Party has been completely compromised by a political class working to advance a big-government Democratic candidate for county executive,” he said.

“I didn’t run for county executive to serve party bosses,” continued Byrne. “I ran to serve the people of Putnam County. They – not political insiders or backroom dealmakers – will decide who their next county executive is.”

Salary Limits for County Lawmakers?

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chair stipend. I know many of my predecessors as chairs did not accept the legislative chair stipend,” said Birmingham. “I know I’m not the only one at this table that doesn’t accept an annual raise (either), even though we budget for it.”

He is proposing that, starting in 2027, the annual salary of legislators can only increase once in a four-year period, and that such increase may not exceed the average annual consumer price index for the preceding four-year period.

Birmingham is also proposing to remove part of the current requirement that states the county executive shall be the highest paid salaried county employee with the exception of those who must be duly licensed to practice medicine in New York State, the district attorney, or any other employees whose salary is fully or partially set by state law.

“I think having that in there kind of presents a recruitment issue with some of our highest paid employees,” said Birmingham. “I think that by having an artificial ceiling, that no county employee can make more than the county executive, we could run into retention issues with some of our longest serving employees.”

A clause that the county executive’s salary may only be increased once every four years is also proposed, but without the requirement to meet CPI – since that gig is a full-time one.

Legislator Amy Sayegh, R-Mahopac Falls, called the proposal a great idea, noting that a few years ago the Legislature voted itself a 14 percent raise after more than 10 years went by without any increase, and it became a political

football.

Since then, she’s always voted to increase compensation incrementally every year via a Cost of Living Adjustment.

“So that’s what I stuck to,” she said. “But I think this is probably a better way to go because I’ve seen it increase since I’ve been here. If management gets an increase, the Legislature gets an increase... I do think Legislator Birmingham is right in calling this out, and it would be fair every four years.”

However, she would like to see the 25 percent additional stipend for the chairperson added back in, noting that the individual can always turn it down. “It’s a lot of work, a lot of time away from family,” she said.

Birmingham said COLA purposely wasn’t factored into his proposal, saying people like to hide behind the word “adjustment.”

“COLA is just the French word for raise,” he said. “The word ‘increase’ is precise. COLA is not.”

Legislator Tommy Regan, R-Brewster, brought up concern that when the four-year term is up, the body that is tasked with voting on an increase is going to take heat. “When those four years come up, you’re subjecting future colleagues to the lion’s den,” he said.

In addition, Regan said the chairperson’s stipend is earned.

“While this is deemed a part-time job, it turns out to be a lot more work than people might have anticipated coming into it,” he said. “But the chairmanship clearly has a lot more responsibility in hours and time that have to be spent doing the job.”

Birmingham explained that the proposal doesn’t prohibit the stipend being granted to the chairperson, it just doesn’t require it.

Legislator Jake D’Angelo, R-Camel, said he would support the local law.

“The work we do is rooted in public service, and while being compensated something isn’t horrible, to sacrifice our time and add more work to our plates on top of our already busy lives, we

knew that going into this,” he said. “We do this because we want to serve the public, because we want to make change. Not because we want to get paid.”

Legislator Nancy Montgomery, D-Philpstown, admitted that the job requires a lot more time and focus than most other part-time jobs, but said she still “appreciates the sentiment” of the proposed local law.

“I don’t know where I’m going to go with this,” she said of her future vote. “I was shocked and appalled to hear there are almost 50 (full-time) employees making less than us.”

District Attorney Robert Tendency – who has some of the higher-paid staff in county government – has initiated prior discussions with the Legislature about needing to offer competitive salaries to retain and attract qualified assistant district attorneys.

He called the current law which states that the county executive have the highest salary arbitrary. “Somebody could run for county executive and be 35 years old and immediately be the highest paid person in the county, when somebody could have been here 37 years,” he said.

Tendency called that “salary cap” a retention issue, explaining that if he loses one of his more experienced ADAs, he’s not going to be able to replace them when they hear “you can’t ever make more than this.”

Likewise, skilled doctors with much experience and training should be able to demand a higher salary in the health department, as should higher-level officers in the sheriff’s department, he suggested. “It makes no sense to say, ‘That’s the law and that’s the way it is. If you don’t like it you can go somewhere else,’” said Tendency.

While the topic was only up for discussion last week, the proposal is expected to be placed on the agenda for the September Rules Committee meeting as an actionable item.

Storm Debris Removal in Putnam Valley May Take a While

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said Luongo. “And there’s been a lot of damage other than what we know about because of the trees falling and blocking up our streams and such. So thanks for going out on a limb and getting that done.”

Keeler said that having a working relationship with the DEC opens the door to have a contact and exchange for the future. Also, it has helped to clarify that, while he’s been under the impression in the past that certain property is protected or considered wetlands, that’s not the case.

Anyone who would like to report a debris blockage from the recent storms should call Keeler at 845-526-3333.

By Holly Crocco

Cleanup from not only one, but several summer storms that brought torrential rain to the area – hitting Putnam Valley especially hard – is continuing, with debris removal from blocked drains, and other efforts, proving to be a challenge.

The Putnam Valley Town Board passed a resolution Aug. 12 approving the highway department to remove storm debris from various drains, waterways, and other areas.

According to Supervisor Alison Jolicoeur, a total of 8.22 inches of rain was recorded in the Cold Spring area during the July 28 and 29 storm – on top of the 5 or 6 inches the week prior, and 5 or 6 inches that rained down over the Fourth of July weekend.

“We had an unprecedented amount of water here,” which led to the town declaring a state of emergency July 29, she said.

While the resolution passed last week specifically allows

for the removal of debris from the Canopus Brook, Peekskill Hollow Brook, “and all estuaries thereto,” Highway Superintendent Shawn Keeler encouraged any residents who see blockages to speak up.

“If there are blockages in any waterway and we can get to it to take it out, we will,” he said. “So if you happen to live on any of these creeks or water bodies, please call our office and let us know what’s going on. We’ll try to get to it... We will be doing this into the fall and probably next spring.”

The resolution also states that the hydraulics and hydrology of Canopus Creek will be reviewed in conjunction with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

Keeler has met with members of the DEC, who have confirmed that the town can legally clear the storm debris.

“I have the authority, at any point, if I see a blockage or anybody sees it... I can go in there and remove the blockage,” he said.

Councilman Louie Luongo praised Keeler for forging a relationship with the DEC to take action.

“For too long we’ve been told ‘you can’t touch it, you can’t touch it, you can’t touch it,’” said Luongo. “And there’s been a lot of damage other than what we know about because of the trees falling and blocking up our streams and such. So thanks for going out on a limb and getting that done.”

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Wolf Pac-ers Honored

Another Yankee Rehabs With Renegades



Two Mahopac High School baseball players were recently honored for their outstanding seasons. Drew Lichtenberger and Nick Masciarelli were both chosen as first-team All-State in Class A as picked by the New York State Sports Writers Association. The former is a catcher and the latter is a right-handed pitcher. Provided photos.

FISHKILL – It normally happens once in a blue moon, but for the third time this summer, the Hudson Valley Renegades Minor League Baseball team hosted the rehabilitation of a Major League player last week.

New York Yankees fire-balling pitcher Luis Gil threw Aug. 11 for the Renegades.

Rarely does an MLB player rehab with a Class A minor team, but proximity certainly played a role, as Fishkill is only about 90 minutes from the Bronx.

Gil was the third Yankees player to play for the Renegades, joining teammates Gerret Cole and Carlos Rodon. He worked one inning against the Wilmington Blue Rocks, allowing two



New York Yankees pitcher Luis Gil threw for the Renegades on Aug. 11. Courtesy of Major League Baseball.

hits and striking out one. He also threw 13 pitches – 12 of them for strikes – and faced five batters.

It is not yet known whether he will make another appearance for Hudson Valley. His arrival coincided with a five-game winning streak for the Renegades.

High Hopes for Combined Girls’ Swim Team

MAHOPAC – One of the most unique fall high school sports programs is back again – the combined girls’ swimming program of Mahopac, Carmel, and Putnam Valley.

The team is coached by Erica Burlenski, herself a former competitive swimmer. Football and soccer might be a brotherhood, but this is definitely a sisterhood. It has to be for Burlenski to keep it all together with three schools.



The combined Mahopac, Carmel, and Putnam Valley girls’ swim team is back in action. Photo courtesy of Coach Erica Berlenski.

“I have a great group of kids,” she said. “They’re just a really sweet group of kids and they’re just well-rounded. There are great students there. There’re just good human beings.”

Burlenski then paused and became more reflective.

“You know, swimming is definitely an interesting sport, where you sometimes get people who just want to come out for the team and enjoy swimming and don’t realize how competitive it can be,” she said. “And these girls – even ones who are swimming all year round – really welcome everybody, which is really nice.”

Not to mention the fact that they’re good... Really good.

The team had one swimmer who made states last year and is looking for even more this fall. Burlenski has high hopes for her relay teams, including in the 200-yard freestyle relay and the

200 medley.

The team also has a few girls who participate in the 500-meter event, which the coach said is huge, since “it can be painful or really fun to watch.” After all, it is 20 laps. And the team even has a swimmer who competes in both the 200 and 500 in the same meet.

Top swimmers on the team include Kira Furfaro and Chloe Forger. The squad is strongest in the butterfly and breaststrokes.

“I think we have some really strong swimmers that are going into their junior year,” said the coach. “So we still have like two more years with them, and actually one’s going to be a sophomore more this year. And they’ve been working really hard throughout

the year.”

Similar to football, this isn’t just a seasonal thing.

“Swimming for them doesn’t stop when the varsity season’s over,” said Burlenski. “They swim competitively through the rest of the year and their times have been dropping. So I have high hopes this year that we’ll be making it in a few events and having a nice show at states this year.”

The coach has been successfully able to marry the club season with the high school varsity season. “I think their club teams are more of an individual thing,” she said. “But it still correlates to the team aspect.”

Official practice begins Aug. 24.



Scribbles on a Notebook

By Rich Thomaselli

Dream Big

It’s a holiday celebrated by only a select few – the first day of official high school football practice in Section 1. It was scheduled for Monday, Aug. 17, and it’s a date that some athletes and coaches have circled on their calendars.

It’s a new beginning.

This is when everybody has big dreams... and rightfully so.

Who doesn’t daydream or fantasize about receiving a medal for a sectional championship? Who doesn’t daydream or fantasize about winning a state title at JMA Wireless Dome on the campus of Syracuse University?

And, yes, that’s a mouthful. I still call it the Carrier Dome, although it probably doesn’t matter whether you are at the Carrier Dome or doing a down-and-out on 191st Street at the garbage bin. A

championship is a championship.

This is the time when everybody has great expectations. This is the time when everybody has great optimism. This is when players, coaches – heck, the entire community – wonder what it would be like to have the team bus met at the town limits to be led back to Mahopac, Carmel, Brewster, Putnam Valley, or Cold Spring by flashing lights and a police escort.

They would be heroes.

Funny thing is, they already are.

So dream. Dream big.

If not now, when?

Rich Thomaselli is a longtime sports reporter in the Hudson Valley, and currently covers Putnam County. He can be reached at rich.thomaselli@gmail.com.

New Cannabis Bill Signed into Law

Haldane Readies to Say ‘Hike!’

Gov. Kathy Hochul recently signed legislation designed to strengthen New York’s regulated cannabis market, ensuring that licensed cannabis microbusinesses are eligible to fully participate in Cannabis Showcase Events.

These permits allow licensed operators to engage directly with consumers at approved pop-ups, farmers’ markets, and public market events, while strengthening partnerships with local municipalities. The law recognizes the unique role microbusinesses play in New York’s cannabis marketplace and expands opportunities for them to participate in these community-centered events.

“Regulated cannabis has proven to be an economic engine for New York, but the strength of this market lies in the businesses operating across the supply chain,” said Office of Cannabis Management Executive Director John Kagia. “The governor signing this bill secures a critical opportunity for the microbusinesses building New York’s craft cannabis ecosystem to showcase their products at events across the state. This bill advances equitable, inclusive opportunity for our small businesses.”

Cannabis Farmers Alliance President Joseph Calderone called the legislation an important fix to the showcase events statute.

PUTNAM COUNTY – The 2026 high school football season was set to begin Monday, Aug. 17, with the first official day of practice in Section 1.

“This time of year is definitely exciting and we are looking forward to seeing the results of the work we all put in over the last few months,” said first-year Brewster Coach Ryan Cleary.

Haldane senior running back/linebacker Alex Gaugler agreed.

“It’s a great day for our program and seeing everyone committed to actually finally get their feet wet,” he said. “It’s great to see what a real practice feels like for the first-year players and new players and starters.”

By that he means it was the

first official practice. In actuality, the players have been at it for weeks and months. There has been weightlifting, training, conditioning, camps, and scrimmages. But the rule is that the players cannot be coached during that time.

That doesn’t mean they aren’t learning, however – and setting the foundation for the future.

“At Brewster, we had kids doing off-season workouts three days a week,” said Cleary. “My high school players did a great job helping out with our week-long youth clinic the first week of August. Our players ran drills and mentored our younger players. One of the areas we want to focus on is building the relation-

ship with our younger players.”

“This helps increase our team chemistry and turns us into more than just teammates,” added Gaugler. “We become brothers.”

Contact drills, or “thud days,” as players call them, begin in a little more than a week. The season begins in earnest in the first week of September.

“I’m excited to get going,” said Gaugler. “It’s all different now. We’re all working with a common goal of winning on Friday nights and Saturdays. We want to build a great foundation for every team that comes after us. With a small school like us, it’s like we have to rebuild every year. I expect great things from our players and from myself.”

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resolutions, and any other matter formally discussed or voted upon.

Copies of the Local Law are available at the Office of the Putnam County Legislature, Room 318, 40 Gleneida Avenue, Carmel, New York 10512.

At the aforesaid time and place all persons interested in the subject matter thereof will be heard concerning same. Comments will also be accepted via regular mail submitted to the above referenced address, to send an email: Please go to the following website and click “**Send us a message**” countyexecutive@putnamcountyny.gov, and facsimile to (845) 808-1901.

This local law shall take effect immediately upon the filing with the Secretary of State.
Dated: August 7, 2026
Carmel, New York
C. Compton Spain
Putnam County Attorney

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held before the County Executive of the County of Putnam at **Room #102** of the County Office Building, 40 Gleneida Avenue, Carmel, New York 10512 on the **26th day of August, 2026 at 3:30 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.** concerning:

APPROVAL – LOCAL LAW ADOPTING THE OPTIONAL REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR SURVIVING SPOUSES OF POLICE OFFICERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY FOR COUNTY TAX PURPOSES ONLY

Amending the Code of the County of Putnam, as approved and re-adopted by the Putnam County Legislature on August 4, 2026 by resolution #198, by adding Chapter 471 to the Code, entitled “REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR SURVIVING SPOUSES OF POLICE OFFICERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY”.

Chapter 471 be added, to provide a Putnam County Tax Exemption for the surviving spouse of a police officer killed in the line of duty. The exemption consists of a 50% reduction in the assessed value or qualifying real property owned by the surviving spouse of a police officer killed in the line of duty provided the property constitutes the surviving spouse’s primary residence and otherwise qualified under Real Property Tax Law § 471.

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Southeast

Town of Southeast Lakeview Manor HVAC Project

The Town of Southeast will be accepting bids for the supply and installation of a new HVAC system at the Lakeview Manor Community and Senior Center. Furthermore, information and project specifications can be found in the complete bid package which can be obtained from the Office of the Town Clerk, Town of Southeast, 1360 Route 22, Brewster, NY 10509, via our website at www.southeast-ny.gov (on the Town Clerk’s page) or via Bidnet at www.bidnetdirect.com.

The Town will accept bids on or before September 2, 2026 at 11:00 AM at the Town Clerk’s Office. Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope marked with “Bid for Lakeview Manor HVAC Project” and company name on the front. A digital copy of your bid stored on a USB thumb drive must be submitted along with the paper copy. Proposals will be opened at 11:01 AM or soon thereafter, proposers will be notified of the results.

For additional information or with questions concerning this bid request, please contact the Town Clerk, Kathleen Chiudina, at 845-279-2196 or kchiudina@southeast-ny.gov.

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NOTICE OF NAMES OF PERSONS

APPEARING AS OWNERS OF CERTAIN

UNCLAIMED PROPERTY HELD BY

TOMPKINS BANK & TRUST

ITHACA, NY 14851

The persons whose names and last known addresses are set forth below appear from the records of the above-named company to be entitled to abandoned

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property in amounts of fifty dollars or more.

Abbamonte, Nicole, 85 Clinton Avenue, Pleasantville, NY 10570

Albanese, Victor, 688 Route 6N, Apt 3, Mahopac, NY 10541

Chiulli, Dolores, PO Box 473, Montrose, NY 10548

Chuquiguanga, Keily, 165 Valley Street, Sleepy Hollow, NY 10591

Dias, Antionette, 7 East Francis Dr, PO Box 467, Montrose, NY 10548-0473

Duggan, Nancy, 69 Wild Birch Farms, Cortlandt Manor, NY 10567

Estate Of Barbara Brannigan, PO Box 701, Sleepy Hollow, NY 10591

Fitzgerald, Dennis, 13 White Pine Rd, Queensbury, NY 12804

Fossati IV, Gerald, 20 Seneca Road, Putnam Valley, NY 10579

Greco Estate, Joseph, 126-C Columbia Ct, Yorktown Hgts, NY 10598

Grossman, George, 17 Elm Place, Rye, NY 10580

Joseph, Jucilla, 330 N Broadway, Apt 103, Sleepy Hollow, NY 10591

Kolgeraj, Palina, 472 Peekskill Hollow Road, Putnam Valley, NY 10579

Lennox, Lorenzo, 20 Seneca Road, Putnam Valley, NY 10579

Macmahon, Charmian, 681 Stoneleigh Ave, Carmel, NY 10512

Maffettone, Ralph, 9 Third Street, Cold Spring, NY 10516

Manfredi, Richard, 161 Kneeland Ave, Yonkers, NY 10705

Meyers, Deborah, 28 Corral Drive, Mahopac, NY 10541-2611

Moynihán, Elaine, 27 Lewis Street, Yonkers, NY 10703

Myint, Jewel, 8118 Bay 16th St, # 3, Brooklyn, NY 11214

Nesheiwat, Adel, 450 Marlborough Road, Yonkers, NY 10701

Nesheiwat, Samira, 450 Marlborough Rd, Yonkers, NY 10701

Nofal, Nasereddi, 162 Cook Ave, Yonkers, NY 10701

Pittman-Lennox, Lori, 20 Seneca Rd, Putnam Valley, NY 10579

Pleasantville Grooming Inc., 53 Wheeler Avenue, Pleasantville, NY 10570

Ridenhour, Rosa, 15 Maple Place Apt 3c, Ossining, NY 10562

Roth Brown, Lisa, 15 WOODCREST DR, ARMÓNK, NY 10504

Simone, Ronald, PO Box 28, Mahopac, NY 10541

Sora, Sara, 14 Mountain View Road, Putnam Valley, NY 10579

Soto, Francisco, 310 Highland Ave, Peekskill, NY 10566

Spencer, Brock, 50 UPTON ROAD, LAGRANGEVILLE, NY 12540

Stop Crimes Against Children Inc, 1133 Westchester Ave Ste N-202, C/O Kevin B Faga ESQ, White Plains, NY 10604

Urgiles, Lourdes, 236 Spring

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Street, Ossining, NY 10562

Urgiles, Chris, 236 Spring Street, Ossining, NY 10562

Urgiles, Sergio, 236 Spring St, Ossining, NY 10562

Wallach, Christine, 26 Cranberry Pond Road, Putnam Valley, NY 10579

Welch, John, 23 Lower Lake Rd., Mahopac, NY 10541

Wilson, Michelle, 15 Gary Owen Road, Catskill, NY 12414

Zukowski, Travis, 19 Angela Dr, Putnam Valley, NY 10579

A report of unclaimed amounts of money or other property held or owing will be made to the Comptroller of the State of New York pursuant to Section 302 of the Abandoned Property Law of the State of New York and that a listing of names of persons appearing to be entitled is on file and open to public inspection at PO BOX 460, ITHACA, NY 14851.

Such unclaimed funds will be paid by us on or before October 31, 2026 to persons establishing to our satisfaction their right to receive the same.

On or before November 10, 2026, such funds still remaining unclaimed will be paid to the Comptroller of the State of New York. Upon such payment, this Company shall no longer be liable for the property.

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Supreme Court

INDEX NO.: 501885/2025

Date Filed: 7/22/2026

SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS WITH NOTICE

MORTGAGED PREMISES:

ES: 212 Fox Run Lane, Carmel, NY 10512

SBL #: 34-3-17.-207

Plaintiff designates PUTNAM County as the place of trial; venue is based upon the county in which the mortgaged premises is situate.

STATE OF NEW YORK
SUPREME COURT: COUNTY OF PUTNAM

M&T Bank,

Plaintiff,

vs.

Putnam County Commissioner of Finance, as Administrator of the Estate of **Kieran O’Hagan** a/k/a Kieran J. O’Hagan a/k/a Kieran J. Ohagan a/k/a Kieran Ohagan; Unknown Heirs of the Estate of Kieran O’Hagan a/k/a Kieran J. O’Hagan a/k/a Kieran J. Ohagan a/k/a Kieran Ohagan, and all the heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, devisees, grantees, trustees, lienors, creditors, assignees and successors in interest of any of the aforesaid defendants, next of kin, distributees, devisees, grantees, trustees, lienors, creditors, assignees and successors in interest of any of the aforesaid classes of person, if they or any of them be dead, and their respective husbands, wives or widows, if any, and all of whom and whose names and places of residence are unknown to plaintiff, except as herein stated; Kimberly Venedam Dancy as Heir to the Estate of Kieran O’Hagan a/k/a Kieran J. O’Hagan a/k/a Kieran J. Ohagan a/k/a Kieran Ohagan; John Venedam as Heir to The Estate of Kieran O’Hagan a/k/a Kieran J. O’Hagan a/k/a Kieran J. Ohagan a/k/a Kieran Ohagan; New York State Department of Taxation and Finance; United States of America o/b/o Internal Revenue Service; Board of Managers of Fox Run Condominium; Fox Run Homeowners Association, Inc.; John Doe #1 through #6, and Jane Doe #1 through #6, the last twelve names being fictitious, it being the intention of Plaintiff to designate any and all occupants, tenants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the premises being

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foreclosed herein.

TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the Complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a notice of appearance on the attorneys for the Plaintiff within 20 days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after service is complete if this Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York). In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Amended Complaint.

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 PAYMENT TO YOUR MORTGAGE COMPANY WILL NOT STOP THIS FORECLOSURE ACTION.

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

THE OBJECT of the above captioned action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure \$129,900.00 and interest, recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Putnam on January 6, 2006, in Book 4764, Page 386, covering premises known as 212 Fox Run Lane, Carmel, NY 10512, SBL #: 34-3-17.-207.

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. The Plaintiff also seeks a deficiency judgment against the Defendants and for any debt secured by said Mortgage which is not satisfied by the proceeds of the sale of said premises.

TO the Defendants, Unknown Heirs of the Estate of Kieran O’Hagan a/k/a Kieran J. O’Hagan a/k/a Kieran J. Ohagan a/k/a Kieran Ohagan, and all the heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, devisees, grantees, trustees, lienors, creditors, assignees and successors in interest of any of the aforesaid defendants, next of kin, distributees, devisees, grantees, trustees, lienors, creditors, assignees and successors in interest of any of the aforesaid classes of person, if they or any of them be dead, and their respective husbands, wives or widows, if any, and all of whom and whose names and places of residence are unknown to plaintiff, except as herein stated the foregoing Supplemental Summons with Notice is served upon you by publication pursuant to an Order of the Hon. Victor G. Grossman, J.S.C. of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of Erie, dated and filed June 10, 2026.

Dated: July 22, 2026
/s/ Kyra Mercadier
Kyra Mercadier, Esq.
McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLP
420 Lexington Avenue, Suite 840

New York, New York 10170
Phone: 347.286.7409
Fax: 347-286-7414

Putnam County Notice of Public Hearing

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to Title 5, Chapter 3, Subchapter 3 of the Administrative Code of the City of New York, a Real Property A&D Public Hearing will be held on Wednesday, September 9, 2026, at 10:00 AM. The Public Hearing will be held via Conference Call. Call-in #: 646-992-2010, Access Code: 717-876-299.

REAL PROPERTY PUBLIC HEARING in the matter of the acquisition by the City of New York of Fee Simple (Fee) interest and the acquisition of Conservation Easement (CE) interests on the following real estate in the County of Putnam for the purposes of providing for the continued supply of water and for preserving and preventing the contamination or pollution of the New York City water supply system.

NYC ID	County	Municipality	Type	Tax Lot ID	Acres (+/-)
10170	Putnam	Kent	Fee	43.-2-67	6.79 ac.
10082		Kent	CE	p/o 21.-1-34.-1	260.00 ac.
8257		Kent	CE	p/o 32.-1-25	68.58 ac.

A copy of the Mayor’s Preliminary Certificate of Adoption and maps of the real estate interests to be acquired are available for public inspection upon request. Please call 914-749-5410.

In order to access the Public Hearing and testify, please call 646-992-2010, Access Code: 717-876-299 no later than 9:55 AM. If you need further accommodations, please let us know at least five business days in advance of the Public Hearing via e-mail at DisabilityAffairs@mocs.nyc.gov.

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Attorneys for Plaintiff, M&T Bank
HELP FOR HOMEOWNERS IN FORECLOSURE
NEW YORK STATE LAW REQUIRES THAT WE SEND YOU THIS NOTICE
ABOUT THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY.
SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT
YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME. IF YOU FAIL TO RESPOND TO THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT IN THIS FORECLOSURE ACTION, YOU MAY LOSE YOUR HOME. PLEASE READ THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT CAREFULLY. YOU SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CONTACT AN ATTORNEY OR YOUR LOCAL LEGAL AID OFFICE TO OBTAIN ADVICE ON HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE.
The State encourages you to become informed about your options in foreclosure.
In addition to seeking assistance from an attorney or legal aid office, there are government agencies and non-profit organizations that you may contact for information about possible options, including trying to work with your lender during this process.
To locate an entity near you, you may call the toll-free helpline maintained by the New York State Banking Department of Financial Services at 1-800-342-3736 or visit the Department's website at www.dfs.ny.gov.

FORECLOSURE RESCUE SCAMS
Be careful of people who approach you with offers to "save" your home. There are individuals who watch for notices of foreclosure actions in order to unfairly profit from a homeowner's distress. You should be extremely careful about any such promises and any suggestions that you pay them a fee or sign over your deed. State law requires anyone offering such services for profit to enter into a contract which fully describes the services they will perform and fees they will charge, and which prohibits them from taking any money from you until they have completed all such promised services.
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NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, PUTNAM COUNTY, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE FAIRWAYS OF HILL & DALE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION ON BEHALF OF ALL UNIT OWNERS, Plaintiff v. FRANK REDENDO AND VICKI A. CAROLEO, Defendants, Index no. 501947-2025. Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale dated July 10, 2026, and entered by the Putnam County Clerk on July 10, 2026 (the "Judgment"), I the undersigned Referee in said Judgment named, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder at the Lobby of the Putnam County Courthouse, 20 County Center, 2nd Floor, Carmel, New York the premises directed by said Judgment to be sold. The premises will be offered for sale, as one parcel, on **September 14, 2026, at 3:30 p.m.** The premises therein is described as being in the County of PUTNAM and State of New York, and designated as Tax Lot no. 70, Section 44.7, Lot 3-11, on the Official Tax Map of the Town of Kent, County of Putnam, State of New York and commonly known as 171 Fairway

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Drive, Carmel, New York 10512. The premises is more particularly described as follows:

THE land area of the Property is described as follows:

ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the building and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of Kent, County of Putnam, State of New York, being known and designated as Lot No. 70 on a certain map entitled "Final Subdivision Plat of Property Prepared for Hill and Dale Associates" dated April 23, 1987, and filed in the Putnam County Clerk's Office (Division of Land Records) on August 28, 1987 as Map No. 2159B.

The Premises will be sold subject to the provisions of the filed Judgment Index # 501947-2025, the Terms of Sale, any taxes due and owing at the time of the sale as well as any other judgments properly docketed against the Premises at the time of the sale.

The approximate amount of the Judgment, for the property referred to therein, is \$10,009.36, plus interest and costs, as provided in the Judgment. The successful bidder will be required to deposit 10% of the bid by certified or official bank check, unendorsed, made payable to the Referee in accordance with the terms of sale.

Christopher Montalto, Esquire, Referee. (845) 871-2013.

Ansell Grimm & Aaron, P.C., Attorneys for Plaintiff, 365 Rifle Camp Road, Woodland Park, New Jersey 07424 (973) 925-7343, Attention: Stacey R. Patterson, Esq. P. 8/12, 8/19, 8/26, 9/2 - 92

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SUPREME COURT-COUNTY OF PUTNAM
PARK NATIONAL CAPITAL FUNDING LLC, Plaintiff against **EDSON AVENUE DEVELOPMENT GROUP LLC**, et al., Defendants. Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on May 26, 2026, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Putnam County Courthouse, 20 County Center, Carmel, New York 10512, on Monday, the 28th day of September, 2026, at 10:30 a.m. Premises: ALL that certain plot, parcel and piece of land situate, lying and being in the Town of Carmel, County of Putnam and State of New York, being Lot 4 on a certain map entitled "Final Subdivision Plat known as the Young Subdivision", filed in the Putnam County Clerk's Office on October 28, 2005 as Map No. 3001. Excepting and reserving that portion used or conveyed for public road purposes and any utility easements or rights of way as of record. Said Premises known as 18 Trotting Rock Road, Mahopac, Town of Carmel, Putnam County, New York 10541, and designated on the Tax Map as Section 64.8 Block 1 Lot 18.3. Approximate amount of lien: \$221,381.44 plus interest, costs, and expenses as provided for in said Judgment. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 500887/2025; Anthony C. Carlini, Jr., Esq., Referee. Savad Churgin, LLP, attorneys for Plaintiff, 55 Old Turnpike Rd., Ste. 209, Nanuet, NY 10954.

ANTHONY C. CARLINI, JR., ESQ., REFEREE
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Liquor License
Notice is hereby given that a license, number NA-0340-26-222142 for liquor, wine, beer

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and cider, has been applied for by the undersigned to sell liquor, wine, beer and cider at retail in a restaurant under the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law at 954 Route 6, Mahopac, NY 10541 for On Premises consumption. **WICS HOSPITALITY LLC**
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LLC
Notice of Formation of **Jodi Carlson Art LLC**. Articles of Org filed with SSNY on 6/23/2026. Office Location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to c/o Jodi Carlson Art LLC. Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity.
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PROVEN 1926 LLC. Filed with SSNY on 06/17/2026. Office: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 859 FAIR ST, CARMEL, NY 10512. Purpose: Any Lawful
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Notice of Formation of **CK3 Enterprises LLC**. Articles of Org filed with SSNY on 5/1/2026. Office Location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: CK3 Enterprises LLC Purpose, 336 Horseman Blvd, Sleepy Hollow, NY 10591. Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity.
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Notice of Formation of **JJA Silva Property Group LLC**. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York on July 7, 2026. Office location: Putnam County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process to: 12 Main Street, Unit 2186, Brewster, NY 10509. Purpose: To engage in any lawful act or activity for which a limited liability company may be organized under the laws of the State of New York.
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165 FAIRFIELD LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/08/26. Office: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 6 Hawk Ridge Lane, Brewster, NY 10509. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.
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Notice of Formation of **Third Track Home Services, LLC**. Articles of Org filed with SSNY on 5/13/2026. Office Location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Third Track Home Services, LLC, 2 Miller Rd, Putnam Valley, NY 10579. Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity.
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Notice of formation of **23 GATTO DRIVE LLC**. Art. Of Org. filed with the Sect'y of State

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of NY (SSNY) on 05/24/26. Office in Putnam County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 8 BIANCA CT CARMEL, NY, 10512. Purpose: Any lawful purpose
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Voices by Allan Brown LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 4/21/26 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, 301 Cornwall Meadows Lane, Patterson, NY 12563. Purpose: any lawful act.
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Notice of formation of **Phoenix Foods LLC**. Articles of Org. filed with SSNY on 7/06/2026. Office Location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Phoenix Foods LLC, 138 Tanglewyld Road, Lake Peekskill, NY 10537. Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity.
P. 7/29, 8/5, 8/12, 8/19, 8/26, 9/2

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of formation of **Otto Ranch, LLC**. Articles of Org. filed with SSNY on 07/15/2026. Office Location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Otto Ranch, LLC 31 Knollwood Lane, Cold Spring, NY 19516 Purpose: anylawful purpose or activity.
P. 7/29, 8/5, 8/12, 8/19, 8/26, 9/2

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Formation of **DryDwelling Waterproofing LLC**. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on July 7, 2026. Office location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o DryDwelling Waterproofing LLC, 62 Fair St Apt 1, Carmel, NY 10512. Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity.
P. 7/29, 8/5, 8/12, 8/19, 8/26, 9/2

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Formation of **Truk-it Cargo & Logistics Services, LLC**. Articles of Org filed with SSNY on [3/11/2026]. Office Location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Truk-It Cargo & Logistics Services, LLC, I2 main st. Unit #2107, Brewster, NY 10509 Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity.
P. 7/29, 8/5, 8/12, 8/19, 8/26, 9/2

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Formation of **White Eagle Residential Services, LLC**. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 05/04/20216 Office location: Putnam County, New York. SSNY has been designated as the LLC's agent upon whom process against it may be served. Purpose: To engage in any lawful act or activity for which a limited liability company may be organized under the laws of the State of New York."
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Formation of **Carmel Animal Hospital LLC**. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State (SSNY) on 7/15/26. 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, 235 Route 52, Carmel, NY 10512. Purpose: any lawful activity.
P. 7/29, 8/5, 8/12, 8/19, 8/26, 9/2

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Formation of **CHURCH 20 LLC**. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State (SSNY) on 7/10/26. Office location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: PO Box 117, Carmel, NY 10512. Purpose: any lawful activity.
P. 7/29, 8/5, 8/12, 8/19, 8/26, 9/2

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Formation of **RT6 1773 LLC**. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State (SSNY) on 7/10/26. Office location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: PO Box 117, Carmel, NY 10512. Purpose: any lawful activity.
P. 7/29, 8/5, 8/12, 8/19, 8/26, 9/2

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Formation of **CHURCH 18 LLC**. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State (SSNY) on 7/10/26. Office location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: PO Box 117, Carmel, NY 10512. Purpose: any lawful activity.
P. 7/29, 8/5, 8/12, 8/19, 8/26, 9/2

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Formation of **ADV Real Estate Holding Company LLC**. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State (SSNY) on 7/10/26. Office location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: PO Box 117, Carmel, NY 10512. Purpose: any lawful activity.
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PUBLIC NOTICE

ML GAB HOLDINGS LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/22/2026. Office loc: Putnam County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 53 E Forest Trail, Holmes, NY 12531. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.
P. 7/29, 8/5, 8/12, 8/19, 8/26, 9/2

PUBLIC NOTICE

ML GAB REALTY LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/22/2026. Office loc: Putnam County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 53 E Forest Trail, Holmes, NY 12531. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.
P. 7/29, 8/5, 8/12, 8/19, 8/26, 9/2

PUBLIC NOTICE

GAA GAB REALTY LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/22/2026. Office loc: Putnam County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served.

PUTNAM COUNTY AND TOWN NOTICES

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 53 E Forest Trail, Holmes, NY 12531. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of formation of **Des-sert Designer, LLC**. Articles of Org. filed with SSNY on 6/1/2026. Office Location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o DESSERT DESIGNER, LLC 252 RT 292, HOLMES, NY, 12531, USA Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity.

P. 8/5, 8/12, 8/19, 8/26, 9/2, 9/9

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Formation of **Laura Twist MD PLLC**. Articles of Org filed with SSNY on 6/17/2026. Office Location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Laura Twist: 4 Cameo Court, Carmel, NY 10512. Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity.

P. 8/5, 8/12, 8/19, 8/26, 9/2, 9/9

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Formation of **Mid-night Detailing New York, LLC**. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 07/17/2026. Office location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Midnight Detailing New York, LLC, 852 Peekskill Hollow Rd, Putnam Valley, NY 10579. Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity.

P. 8/5, 8/12, 8/19, 8/26, 9/2, 9/9

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Formation of **Mer-ryham LLC**. Articles of Org filed with SSNY on 7/30/2026. Office Location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Merryham LLC PO BOX 1621 JOHNS ISLAND, SC, 29455, USA. Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity.

P. 8/12, 8/19, 8/26, 9/2, 9/9, 9/16

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Formation of **ZETTATEN, LLC**. Arts. of Org.

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filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 07/29/2026. Office location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: ZETTATEN, LLC, 1145 RT. 9D, UNIT 350, GARRISON, NY 10524. Pur-pose: any lawful activities.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

HIGHLANDS RE HOLD-ING COMPANY, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/29/16. Office: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Robert Hayes, 52 Old Manitou Road, Garrison, NY 10524. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

P. 8/12, 8/19, 8/26, 9/2, 9/9, 9/16

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Formation of **MC BUILDS LLC**. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 04/11/2026. Office location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 19 Split Rock Rd, Putnam Valley, NY 10579. Legalzoom Usca, Inc. desig. as agent for SOP 45 Main Street, Suite 238, Brooklyn, NY 11201. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Formation of **2684 Route 22, LLC**. Articles of Orgainzation filed with NYS Dept. of State (SSNY) on July 27, 2026. Office location: Putnam County at 674 Route 311, Patterson, NY 12563. SSNY has been designat-ed as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to: 674 Route 311, Patterson, NY 12563. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

A & A WINE IMPORTS AND STORAGE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/11/26. Office: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 10 Tango Lane, Carmel, NY 10512. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

16-18 FISHKILL RD LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/12/26. Office: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom

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process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Spooner & Me-keel, PLLC, 3182 Route 9, Suite 211, Cold Spring, NY 10516. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

21 CHURCH STREET CS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/12/26. Office: Put-nam County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Spooner & Me-keel, PLLC, 3182 Route 9, Suite 211, Cold Spring, NY 10516. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

22 HUDSON HEIGHTS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/12/26. Office: Put-nam County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Spooner & Me-keel, PLLC, 3182 Route 9, Suite 211, Cold Spring, NY 10516. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

38 HORTON CT LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/12/26. Office: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Spooner & Mekeel, PLLC, 3182 Route 9, Suite 211, Cold Spring, NY 10516. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

7 CROSS CREEK RD LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/12/26. Office: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Spooner & Me-keel, PLLC, 3182 Route 9, Suite 211, Cold Spring, NY 10516. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

8-10 OAK ST LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/12/26. Office: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Spooner & Mekeel, PLLC, 3182 Route 9, Suite 211, Cold Spring, NY 10516. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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Taking Action for Those Who Answer the Call

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The first is a First Responder Behavioral Health Response Grant Program, administered through the New York State Office of Mental Health in partnership with the Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Services. It would provide local governments with resources to improve coordination between emergency responders and behavioral health providers, strengthen dispatcher and crisis intervention training, develop strategies to address repeat behavioral health calls, improve data collection, and help communities build local partnerships that lead to better outcomes while ensuring public safety remains the highest priority.

The second is a First Responder Family Readiness Grant Program, administered through the Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Services in consultation with the Office of Mental Health. It would help communities develop family counseling services, peer support for spouses, family resource coordination, educational programs, critical incident

assistance, and other services designed to strengthen the families who stand beside those who protect us every day.

These are not mandates from Albany. They are investments in local communities, giving counties and municipalities the flexibility to build programs that meet the unique needs of their first responders.

In addition to these budget requests, I intend to introduce legislation during the upcoming session to establish long-term statewide frameworks for both initiatives.

Budget funding can help communities begin implementing innovative programs immediately, while legislation can ensure these priorities remain a lasting commitment to New York’s first responders and their families.

When the discussion ended that day, I left with pages of notes, a deeper appreciation for the challenges facing our first responders, and a responsibility to act. The proposals I am advancing are the direct result of listening to the experiences of the police officers, firefighters, EMS professionals, and dispatchers who serve our communities with extraordinary dedication.

Matt Slater is a Republican who represents Assembly District 94, which includes the towns of Kent, Patterson, Putnam Valley, Carmel, and Southeast, as well as the Village of Brewster.

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

Exam Title & No: Occupational Therapy Assistant 26-602 OC T&E
Exam Date: There is no exam date. This is a training & experience examination
Salary: Brewster Central School District: \$46,511 to \$69,238
Salary may vary in other school districts
Last Filing Date: September 18, 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 X46134. EEO/AA 8/19,8/26

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

Exam Title & No: Police Officer/Deputy Sheriff 60-064-320 OC
Exam Date: 10/17/2026
Salary: Salaries for police agencies within Putnam County for 2026 are: County Deputy Sheriff: \$60,383
Town of Carmel: \$54,438
Town of Kent: \$57,097
Last Filing Date: September 4, 2026
Exam Filing Fee: \$60

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CLASSIFIEDS WANTED

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. 9/30

SERVICES

FALL CLEANUP – yard maintenance. Clogged gutters, clean out drains, rainwater washouts, rotten moldings or fences, repair broken gates, or storm damage. Call Robert 914-203-0031. 9/9

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

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

Exam Title & No: Athletic Trainer 60-068-270 OC T&E
Exam Date: There is no exam date. This is a training & experience examination
Salary: Mahopac Central School District: \$80,000 to \$85,000
Haldane Central School District: \$45,283 – \$61,398
Salary may vary in other school districts
Last Filing Date: October 15, 2026
Exam Filing Fee: \$45

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A Wet & Wild Summer Spectacle!

Patterson F.D. Holds Water Fight Parade



The second annual Patterson Fire Department Water Fight Parade was another success. Several-hundred participants lined the street Aug. 9 to splash and spray the marchers — and the marchers sprayed back! The soaking silliness continued all afternoon in a designated “splash zone” on the fire department lawn. Provided photos.



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