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Ceremonies and parades were held across Putnam County on Nov. 11 to commemorate Veterans' Day. Here, veterans gather for a group shot at the monument at Fairfield and Haviland Drive in Putnam Valley, following a ceremony hosted by Putnam Lake VFW 9257 and its auxiliary, and AMVETS 2017.

## Thank You, Veterans!



Carmel VFW Post 1374 and its auxiliary, and American Legion Post 270 and Cootie Pup Tent 9.75 and its auxiliary was joined by veterans, residents and elected officials at the Kent veterans' memorial on Terry Hill Road for a ceremony.



Brewster American Legion Post 71 and VFW Post 672 hosted a ceremony at Southeast Veterans' Park, where dozens gathered to show their appreciation of, and support for those who have served.

## Southeast OKs Budget With 1.93% Tax Levy Increase Beefs Up Recreation Dept.

By Holly Crocco

The Southeast Town Board passed a budget for next year that increases the tax levy 1.93 percent, which is drastically lower than the 9.33 percent tax levy increase that Supervisor Tony Hay proposed back in September.

Councilman Eric Cyprus explained at a town board meeting last month that the budget still provides for vital town services while coming in about \$40,000 below the state-mandated property tax cap.

During the Nov. 9 meeting, the board adopted the budget, with all four councilmen voting yes and Hay abstaining from the vote.

Hay said that all 11 of his prior proposed budgets came in well below the tax cap, but this year he felt that an increase was unavoidable.

"This year with inflation running rampant yet again; several new budgeted employees that will require newly renovated space, the need to equip some of them with vehicles, gas, and all of them with computers, furnishings;

salary increases, this year it will be 2.75 percent for over 50-plus employees; double-digit increases for retirement and health insurance benefits, I don't feel that the town could remain within the tax cap," he said.

During the Nov. 9 meeting, Hay also proposed the town create a Capital Reserve Fund, which could be used to fund various needs in town, including the creation of a new town hall and town court, with more storage space, as well as improved infrastructure in the Brewster Heights area and along Pugsley Road, among other things.

Hay explained that while the town has already earmarked how it will use \$1.6 million in American Rescue Plan Act funds it received through the county, there is still another \$1.3 million in ARPA fundings coming from the federal government that needs to be spent by the end of 2026.

"Unfortunately COVID had many, many bad things, but there was actually one good thing – it brought more money into this  
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## COLA Hike Remains For Elected Officials

Legislature Overrides County Exec's Vetoes

By Holly Crocco

The Putnam County Legislature has voted to override County Executive Kevin Byrne's vetoes of cost of living adjustments for the county clerk, sheriff and three coroners, which means those five elected officials will each receive a 2.75 percent pay increase in the 2024 county budget.

This raises the coroners' salaries from \$25,000 to \$25,688, the county clerk's salary from \$144,343 to \$148,312, and the sheriff's salary from \$165,816 to \$170,376.

In his originally proposed budget, Byrne did not include the COLA increases. The Legislature added them to the budget, which lawmakers approved last month. The county executive then vetoed those increases, but the Legislature used its power to override his ve-

toes and place the increases back in the budget.

In a letter to legislators, Byrne said he was committed to not raising pay for elected officials – a decision that "is in no way a value judgement" on their performance.

"This administration recognizes the very real financial challenges many residents face as they struggle to support their families and navigate through sky-high inflation, record-setting interest rates and overall economic uncertainty," he wrote. "Due to many of these same challenges, the cost of government has grown, and eliminating pay raises for elected officials demonstrates our awareness of that hardship and helps solidify the county's commitment to a fiscally-sound budget."

Byrne said he also finds it  
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## Happy Thanksgiving





## Brewster's Semper Fi Club Feeds America's Heroes

Students in the Brewster High School Semper Fi Club packed lunches for veterans to take home during a recent grab-n-go event. The drive-up program began during COVID but has turned into a tradition. Lunches included a choice of wraps and paninis, chips, a drink and a note of thanks, along with a gift bag of chocolates.



Students stood outside BHS alongside tables of food, holding flags, playing patriotic music and clapping as veterans drove up for their lunches. "It's a great way to say thanks and make the veterans feel warm," said club member Savannah Fisher.

# Toss it? No Way! Bring it to the Mahopac Repair Café

Remember that broken lamp you put aside several years ago? Or the toaster that only browns one side of your toast? Don't trash it just yet... Bring it to the Mahopac Repair Café.

On Saturday, Dec. 9, Sustainable Putnam will host Mahopac's first Repair Café at the Mahopac Middle School from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Repair Cafés are free community events to which you can bring your broken-but-beloved items to be fixed by volunteers. Born in Amsterdam in 2009, Repair Cafés were brought to New Paltz in 2013 by volunteer organizer John Wackman. His dedication, enthusiasm and success inspired more than 50 other Hudson Valley communities to hold their own cafés.

"We're so excited to bring this free program to our community," said Sustainable Putnam Executive Director Joe Montuori. "So many of us have possessions we just don't want to toss in the trash. We know they can be repaired, but don't really know how to go about it. Whether it's the cost or the sentimental value it holds, some things are just too good to throw away. Repair Cafés are a shift to an earlier way of thinking about our stuff."

Everyone is welcome to participate as a guest or a volunteer at Repair Cafés. Guests are asked to reserve a time slot in advance to limit wait times, although walk-ins are welcome. You'll be greeted and directed to a repair coach – or a refreshment table and a seat if necessary.

Sustainable Putnam Director Sarah Wilson has run a Repair Café in neighboring Yorktown since July 2018, and urged Sustainable Putnam



The Repair Café first started in Amsterdam in 2009. Photo courtesy of Wikipedia.

to launch its own.

"It's a significant amount of work, and there's a modest cost to fund it, but the rewards are many," she said. "We've had guests give us hugs, make donations, bring us baked goods and even shed a tear when a prized possession gets repaired."

Sustainable Putnam's Board of Directors took on Wilson's challenge for all of those reasons, and more. Repair Cafés also keep a lot of stuff out of the waste stream, reduce air and water pollution, preserve traditional repair know-how and skills, and teach guests how to troubleshoot and even make simple fixes themselves.

"We're never sure how long a repair will take, but we schedule 30 minutes for each repair slot, which is usually enough time to diagnose

and fix it – or not," said Wilson. "About 75 percent of everything that comes in the door gets repaired, but even when we don't succeed, we are able to provide advice or referrals, enjoy sharing our skills with our neighbors, and take pride in doing our best to salvage it. Folks really appreciate the effort either way."

Volunteers are needed as repair coaches. You don't need to be an "expert," because repair coaches love to collaborate and share tools, supplies and advice. Also needed are volunteers to serve refreshments, take photos or greet and collect feedback from guests.

To register for a repair, or to sign up to volunteer, visit [sustainableputnam.org/repair-cafe](http://sustainableputnam.org/repair-cafe) or leave a message with your name and item to be repaired at 646-598-6560.

perform background checks and collect fingerprints from and track every migrant who has come to New York. This common-sense measure will enable law enforcement to prevent violent incidents, like the sexual assaults committed by two migrants that New York City Mayor Eric Adams relocated to suburban Buffalo, and thwart homeland security threats who may be taking advantage of the broken immigration system.

Despite what Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, Ilhan Omar and the Socialist Squad would like us to believe, illegal immigration presents an enormous threat to our country. That is why Gov. Kathy Hochul must immediately repeal New York's sanctuary state policy that handcuffs law enforcement and prohibits the communication with federal immigration officials needed to remove criminal immigrants from our state and "connect the dots" regarding homeland security threats.

The politicians who, like Gov. Hochul, have embraced dangerous sanctuary policies at the local level need to understand the damage they are causing.

In light of the horrific attacks on Israel, the facts require our state to take a fresh look at the policies it has adopted and take the necessary steps to ensure the safety of all New Yorkers.

*Assemblyman Matt Slater, R-Yorktown, represents New York's 94th Assembly District, which includes the Putnam County towns of Southeast, Patterson, Kent, Carmel and Putnam Valley.*

## Guest Column Assemblyman Matt Slater 94th District

### NY Needs to Repeal the Sanctuary State Policy

Twenty-two years ago, New York was the victim of an unprovoked terrorist attack that shocked the conscience of our nation and the world. Tragically, history repeated itself (last) month when Hamas terrorists stormed from Gaza into Israel and brutally murdered innocent Israelis and 31 Americans, including children, the elderly and the disabled. As Americans, we proudly stand with Israel and its citizens and pray for the victims of these war crimes.

Beyond the human tragedy, Hamas' attack serves as a stark reminder that America and its democratic allies remain targets for those who hate freedom and our way of life.

Because of the Biden administration's open border policies, the recently concluded federal fiscal year shattered all records for the number of illegal immigrants entering our country. In fact, more than 6 million migrants have illegally entered the U.S. since Biden became president. Even worse, this is an accelerating crisis in which September was the single worst month in history; more than

220,000 migrants were processed by U.S. Customs & Border Patrol last month.

The consequences of this profound failure to secure our border are grave. While New York is struggling with the most obvious effects of the migrant crisis, Border Patrol also confiscated 27,000 pounds of fentanyl this year, which was nearly twice the record set the year before, fueling an overdose epidemic that is now the leading cause of death for Americans between the ages of 18 and 45.

In September, more than 8,000 migrants from "special interest countries" crossed the southern border, with 76,000 entering our country during the previous 12 months. Moreover, the September figure includes more Border Patrol encounters with people on the Terrorist Watch List than the last six years combined. These are chilling figures that present an unprecedented homeland security risk.

Since the federal government is incapable of securing the border, New York State has a responsibility to act. I introduced legislation (A.7319) requiring the state to

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# Harvest Fest Highlights Thanksgiving Traditions



Third-graders at MPES wait for turkeys to finish roasting over an open fire pit.



A "pilgrim" tells Thanksgiving tales.

The recent annual Third Grade Harvest Festival at Matthew Paterson Elementary School in Carmel/Kent featured a round robin of traditional and modern activities.

In their classrooms, students played Harvest Bingo and listened to a Thanksgiving story while the tale was animated on a white board.

Teacher Michelle Belasco

read "How to Catch a Turkey" to her class before starting the third-graders on a craft project. "Tom the Turkey is loose in Matthew Paterson Elementary," she told her class. "You are going

to build a contraption to catch him."

Outside, children pressed apples for cider while volunteers

dressed as pilgrims and woodsmen roasted turkeys over an open fire and told Thanksgiving tales.

## Holiday on the Lake Returns to Carmel on Dec. 2



Families enjoy a hayride with Santa at a prior Holiday on the Lake event.

The Hamlet of Carmel Civic Association's annual Holiday on the Lake activities will be held Saturday, Dec. 2 along Lake Gleneida.

At Spain Cornerstone Park at the corner of Fair Street and Gleneida Avenue, free hayrides and trolley rides with Santa will be offered from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Inside, a Chowder Fest will take place, where patrons can sample treats from various merchants.

Enjoy live music from the St. James The Apostle Alumni Acapella Choir at the park from 4 to 4:30 p.m., and The Katy Mac Band from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Then, from 5 to 5:30 p.m. there will be a special ceremony to honor veterans, followed by the Spain Cornerstone Park tree lighting.

Music will continue along Gleneida Avenue from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., with DJ Anthony Sotile performing on the steps of the historical courthouse, and Sounds Familiar performing on the parade viewing stand further up the road.

From 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. there will be a parade of lights through the hamlet, from Seminary Hill Road to Fair Street, including decorated floats from various businesses and community groups, as well as apparatus from local fire departments.

After the parade, from 7:30 to 7:45 p.m., spectators may enjoy the Kent Primary School Choir for the ceremonious lighting of 70 Christmas trees along the lake shore.

Also, be sure to check in at

Reed Memorial Library, located at 1733 Route 6, for crafts and music from noon to 2 p.m. Santa is scheduled to stop by the library at 1 p.m.

In addition, many of the churches and community groups in the hamlet will be holding holiday bazaars and activities that day.

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## Vietnam Vet Visits Carmel Students

To learn about what it means to be a veteran, Catherine DeToma's third grade class at Matthew Paterson Elementary School in Carmel/Kent had a visit from a Vietnam veteran who happened to be one student's grandfather. John Claudet told his grandson Lucas' class about life in the military. He explained that he served in the Army, but on boats. He was 20 or 21 when he joined, and served from 1969 to 1972.

## Nutrition Corner

By Allison J. Stowell  
MS, RD, CDN



## Allergy Friendly Thanksgiving

Every year I prepare a Thanksgiving dinner for my extended family. It's my favorite holiday as it combines two of my favorite things- family and food. Collectively, we are gluten-free, vegetarian, dairy-free, and come with other food preferences that make for a unique meal. There are a few ingredients and products I rely on to make traditional recipes to meet my family's dietary needs.

**Cornstarch:** If you need to thicken a sauce (or gravy!), while keeping it gluten free, then corn starch is your preferred go-to. Gluten free flour won't thicken or create creamy textures. Alternatively, for some recipes, tapioca starch can be used.

**Gluten free:** For homemade gluten free stuffings and casseroles, you need strong bread that will withstand wet ingredients. I recommend seeking thicker cuts of bread or using grain free baguette (such as Against the Grain). If you're baking, there are many good gluten free flours available (I prefer King Arthur). In some cases, a boxed mix may be best.

**Roasted soy nuts, hemp seeds:** When you want a dish to have crunch or a "nutty" texture, while still being nut-free then I recommend using soy nuts or hemp seeds. Not only will they add something special to your dish, but they also offer needed protein for vegetarian guests that will be passing on turkey.

**Ground flax, egg replacer:** Making dishes egg free (especially desserts) can be difficult (it may be worth practicing ahead of time). Two options to try are Bob's Mill Egg Replacer, which has instructions for how much to use in place of one egg, or ground flaxseed (one tablespoon plus three tablespoons water replaces one egg).

**Soy milk:** If you need to make a dairy free dish but want it to be satisfying then choose soy milk, as it's the only dairy alternative beverage that contains protein. To make pudding with a dairy alternative (like almond milk), try "cook and serve" rather than instant pudding mix.

*Allison Stowell is a registered dietitian for Hannaford Supermarkets. For more information on free, virtual nutrition classes and more, email: [astowell@hannaford.com](mailto:astowell@hannaford.com).*

### Twice-Baked Squash Casserole with Pecan Crunch (1 Guiding Stars) Hannaford.com

A twist on sweet potato casserole, this side dish gets its flavor from naturally sweet butternut squash and carrots and its texture from a topping of seeds, nuts, and coconut chips (or a combination that suits your needs).

- Ingredients:**
- 2 lbs. carrots
  - 2 (16-oz.) packages cubed butternut squash
  - 3 Tbsp. olive oil
  - 3/4 cup pecans, roughly chopped
  - 3/4 cup unsweetened coconut chips
  - 1/4 cup sunflower seeds
  - 1/2 cup unsweetened coconut milk
  - 1/4 cup pure maple syrup
  - 1 tsp. pumpkin pie spice

**Directions:**  
Preheat oven to 400 degrees F. Line a large baking sheet with parchment. Peel and cut the carrots into 1-inch pieces. On prepared pan, toss the butternut squash and carrots with the oil. Season with salt. Roast 40-45 minutes, until very tender, stirring once. Let cool slightly.

Meanwhile, in a medium bowl, combine the pecans, coconut chips and sunflower seeds. Carefully transfer roasted vegetables to a blender or a large bowl if using an immersion blender. Add the coconut milk, maple syrup and pumpkin pie spice. Puree until smooth. Season with salt to taste.

Transfer butternut squash mixture to a 2.5-qt greased baking dish. Top evenly with pecan mixture. Bake 8-10 minutes, until top is browned.

## Game Day Chicken Wings

(Family Features)  
**Game Day Chicken Wings**

- Ingredients:**
- 1/2 cup butter, cubed
  - 1/3 cup flour
  - 2 teaspoons paprika
  - 1 teaspoon garlic powder
  - 1 teaspoon salt
  - 1 teaspoon black pepper
  - 10 chicken wingettes, thawed
  - dipping sauces (optional)
  - fresh parsley (optional)

**Directions:**  
Preheat oven to 425 F. Line baking sheet with foil. Arrange butter cubes on foil. In medium bowl, combine flour, paprika, garlic powder, salt and pepper.



Coat both sides of wings in flour mixture then evenly space among butter cubes on baking sheet. Bake wings 30 minutes. Turn wings over and bake 15 minutes, or until crispy and fully cooked. Serve with dipping sauces and sprinkle with fresh parsley, if desired.

Servings: 4  
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# Arrest Made in Fatal Crash

A Dutchess County man has been arrested in connection with a fatal motor cycle accident that occurred Nov. 11 at about 9:45 p.m. in Philipstown.

According to Putnam County Sheriff Kevin McConville, members of the Bureau of Criminal Investigations who were at the scene determined that a vehicle being driven by Marcos Martinez, 56, of Hopewell Junction, was headed northbound on Route 9 near Stone Ridge Road when it crossed over the double-yellow line and struck a southbound vehicle head-on.

The driver of the southbound vehicle, Joe Stubblefeild, 52, of Cortlandt Manor, was pronounced dead at the scene. A 7-year-old rear-seat passenger was transported by ambulance to Westchester Medical Center for treatment of non-life-threatening injuries.

Martinez was charged with second-degree vehicular manslaughter, a class D Felony; as well as driving while intoxicated, a misdemeanor; and failure to use designated lane, a traffic infraction. He was arraigned in Philipstown Town Court and remanded to the Putnam County Correctional Facility in lieu of \$250,000 cash bail or \$500,000 bond.

The roadway was closed until approximately 3 a.m. while an investigation was completed with the assistance of the New York State Police Crash Investigation Unit. Also at the scene were members of the Garrison Fire and Ambulance, Philipstown Ambulance and Medics 1 and 2.

The investigation is continuing with the assistance of the Putnam County District Attorney's Office.

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A Brewster woman was recently arrested for allegedly driving the wrong way on Interstate-84.

According to Sheriff McConville, at about 1:45 a.m. Nov. 11, deputies were joined by members of the Kent Police Department and New York State Police in being dispatched to I-84 in Kent for a vehicle that was being driven

eastbound while it was in the westbound lanes. A deputy was able to spot the vehicle and attempted to get the driver to stop, which she eventually did after striking a Village of Brewster Police Department unit near the Route 312 exit.

The driver, identified as Lynne Cabiati, 41, was allegedly unaware that she was traveling in the wrong direction. She failed multiple sobriety tests and was taken into custody and charged with DWI, unlawfully fleeing a police officer in a motor vehicle and reckless driving, all misdemeanors; as well as driving the wrong way on a one-way street.

Cabiati was processed at the sheriff's office and released to a relative, with a ticket to appear in court at a later date.

While responding to the call, a Kent police officer was injured when he was struck by an uninvolved vehicle. He, along with the occupants of the vehicle, were transported to Danbury Hospital for minor injuries.

It was later learned that the original 911 call for the wrong-way driver was made to Dutchess County, which indicates Cabiati traveled for quite a distance before being stopped.

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According to Sheriff McConville, at about 8:15 a.m. Nov. 13, deputies were dispatched to a two-car accident on Route 9 in the area of Lyons Road in Philipstown. Howard Gordon, 81, of Pomona, who was headed northbound on Route 9, said he fell asleep while driving.

His vehicle then struck a guiderail and bounced into the southbound lane, where it struck the side of a dump truck operated by Carlos Miranda, 50, of Fishkill, that was headed southbound.

Gordon was transported by Cold Spring Ambulance to the North Highlands Fire Department station where he was flown via helicopter to Westchester Medical Center with apparent non-life-threatening injuries.

Miranda and a passenger in his vehicle were uninjured.

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**John (Jack) T. McAuliffe**, 85, November 6, Joseph J. Smith Funeral Home, Mahopac, (845) 621-1992.

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**Anthony C. Phillips Sr.**, 83, November 9, Clinton Inc Funeral Homes, Cold Spring, (845) 265-3333.

# Youngsters Make Care Packages for Soldiers



Students assemble care packages for soldiers serving overseas.

United For the Troops is near and dear to Brewster High School social studies teacher Marissa Gargano's heart. Her son, Matthew, a 2015 BHS graduate, is a first lieutenant in the Marine Corps, 2nd Battalion, currently deployed to Okinawa, Japan – so it makes perfect sense that Gargano's Leadership Club at Wells Middle School is making up care packages for soldiers.

"Many soldiers are just out of high school and don't get care packages from home, so this makes a difference," she said.

The Leadership Club meets every Wednesday after school. It is composed of about 20 seventh- and eighth-graders. Throughout the year, they put on fundraisers, collect

pet food for the Putnam Humane Society, and volunteer their time.

Recently, students put together the care packages for soldiers. Some poured dirt into small plastic envelopes with a note that read: "Sending you a little bit of American soil so you don't feel so far from home. Love, Henry H. Wells MS Leadership Club, Brewster, N.Y."

"We are sending the soil so the soldiers feel love and know that we are thinking of them," said Charlie Scott.

At one table, students were cutting stars from tattered flags and putting them into Ziploc baggies, as a special way to recycle retired flags.

"Soldiers who are deployed

can carry these star patches in their wallets," said Jetlira Mufhkolaj.

Haley Jacknetti and Emily Hughes have been in the club throughout middle school and are considered the heart of the club.

"My favorite events are when we all get together as a group and work as a team," said Jacknetti. "We are connecting with each other and doing good."

In addition to the tattered flag stars and soil packages, the club is holding a wish list drive this month for things like snacks, toiletries and sundries to send to soldiers. Once everything is collected, the group will drop off the donations at the United For the Troops offices in Carmel for mailing just in time for the holidays.

**We Will Miss**

**Brewster**  
**Joan A. Campbell**, 89, November 11, Beecher Funeral Home, Brewster, NY, (845) 279-3615.

**Mahopac**  
**Shirley E. Beyer**, 57, November 6, Cargain Funeral Homes Inc., Mahopac, (845) 225-5655.  
**Edward Francis Gaine**, 80, November 11, Cargain Funeral Homes Inc., Mahopac, (845) 225-5655.  
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# Holiday Train Show Pulls into Arts on the Lake

Arts on the Lake's annual Holiday Model Train Show opens Saturday, Nov 25 from 1 to 5 p.m., at 640 Route 52, Kent Lakes. This year's event, for both children young and old, is greatly expanded and includes The Nutcracker Railroad.

AotL has had help this year from artists who are also train enthusiasts who have donated many items, as well as built a faux locomotive front for pictures with the children and grandchildren.

With a holiday village and many miniature scenes, watching the trains also becomes a search for miniature Santas, kids throwing snowballs, newspaper boys, a barbershop, naughty dog, snow sleds, a carousel and more. In addition, visitors will find billboards of many local businesses.

The show runs through Jan. 15, including during the annual cookie and gift sale Dec. 9 and 10 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The sale features special homemade



See The Nutcracker Railroad and holiday village Nov. 25 through Jan. 15.

cookie recipes that can't be found in stores. Sold by the pound, partakers find the selection of sweets makes for great gifts for family and friends.

If you can help by donating

cookies or being a vendor, or have questions, email office@artsonthelake.org.

More information on both events can be found at www.artsonthelake.org.



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## Estate Planning Talk at the Thanksgiving Table

Is there anything more heartwarming than the tradition of a turkey being pardoned by the president before Thanksgiving? Of course not. The inalienable rights of poultry must be preserved at all cost.

But what about the yams. Who will speak up for them? Don't yams deserve a pardon too? Or a suspended sentence, at least?

These are some of my Thanksgiving thoughts while I wait for a giant roasted bird to be paraded through the kitchen and settled on the dining room table. Turkey Day is a time for reflection (and

arranging food on your plate that strikes the perfect balance between proteins, starches and canned cranberry sauce). Memories of past feasts blend with the warmth of present-day camaraderie.

You may have noticed that some family members have a tendency to retreat into their phones when the conversation lags. Hiding the phone in the turkey, calling it and watching your loved one panic as the ringtone reverberates in the stuffing is not recommended. Talking about estate planning readiness is a much better option – and less sticky.

So, how do you start a conversation about estate planning? Do what comes easy... Talk about yourself. If you are organized and have completed your core estate planning documents (Trust, Power of Attorney, Health Care Proxy, Living Will and Last Will & Testament) then you are a force of change, stressing the importance of planning and nudging family members in the right direction.

If you are a disorganized procrastinator and disclose that fact in your estate planning commentary, you may find that others share your affliction. A few chuckles and shrugs later, everyone collectively decides to change their ways.

Sometimes the subject of estate planning comes up inadvertently. Maybe a loved one was recently discharged from a hospital or the lack of a Power of Attorney may have made it difficult for a spouse to get information concerning a retirement account. These life events provide an opening for wider discussion about the value of being prepared.

I like the phrase "mapping things out." There is a form of geographical positioning that takes place in estate planning in which the people you care about and the things you own are carefully arranged to obtain an optimal result.

There is a school of thought among certain estate planning practitioners and clients that all of this should remain private and not for public consumption. Obviously, larger Thanksgiving gatherings with distant cousins, friends and neighbors of the host may not be the optimal occasion to blurt out the names of all the people you're disinheriting. What we are talking about is a holiday meal where the individuals seated around you are lifelong intimates, family, loved ones of enduring duration.

The idea of a strong family that is meeting estate planning goals and building an infrastructure that will connect family members for decades in celebration and difficulty remains paramount in my mind.

Happy Thanksgiving from everyone at The Feller Group, P.C.

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# Putnam County Community Events

## Adult Art Project

Adults, drop in at Kent Public Library any day in November to participate in its "Little Art" project. Pick up a 4-inch-by-4-inch canvas and paint to create a small painting at home, then bring your creation back before Dec. 1 to have it displayed as a part of a larger exhibit. Registration is required at <https://kentlibrary.org>.

## Vendors Wanted

Arts on the Lake is seeking cookie bakers and craft, gift and art vendors for its annual holiday cookie and craft sale Dec. 9 and 10. Email Ed at [office@artsonthelake.org](mailto:office@artsonthelake.org).

## Tuesday, Nov. 21

### Kent Town Board

The Kent Town Board will meet the following Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at Kent Town Hall: Nov. 21, and Dec. 5 and 19.

## Saturday, Nov. 25

### Holiday Train Show

Arts on the Lake's annual Holiday Model Train Show opens Saturday, Nov. 25 from 1 to 5 p.m., at 640 Route 52, Kent Lakes. This year's event, for both children young and old, is greatly expanded and includes The Nutcracker Railroad. The show runs through Jan. 15, including during the annual cookie and gift sale Dec. 9 and 10 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. More information at [www.artsonthelake.org](http://www.artsonthelake.org).

### Chamber Trio

The Doansburg Chamber Ensemble's trio of harp, viola and flute will perform Saturday, Nov. 25 at 7 p.m. at St. Mary in the Highlands Church, 1 Chestnut Street in Cold Spring; and Sunday, Nov. 26 at 4 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 2103 Route 6, Brewster. The Nov. 26 performance will be broadcast via link to be provided at <https://doansburgchamberensemble.org>. Tickets are \$17 for general admission or \$14 for seniors and students, at the door.

### Gnome Craft

Paint a festive ceramic gnome friend to take home Saturday, Nov. 25 at 11 a.m. at Kent Public Library. This program is ideal for middle- and high-schoolers in grades five through 12. Light refreshments will be served. Register at [kentlibrary.org](http://kentlibrary.org).

### Holidays in the Park

The Mahopac-Carmel Chamber of Commerce will present Holidays in the Park on Saturday, Nov. 25 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Mahopac Chamber Park. Lighting of Christmas tree and menorah, caroling, refreshments, Santa visit and more. Free.

## Monday, Nov. 27

### 'The Greatest Sitcoms'

Award-winning author and pop culture historian Marty Gitlin will present "The Greatest Sitcoms of All Time: A Funny Program about Funny Programs" on Nov. 27 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Brewster Public Library. Gitlin is the only author to actually rank the best of the best, including such sitcoms as "I Love Lucy," "The Honeymooners" and "The Golden Girls." This interactive program will include funny snippets and sitcom trivia. Register at [brewsterlibrary.org](http://brewsterlibrary.org) or call 845-279-6421.

## Thursday, Nov. 30

### Holiday Crafts

Kids age 3 to 5 can make holiday crafts with Reed Memorial Library in Carmel on Thursdays at 1 p.m. beginning Nov. 30. Make crafts for Christmas and Hanukkah. Registration online is required.

### Southeast Town Board

The Southeast Town Board will meet at 7 p.m. at Town Hall, 1360 Route 22, Brewster on Nov. 30 and Dec. 21.

## Friday, Dec. 1

### 'Holiday Fanfares'

The Putnam Chorale will perform "Holiday Fanfares: Music of John Rutter, Daniel Pinkham and Gwyneth Walker" on Friday, Dec. 1 at 7:30 p.m. at the Church of St. Joachim, 51 Leonard St., Beacon; and Sunday, Dec. 3 at 3 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 83 Main St., Brewster. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$20 for seniors and free for children 12 and younger.

### Gift Sale

The Drew Thrift Shop Christmas sale is scheduled Dec. 1 and 2 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 25 Gleneida Ave., Carmel. Lots of gifts and decorations.

### Medicare 101

The Medicare Resource Group will be at Reed Memorial Library in Carmel on Dec. 1 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. to present on the basics of Medicare coverage. Registration is required at [carmellibrary.org/calendar](http://carmellibrary.org/calendar).

### 'A Christmas Carol'

Tompkins Corners Cultural Center in Putnam Valley will present Jonathan Kruk in "A Christmas Carol" on Friday, Dec. 1 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20 and available at [Eventbrite.com](http://Eventbrite.com). Students admitted free.

## Saturday, Dec. 2

### Defensive Driving

A defensive driving class is scheduled Saturday, Dec. 2 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Brewster Public Library. Discuss practical information and techniques to avoid collisions and violations. Receive up to a 10 percent discount on your motor vehicle collision and liability insurance, as well as up to a four-point reduction on your driving record. \$40. Registration is required at [brewsterlibrary.org](http://brewsterlibrary.org) or call 845-279-6421.

### 'Christmas Cabaret'

The Town of Southeast Cultural Arts Coalition will present "The Wynotte Sisters Christmas Cabaret" on Dec. 2 at 7 p.m. at the Studio Around the Corner, 67 Main St., Brewster. Cookies, cocoa, wine and cheese will be served after the show. Opening acts is the Monkeytown Milk Spillers. Tickets are \$20 at [our.show/wynottesisters](http://our.show/wynottesisters) or 845-363-8330.

### Santa at Reed Library

Families are invited to enjoy crafts and refreshments as they wait for Santa's visit to the Reed Memorial Library in Carmel on Dec. 2 from noon to 2 p.m. All children will get to take a picture with Santa before he has to go back to the North Pole. No registration required.

## Holiday Parade

The Putnam Lake Fire Department will hold its annual holiday parade Dec. 2 at 7 p.m. (snow date is Dec. 3).

### Putnam Chorale

Spend an afternoon enjoying a special presentation of holiday-themed music by the Putnam Chorale's Winter Ensemble on Saturday, Dec. 2 at 1 p.m. at Patterson Library. To register, call 845-878-6121 or go to [www.pattersonlibrary.org](http://www.pattersonlibrary.org).

### Holiday on the Lake

The Carmel Civic Association will present its annual Holiday on the Lake festivities on Lake Gleneida in Carmel on Saturday, Dec. 2 beginning at 5:30 p.m. Free. For a list of activities, visit [www.carmelcivicassociation.org](http://www.carmelcivicassociation.org).

## Sunday, Dec. 3

### Tree Lighting

The Brewster holiday tree lighting celebration will take place Sunday, Dec. 3 from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Southeast Old Town Hall, 67 Main St. Carolers, raffles, a visit from Santa and more.

### Dream Choir

The Dream Choir will perform Sunday, Dec. 3 at 3 p.m. at Tompkins Corners Cultural Center, 729 Peekskill Hollow Road, Putnam Valley, featuring "feel good" music from throughout the decades. Tickets are \$10 and available at [Eventbrite.com](http://Eventbrite.com) or at the door. Students are admitted free.

## Monday, Dec. 4

### Sacred Gifts

Sacred Gifts are unexplained abilities that allow us to do ordinary things extraordinarily well. Are you ready to discover yours? During an interactive workshop Dec. 4 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Reed Memorial Library in Carmel, speaker Kristen Gygi will explore what Sacred Gifts are and how to utilize them in your life. Registration is required at [carmellibrary.org/calendar](http://carmellibrary.org/calendar).

## Tuesday, Dec. 5

### Reads at Reed

The Reads at Reed Book Club will meet Tuesday, Dec. 5 at 4:30 p.m. at Reed Memorial Library in Carmel to discuss "The Sweetness of Water" by Nathan Harris. The library's Short Story Discussion Group meets alternating Wednesdays at 1 p.m. via Zoom. Email [devans.durkin@carmellibrary.org](mailto:devans.durkin@carmellibrary.org) with questions.

### Holiday Concert

Carmel High School musicians in instrumental ensembles will perform holiday music at Reed Memorial Library in Carmel on Dec. 5 from 5 to 5:45 p.m. Registration is required at [carmellibrary.org/calendar](http://carmellibrary.org/calendar).

### Holiday Craft

Learn the newest craft craze and make a holiday-themed ornament/keychain using colorful resin rhinestones Tuesday, Dec. 5 at 1 p.m. at Patterson Library. Attendance limited. Adults 18 and older. To register, call 845-878-6121 or go to [www.pattersonlibrary.org](http://www.pattersonlibrary.org).

## Thursday, Dec. 7

### Clean-Energy Consultations

Schedule a free 30-minute, one-on-one clean energy consultation at Reed Memorial Library in Carmel on Dec. 7 between 4 and 6 p.m. with Sustainable Putnam's Energy Coach Joe Montuori. Registration is required at [carmellibrary.org/calendar](http://carmellibrary.org/calendar).

## Friday, Dec. 8

### 'All is Calm'

Brewster Theater Company will present the acapella play, "All is Calm: The Christmas Truce of 1914," on Dec. 8 and 9 at 7:30 p.m., and Dec. 10 at 2 p.m., at The Theater at Drew Methodist, 28 Gleneida Ave., Carmel. Out of the violence of WWI, a silence, then a song. A German soldier steps into No Man's Land singing "Stille Nacht." Thus begins an extraordinary night of camaraderie, music and peace. Tickets are \$25 at [www.brewstertheatercompany.org/all-is-calm.html](http://www.brewstertheatercompany.org/all-is-calm.html).

### 'Little Women'

Celebrate the holiday season with a movie classic, "Little Women," on Dec. 8 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Reed Memorial Library in Carmel. Refreshments will be served. Registration is required at [carmellibrary.org/calendar](http://carmellibrary.org/calendar).

### Cold Spring Aglow

Cold Spring Aglow will take place Friday, Dec. 8 from 4 to 8 p.m. in the village. Enjoy a candlelit holiday walk featuring special performances while shopping at local businesses.

## Saturday, Dec. 9

### Repair Café

On Saturday, Dec. 9, Sustainable Putnam will host its first Repair Café at the Mahopac Middle School between 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Bring your broken, but beloved item to be fixed by volunteer experts for free. Keep your lamps, clocks, toasters and more out of a landfill. Learn more and register at [sustainableputnam/repair-cafe](http://sustainableputnam/repair-cafe) or call 646-598-6560.

### Stuff-a-Cruiser

The Town of Kent Police Department will host a "Stuff-a-Cruiser" event to benefit Toys For Tots on Dec. 9 from 10 a.m. to noon at 40 Sybil's Crossing, Kent Lakes. Bring an unwrapped new toy to donate.

### Cookies With Santa

The Town of Carmel Recreation & Parks Department will host cookies with Santa at Sycamore Park on Saturday, Dec. 9 for residents age 2 to 10. \$15 per child.

## Sunday, Dec. 10

### Breakfast

Brewster VFW Post 672 will host a breakfast fundraiser the second Sunday of every month from October to May, from 9 to 11 a.m., at 262 Peaceable Hill Road. Coffee, juice, waffles, pancakes, bacon, sausage, eggs, omelet station, home fries, tater tots, biscuits and gravy, and more. \$15 for adults, \$10 for teens, age 12 and younger eat for free.

## Monday, Dec. 11

### Teen Zine

Join the production of Kent Public Library's first teen zine Monday, Dec. 11 at 5:30 p.m. Eat pizza, talk about the zine layout and use craft supplies to create. Open to grades seven through 12. The zine will be published as a physical booklet, as well as online. It will feature content created by and edited by teens. Registration is required at <https://kentlibrary.org>, [Programs@KentLibrary.org](mailto:Programs@KentLibrary.org) or 845-225-8585.

### The Greatest Era of Music

Local author and pop culture historian Marty Gitlin will be at Reed Memorial Library in Carmel on Dec. 11 from 11 a.m. to noon to lead a fun and nostalgic journey through the greatest era of rock-and-roll history: The British Invasion and the American Answer, with video performances by The Beatles, Rolling Stones, Beach Boys, Temptations and more. There will also be trivia. Registration is required at [carmellibrary.org/calendar](http://carmellibrary.org/calendar).

## Tuesday, Dec. 12

### Medicaid 101

Learn the risks and benefits of Medicaid, presented by local attorney Michael Martin, Esq., at Reed Memorial Library in Carmel on Dec. 12 from 6 to 7 p.m. Registration is required at [carmellibrary.org/calendar](http://carmellibrary.org/calendar).

## Thursday, Dec. 14

### Clean-Energy Consultations

Schedule a free 30-minute, one-on-one clean energy consultation at Reed Memorial Library in Carmel on Dec. 14 between 4 and 6 p.m., with Sustainable Putnam's Energy Coach Joe Montuori. Registration is required at [carmellibrary.org/calendar](http://carmellibrary.org/calendar).

## Sunday, Dec. 17

### Breakfast, Pet Pics With Santa

The Kent Volunteer Fire Department will host Breakfast with Santa on Sunday, Dec. 17 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at its headquarters. \$10 for adults, \$5 for children ages 1 and older, free for 1 and younger. Pancakes, eggs, sausage, bacon, fruit, coffee, juice, milk and pictures with Santa. Pet photos with Santa will be offered from 12:30 to 3 p.m. \$10 per family of dogs. To reserve your time slot, email [landrews@kentvfd.com](mailto:landrews@kentvfd.com).

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# Good Tidings from Brewster Students



JFK students decorate their submission for the Festival of Trees at Ann's Place.



To mark World Kindness Day, second-graders in Brewster joined forces to do good at JFK Elementary School – and beyond.

Deb Gorey's class teamed up with Kristen Peterson and Kelsey Stockton's English language learning class to work together while learning English and Spanish from each other, and spreading kindness. They chose Ann's Place and its annual Festival of Trees as the benefactor of their efforts.

Every year, people donate trees, wreaths and centerpieces to the Festival of Trees in support of

Ann's Place, which relies on the generosity of donors to be able to continue providing care services to families facing cancer, free of charge.

JFK students said they wanted to sprinkle kindness throughout the holiday season and help make people smile. Students were given an assortment of materials to create decorations for a tree to be submitted as part of the Festival of Trees. All the ornaments and garlands are handmade, in both English and Spanish.

Their tree is dedicated to teacher Megan Gersch.



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Brewster student Elias Arias Tlaczani, center, was joined by family and Putnam/Northern Westchester BOCES Assistant Superintendent Dr. Lynn Allen and Principal Mike Sowul for his recognition as a Student of Distinction.

## Brewster Youth a BOCES Student of Distinction

Brewster student Elias Arias Tlaczani, who attends the Putnam/Northern Westchester BOCES Career & Technical Education Center, was recognized as a Student of Distinction during the Nov. 7 Brewster School Board meeting.

Tlaczani is a student in the carpentry program, a class that demands precision, deftness and close attention to detail, as well as careful following of safety protocols. He excels in every area of

the program, according to teacher Jon Farrell.

“Elias is a great student,” he said. “He arrives early to class and is always the first to take down all the stools and prepare the classroom for the day. He really wants to get right to work and shows tremendous interest in all of his projects.”

According to Farrell, carpentry involves precise measuring, cutting and uniformity.

“Elias is incredibly serious and responsible about his work,” he said. “He always stays on task doing projects, which is something that is particularly important in woodworking. I see big things in Elias’ future.”

“I used to love making arts and crafts, and carpentry is the same, just on a larger scale,” said Tlaczani. “I can fix things around the house and I can definitely see myself pursuing this as a career.”



Photo courtesy of New Hackensack Fire Department.

## Another Horse Rescue for Patterson F.D.

The Patterson Fire Department was dispatched Nov. 14 to assist the New Hackensack Fire Department of Dutchess County, and Rhinebeck Equine, with a horse rescue.

Several PFD firefighters trained in technical large animal emergency rescue were available and responded to the scene. Fortunately, the horse wasn’t mired in

mud like some others have been, and the small horse was only half as heavy as others, according to the department.

Working with the veterinarian staff on-scene and using some simple techniques, rescuers quickly got the horse standing, steadied and back into the barn.

This is the sixth horse rescue for PFD in 2023

## Art Workshops Continue at Pawling Gallery

LAND Gallery in Pawling continues its series of practical workshops aimed at both painters and photographers, hosted by Sharon Nakazato and Jane Haslam.

Designed to spark fresh approaches and expand creative possibilities while augmenting technical skills, these workshops will discover what photography and drawing/painting share and can bring to each other. Regardless of skill level – beginner to practiced – participants are sure to deepen their experience of art and the world.

The workshops will take place at LAND Gallery, 30 Charles Colman Blvd., or nearby in Pawling.

The fee for each workshop is \$45. Sign up at [www.janehaslam-photography.com/p/85944cnw/photography-painting-sketching-workshop](http://www.janehaslam-photography.com/p/85944cnw/photography-painting-sketching-workshop).

“The Next Step” is scheduled Dec. 16 from 2 to 3:30 at the gallery. So often we forget that learning is an accumulation of experiences and from time to time we need the chance to recap, see what we have assimilated, and allow questions and aspirations to surface. Some creativity-exploring activities should make this another

fun and inspiring workshop.

This is an opportunity for painters and photographers of all levels to learn about balancing the development of artistic and technical skills. Nakazato and Haslam both will discuss the fundamentals of their art forms, their techniques and their passions.

Nakazato lived in Japan and had many years of intensive training with a master in Asian brush calligraphy that infuses her work, as evident in her quality of line, spatial choices and inherent spirituality. She was co-founder and for 10 years director of Yasuragi Japan Arts Center and former head of the arts program at Longview School.

Nakazato is currently active with Art East, Putnam Arts Council and Peekskill Arts Alliance, and heads up FrOGS’ plein air events and the annual FrOGS juried art competition.

Haslam is a British photographer who currently resides in the Hudson Valley and has owned a photography business in New York State since 2009. Her imagery is emotive and transports viewers into her world at the moment she clicked that shutter.

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Putnam and northern Westchester residents hold up signs denouncing Rep. Mike Lawler's "extremist" voting record. Photo by Teri Lukin.

## Putnam Progressives Call Out Lawler's 'Extremism'

About 60 residents of Congressional District 17 joined together Nov. 15 to call attention to the discrepancies between Rep. Mike Lawler's "moderate rhetoric" and his "very conservative" voting record, according to a press release from Dwight Arthur of Mahopac, acting press coordinator for Putnam Progressives, Take 17 and CCoHOPE Indivisible – the three organizations that sponsored the event.

People from across Putnam County and northern Westchester gathered at the Jan Peek Gazebo in Peekskill to call out issues in which they feel Lawler has made public statements presenting himself as "reason-

able and balanced," but took a more "extremist" position when voting.

Putnam Progressives is a group of people in Putnam County concerned with taking action to promote and preserve policies that support democratic values, human rights and tolerance.

CCoHOPE Indivisible is an organization that works to protect democracy and push government at all levels to function for the collective good of society, drawing members from Cortlandt, Croton-on-Hudson, Ossining and Peekskill.

Take 17 advocates for progressive political causes in the 17th Congressional District.

## Gift Card Drive

The Putnam/Northern Westchester Women's Resource Center invites the public to participate in its annual holiday gift card drive, through which survivors currently receiving services are provided with gift cards to shop independently and decide on gifts appropriate for their families' needs.

Gift cards in the amount of \$25 or \$50 to stores such as Target, Kohl's, Walmart, Marshall's, TJ Maxx, Stop & Shop, ShopRite,

Amazon, Acme, Tops Friendly Markets, Mobile, Shell and BP are suggested.

Gift card donations should be mailed or dropped off no later than Monday, Dec. 4, to: PNW-WRC, 935 S. Lake Blvd., Suite 2, Mahopac, N.Y. 10541. Office hours are 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

For more information, call Shan Knapp at 845-628-9284, ext. 237.

## 'A Christmas Carol' at Tompkins Corners

Master storyteller Jonathan Kruk once again brings his dramatic solo rendition of "A Christmas Carol" to Tompkins Corners Cultural Center, 729 Peekskill Hollow Road, Putnam Valley, on Friday, Dec. 1 at 7:30 p.m.

Using a treasure trove of voices and gestures, Kruk creates more than 30 characters to recreate Charles Dickens' classic. The result is a singular show that is intimate and imaginative.

Performing in Dickensian garb, the storyteller creates gripping vignettes with dynamic dialogue. Kruk employs his legendary eloquence and wit, quickly transforming into the characters of Scrooge, Cratchit, Marley, Tiny Tim and all the spirits.

Kruk's theatrical storytelling has been featured on "CBS Sunday

Morning," "The Today Show," The Travel Channel and at countless schools, libraries, festivals and historic sites. He has been named Best Storyteller in the Hudson Valley, and The New York Times describes him as having "a way with the spoken word, the telling gesture, the sprinkling of humor, and the appropriate costume for a smorgasbord of stories."

This program runs just less than one hour with live musical accompaniment.

Tickets are \$20 and may be purchased at Eventbrite.com. Students are admitted free.

Tompkins Corners Cultural Center is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization. For more information, visit TompkinsCorners.org or Facebook, or email info@tompkinscorners.org.

## Putnam Chorale to Perform 'Holiday Fanfares'



Members of the Putnam Chorale hail from Putnam, Dutchess and Westchester counties, as well as nearby Connecticut. The group is entering its 40th anniversary year.



Dr. Jason Tramm joined the Putnam Chorale as conductor this year.

The Putnam Chorale will perform "Holiday Fanfares: Music of John Rutter, Daniel Pinkham and Gwyneth Walker" during two scheduled concerts, in Brewster and Beacon. The program will feature "Gloria" by Rutter, a rousing composition written for choir, brass, percussion and organ.

Described as "exalted, devotional and jubilant," the piece will be conducted by Dr. Jason Tramm, the dynamic new conductor of the chorale.

Other pieces in the program include Pinkham's "Christmas Cantata" and Walker's "A Star in the East." The chorale will be accompanied by the MidAtlantic Brass Ensemble, and organ.

Performances will be held Friday, Dec. 1 at 7:30 p.m. at the Church of St. Joachim, 51 Leonard St., Beacon; and Sunday, Dec. 3 at 3 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 83 Main St., Brewster. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$20 for seniors and free for children 12 and

younger.

The Putnam Chorale, entering its 40th anniversary season, is composed of 50-plus singers who hail from Putnam, Dutchess, Rockland and Westchester counties.

Tramm is an orchestral conductor, music director, podcast host and an artistic consultant. Hailed as a "conductor to watch" by Symphony Magazine and as "filled with Italianate passion" by the Huffington Post, his work in the choral, symphonic and operatic realms have received critical acclaim throughout the U.S. and abroad.

Tramm is artistic director/principal conductor for MidAtlantic Artistic Productions (with whom he made his Carnegie Hall debut in 2015), executive director of Light Opera of New Jersey, and principal guest conductor for the Long Island Concert Orchestra. He serves as an associate professor and director of choral activities at Seton Hall University, where he leads and conducts

the university chorus, chamber choir and orchestra.

"Right here in our own backyard, there is an abundance of talent waiting to be celebrated and deserving of enthusiastic support," said Putnam Arts Council Chairman Carlos Passi. "As the Putnam Chorale marks its 40th year, it embodies the essence of a thriving community arts group and fosters a sense of community pride. Save the dates and join in celebrating the richness of talent in our community, and experience classical compositions, including the intriguing works of composers like John Rutter. This will take you beyond the usual holiday entertainment, offering a unique cultural experience."

The Putnam Chorale is a community chorus and since 1973 has been performing a wide range of music, from baroque and classical to contemporary. The non-profit group encourages new singers to apply for membership by emailing [contactus@putnamchorale.org](mailto:contactus@putnamchorale.org).

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Registration for 30 minute time slots required at: [carmellibrary.org/calendar](http://carmellibrary.org/calendar)



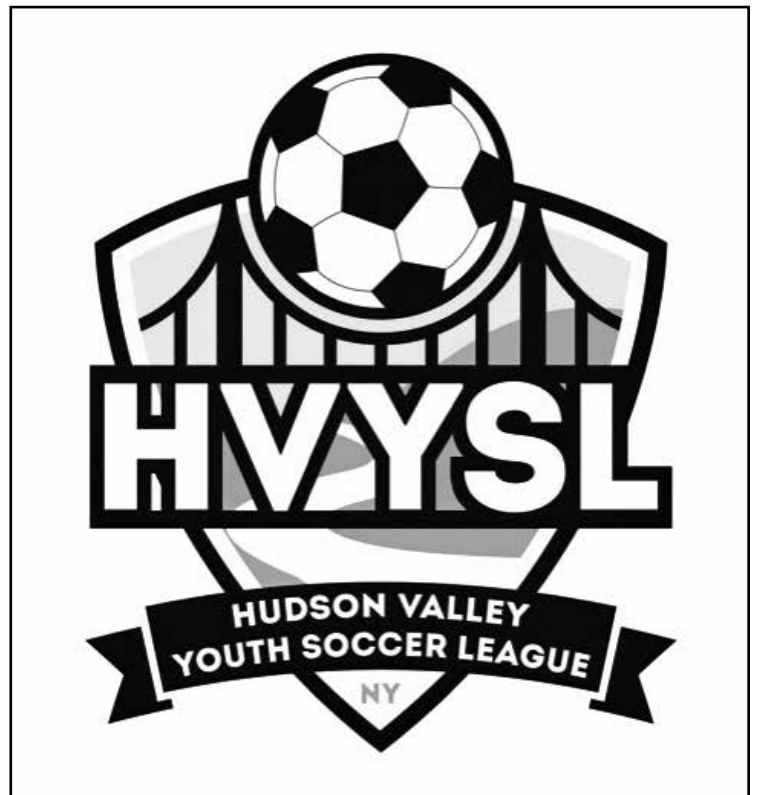
Joe Montuori is the Executive Director of Sustainable Putnam, Inc, a tax-exempt nonprofit that educates and assists Putnam County residents, towns, businesses and nonprofits in becoming more sustainable and resilient. Sustainable Putnam offers information, resources, and free counseling regarding energy efficiency, clean energy, and much more.





## Crash Leaves Driver Pinned in Mahopac

Mahopac Volunteer Fire Department was dispatched along with Carmel police Nov. 10 to Fenwood Road for a reported motor vehicle accident involving a subject pinned under a vehicle. According to the department, the operator exited the vehicle and it started to roll. The driver attempted to hold back the vehicle but became trapped underneath it. First-responders did a quick patient evaluation before utilizing its Hurst Edraulic spreaders and TL9 stabilizer to lift the vehicle and remove the patient, who was then transported to MVFD headquarters to an awaiting Medivac helicopter and transported to Westchester Medical Center for treatment.



Logo design by Media Solstice.

## Regional Youth Soccer League Rebrands

By Randy Vogt  
Director of Public Relations,  
ENYSSA

The West-Put Youth Soccer League was founded in 1974, originally serving just Westchester and Putnam counties but quickly expanding its geographic footprint. It has been known as the East Hudson Youth Soccer League for most of the 49 years of its existence.

As the league prepares to celebrate its 50th anniversary in 2024, it has rebranded into the Hudson Valley Youth Soccer League, as that name better reflects the nearly 15,000 registered youth players both east and west of the Hudson River. The league brings together clubs from Dutchess, Orange, Ulster, Putnam, Rockland, Sullivan and Westchester counties, plus Pike County in Pennsylvania.

The HVYSL logo is representative of the Hudson River that formed the Hudson Valley, as well as the Catskills and the Gunks that rise high above. The symbolism of the bridge is to “connect” the clubs from the entire Hudson Valley region, and the logo does not depict one particular bridge that spans the Hudson.

Media Solstice, based in Port Jervis, designed the logo with input from HVYSL members.

In addition to changing its name and logo, HVYSL also recognized that it was necessary to expand its Academy Program offering for its clubs. The academy is a supplemental training program from November through July and culminates with summer tournaments.

Three years ago, the league began its premier program, as there are many boys and girls

who play on club travel teams and would like to challenge themselves at the premier league level. Premier teams train once a week and play games on Saturdays. The understanding for all of these players is that they also should play with their local club teams on Sundays, as they cannot only do HVYSL premier.

Also new from HVYSL is the T3 Program, a skill-based program that focuses on 3Ts – technical, tactical and thought.


HVYSL has indoor and outdoor training options for all travel team and recreation players from HVYSL clubs. The home training complex is the Hudson Valley Sports Dome in Milton.

For more information about the Hudson Valley Youth Soccer League, which is part of the Eastern New York Youth Soccer Association, contact the league office at 845-765-2864.

With more than 100,000 youth soccer players, both boys and girls, and more than 25,000 volunteers, the non-profit ENYSSA stretches from Montauk Point, Long Island, to the Canadian border. Members are affiliated with 10 leagues throughout the association, which covers the entire State of New York east of Route 81.

ENYSSA exists to promote and enhance the game of soccer for children and teenagers between the ages of 5 and 19 years old, and to encourage the healthy development of youth players, coaches, referees and administrators. All levels of soccer are offered, from intramural, travel team and premier players, as well as children with special needs. For more information, visit [www.enysoccer.com](http://www.enysoccer.com).

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

## Carmel LEGAL NOTICE ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be received at the Office of the Town Clerk, Town of Carmel, 60 McAlpin Avenue, Mahopac, New York 10541, until 11:00 AM on **December 1, 2023** at which time all bids will be publicly opened, read and recorded by the Town Clerk for the following:

### CONTRACT #C293 PURCHASE OF POLARIS RANGER XP 1000 PREMIUM FOR THE TOWN OF CARMEL POLICE DEPARTMENT

All bidders must comply with Section 103(a) and 103(d) of the General Municipal Law relating to non-collusive bidding and waiver of immunity against criminal prosecution.

Specifications may be obtained at the Office of the Town Clerk, at the above address, beginning November 22, 2023 between the hours of 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday.

Bid envelope shall be marked "BID" plus bid title and number.

The Town Board of the Town of Carmel reserves the right to reject any and all bids and abandon the proposal or may reject all bids and re-advertise at a future date.

By Order of the Town Board of the Town of Carmel  
Ann Spofford, Town Clerk

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Town Board of the Town of Carmel, pursuant to Town Law Section 202-a will conduct a Public Hearing at the Town Hall, 60 McAlpin Avenue, Mahopac, New York on Wednesday, December 13, 2023 at 7:00 PM or as soon thereafter that evening as possible for the following purpose:

To consider the 2024 Tentative Assessment Rolls of Carmel Sewer Districts #1, #2, #3, #4, #5, #6, #7, #8 and extensions thereto as well as Carmel Water Districts #1,

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#2, #3, #4, #5, #6, #7, #8, #9, #10, #12, #13, #14 and extensions thereto as well as the Town of Carmel Garbage District

BE IT FURTHER NOTICED, that the 2024 Tentative Assessment Rolls may be inspected at the Town Hall, 60 McAlpin Avenue, Mahopac, New York during normal business hours.

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

By Order of the Town Board of the Town of Carmel  
Ann Spofford, Town Clerk

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## LEGAL NOTICE OF ESTOPPEL

The bond resolution, a summary of which is published herewith, has been adopted on November 15, 2023, and the validity of the obligations authorized by such resolution may be hereafter contested only if such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which the Town of Carmel, Putnam County, New York, is not authorized to expend money, or if the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this notice were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of publication of this notice, or such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

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

Dated: Carmel, New York,  
November 16, 2023.

/s/ Ann Spofford  
Town Clerk  
BOND RESOLUTION DATED NOVEMBER 15, 2023.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$212,000 BONDS OF THE

### PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF CARMEL, PUTNAM COUNTY, NEW YORK, TO PAY PRELIMINARY PLANNING COSTS FOR A LEAD SERVICE LINE INVENTORY IN THE TOWN'S WATER DISTRICTS, IN AND FOR SAID TOWN.

**Specific object or purpose:** Preliminary planning expenses for a lead service line in the Town's water districts

**Period of probable usefulness:** 5 years

**Maximum estimated cost:** \$212,000

**Amount of obligations to be issued:** \$212,000 bonds

**SEQRA status:** Type II Action

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## LEGAL NOTICE

By the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Carmel pursuant to Section 267 Town Law, notice is hereby given that a hearing will be held on:

**NOVEMBER 30, 2023 -  
7:30 P.M.**

To hear the following applications:

### HOLD OVER APPLICATIONS:

1. Application of **ROBERT ALTERO** for a Variation of Section 156-15 seeking a Variance for permission to retain gazebo and legalize room above garage. The property is located at 3 Curry Spur, Mahopac NY and is known as Tax Map #53.12-1-17

Code Requires/Allows Provided Variance Required  
10' rear (gazebo) 2' 8'  
25' front (garage) 0'  
(over property line. Easement agreement needed.) 25'

2. Application of **BORE COTAJ** for an Interpretation of Section 156-15. Applicant owns the parcel upon which the temporary dock is located and a parcel improved by at least one residential dwelling unit which is directly across the street but separated by a road (i.e. East Lake Blvd.). Applicant seeks an Interpretation that the intent of the statute (i.e. a dock when not located on a parcel improved by at least one residential unit) is met under the circumstances set forth herein or,

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Town Board of the Town of Carmel will conduct a Public Hearing on the Fire Protection Contracts and the Ambulance District Contracts for the year 2023, to be held on the 13th day of December, 2023 at the Town Hall, 60 McAlpin Avenue, Mahopac, New York at 7:00 p.m. or soon thereafter that evening as possible; said contracts to be advertised and posted as follows:

Contractor	Services	Not to Exceed
Mahopac Falls Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.	Fire Protection-Fire Protection Dist. #1	\$915,500.00
Mahopac Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.	Fire Protection-Fire Protection Dist. #2	\$1,650,000.00
Carmel Fire District & Carmel Fire Department, Inc.	Fire Protection-Fire Protection Dist. #3	\$957,000.00
Carmel Volunteer Ambulance Corps	Ambulance Service Carmel Ambulance District #1	\$495,000.00
North Salem Volunteer Ambulance Corps	Ambulance Services Carmel Ambulance District #1	\$13,500.00

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

By Order of the Town Board of the Town of Carmel  
Ann Spofford, Town Clerk

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in the alternative, the following area variances (table below). The property is located at 148 East Lake Blvd., Mahopac NY and is known as Tax Map #76.30-1-5.

Code Requires/Allows Provided Variance Required  
Dock:  
Lake frontage 50' 6.25'  
43.75'  
Minimum Area 3,000 sf 280 sf 2,720 sf

3. Application of **PATRICK KOHLMAN** for a Variation of Section 156-15 seeking a Variance for permission to add steps to deck & shed. The property is located at 26 Summit Circle Drive, Mahopac NY and is known as Tax Map #87.9-1-33.

Code Requires/Allows Provided Variance Required  
30' Rear - Deck 1.1' 28.9'  
40' Front - Shed 13' 27'  
Shed Front  
10' Side - Shed 1.5' 8.5'  
Shed Rear  
4' Front - Fence 6' 2'

### NEW APPLICATIONS:

4. Application of **WILLIAM & DEBORAH SHILLING** for a Variation of Section 156-15 seeking a Variance for permission to build shed. The property is located at 37 Kirk Lake Drive, Mahopac NY and is known as Tax Map #64.11-1-16.

Code Requires/Allows Provided Variance Required  
8' x 10' Shed: 10' side 2' 8'

5. Application of **PATRICIA & GARY SAVITZKY** for a Variation of Section 156-15 seeking a Variance for permission to remove 3-car garage & replace with 2-car garage. The property is located at 22 Averill Drive, Mahopac NY and is known as Tax Map #64.12-2-8.

Code Requires/Allows Provided Variance Required  
10' side 5' 5'  
10' rear 4' 6'

6. Application of **MARK VUSHAJ** for a Variation of Section 156-15 seeking a Variance for permission to extend my current deck 2 feet closer to my rear property line. The property is located at 144 See Avenue, Mahopac NY and is known as Tax Map #76.30-1-51.

Code Requires/Allows Provided Variance Required  
20' rear 18' 2'

7. Application of **SALVATORE MAZZUOCCOLO** for a Variation of Section 156-15 seeking a Variance for permission to construct pre-fab shed. The property is located at 8 Topland Road, Mahopac NY and is known as Tax Map #74.42-1-10.

Code Requires/Allows Provided Variance Required  
10' side 3' 7'

8. Application of **ANDREW SABO** for a Variation of Section 156-15 seeking a Variance for permission to construct new 144 s.f. dining room addition to existing dwelling. The property is located at 40 Bloomer Road, Mahopac NY and is known as Tax Map #75.20-1-14.

Code Requires/Allows Provided Variance Required  
20' side yard setback 13' 7'

9. Application of **CARMEL TERMINALS** for a Variation of Section 156-11 seeking a Variance for permission to construct

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the project per the enclosed plans within the required front and rear yard setbacks; vary the requirement for a minimum of 200' of lot depth. The property is located at 79 Old Route 6, Carmel NY and is known as Tax Map #55.11-1-23.

Code Requires/Allows Provided Variance Required  
Front Yard Setback: 40' required 25' 15'  
Rear Yard Setback: 30' required 24' 6'  
Lot Depth: 200' required 144' 56'

By Order of the Chairman,

John Maxwell

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## Southeast

### PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the Town Board of the Town of Southeast shall hold a public hearing at Town Hall, 1360 Route 22, Brewster, NY on November 30, 2023 at 7:00 PM, or as soon thereafter as interested parties may be heard, to consider the application of **SPLASH CAR WASH, INC.**, owner of premises located at 1559 Route 22, Tax Map No. 46.-1-6 (the "Premises") which seeks to amend the Special Use Permit, which currently allows the Premises to be operated as a full-service car wash and lubrication / inspection facility, to permit the applicant to offer specified self-service options. The Premises are located in the SR-22 Zone. All persons interested in the subject matter hereof will be given an opportunity to be heard at that time.

By Order of the Town Board  
Michele Stancati, Town Clerk

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## Supreme Court

Supplemental Summons and Notice of Object of Action Supreme Court Of The State Of New York County Of Putnam Action to Foreclose a Mortgage Index #: 501038/2022 **Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.** Plaintiff, vs **Allan Grabowski** If Living, And If He/She Be Dead, Any And All Persons Unknown To Plaintiff, Claiming, Or Who May Claim To Have An Interest In, Or General Or Specific Lien Upon The Real Property Described In This Action; Such Unknown Persons Being Herein Generally Described And Intended To Be Included In Wife, Widow, Husband, Widower, Heirs At Law, Next Of Kin, Descendants, Executors, Administrators, Devisees, Legatees, Creditors, Trustees, Committees, Lienors, And Assignees Of Such Deceased, Any And All Persons Deriving Interest In Or Lien Upon, Or Title To Said Real Property By, Through Or Under Them, Or Either Of Them, And Their Respective Wives, Widows, Husbands, Widowers, Heirs At Law, Next Of Kin, Descendants, Executors, Administrators, Devisees, Legatees, Creditors, Trustees, Committees, Lienors, And Assigns, All Of Whom And Whose Names, Except As Stated, Are Unknown To Plaintiff, Keyhole Capital Fund VII, People Of The State Of New York, United States Of America On Behalf Of The IRS Defendant(s). Mortgaged Premises: 12 Hillair Road Lake Peekskill, NY 10537 To the Above named Defendant: You are hereby summoned to answer the Complaint in this action, and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the Complaint is not served with this Supplemental Summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the Plaintiff(s) attorney(s) within

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twenty days after the service of this Supplemental Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this Supplemental Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York). In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. The Attorney for Plaintiff has an office for business in the County of Erie. Trial to be held in the County of Putnam. The basis of the venue designated above is the location of the Mortgaged Premises. TO Allan Grabowski Defendant In this Action. The foregoing Supplemental Summons is served upon you by publication, pursuant to an order of HON. Gina C Capone of the Supreme Court Of The State Of New York, dated the Twelfth day of October, 2023 and filed with the Complaint in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Putnam, in the City of Carmel. The object of this action is to foreclose a mortgage upon the premises described below, dated June 9, 2005, executed by Allan Grabowski to secure the sum of \$182,700.00. The Mortgage was recorded at Book 4587, Page 1 in the Office of the Putnam County Clerk on June 28, 2005. The mortgage was subsequently assigned by an assignment executed February 12, 2013 and recorded on February 21, 2013, in the Office of the Putnam County Clerk at Book 6152, Page 1. The property in question is described as follows: 12 Hillair Road, Lake Peekskill, NY 10537 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

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State Department of Financial Services at 1-800-342-3736 or the Foreclosure Relief Hotline 1-800-269-0990 or visit the department's website at WWW.DFS.NY.GOV. RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO LEAVE YOUR HOME AT THIS TIME. YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO STAY IN YOUR HOME DURING THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS. YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO LEAVE YOUR HOME UNLESS AND UNTIL YOUR PROPERTY IS SOLD AT AUCTION PURSUANT TO A JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE AND SALE. REGARDLESS OF WHETHER YOU CHOOSE TO REMAIN IN YOUR HOME, YOU ARE REQUIRED TO TAKE CARE OF YOUR PROPERTY AND PAY PROPERTY TAXES IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE AND LOCAL LAW. 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. § 1303 NOTICE NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. DATED: October 24, 2023 Gross Polowy LLC Attorney(s) For Plaintiff(s) 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 The law firm of Gross Polowy, LLC and the attorneys whom it employs are debt collectors who are attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained by them will be used for that purpose. 78394

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SUMMONS Supreme Court of New York, Putnam County U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE OF THE LB-CABANA SERIES IV TRUST, Plaintiff, -against- CARLA TAYLOR; UNKNOWN HEIRS OF THE ESTATE OF MICHAEL TAYLOR; TRACY PEREZ, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTUTEE OF THE ESTATE OF MICHAEL TAYLOR; CHELSEA TAYLOR, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTUTEE OF THE ESTATE OF MICHAEL TAYLOR; MORGAN TAYLOR A/K/A TAYLOR MORGAN, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTUTEE OF THE ESTATE OF MICHAEL TAYLOR; MIA TAYLOR, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTUTEE OF THE ESTATE OF MICHAEL TAYLOR; MICHAEL TAYLOR A/K/A MICHAEL TAYLOR, JR., AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTUTEE OF THE ESTATE OF MICHAEL TAYLOR; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (SOUTHERN DISTRICT) O/B/O INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; "JOHN DOE" AND "JANE DOE" said names being fictitious, it being the intention of Plaintiff to designate any and all occupants of premises being foreclosed herein, Defendants. Index No. 501284/2023. Mortgaged Premises: 15 Jackson Road F/K/A 226 Jackson Road Mahopac, NY 10541 Section: 65.15 Block: 1 Lot: 44. To The Above Named Defendant(s): YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in the above entitled action and to serve a copy of your Answer on the Plaintiff's attorney within twenty (20) days of the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service, or within thirty (30) days after service of the same is complete where service is made in any manner other than by personal delivery within the State. The United States of America, if designated as a Defendant in this action, may answer or appear within sixty (60) days of service. If you fail to appear or to answer within the aforementioned time frame, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT THE OBJECTIVE of the above captioned action is to foreclose on a Mortgage to secure \$130,000.00 and interest, recorded in the Putnam County Clerk's Office on May 12, 1998 in Book 2514, Page 346, covering the premises known as 15 Jackson Road, F/K/A 226 Jackson Road, Mahopac, NY 10541. The relief sought herein is a final judgment directing sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the mortgage described above. Plaintiff designates Putnam County as the place of trial. Venue is based upon the County in which the

mortgaged premises is located. NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to the mortgage company will not stop the foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. FRIEDMAN VARTOLO, LLP 1325 Franklin Avenue, Suite 160 Garden City, New York 11530, Attorneys for Plaintiff.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

REFEREE'S NOTICE OF SALE IN FORECLOSURE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF PUTNAM M&T BANK, Plaintiff - against - JACOB OLIVA, et al Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on October 6, 2023, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Putnam Supreme Courthouse located at 20 County Center, Carmel, NY 10512 on the 11th day of December, 2023 at 2:30 PM. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Town of Patterson, County of Putnam and State of New York.

Premises known as 1098 Route 311, Patterson, NY 12563. (Section: 3.20, Block: 1, Lot: 11)

Approximate amount of lien \$290,274.31 plus interest and costs.

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

Index No. 501702/2019. Juliana LoBiondo, Esq., Referee. McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC

Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 420 Lexington Avenue, Suite 840

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

Dated: October 12, 2023

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

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### NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF PUTNAM

Wells Fargo Bank, NA, Plaintiff AGAINST

Jose Herrera-Rogel a/k/a Jose H. Herrera-Rogel a/k/a Jose H. Rogel a/k/a Jose Rogel; et al., Defendant(s)

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered June 5, 2019 I, the undersigned

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Referee will sell at public auction at the Putnam County Courthouse, Courtroom 209, 20 County Center, Carmel, NY 10512 on December 11, 2023 at 11:30AM, premises known as 28 Cornwall Court, Patterson, NY 12563. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of Patterson, County of Putnam, State of New York, Section 25.48 Block 1 Lot 44. Approximate amount of judgment \$289,322.83 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 800092/2022 fka 256/2015. The auction will be conducted pursuant to the COVID-19 Policies Concerning Public Auctions of Foreclosed Property established by the Ninth Judicial District.

Raymond Cote, Esq., Referee

LOGS Legal Group LLP f/k/a Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 430-4792 Dated: August 3, 2023

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF PUTNAM In the Matter of the Petition of THE COMMUNITY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, a NEW YORK STATE NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION, for the removal and transfer of the cremains. PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Petitioners in the above referenced action will petition the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of Putnam, on or after the 30th of November 2023 at the Courthouse at 20 County Center, Carmel, NY 10512 at 9:30 am for an order pursuant to RCL Section 9 and NPCL Section 1510 (e) authorizing the removal of the cremains located at The Community of the Holy Spirit at 116 Federal Hill Road, Brewster, New York, 10509 and the transfer of the cremains of Ruth Elaine Younger, Edith Margaret Brown, Mary Christabel Dawson, Ottilie Vanderbilt, Phyllis Donis, Anne Allison, Marcia Baty, Katherine Holbrook, Margaret Ann Sykes, Susan Malrkey, Alberta Carr, Lucia Wiley, Millicent Ann Smith, Jerolynn Zion, to The Cathedral of Saint John the Divine, located at 1047 Amsterdam Avenue, New York, New York 10025, Goldstein Hall, PLLC Attorneys for Petitioner, 80 Broad Street, Suite 303, New York NY 10004. Objections may be filed prior to the return date of the petition.

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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT. PUTNAM COUNTY. WEBSTER BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Pltf. vs. ORQUIDE A DUGUE INDIVIDUALLY AND AS GUARDIAN FOR MARIUSZ WALISZEWSKI, et al, Defts. Index #501705/2021. Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale entered October 25, 2023, I will sell at public auction in Room 209 of the Putnam County Courthouse, 20 County Center, Carmel, NY on December 18, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. prem. k/a 103 Livingston Road, Kent, NY 10512 a/k/a Section 22.49, Block 1, Lot 10. Approximate amount of judgment is \$258,961.03 plus cost and interest. Sold subject to terms and conditions of filed judgment and terms of sale. WENDY MARIE WEATHERS, Referee. MARGOLIN, WEINREB & NIERER, Attys. for Pltf., 165 Eileen Way, Ste. 101, Syosset, NY. #100925

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Lawmakers and advocates participate in a recent food insecurity roundtable discussion.

# Lawmakers Address Food Insecurity

Assemblyman Matt Slater, R-Yorktown, was joined by Putnam County Executive Kevin Byrne in hosting a roundtable discussion Nov. 3 on ways to combat food insecurity in the 94th Assembly District – and the state as a whole.

As former town supervisor, Slater established the Food Security Task Force in Yorktown to facilitate resources and data-sharing among food pantries to improve support in vulnerable neighborhoods.

CHHOP, Feeding Westchester, New York Presbyterian Hospital, Putnam Valley Food Pantry and Putnam Community Action Partnership were a few of the 13 organizations that joined in the recent discussion. They all provided insight on the organizations' experiences, including coordinating distribution, complying with state regulations, grant writing, filing various applications and handling

enormous amounts of paperwork required from most nonprofit organizations seeking funds.

Slater suggested addressing these issues by simplifying specific financial processes. Additionally, he recommended establishing a food czar to supervise the coordination of various elements and ensuring that initiatives are not duplicated.

"Alongside our dedicated and hardworking local officials, I am committed to addressing and finding solutions for the ongoing food insecurity issue in New York to ensure every family and child has consistent access to food," said Slater. "Thank you to everyone who took part in this critical roundtable discussion."

Cindy Smith, warden/director of operations for St. Mary's Food Pantry, said the event was informative and helpful.

"It was wonderful to have the opportunity to speak with

so many people who are doing the same work and see what challenges they are facing and how they are overcoming those challenges," she said. "It was also a great opportunity for all of us to have the ear of someone in Albany to explain our challenges and the help we need from the government."

Putnam Community Action Partnership Director Marisa O'Leary said that even though Putnam County has one of the lowest poverty rates in NYS, almost one third of its residents are still struggling to meet their basic needs.

"Funding is needed to support our emergency food providers who work tirelessly every day to address food insecurity," she said. "We are grateful for the platform to discuss the needs of our community and to advocate for funding and strategies to address those needs."

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## Southeast OKs Budget With 1.93% Tax Levy Increase

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town,” he said. “Crazy money. Very crazy.”

The board will consider the supervisor’s request to create a Capital Reserve Fund to house leftover monies while the town identifies when and how it should be spent.

Cyprus questioned whether the board should move ahead with this action, seeing as new town leadership will take the helm in January. “With three of the five of us leaving in a month, it doesn’t feel appropriate to lock up the future town board,” he said.

Also during the Nov. 9 meeting, Councilman Eric Larca asked the board to consider granting approval for the town to spend some money to research the feasibility of developing recreational space along Sunset Ridge.

Several years ago, a large-scale proposal to develop a facility and fields on town-owned land on Sunset Ridge, near the Home Depot plaza, was voted down by residents. Now, Larca is seeking the board’s approval to move forward with a preliminary study to determine how much land is available at the site, and usable, as a baseline to start some discussion for a scaled-down proposal.

“It’s such a beautiful piece of property, if you’ve ever been up

there,” he said. “The name Sunset Ridge is fitting. I’d just like to see if there’s any way we can use it.”

Larca said he’s looking to get authorization to “spend a little bit of money this year to try to find out what would fit up there, if anything, and what type of site improvements would be required to do that.”

The town also recently announced two new hires to lead the department, with two long-time employees moving to different town positions. Jared Kuczynski, the incoming director, and Chris Heller, who will assume the role of recreation leader, will be taking the reins from Patricia Bohrman and Cathy Chiudina.

“Patti and Cathy have been instrumental in running our recreation department, and we genuinely appreciate their efforts,” said Larca. “As we bid them a fond farewell from their current positions, we are pleased they will continue contributing to the town and assisting with the transition of the rec department.”

Chiudina will be stepping into the position of town clerk, succeeding Michele Stancati, who will continue to contribute to the town in a different capacity. Bohrman will take a position in the building department.

“The town board is committed to investing in the growth of the recreation department, ensuring top-notch opportunities for our residents,” said Larca. “With this new leadership, we anticipate a seamless transition and a continued dedication to the enhancement and quality of recreational activities within our community.”

## COLA Hike Remains For Elected Officials

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unfair to include pay raises for elected officials while the county is still actively negotiating contracts with various unions.

However, legislators said the COLA increases for the five elected officials in question have nothing to do with union negotiation, and also called out the county executive for acting in contradiction to his stated concerns.

“For starters, the county executive secured a 3.5 percent COLA adjustment, approved by the Legislature prior to taking office in 2023, totaling \$5,952, which was not in the original approved budget,” said Legislator Ginny Nacerino, R-Patterson, at the county’s Nov. 14 meeting, when the vetoes were nixed. “It was only right that he took a freeze this year. By design, he secured himself, and then made a pledge not to give increases to other elected officials. He is the highest paid county executive in Putnam County history.”

Further, she said Byrne’s concerns are disingenuous.

“It is the county executive who is growing our government,” continued Nacerino. “The county executive vetoed the Legislature’s amendment to restore COLA increases for these selected elected officials. It is the same county executive who had no problem

promising a \$24,000 increase for his deputy last year, after securing a \$4,375 increase for him, also not in the original budget. Factoring this year’s COLA increase, the deputy will receive another \$4,235, netting a \$33,235 increase after being employed by the county for one year.”

Legislator Amy Sayegh, R-Mahopac Falls, voiced similar sentiments.

“Why are we tying a coroner’s salary or the county clerk’s salary to a union negotiation?” she asked. “How about we do the best for our employees and our unions by negotiation a fair contract to begin with... A fair contract is a fair contract. I find it unfair that these salaries would be tied to fair negotiating.”

Sayegh pointed out that the COLA increase for the five elected officials in question would total \$11,405 – less than half of the pay increase that the deputy county executive received. She said the elected officials are being paraded around in public as “sacrificial lambs” just to make a political point.

“When these contracts are complete, all those employees under the collect bargaining agreement will receive fair compensation, while these five employees will not,” she said. “Why? Because they are elected by the people and not appointed by the county executive. Let’s be clear: Those in the administration who will be negotiating the contracts all received at least a cost of living adjustment. Some received merit raises over and above COLA.”

Legislator Greg Ellner, R-Carmel, said the decision to over-

ride the vetoes was a difficult one.

“I campaigned on no raises for elected officials, but I came from the private sector and in my entire career I never received a cost of living adjustment, so I never even factored that into the equation,” he said. “So to isolate a few employees of the county I think is wrong. The county executive made a pledge; I understand that he’s keeping up with his pledge, but I’m going to have to break mine. I’m going to have to vote to override his veto.”

Legislator Toni Addonizio, R-Kent, also defended the pay increases.

“This is not a raise,” she said. “A raise is above and beyond a cost of living increase. In New York State, the sheriff, county clerk and coroners are required to be elected positions. These are the five positions the administration believes don’t deserve a COLA increase. Why are they being penalized for being in an elected position?”

Legislator Paul Jonke, R-Brewster, pointed out that the personnel director, commission of finance, deputy county executive and county attorney all got cost of living increases.

“These are the people that are going to be on the negotiating team” for the collective bargaining units, he said. “They got their adjustment. It’s not fair to single out the sheriff, the county clerk and the coroners.”

The overrides to the vetoes passed unanimously, with Legislators Erin Crowley, R-Carmel; Bill Gouldman, R-Putnam Valley; and Nancy Montgomery, D-Philpstown, absent from the meeting.

# Happy Thanksgiving

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