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A member of the Cold Spring Fire Company works to secure a home before water goes crashing through the basement.

Putnam County Under Water

Flash Flooding Causes Road Closures, Home Damage

By Holly Crocco

Putnam County was not spared from the flash flooding that occurred July 9 in much of the Hudson Valley, when torrential rain blanketed the region.

Local volunteer firefighters, and police officers were busy trying to keep people off the roads, bailing residents out of flooded homes and providing other support, while the Putnam County Bureau of Emergency Services worked with partners at the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Response to keep on top of conditions.

More than 8 inches of rain was recorded in Cold Spring, Mahopac, Mahopac Falls, Carmel and surrounding areas over just six hours Sunday afternoon and early evening.

According to the Cold Spring



Flooding closed this road in Philipstown. Photos courtesy of CSFC.

Fire Company, from about 3:30 p.m. Sunday to about midnight Monday, members answered more than 25 calls ranging from fire

alarms, pump-outs, gas leaks, elevator rescues, mudslides, trapped residents and numerous flooding

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Residents Split On Law Banning Asylum Seekers

By Holly Crocco

The public weighed in on County Executive Kevin Byrne's proposed local law essentially banning hotels and motels from housing asylum seekers being sent north from New York City during the July 5 Putnam County Legislature meeting – after the Legislature voted 8-1 to enact the law.

Legislator Nancy Montgomery of Philipstown, the only Democrat on the board, was the lone “no” vote.

Judy Allen of Putnam Valley called the law “alarmism,” and said it brings the mind the story of “Chicken Little” and “needlessly stoking fear in people.”

“Don’t form incorrect solutions from insufficient data, don’t stoke fear in others without good cause to do so, don’t take others’ words for things – especially when those others are making extraordinary claims that require extraordinary evidence,” she said.

Peter Preuss of Mahopac thanked the lawmakers for “protecting” residents.

“These are not asylum seekers, these are financial illegal immigrants,” he said. “Millions have entered my country. Millions. They are getting Section 8, WIC, food stamps, more than my pension – some get about \$6,000 a month and send their remittances back home.”

Cindy Trimble of Philipstown also thanked the Legislature, “for putting the residents and taxpayers of Putnam County

first by not allowing any other outside municipality, in this case New York City, to dump their problems that they cause on us, creating an economic burden and public safety risk.”

Pastor Jennifer Boyd of Trinity Lutheran Church in Brewster asked if the community has lost its sense of humanity.

“People are not illegal,” she said. “They are people. They’re humans... They are coming here for the same reason our ancestors came – for better opportunities. They are not criminals. Sure, there may be some of them that are, but oftentimes they are families who are coming for better opportunities, just as my ancestors did. Escaping often war, violence, corruption.”

Boyd said we don’t deport criminals from our own country.

“We treat them with humanity... to try to help them to have new lives,” she said. “That’s what we do. We’re humans. And when we stop treating each other as that, we become inhuman ourselves.”

James Hayes of Southeast said the county simply cannot afford to house immigrants, despite any funding that may be promised from the government.

“It’s all about economics,” he said. “Putnam County and the rest of the United States does not have the economics or the economy that we did decades ago. We cannot support this influx of illegal aliens, or any immigrants. We just do not have the infrastructure to support it.

People with Disabilities Making a Difference in Putnam

The parks in Putnam County have less litter these days thanks to the volunteer clean-up efforts of participants in CAREERS Support Solutions’ Ambition In Motion – an innovative program for adults with developmental disabilities.

CAREERS is a private, non-profit organization located in Carmel and its AIM program teaches the interpersonal and social skills needed for independent living. The AIM group thrives by volunteering in the community and taking part in recreational and social outings.

“The guys in AIM love to go to the skate park in the Jimmy McDonough Memorial Park in Carmel to pick up litter, and we go at least once a week,” said Dan Ramirez, CAREERS community instructor. “We also pick

up litter in other Putnam County parks. The guys enjoy giving back to the community and it gives them a sense of purpose.”

In addition to tidying Carmel’s parks, the men in AIM package recyclables at the Kent Recycling Center and tend crops and harvest produce at Hilltop Hanover Farm in Yorktown Heights.

The women in the AIM program are also active volunteers, for the Putnam Humane Society and local food pantries. They sort donations and package food for distribution for Hillside Food Outreach in Mount Kisco and Second Chance Foods in Brewster.

“Volunteering brings tremendous benefits to people in the community and also to those who donate their time to

help others,” said Tina Cornish-Lauria, executive director of CAREERS. “People with disabilities need to feel they are a part of their community, and volunteering is the ideal way to give them a sense of purpose and learn skills.”

CAREERS Support Solutions provides services to hundreds of individuals annually throughout Westchester, Putnam and lower Dutchess counties. Its mission is to empower people with disabilities by teaching workforce readiness skills and providing job placement, on-the-job training and ongoing support to assure long-term success – at no cost to the individual or employer.

For more information, visit www.careersupportsolutions.org.



Clients from CAREERS Support Solutions’ Ambition In Motion Jennifer, left, and Victoria package flour for clients of Second Chance Foods in Brewster.

Letters to the Editor

One-Party Rule Does Not Represent All Residents

Dear Editor:

One-party rule in Putnam is not only a risk to democracy and good government, but it is now actually cannibalizing the freedom of our town governments and small businesses to make their own decisions.

In a veil of anti-immigrant hate, the county executive's legislation – rubber stamped by eight out of nine legislators – seeks to usurp the power of duly elected municipalities, undermining local zoning ordinances to impose the political agenda of an uncontested executive with aspirations to climb the MAGA ladder by demonizing legal immigrants and asylum

seekers.

To date, there have been no requests for Putnam to take asylum seekers... and even if they came, they would be accompanied by federal, state and city funding. This is a hypothetical mischaracterized problem with a large legal price tag. There will be lawsuits. And Putnam County taxpayers will foot the bill when those lawsuits come.

Hate and fear mongering can be expensive when you are forced to defend it in court.

As they did Jan. 6, the MAGA zealots who showed up to disparage immigrants and bully their fellow citizens at these county legislative meetings showed a predictable lack of decorum and disregard for facts. Is this who the county executive thinks he serves? Who recruited these mobs who brought their flags and their hate to shout down the debate?

Putnam residents need to realize what this one-party government is doing right here, in meetings that are conveniently not streamed to the public. The only way to shine light at the dark shadows of tyranny is to break up the one-party rule and elect a government that reflects and respects our diverse American heritage and gives a voice to all Putnam residents.

*Jennifer Colamonico
Carmel
Putnam County Democratic Committee*



Putnam County youth are among those starring in the upcoming performance of "Shrek the Musical Jr." in Chappaqua.

Putnam Youth Star in 'Shrek the Musical Jr.'

Putnam County youth will be featured in Limelight Theatre Company's presentation of "Shrek the Musical Jr." in Chappaqua later this month.

The talented youth cast features local high school, middle school and elementary school students, including Brewster youth Zachary Simmons as Shrek and Maeve Looby as Princess Fiona; Rebecca Grill from Carmel; Isabella Wulczyn, Marissa Duran and Ema Pupovic from Mahopac; and Christian Sciarillo from Patterson; among others.

"Shrek the Musical Jr." will be performed July 21 at 7 p.m. and July 22 at 2 p.m. at the Chappaqua

Performing Arts Center, 480 N. Bedford Road. The show follows the story of an ogre, Shrek, who lives in a swamp far from the mainland and enjoys his privacy. All of a sudden, his swamp is flooded with the banished fairytales who were cast out by Lord Farquaad, a little guy with big ambitions.

Shrek goes off to confront Lord Farquaad and alongside him is a comedic donkey. Once the two come face-to-face with the tiny terror, Farquaad assigns them the task of rescuing Princess Fiona and in exchange, he will remove all of the fairytales from his swamp.

The rest of the story is filled with romance and twists, and is an overall fun, family show that contains powerful messages.

Limelight Theatre Company is a nationally recognized and award-winning theatre company based in northern Westchester and Putnam County, with a youth program mission to empower young individuals with high-quality theatre arts education while instilling the development of self-esteem, confidence, social and life skills in a fun and positive learning environment.

Tickets for "Shrek the Musical Jr." can be purchased at www.limelighttheatrecompany.com.

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New York State Attorney General Leticia James, center, spoke with students and parents July 8 at Hangout Café in Carmel, during an event organized by CAFÉ and Putnam Pride.

NYS Attorney General Lends an Ear to Carmel Students

New York State Attorney General Leticia James stopped by the Hangout Café in Carmel on July 8 to talk with students and parents about building a more inclusive community in Putnam County. The gathering was hosted by the Community Alliance For Empowerment, which is an organization created by Carmel mom Abigail Lyons following a series of hateful acts at the high school, as well as Putnam Pride.

“Our schools must be safe places for all our kids,” said James. “Thanks to this group and Louis Mooney, the owner of Hangout Cafe, for working together to fight for love and respect.”

Lyons said the attorney general allowed students to be heard, and parents to voice their concerns about what’s not only happening in their own district, but also in the community at large.

“It was such an amazing experience for everyone involved, especially our kids who got to meet and speak privately and openly about what is happening here behind closed doors,”

said Lyons at the July 11 Carmel School Board meeting. “It ended with hope for change... If a small group can make things happen with no funds, just a push, I expect the school district to do more.”

Trustee James Wise attended the event, saying “it truly was a wonderful thing.”

“A lot of students we’ve seen speak in this very room were there, were able to see that they were being listened to by the adults in the room, by a state elected official who came down to hear their concerns and hear whether those concerns are being addressed,” he said. “That feeling of being listened to... is incredibly important, incredibly valuable.”

Trustee Melissa Orser thanked community members for working with the board to build a better district.

“We do very much appreciate the work of the activists in the community for change and we are looking forward to working together with the community as the new school year takes shape,” she said.

Carmel School Board Elects New Leadership

By Holly Crocco

By a split vote, Dawn Dall was elected president of the Carmel School Board during its July 11 meeting. Dall was nominated by Trustee Valerie Crocco, with the motion seconded by Trustee Jordi Douglas.

Meanwhile, Trustee John Curzio nominated Melissa Orser, with the motion seconded by Jason Paraskeeva.

During a roll call vote, Dall, Crocco, Douglas and Trustee James Wise voted for Dall, while Orser, Curzio and Paraskeeva voted for Orser.

For the position of vice president, Curzio nominated Orser, with Paraskeeva seconding the motion, but Orser declined the nomination. Dall nominated Crocco, with Wise seconding the motion. During a roll call vote, all board members voted for Crocco.

Dall thanked her colleagues for entrusting her with the position of board president.

“My focus will be to uphold the duties of the Board of Education as they relate to goal-setting for our school district, along with the fiscal response, of course, and particularly as they relate to representing our community members,” she said.

“I believe, in order for our board to fulfill our duties in an effective manner, we must have a good understanding of the value and needs of our learning community, our schools, as well as our large community. It is through this commitment that we can provide our students with a diverse, robust and rigorous program which allows them not only to acquire knowledge, but also to acquire self-awareness.”

Curzio congratulated the new board leadership.

“While the vote may have been divided, I can say with confidence that the board will be united moving forward for the benefit of all the community, with the work ahead,” he said.

County Legislature Candidate Slams ‘Anti-Immigrant’ Law

Maggie Ploener, a Democrat who is running for Putnam County Legislature District 2 in Putnam Valley against incumbent William Gouldman, a Republican, recently criticized the county government for passing legislation that would essentially ban motels and hotels in Putnam from housing asylum seekers being sent this way from New York City.

Ploener said she stands for “liberty and justice for all.”

“Kevin Byrne, our county executive, seems afraid of immigrants, portraying them as people who just want handouts, while sucking our funds,” states a press release from Ploener’s campaign manager. “When, in fact, all the documented immigrants want is a safe place for their families to thrive and work. Furthermore, how

many hotels does Putnam have? Taken at face value, Kevin Byrne is exaggerating the threat, ‘Chicken Little, the sky is falling.’”

Ploener noted that this nation has historically been a safe haven for immigrants for more than two centuries. However, in the past year, there has been an upsurge of legal immigrants sent to New York City by governors Greg Abbott and Ron DeSantis in the south. Therefore, New York City Mayor Eric Adams has contacted different counties throughout New York State to house documented immigrants.

Westchester County has given shelter to 300 immigrants, who come with funding from the federal government, FEMA and the American Red Cross, according to the candidate.

“Due to Byrne’s executive order and the Putnam Legislature passing it into law, the county is now in the position of spending an enormous amount of tax dollars defending a lawsuit brought by the American Civil Liberties Union and other civil rights organizations, over this baseless, unconscionable attempt by Byrne and his minions to quash freedoms and liberty,” states the press release from Ploener’s campaign manager.

“I am dismayed that the leadership of Putnam County is ginning up needless fear among the general public, and inciting many otherwise sane and kind people to join the clamor,” she said. “Our Putnam County government is showing New Yorkers that Putnam County is the land of the not-so-free and the home of the not-so-brave.”

Land Trust Hosts Benefit Dinner

The Putnam County Land Trust will honor Mahopac residents Joseph Montuori and Suzanne Walsh at its annual benefit dinner Saturday, Aug. 12 beginning at 5:30 p.m., at the Centennial Golf Club on John Simpson Road in Carmel.

Montuori and Walsh are being honored with PCLT’s Blue Heron Award for their service to the environment in founding and promoting Sustainable Putnam, an organization dedicated to developing ecologically sound and socially responsible communities across the county.

“We at the land trust are proud to honor Sustainable Putnam and its founding members for foster-

ing and promoting environmental causes in Putnam,” said PCLT President Judy Terlizzi.

Sustainable Putnam was started by Montuori, Walsh and a group of 60 ecologically-conscious Putnam residents in February 2020. As an incorporated, tax-exempt nonprofit, it quickly developed several partnerships with businesses, local governments and other nonprofits in promoting successful programs.

Tickets to the benefit dinner are \$70 per person through Aug. 1, and \$85 beginning Aug. 2. They can be obtained by emailing eventsvp@putnamcountylantrust.org or calling 845-743-3187.

All funds raised from the dinner support PCLT.

“We are guided by the shared belief that ecologically sound communities can improve the quality of life here in Putnam County,” said Terlizzi. “Providing open space for communities to enjoy is a part of that. The annual dinner and auction are a fun way to support what matters most to all of us – namely, the environment. Whether it is wildlife, water or plant life that restores you, the properties we manage can help you balance your life.”

“It will be a great evening with delicious food and good company. We encourage all those who care about clean water, clean air and the natural environment to show their support, purchase a ticket, and join us!”

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The Brewster Summer Music Series is made possible, in part, by the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of the Office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature as well as through the Putnam Arts Council’s Arts Link Grant Program with public funds provided from Putnam County.



DEC Officer Honored for Saving a Life

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Police Officer Daniel Franz, center, was presented with the Carnegie Medal from Congressman Mike Lawler, left, and Carmel Town Supervisor Mike Cazzari at a recent Carmel Town Board meeting, for assisting Mark Earle of the Carmel Police Department in rescuing 68-year-old Stan Pelletier from a burning, overturned vehicle on Route 301 on April 22.

Nutrition Corner

By Allison J. Stowell
MS, RD, CDN



Summer Garden Party Menu

My daughter and I recently hosted a lakeside summer garden party. It was a delightful way to spend an afternoon with a delicious menu to match. Dishes were balanced, easy to enjoy, and of course included delectable dessert. Here is your blueprint for a fabulous summer soiree.

When I design a menu for a garden or lakeside party, I want my appetizers to be easy to eat and work with the meal to round out the menu (rather than simply being the “food before the meal”). A lighter meal calls for appetizers that will add to the overall satiety in the meal. I used 4-inch mini skewers thread with grape tomatoes, basil, and mozzarella pearls (drizzled with balsamic glaze). Individual small, “jarcuterie” also work well, giving each guest a hand-held appetizer, complete with vegetables, hummus and maybe a cheese and bread stick. Search online for inspiration.

A garden party menu should be light and balanced, while being simple and effortless. I recommend grilling a protein that works with a variety of dishes ahead of time. I went with a simple lemon herb chicken (grilled the night before, sliced and plated before the party). I then made a large salad with unexpected ingredients like blanched string beans, marinated peaches (sliced peaches marinated with white balsamic, parsley, salt, and pepper), along with cucumbers and grape tomatoes. Additionally, we made small smoked salmon open faced tea sandwiches (mini breads topped with cream cheese, smoked salmon, dill garnish). This allowed there to be seafood on the menu with very little effort. The grilled chicken was the perfect accompaniment to the seasonal salad, while the tea sandwiches rounded out the meal beautifully. Try recipes like the one below that also work well with this menu. Chefs tip: Prepare colorful dishes that make use of the ingredients you purchased to reduce waste and make food dol-

lars go further.

I’m not the baker in my home. Luckily, my daughter makes dessert extra special through some simple twists. For our garden party she began with a simple vanilla cake recipe. Then she made it her own by steeping the milk in the recipe with earl grey tea to turn the batter into something extra special. She then did the same with homemade buttercream frosting, using dried lavender (steep milk, then press milk through a fine mesh strainer to flavor milk before making frosting). She also chose to make a lemon curd filling (others might choose a store-bought option). The cake was exceptional.

We rounded the meal out with peach green tea that we brewed the night before and then chilled for a zero calorie, sugar free, refreshing beverage. Cheers!

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

Tabbouleh with Chicken (2 Guiding Stars) GuidingStars.com

Ingredients:
½ cup bulgur
½ cup water, boiling
1½ cups plum tomato, diced
¾ cup fresh parsley, minced
½ cup red bell pepper, chopped
½ cup cucumber, diced
¼ cup fresh mint, minced
1½ Tbsp. lemon juice
1 Tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil
½ tsp. salt
¼ tsp. pepper
Grilled chicken, sliced

Directions:
Combine bulgur and water in a large bowl. Cover and let stand 15 minutes. Drain well and cool. Add remaining ingredients and toss well. Top with sliced grilled chicken.

Easy Brunch Quiche

(Family Features)
Easy Brunch Quiche

Ingredients:
1 package (10 ounces) frozen broccoli with cheese
12 slices bacon, chopped
1/2 cup green onions, sliced
1 cup mushrooms, sliced
4 eggs
1 cup milk
1 1/2 cups shredded cheese, divided
2 frozen deep dish pie shells (9 inches each)

Directions:
Heat oven to 350 F.
In medium bowl, add broccoli and cheese contents from package. Microwave 5 minutes, or until cheese is saucy. Set aside.
In skillet, cook chopped bacon 4 minutes. Add green onions; cook 2 minutes. Add mushrooms; cook



4 minutes, or until bacon is completely cooked and mushrooms are tender. Drain onto paper towel over plate. Set aside.

In medium bowl, whisk eggs and milk until combined. Add broccoli and cheese mixture. Add 1 cup cheese. Stir to combine. Set aside.

In pie shells, divide drained bacon mixture evenly. Divide broccoli mixture evenly and pour over bacon mixture. Sprinkle remaining cheese over both pies.

Bake 40 minutes. Cool at least 12 minutes before serving.
Servings: 12
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County Enters into New EMS Contract

Empress is Putnam's New ALS Provider

Putnam County has a new advanced life support service provider for countywide services.

Empress Ambulance Services was selected following a selection committee process following an open request for proposal. The \$8.3 million three-year contract began July 16, with potential for two additional years.

"Empress has a stellar reputation in the Hudson Valley and I'm hopeful this new contract will serve our community well," said Legislator Ginny Nacerino, R-Patterson, chairwoman of the County Legislature's Protective Services Committee. "I look forward to hearing from Empress representatives at our next legislative Protective Services Committee meeting later this month."

The scope of the new agreement was developed by the Putnam County Bureau of Emergency Services, the county's Purchasing Department, and individuals from the emergency services community – specifically members of the Emergency Services Safety Advisory Board and EMS Council.

Empress was chosen because it submitted the lowest responsible proposal, demonstrated an ability to implement services in a timely manner, and has a direct knowledge of providing services in Putnam County, according to Putnam County Executive Kevin Byrne.

"Providing for the health and well-being of our residents will always be a top priority, and we're excited to have a new agreement with a strong, reputable partner like Empress to bring quality services to Putnam," he said. "We thank Ambulnz for

all their work over the past 18 months in providing emergency care to residents."

Earlier this year, the county's previous ALS provider, Ambulnz, requested a new contract be negotiated to provide ALS services for all of Putnam County. It had been previously reported that Ambulnz significantly underbid its initial contract. The county agreed to entertain a new proposal, but made it clear it would open the process to competing proposals, as well, according to Byrne.

"This new agreement is a significant improvement and a win for county residents," said Bureau of Emergency Services Commissioner Bob Lipton. "The input we've received from those in the emergency services community was critical to this new contract, and we're thankful for their input. There was a lot of collaboration to make this happen in such a timely manner."

"We feel Empress Ambulance Services will be able to provide services to ensure the health and safety of our residents," added Alex Roehner, County's Director of Emergency Medical Services. "We will work with Empress and Ambulnz to allow for a smooth transition."

Unlike numerous other programs implemented by county government, ALS services are not mandated for county governments by the state or federal government. Putnam County, unlike surrounding counties, has taken on this county-wide responsibility with the understanding that providing this service is a priority and is essential. This also provides a substantial cost savings to local towns and villages, according to the county executive's office.

See 'Bug Energy' in Brewster



"Praying Mantis" by Jean Basiletti.

"Bug Energy" will be on display next month at Studio Around the Corner in Brewster. Inspired by vintage scientific illustration and nature, the works included in this exhibit explore the beauty of the macabre and cause the viewer to question reality.

Jean Basiletti is a local artist/illustrator who has created a collection of works with a signature style in her last semester at the Savannah College of Art and Design. The exhibition features some of the work she created in Lacoste, France, where she studied art in 2022. Each work tells a story of Basiletti's interaction with nature and shows the knowledge she gained through her own eyes, and through a lens

of impossible science.

Basiletti is a conceptual and narrative illustrator, and said much of her work is inspired by nature – and whatever she happens to be fixated on at the time. A common theme she returns to is the ability to see beauty in ugly things. Basiletti dabbles in a lot of different medias, her favorite being ink and digital.

The exhibition also features fashion designs by Sophie Scott of Denver, Colo. The two artists met each other at SCAD and have been growing side by side as artists since 2019. Some of Scott's recent projects and those featured in the show utilize vintage upholstery fabric, linen top sheets and decommissioned tent material.

She said her goals as a de-



Shirt and pants by Sophie Scott.

signer are to focus on sustainability while creating clothes that are out of the box, and made for people who want to stand out.

The opening reception is scheduled Saturday, Aug. 5 from 3 to 6 p.m., at 67 Main St., Suite 101, Brewster, and will include refreshments and wine, as well as musical mixes by Daniel Basiletti. Admission is free. Jean Basiletti will also have prints of her artwork for sale.

The exhibit will remain on view from noon to 2 p.m. Saturdays in August.

For more information on this and other Town of Southeast Cultural Arts Coalition events, visit www.CulturalArtsCo.com, call 845-363-8330 or email info@culturalartsco.com.

Funds Available for Behavioral Health Clinics

The New York State Office of Mental Health and the Office of Addiction Services & Supports have made \$3.5 million available for start-up grants to develop 13 new Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics, which are 24-hour centers that provide comprehensive services for those requiring behavioral health support – specifically coordination care across behavioral, physical health and social service systems.

Of the 13 clinics, six will be located in New York City, and seven in other regions throughout the state.

CCBHCs serve children, adolescents, adults and senior citizens experiencing mental health disorders, substance use disorders – or both – including individuals with co-occurring intellectual and/or developmental disabilities. Services are provided regardless of ability to pay, or county or city location of residence.

CCBHCs are required to provide a comprehensive array of behavioral health services to assist people who are transitioning from one level of care to another and help them to navigate the behavioral healthcare system across multiple providers. This requires that they establish strong communication protocols and partnerships with community-based partners.

The CCBHC model was established by Congress via the Protecting Access to Medicare Act of 2014. In 2017, a total of 13 providers throughout the state implemented the program model under New York's demonstration program.

A request for proposals has been issued by the agencies and awards are expected to be made by Nov. 1. Selected agencies will each receive \$265,000 in start-up costs. More information is available at <https://omh.ny.gov/omhweb/rfp/2023/ccbhc/index.html>.

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Carmel Residents Rally for Belden House Repair



Assemblyman Matt Slater, R-Yorktown, left, with Carmel Town Supervisor Mike Cazzari during a June 5 visit to the Belden House.

The historic Belden House has sat in disrepair for well over a decade, as can be seen by anyone driv-

ing along Route 6 between Carmel and Mahopac passing Belden Road. It is for this reason that Friends of

the Belden House are putting pressure on area lawmakers to pledge their support and intentions to see

its rehabilitation come to fruition. The Carmel Town Board passed a resolution June 21 calling for the preservation and restoration of the 1760 Thomas Belden House, which is currently owned by New York City Department of Environmental Protection.

Upon receiving the resolution, Assemblyman Matt Slater, R-Yorktown, was able to successfully advocate for the preservation, as confirmed by NYC Mayor Eric Adams' intergovernmental staff via correspondence received July 5.

"The Belden House is a historic piece of Carmel's community that must be protected and restored," said Slater. "I appreciate our partners on the local level in Carmel alerting us of their concern and working collectively to protect this important piece of our history. Now, New York City must invest the allocated funds to restore the house as originally intended in 2006."

Efforts to restore the Belden House have been initiated and halted multiple times throughout the years. In 2006, a sum of \$2.9 million was assigned for its rehabilitation;

however, while the DEP expressed confidence that the rehabilitation project would secure the future of the Belden House, safeguarding an important part of the region's heritage, no progress has been made despite desire from the community to see it preserved.

"This historical home holds rich history for the Town of Carmel and now having confirmation from NYC DEP stating that it will not be destroyed provides great comfort," said Town Supervisor Mike Cazzari. "Our next step is to understand why the \$2.9 million that was allocated to restore the property hasn't been received and push to start on the much needed restoration work of the home."

Putnam County Executive Kevin Byrne called the Belden House an important historical landmark.

"I'm happy to hear the NYC DEP has no plans to destroy it, but there needs to be a plan moving forward," he said. "The fact is this property has fallen into disrepair and we need the DEP to honor their commitment from years ago to rehabilitate the structure. I look forward to engaging with representatives from DEP to make this happen."

"There have been countless dedicated endeavors aimed at preserving a significant fragment of the town's rich history," added Slater. "As an advocate, I join forces with the Putnam County Coalition to Preserve Open Space and the Friends of Belden House, united in our strong desire to ensure its conservation."

Law Prohibits Mandatory OT for Nurses

An update to the labor law restricting mandatory overtime for nurses is now in effect. Under the law, health care employers are prohibited from requiring nurses to work more than their regularly scheduled hours except under limited circumstances, including a health care disaster, a declaration of emergency, or when required for safe patient care such as during an unforeseen emergency or an ongoing medical or surgical procedure.

The law now requires a health care employer to notify the New York State Department of Labor when exceptions to limitations on mandatory overtime are in use. Additional reporting is required to NYSDOL and the Department of Health when exceptions are in use for 15 days or more in a given month, and 45 days or more in a consecutive three-month period.

Nurses who believe their employers are not following these protocols may file a complaint individually or as a group, via their collective bargaining representative. If you are a nurse and believe your employer is in violation of the law, you can file a complaint online or call 888-4-NYSDOL (518-457-9000).

Affected employers and employees can visit dol.ny.gov/mandatory-overtime-nurses for more information on the new law and a list of frequently asked questions.

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Putnam County Community Events

Tuesday, July 18

Kindness Crafternoons

Summer Kindness Crafternoons for ages 6 and older will take place Tuesdays at 4:30 p.m. at Reed Memorial Library in Carmel, on July 18 featuring a collage, July 25 featuring kindness rocks, and Aug. 1 featuring crystal sun catchers. Registration required at www.carmellibrary.org or 845-225-2439.

Table Reads

Kent Public Library will present table reads with Mariah Kravitz on Tuesdays, July 18 and Aug. 15 at 5 p.m. A table read is when writers, director, actors and executives gather and read through a script out loud. Bring a pencil and highlighter. Adults only. Register at 845-225-8585 or www.kentlibrary.org.

Kent Town Board

The Kent Town Board will meet the following Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at Kent Town Hall: July 18, Aug. 1 and 17 (daytime), Sept. 5 and 19, Oct. 3 and 17, Nov. 6 (Monday) and 21, and Dec. 5 and 19.

IDA Meeting

The Putnam County Industrial Development Agency will meet Tuesday, July 18 at 6 p.m. in the conference room at the PCIDA Office, 2 Route 164, Patterson. View the meeting at www.facebook.com/putnamida. The minutes and a recording will be posted to www.putnamida.com as soon as possible.

Wednesday, July 19

Summer Music Series

The third annual Brewster Summer Music Series continues Wednesdays, July 19 and 26, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the gazebo on Electrazone Field in Brewster. Free. Bring lawn chairs and a picnic, enjoy local bands and acoustic opening acts outdoors. Rain location is Old Town Hall Theater, 67 Main St. BrewsterMusicFestival.com.

Yoga in the Park

Patterson Library will host yoga in the park Wednesdays, July 19 and 26 at 10:30 a.m. All levels. Led by Julia Calabrese-Harrer of Yoga in the Trees. Go through meditation and movement for a new experience with this ancient practice. Bring a yoga mat, blanket and water. Ag 18 and older. Registration required at 845-878-6121 or www.pattersonlibrary.org.

Coloring for Adults

Adults can stop by Reed Memorial Library in Carmel on July 19 from 4 to 5 p.m. to relax by coloring. Bring your own coloring book or use some pages of from the library's. Colored pencils, markers and crayons provided.

Concert in the Park

Mariachi Citlalli will perform Tuesday, July 19 at 6 p.m. at the park at Patterson Library (rain date July 26). Bring a blanket or chairs and a picnic dinner.

The DeWitt Duel

David Brooks from the Schoharie Crossing State Historic Site will join Kent Public Library to present the DeWitt Duel on Wednesday, July 19 at 6 p.m. via Zoom. The life of DeWitt Clinton is an interesting exploration into the politics of early America and

New York State. Recognized now as the "father of the Erie Canal," NYS governor and former mayor of NYC, he tended to personal and political rivalries to accomplish legislative goals. Registration is required at 845-225-8585 or www.kentlibrary.org.

Thursday, July 20

Rolison Mobile Office

State Sen. Rob Rolison will hold its monthly mobile office services for constituents of the 39th District on Thursday, July 20 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Boscobel House & Gardens, 1601 Route 9D, Garrison. Those wishing to receive assistance with unemployment benefits, licensing inquiries, veterans' issues, utility billing and more are encouraged to RSVP at 845-229-0106 or rolison@ny-senate.gov to make a reservation. Tentative additional dates are Sept. 28 at Desmond-Fish Public Library and Nov. 30 at Putnam Valley Senior Center.

Gardening Lecture

Putnam History Museum will host a hybrid lecture, "Anna B. Warner: Twelve Months of Gardening Wisdom" on Thursday, July 20 at 7 p.m. One of Cold Spring's renowned writers and gardeners, Warner's book "Gardening By Myself" captures her gardening journey on Constitution Island. Register at Eventbrite.com.

Sunset Series

The Carmel Recreation & Parks Department's Sunset Concert Series will take place Thursdays from 7 to 9 p.m. at Mahopac Chamber Park. Free; bring blankets and chairs. July 20, "Patrick Perone and the Blue Suede rockers Showband;" July 27, "The Thornwoods;" Aug. 3, "Loose Wheel Band;" and Aug. 10, "Debits & Credits."

Paint & Sip

The Putnam Lake Fire Department will host a paint and sip event Thursday, July 20 at 7 p.m. at the fire station, 72 Fairfield Drive, Patterson. \$40 per person, includes a glass of wine. Tickets at <https://checkout.square.site/.../6HL5WVQMCEKDPLYPNKL TUHY7>.

Friday, July 21

AotL Concerts

The Arts on the Lake 2023 Summer Concert Series takes place Fridays from 7 to 9 p.m. featuring: July 21, Curtis Winchester and Friends; July 28, "Sinatra Under the Stars." Bring lawn chairs, food and drinks. A limited number of chairs are available for rent, light refreshments and snacks provided. Parking is limited. Pay-as-you-wish.

'Guys & Dolls'

The Brewster Theater Company will present "Guys and Dolls" from July 21 to 30 at the Theater at Drew United Methodist Church in Carmel. Tickets are \$27.50 and available at brewstertheater.org.

Saturday, July 22

GermanFest

The German American Social Club at 11 Kramers Pond Road, Putnam Valley, will host its annual GermanFest under the big tent Saturday, July 22 from 3 to 10 p.m. and Sunday, July 23 from noon to 7 p.m. Rain or shine. \$10,

children younger than 14 free. Live music by The Spitzbaum both days, and Erich Baal on Saturday and Rick Cruz on Sunday. Food and pretzels, imported Spaten beer available. On Sunday, all first responders admitted free.

Blues Concert

A Traveling Riverside Blues Band concert will take place July 22 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., in partnership with the Hudson Valley Blues Society. Registration required at carmellibrary.org/calendar.

Community Day

Mahopac Falls Volunteer Fire Department will hold a Community Day fundraiser Saturday, July 22 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 17 Lucaro Lane. Rain date is Sunday, July 23. Slip & Slide, bounce house, lawn games, food, blood pressure screening and more. \$10 per child; younger than 2 admitted free.

Sunday, July 23

Carmel Cruisers

Carmel Cruisers meet every Sunday from 9 a.m. to noon through Oct. 1, as well as every other Saturday from 3 to 8 p.m. through Sept. 30, at the Wendy's parking lot in the Putnam Plaza Shopping Center, 1894 Route 6, Carmel. Visit the Carmel Cruisers Facebook page for details.

Poets' Open Mic

Tompkins Corners Cultural Center will host a Poets' Corner featuring Suzanne Cleary, followed by an open mic, Sunday, July 23 at 3 p.m. at 729 Peekskill Hollow Road, Putnam Valley. Tickets are \$10 and available at the door. Registration to read available on-site.

Great Swamp Hike

Join Friends of the Great Swamp for a challenging 6-mile guided hike in The Gordon Douglas Preserve, just north of the Appalachian Trail boardwalk, Sunday, July 23. Explore rocky cliffs and pass a large glacial erratic, while hiking many types of terrain including a 30 percent incline to the mountaintop for a view of the preserve. Meet at the parking lot for the Metro-North Appalachian Trail station before 9 a.m. Bring lunch or snacks, and fluids. No dogs. Hike will last about 4 hours. Email frogspaddle22@gmail.com to join.

Monday, July 24

Open Mic

The Town of Southeast Cultural Arts Coalition presents an open mic night every Monday at 7:30 p.m. at the Studio Around the Corner, 67 Main St., Brewster. The host is Jack Ludlum.

Tuesday, July 25

Auditions

The Brewster Theater Company will hold auditions for its third annual Playwright Festival on July 25 and 26 from 7 to 9:30 p.m. at The Theater at Drew Church, 28 Gleneida Ave., Carmel. Of this year's 88 one-act play submissions from around the country, seven have been chosen to be produced in September. Audition appointments can be requested by emailing BrewsterTheaterInfo@gmail.com. More info. on audition requirements at www.brewstertheater.org/auditions.

Starting A Business

Do you want to start your own business but don't know how? George Joiner, mentor at Putnam SCORE, will discuss the steps you need to know to start a new business Tuesday, July 25 at 7 p.m. at Patterson Library. Learn how to avoid pitfalls, speed up the process and improve chances for success. To register, call 845-878-6121 or go to www.pattersonlibrary.org.

Open Mic Night

All ages are invited to attend Reed Memorial Library's monthly open mic night July 25 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Share your writing, song or comedy set, or just listen Register to perform at carmellibrary.org/calendar.

Starting A Business

Patterson Library will present "Simple Steps to Starting a Business" on Tuesday, July 25 at 7 p.m., with George Joiner, mentor at Putnam SCORE. Learn how you can avoid pitfalls, speed up the process, improve your chances for success, and ensure entrepreneurship is for you. To register, call 845-878-6121 or go to www.pattersonlibrary.org.

Wednesday, July 26

Color Run

Reed Memorial Library in Carmel will host a Kindness Color Run on Wednesday, July 26 at 11 a.m. Wear your old clothes and get messy, or just cheer on participants. Bring a non-perishable item for the Gilead Church Food Bank. For ages 5 and older. Registration is required, call 845-225-2439 or email childrens@carmellibrary.org.

'The Fabelmans'

Patterson Library will show "The Fabelmans" on Wednesday, July 26 at 1 p.m. A coming-of-age story about a young man in post-WWII-era Arizona inspired by Steven Spielberg's childhood. Sammy Fabelman aspires to become a filmmaker and uncovers a shattering family secret. Rated PG-13 for strong language, thematic elements, brief violence and drug use. To register, call 845-878-6121 or go to www.pattersonlibrary.org.

Thursday, July 27

Southeast Town Board

The Southeast Town Board will meet at 7 p.m. at Town Hall, 1360 Route 22, Brewster on July 27, Aug. 10 and 24, Sept. 7 and 28, Oct. 12 and 26, Nov. 9 and 30, and Dec. 21.

Friday, July 28

Outdoor Movies

The Carmel Recreation & Parks Department will host "Movies in the Meadow" on Fridays, July 28, Aug. 25 and Sept. 22 at dusk at Paul A. Camarda Park. Free; pre-registration required.

Saturday, July 29

Drawing Flowers

Learn to draw flowers and other living plants with Keith Muller at Kent Public Library on Saturday, July 29 at 10 a.m. This 3-hour class will be outside to work directly from nature. Learn both basic and refined techniques using graphite pencils to lay a foundation for more complex media.

Basic drawing tools provided, but students are encouraged to bring sketchbooks and drawing tools, as well as a portable chair; a personal easel is optional. If the weather requires to work inside, students must bring a living flower or plant. Registration is required at 845-225-8585 or www.kentlibrary.org.

Country Fest & 4-H Showcase

Cornell Cooperative Extension's Putnam County Country Fest and 4-H Showcase kicks off Saturday, July 29 at 10 a.m., with music, the New York Cruisers, a craft show featuring local artists, as well as vendors galore, food trucks, pony rides and lots of activities for the kids (and adults). Sunday, July 30, there will be horse and dog showmanship demonstrations, touch-a-truck, an apple pie bake-off and the second annual duck derby. The Nimham Mountain Singers will perform live at noon.

Comedy Open Mic

The Town of Southeast Cultural Arts Coalition will present Comedy Around the Corner on Saturday, July 29 from 8 to 9:30 p.m. at the Old Town Hall Theater. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. \$10 per ticket.

Tuesday, Aug. 1

National Night Out

The Carmel Police Department will host its first National Night Out on Tuesday, Aug. 1 at Mahopac Chamber Park. Free; family-friendly events. The Village of Brewster will host a National Night Out event Tuesday, Aug. 1 from 6 to 9 p.m. at Wells Park (enter on Oak Street). Free food, music, entertainment, games and activities for kids.

Wednesday, Aug. 2

Citizen Preparedness

First Lt. Kyle Kilner of the NY National Guard will teach residents about the tools and resources needed to prepare for any type of disaster, respond accordingly, and recover as quickly as possible to pre-disaster conditions on Wednesday, Aug. 2 at 7 p.m. at Patterson Library. To register, call 845-878-6121 or go to www.pattersonlibrary.org.

Thursday, Aug. 3

Science Program

Reed Memorial Library in Carmel will present "Science Heros: Saving Earth Together" on Thursday, Aug. 3 at 6:30 p.m. Save the earth from a super-polluter! An interactive family science program for ages 3 and older. Registration is required; email childrens@carmellibrary.org.

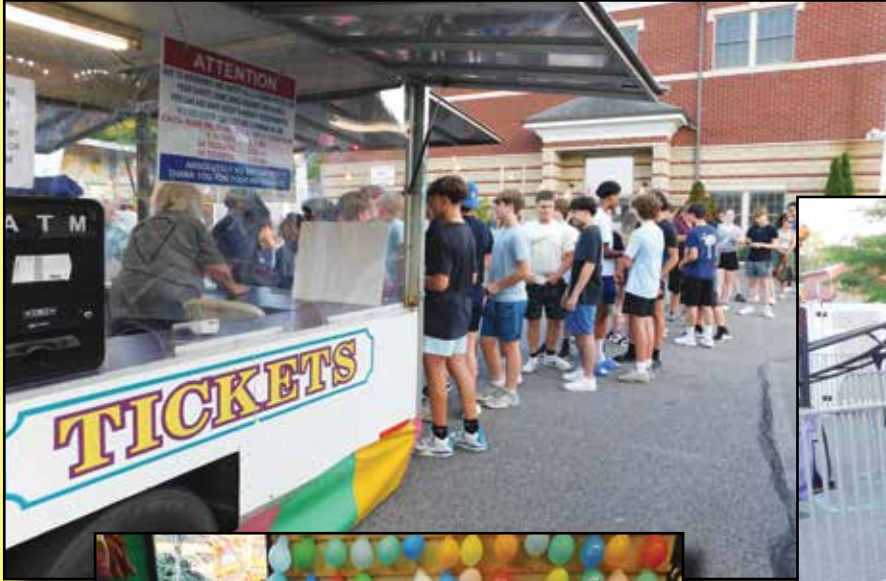
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Mahopac Firemen's Carnival



The Mahopac Volunteer Fire Department held its annual firemen's carnival during the first two weekends in July, where attendees enjoyed rides, games, food and fun. Photos by Holly Crocco.



Paul, 3, of Mahopac, takes a ride on the Merry-Go-Round with Dad on opening night.



We Will Miss

Carmel

Kenneth D. Gilberg, 70, July 7, Cargain Funeral Home, Carmel, (845) 225-3672.

Edward Lynch, 62, November 10, Cargain Funeral Home, Carmel, (845) 225-3672.

Rosina Kola, 83, June 29, Cargain Funeral Home, Carmel, (845) 225-3672.

Cold Spring

Michael P. Junjulas, 54, June 24, Clinton Inc Funeral Homes, Cold Spring, (845) 265-3333.

Leonard A. Lim, 76, July 1, Clinton Inc Funeral Homes, Cold Spring, (845) 265-3333.

Mahopac

James M. Maxwell, 87, July 8, Joseph J. Smith Funeral Home, Mahopac, (845) 621-1992.



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Eagle Scout Creates Kiosk at Ryan's Field

Local Scout Mateo Yepes spent the last year completing his required Eagle Scout service project at Ryan's Field in Kent. He spent his time planning, fundraising and building a new kiosk for Edward Ryan Memorial Park, located just outside the Fitness Trail. It now includes a map of the park along with information on what is going on in the Town of Kent Recreation Department.



Pocketbook Bingo Raises Funds for Kent F.D.

The Kent Volunteer Fire Department hosted its first Designer Pocketbook Bingo fundraiser July 9, with 69 participants enjoying food, friends and fun – all while raising money to support the department. Also during the event, items for United For the Troops were collected. House of Hartigan helped organize and run the event. Another event is already in the works and will be announced soon, according to KFD.

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Brewster Schools Awarded Technology Grant Funding

Brewster Central School District has been awarded \$2.5 million, in partnership with SUNY Westchester Community College and the Brewster Chamber of Commerce, from the New York State Pathways in Technology program, it was announced

last week.

More than \$31.5 million in funding has been awarded for the program, which will prepare thousands of New York students for high-skill jobs of the future in technology, manufacturing, health care and finance, announced Gov. Kathy Hochul.

This investment funds regional partnerships that respond to the greatest need for enhanced access to post-secondary opportunities primarily for academically and economically at-risk students and works to strengthen the pipeline between local talent and industries with a favorable job outlook, she said. Each partnership will include kindergarten through grade 12, higher education and business/ employer partners.

“The state's P-TECH program provides students with opportunities to apply their learning in a field of interest,” said Board of Regents Chancellor Lester Young Jr. “Upon successful completion of the program, students will have earned college credit and engaged in career exploration. They are prepared to enter the workforce or continue their education in high-demand and high-paying

science, technology, engineering and math fields.”

The New York State Pathways in Technology Early College High School Program incorporates an integrated program between four and six years in duration that combines high school, college and career training. It is a public-private partnership designed to provide students with mentorship and opportunities to learn through worksite visits, speakers and internships.

Students are eligible to receive an associate degree in a high-tech field and are first in line for a job with participating business partners following completion of the program. Through these programs of study in high-wage, high-skill and high-demand career areas, students will be able to earn transcript college credit toward an associate degree.

Career pathways begin in grade nine and include workplace learning and high school and college coursework. The pathway provides a seamless sequence of study extending through two years of postsecondary career and technical education, which culminates in an associate degree, according to Hochul.



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The Yorktown Grange Fair returns in September.

Yorktown Grange Invites All to ‘Your Hometown Fair’

Your hometown is the place where warm and beloved memories make you feel peaceful, comfortable and joyful. Where traditions, people and places form the building blocks of your life.

For 99 years, the Yorktown Grange Fair has been building a hometown feeling – welcoming people from in and around Yorktown every September to show off their skills and passions, share in community experiences, and spend time together in a cherished tradition.

The 2023 Yorktown Grange Fair is stacked full of a variety of entertainment ready to delight at “Your Hometown Fair” on Sept. 8, 9 and 10. All around the fairgrounds and on the main stage, entertainers, musicians and wacky contests will fill the weekend with fun for all ages. There will also be exhibits featuring local artists and growers, rides, games, food and craft beer.

Bring the whole family to check out the kid-friendly acts all weekend. On Saturday, Overhill Shenanigans will return to the fair to get kiddos up and moving. Sunday brings Americana kid merriment with Annie and the Natural Wonder Band. The songs are interactive and little ones can dance while learning about nature and what makes the world so amazing.

One of the best parts of Grange Fair is the crazy contests and walk-about acts that get everyone involved in the joy of a community fair. On Saturday, things may get a little sticky at the bubble gum blowing contest, or a little loud at the nail driving contest. The always amusing Topsy Waiter Relay is Saturday evening and it never disappoints. This zany relay will have contestants, as well as spectators, splitting their sides.

On Sunday, watch out for seeds at the watermelon eating contest, which is perfect for anyone who loves to snack on watermelon. For a clucking good time, check out the rubber chicken throwing contest.

All throughout the weekend, strolling acts will be out and about to interact with fairgoers, including circus performer and all-around showman Adam Auslander, who will be doing a walk-around variety show.

For grownups, new acts and familiar sounds will be at the main stage at the fair this year. The No Options Band is returning to have a blast Friday night with its brand of fun, danceable rock. Saturday afternoon will see the Knuckleheads partying like Stooges, bringing all music to dance and sing along to.

Saturday night, get cuffed with New York’s premiere house

and party band House Arrest, and Sunday will be country-fest fantastic as Whisky’s Edge Band takes to the main stage to play some of today’s new country, with some of yesterday’s best hits.

The Yorktown Grange Fairgrounds is located at 99 Moseman Road, Yorktown Heights. When you enter the fairgrounds, smell the food, hear the music, see the midway and livestock and feel the sense of community – you’ll know you are welcome at “Your Hometown Fair.”

Find the full entertainment schedule, as well as information on hours and pricing, at www.yorktowngrangefair.org.



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Law Addresses Minimum Age of Lifeguards

Gov. Kathy Hochul recently signed legislation to address the minimum age of lifeguards at children’s camps.

Legislation S.6467-A/A.5821A requires lifeguards for children’s camps to be at least 17 years of age, except that up to 50 percent of the required number of lifeguards on duty may be at least 15 years of age if they are under the supervision of a camp aquatics director. Lifeguards required for wilderness swimming must be at least 18 years of age.

To address the shortage of lifeguards in New York State,

Legislation S.6467-A/A.5821A allows for the expansion of individuals who can become lifeguards at overnight, summer day and travelling summer camps for children.

“Lifeguards are vital to ensuring safe and enjoyable experiences at a diverse range of swimming facilities in New York,” said New York State Parks Commissioner Erik Kulleseid. “As a former Harriman State Park lifeguard, I encourage young New Yorkers to pursue lifeguarding as a way to earn money, gain valuable job experience and serve the public.”



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What to Do When Your Spouse Dies

An estate and elder care attorney's mission is to introduce practicality into one of life's elemental tragedies. Losing a life-long companion upends every daily routine, every plan and every expectation. Emotional survival breathes the same air as financial survival during the mourning process.

This article is a guide to those first weeks and months.

Estate professionals encourage families to consider establishing pre-arranged or pre-need funeral plans. Setting up funeral and burial arrangements with a funeral home and cemetery prior to one's passing removes unnecessary stress on loved ones in the immediate hours following a spouse's death.

Executing an existing plan with a few communications is preferable to exerting precious energy to initiating a funeral plan from scratch.

Pre-need agreements also have Medicaid planning benefits. In the absence of a pre-paid funeral, the surviving spouse should reach out to a funeral home director to review and

choose the appropriate options.

There are veterans' funeral and burial benefits that may be applicable in some cases. Funeral directors will file the death certificate and provide copies to the family, which will be used to collect beneficiary claims and allow for the fulfillment of estate responsibilities.

Setting up an appointment with Social Security is an important step. Social Security will pay a one-time death benefit of \$255 to the surviving spouse. Survivor benefits are also available, which are determined by Social Security based on specific criteria, including the decedent's monthly benefit amount, age of the parties, the existence of dependent children and a range of other factors.

Hopefully, an estate plan was formulated during the marriage. The existence of joint accounts with rights of survivorship or property titled as husband and wife or tenants by the entirety will allow assets to be transferred by operation of law to the surviving spouse without the need for court approval or

extensive documentation.

For Qualified Retirement Accounts, life insurance policies and other investment accounts with the surviving spouse named as beneficiary, a copy of the death certificate and claim forms will be required to obtain the asset. Transferring a motor vehicle through DMV to a surviving spouse involves similar documentation.

Searching the New York State comptroller's database for unclaimed funds may be helpful to locate long-forgotten accounts and uncashed dividend checks.

Should assets belonging to the decedent be titled solely in their name, with no joint account holder nor a named beneficiary, then a probate (Will) or administration (no Will) proceeding may be necessary to obtain a court order to claim those assets.

Probate and Administration proceedings are filed in the county Surrogate's Court corresponding to the listed residence in the death certificate. Petitions containing names and addresses of heirs and asset values are filed with the court. Some estates take a few weeks and are simple in nature; others with numerous heirs, complex relationships and complicated assets may remain open for much longer.

Balancing the torrent of feelings while completing estate tasks is a shadow that all of us face at some point in our lives.

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Undocumented Workers Protected During Labor Investigations

The New York State Department of Labor has implemented a new process to shield undocumented immigrant workers from retaliation and removal during labor disputes, expanding on the protections implemented earlier this year by the Biden administration, announced Gov. Kathy Hochul recently.

Through an interagency partnership with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, NYSDOL is now working with undocumented workers and their advocates to gain temporary protection from prosecution and potential removal, as well as the ability to work legally in the U.S. if the worker is involved in NYSDOL investigations.

This process of prosecutorial discretion, which under the Biden administration has been expanded to include state agencies, helps to alleviate reluctance to report unscrupulous employers by undocumented workers, who are often threatened with removal or other forms of retaliation, said Hochul.

Undocumented workers involved in workplace labor investigations by the NYSDOL may submit, or have an advocate or attorney submit on their behalf, a statement of interest request to NYSDOL supporting prosecutorial discretion from DHS. The Worker Protection Unit will evaluate the request and render a determination within 30 days.

Separately, the worker would need to submit a concurrent filing for deferred action to the Department of Homeland Security. Each application is reviewed by DHS and, if approved, the worker may be granted deferred action, which protects them from removal for two years, or longer in the case of ongoing investigations or subsequent payouts from employers.

"The issuance of statements of interest by NYSDOL is a key step in combatting the threats and pervasive atmosphere of fear that usually accompanies wage theft and other egregious labor practices," said Richard Blum, an attorney at the Legal Aid Society.

New York State has granted 32 statements of interests since the launch of this process, impacting more than 100 workers.

Once a statement of interest letter has been accepted by DHS, all workers at a worksite impacted by the investigation are eligible to apply for deferred action.

"Fear of retaliation is paralyzing for any worker, but it is especially dreadful for immigrants," said NYSDOL Commissioner Roberta Reardon. "At the Department of Labor, we investigate all complaints, regardless of immigration status. We believe all workers have rights in every workplace across New York State. If any worker is a victim of or a witness to labor violations, please report it to us. We can help."

This is the latest in a series of efforts by Hochul to protect and support undocumented residents across the state and "prevent unscrupulous employers from using removal to evade state labor laws."

In May, the governor called on the federal government to expedite work authorization for asylum seekers. In February, Hochul announced the expansion of the New York State Professional Pathways for High-Skilled Immigrants Program, which helps new Americans find jobs that match their skills and experience. In October 2021, she signed legislation protecting undocumented immigrants from threats to report their immigration status.

Putnam County Under Water

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the aftermath of the storm.

The emergency declaration also allows for a coordinated response to the situation, mobilizing resources and activating emergency management protocols, said Byrne.

Following a partial activation of the Emergency Operations Center, the county executive directed the BES, the Department of Public Works and other county departments to work with local municipalities and first responders to assess damage and implement recovery efforts.

Byrne expressed his gratitude to the first responders, DPW crews, county employees at the BES and volunteers who worked through the night and to address the immediate needs of affected areas.


"We appreciate the hard work and commitment of our emergency personnel and public works teams who are on the front lines of the response efforts," he said. "Their dedication is invaluable."

Local governments and residents are encouraged to keep records of all storm-related expenses incurred, should they become eligible for disaster relief funding through the Federal Emergency Management Agency.


condition calls. In addition, the station was used as a shelter for community members needing to escape from the weather, as well as visitors who were trapped in the village.

Severe flooding conditions were reported along Routes 9 and 9D, as well as Fair Street in Carmel, Route 6 in Mahopac, Peekskill Hollow Road in Putnam Valley, the Taconic State Parkway both northbound and southbound from Exit 20 to Exit 40, Route 292 in Patterson – and many other roads throughout the county.


In response to the significant flooding, County Executive Kevin Byrne declared a state of emergency in Putnam the following day, as numerous roads, bridges and culverts suffered severe damage. He said the county immediately began working with state and federal government officials to advocate for financial relief in



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Kent

TOWN OF KENT, NEW YORK

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on July 11, 2023, the Town Board of the Town of Kent, in the County of Putnam, New York, adopted a bond resolution entitled: "Bond Resolution of the Town of Kent, New York, adopted July 11, 2023, authorizing the construction of road improvements, stating the estimated maximum cost thereof is \$600,000, appropriating said amount for such purpose, and authorizing the issuance of bonds of the Town in the principal amount of not to exceed \$600,000 to finance said appropriation."

an abstract of such bond resolution, concisely stating the purpose and effect thereof, being as follows:

FIRST: AUTHORIZING said Town to construct road improvements, at the estimated maximum cost of \$600,000; STATING the estimated maximum cost thereof, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and the financing thereof, is \$600,000; APPROPRIATING said amount for such purpose; STATING the plan of financing includes the issuance of not to exceed \$600,000 serial bonds of the Town to finance said appropriation, and the levy of a tax upon all the taxable real property within the Town to pay the principal of said bonds and interest thereon;

SECOND: AUTHORIZING the issuance of not to exceed \$600,000 bonds of the Town pursuant to the Local Finance Law of the State of New York (the "Law") to finance said appropriation;

THIRD: DETERMINING and STATING that the period of probable usefulness applicable to the purpose for which said bonds are authorized to be issued is fifteen (15) years; the proceeds of said bonds and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation thereof may be applied to reimburse the Town for expenditures made after the effective date of this bond resolution for the purpose for which said bonds are authorized; and the proposed maturity of said bonds will exceed five (5) years;

FOURTH: DETERMINING that said bonds, and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, and the renewals of said bond anticipation notes, shall be general obligations of the Town; and PLEDGING to their payment the faith and credit of the Town;

FIFTH: DELEGATING to the Supervisor the powers and duties as to the issuance of said bonds, and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, and the renewals thereof, and other related powers; and

SIXTH: DETERMINING that the bond resolution is subject to a permissive referendum.

DATED: July 11, 2023
Kent Lakes, New York
Yolanda Cappelli
Town Clerk

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TOWN OF KENT NOTICE OF HEARING

A LOCAL LAW AMENDING AND REPLACING CHAPTER 63 OF THE TOWN OF KENT TOWN CODE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that there has been introduced before the Town Board of the Town of Kent, New York, on July 11, 2023 an amendment to Kent Town Code introducing amending and replacing the current Chapter 63, currently entitled "Soils" and to be entitled "Excavation and Mining".

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to Section 20 of the Municipal Home Rule Law, the Town Board

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of the Town of Kent, New York will hold a public hearing on the aforesaid Amendment at the Town Offices, 25 Sybil's Crossing, Kent, New York, on August 1, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in the evening of that day at which time all persons interested therein shall be heard. The Town Board will make every effort to assure that the hearing is accessible to persons with disabilities. Anyone requiring special assistance and/or reasonable accommodations should contact the Town Clerk.

Dated:

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF KENT

YOLANDA D. CAPPELLI, TOWN CLERK

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Brewster

LEGAL NOTICE VILLAGE OF BREWSTER ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Village of Brewster will hold a Public Hearing to hear the following application for 8 Eastview Court, 56.19-2-11.2, located in the R-20 District. The applicant seeks relief from area variances are sought from the Zoning Board of Appeals in connection with the proposed building permit. The proposed construction of the parcel causes the following variance from the Village of Brewster Zoning Table: The Floor Area Ratio (FAR) required is 0.10 and the existing condition is 0.129. The Public Hearing for the Zoning Board of Appeals will be on Tuesday, July 25, 2023, at 7:00 P.M. at Village Hall, 50 Main Street, Brewster, NY 10509.

By Order of the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Village of Brewster
Michelle Chiudina
Village Clerk

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Carmel

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Town Board of the Town of Carmel will conduct a Public Hearing at Town Hall, 60 McAlpin Avenue, Mahopac, New York 10541 on Wednesday, August 2, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter that evening as possible on a proposed Local Law Amending Chapter 156 of the Code of the Town of Carmel, entitled "Zoning", as follows:

TOWN OF CARMEL PROPOSED LOCAL LAW # OF THE YEAR 2023 A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 156 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF CARMEL, ENTITLED "ZONING"

Be it enacted by the Town Board of the Town of Carmel, Putnam County, State of New York as follows:

SECTION 1: PURPOSE

The purpose of this local law is to establish a temporary moratorium on the issuance of building permits and/or certificates of occupancy by the Town of Carmel Building Department for the construction, establishment and/or operation of any additional

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or new "smoke shops" or "vape shops" within the limits of the Town of Carmel.

SECTION 2: LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS

The Town Board of the Town of Carmel has received numerous complaints regarding the operation of "smoke shops" and "vape shops" as defined herein, specifically concerning their detrimental effects on the health, safety, welfare and quality of life of the residents and citizens of the Town of Carmel. The Town Board has decided to review the current Zoning Chapter of the Town Code and consider the potential regulation of such "smoke shops" and "vape shops". In order to allow the Town Board time to complete its review, draft proposed new legislation and enact any such legislation for these types of establishments, the Town Board deems it in the best interest of the general health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Town of Carmel to impose a moratorium on the issuance of any further building permits and/or certificates of occupancy by the Town of Carmel Building Department for the construction, establishment and/or operation of any additional or new "smoke shops" or "vape shops" within the limits of the Town of Carmel which are not currently in existence or operation.

SECTION 3: MORATORIUM

Chapter 156 of the Town Code of the Town of Carmel is hereby amended by the amendment/addition of subparagraph/section 156-39.6. which shall read as follows:

Notwithstanding the foregoing, no building permits and/or certificates of occupancy permitting the construction, establishment and/or operation of any additional or new "smoke shops" or "vape shops" which are not currently in existence or operation at the time of the enactment of this law shall be issued by the Town of Carmel Building Department as a permitted retail use or other use within any zone within the Town of Carmel, from the effective date of this Local Law through and including September 30, 2023. For purposes of this section "smoke shop" or "vape shop" shall mean any business, facility or establishment with its main, primary or specialized purpose being the on-premises use and/or retail sale of tobacco and tobacco-related products, smoking equipment and/or electronic cigarette products and related products and paraphernalia.

SECTION 4: HOME RULE

Nothing in this Local Law is intended, or shall be construed (a) to limit the home rule authority of the Town under State Law to limit the Town's discretion in setting fees and charges in connection with any applications requiring Town approval.

SECTION 5: SEVERABILITY

If any part or provision of this Local Law or the application thereof to any person or circumstance be adjudged invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such judgment shall be confined in its operation to the part or provision or application directly involved in the controversy in which judgment shall have been rendered and shall not affect or impair the validity of the remainder of this Local Law or the application thereof to other persons or circumstances, and the Town Board of the Town of Carmel hereby declares that it would have passed this Local Law or the remainder thereof had such invalid application or invalid provision been apparent.

SECTION 6: EFFECTIVE DATE

This Local Law shall take

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effect immediately upon filing in the office of the Secretary of State in accordance with Section 27 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

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

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

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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:

JULY 27, 2023 – 7:30 P.M.

To hear the following applications:

HOLD OVER APPLICATIONS:

1. Application of **FRANK GIORDANO** for an Interpretation of Section 156-15. Applicant seeks Interpretation that the apartment above garage is legally pre-dated, or in the alternative, a Use Variance to permit same to continue. The property is located at 23 Seminary Hill Road, Carmel NY and is known as Tax Map #55.6-1-68.

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, 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' 44"
Minimum Depth 30' 4' 26"
Minimum Area 3000 96 2904

NEW APPLICATIONS:

3. Application of **WILLIAM & JOY BLOOMER** for a Variation of Section 156-15 seeking a Variance for permission to retain 1 shed and a pergola. The property is located at 188 East Lake Blvd., Mahopac, NY and is known as Tax Map #76.22-1-12.

Code Requires/Allows Provided Variance Required
10' (shed) 2.7' 7.3'
10' (pergola) 3.1' 6.9'

4. Application of **SARGIS MIRZA** for a Variation of Section 156-15 seeking a Variance for permission to erect one story two-car garage. The property is located at 19 Brookview Drive, Carmel NY and is known as Tax Map #55.-2-66.

Code Requires/Allows Provided Variance Required
20' Side 13.8' 6.2'

5. Application of **DANY & DORIS AVILA** for a Variation of Section 156-15 seeking a Variance for permission to add room where existing deck is. The property is

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located at 94 Entrance Way, Mahopac NY and is known as Tax Map #74.35-1-2.

Code Requires/Allows Provided Variance Required
15' rear 11.2' 3.8'

6. Application of **THOMAS SIMONE** for a Variation of Section 156-15 seeking a Variance for permission to install shed onto waterfront property without a principal structure. The property is located at 879 South Lake Blvd., Mahopac NY and is known as Tax Map #75.44-1-32.

Code Requires/Allows Provided Variance Required
10' side 1' 9'

7. Application of **LIZ & PAT MARTIN** for a Variation of Section 156-15 seeking a Variance for permission to relocate accessory apartment (no setback variance needed). The property is located at 151 Secor Road, Mahopac NY and is known as Tax Map #74.12-2-56.

Code Requires/Allows Provided Variance Required
Single Family House w/accessory apt can be detached if existing prior to 1998. Separate cottage as an accessory apartment being relocated To relocate accessory apt./cottage, therefore, not existing prior to 1998.

8. Application of **JOHN CHANG** for a Variation of Section 156-15 seeking a Variance for permission to retain church on 2nd floor. The property is located at 716 Route 6, Mahopac NY and is known as Tax Map #76.30-1-26.

Code Requires/Allows Provided Variance Required
1 space/200 sf – Deli
23/07/100 = 12 ps
1 ps/3 seats – church
32 seats/3 = 11 ps
Total 23 ps 18 ps 5 ps

9. Application of **NIKOLLE SMAJLAJ** for a Variation of Section 156-15 seeking a Variance for permission to retain existing free-standing garage. The property is located at 579 Croton Falls Road, Carmel NY and is known as Tax Map #77.13-2-44.

Code Requires/Allows Provided Variance Required
Rear Yard – 15' 0' 15'
Front Yard – 40'
(Munich Road) 37' 3'

MISCELLANEOUS:

MINUTES: June 22, 2023

By Order of the Chairman,
John Maxwell

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Southeast

The Town of Southeast is requesting proposals for the remediation of Peach Lake Brook in the Town of Southeast, Putnam County, New York 10509. The goal of the project is to restore the natural stream function of the brook by removing dense vegetation and debris from the channel to increase the water flow and discharge rate from Peach Lake. The purpose is to maintain safe water levels in the upper Peach Lake Brook and in Peach Lake to reduce the risk of shoreline flooding and property damage.

The Town will accept proposals on or before 11:00 A.M. on Monday, July 31, 2023. Proposals shall be delivered in person, USPS, FedEx, UPS or any ground delivery service in a sealed envelope with their company name and date to: Southeast Town Clerk, Michele Stancati, 1360 Route 22, Brewster, New York 10509, Re: "Tonetta Lake Basin Bid."

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Proposals will be opened at 11:01 A.M. or soon thereafter. Proposers will be notified of the results.

Any questions concerning the bid request, contact the Southeast Town Clerk, Michele Stancati, at (845) 279-2196 or email mstancati@southeast-ny.gov for additional information.

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SOUTHEAST PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Planning Board/Architectural Review Board of the Town of Southeast, New York, in accordance with Chapters 78 and 138 of the Code of the Town of Southeast, and NYCRR Part 617 of the Environmental Conservation Law (as applicable), will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, July 24, 2023 at 7:00 p.m., at Southeast Town Offices, 1360 Route 22, Brewster, New York to consider the following:

234 OLD NICHOLS ROAD, LLC – Application is being made for Subdivision and Wetland Permit for a proposal to subdivide three existing parcels comprising 278.3 acres into eight parcels for construction of single-family homes with associated septic areas, wells, and stormwater management areas. Five of the eight lots will be developed as horse farms with barns and paddocks. The properties are located at 234 Nichols Road, 170 Peach Lake Road and 75 Nichols Road, Brewster, NY, in the R-160 Zoning District, and identified as Tax Map Numbers 79.-1-57, 79.-1-44 and 68.-1-27. A portion of the proposed project is within the Ridgeline Overlay District. The lots contain NYSDEC and Town of Southeast wetlands and adjacent and controlled areas; disturbance will occur within controlled areas for construction of stormwater management areas and driveways.

Thomas LaPerch, Chairman
Town of Southeast Planning Board

Dated: July 7, 2023

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Putnam

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held before the County Executive of the County of Putnam at **Room 102** of the County Office Building, 40 Gleneida Avenue, Carmel, New York 10512 on Wednesday, the 26th day of July, 2023, at 3:30 p.m. and again at 5:00 p.m., concerning:

A LOCAL LAW

Amending the Code of the County of Putnam, as approved and adopted by the Putnam County Legislature on July 5, 2023 by resolution #150, by creating a new law prohibiting a municipality outside of Putnam County from offering or providing temporary housing as a homeless shelter within Putnam County without first entering into a shared service agreement with Putnam County.

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon the filing with the secretary of state.

Copies of the Local Law are available at the Office of the Putnam County Legislature, Room 313, 40 Gleneida Avenue, Carmel, New York 10512.

At the aforesaid time and place all persons interested in the subject matter thereof will be

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heard concerning same. Comments will also be accepted via regular mail submitted to the above referenced address, to send an email: Please go the following website and click "Send us a message" <https://www.putnam-countyny.com/county-executive>, and facsimile to (845) 808-1901.

Dated: July 13, 2023
Carmel, New York

C. Compton Spain
Putnam County Attorney

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Supreme Court NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT-COUNTY OF PUTNAM

BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, F/K/A THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE, ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDERS OF THE ALTERNATIVE LOAN TRUST 2007-5CB, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-5CB, Plaintiff,
AGAINST
STEPHEN LLOYD, MARY LLOYD, et al. Defendant(s)

Pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale duly entered on April 29, 2022.

I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Putnam County Historic Court House, 44 Gleneida Ave, Carmel Hamlet, NY 10512 on July 31, 2023 at 11:30 AM premises known as 99 Route 292 # 101, Patterson, NY 12563.

Please take notice that this foreclosure auction shall be conducted in compliance with the Foreclosure Auction Rules for the Ninth Judicial District, Putnam County, and the COVID 19 Health Emergency Rules, including proper use of masks and social distancing.

All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of Patterson, County of Putnam and State of New York. Section 3, Block 1 and Lot 88.

Approximate amount of judgment \$521,151.90 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment. Index #1355/11 | 800079-2022.

Richard G. Fontana, Esq., Referee
Aldridge Pite, LLP - Attorneys for Plaintiff - 40 Marcus Drive, Suite 200, Melville, NY 11747

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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT PUTNAM COUNTY

MCLP ASSET COMPANY, INC., Plaintiff against

WALID BESHARAT, et al Defendant(s)

Attorney for Plaintiff(s) Knuckles, Komosinski & Manfro, LLP, 565 Taxter Road, Suite 590, Elmsford, NY 10523.

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered May 22, 2023, I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder at the Putnam County Courthouse, Courtroom 209, 20 County Center, Carmel, NY 10512 on August 7, 2023 at 9:30 AM. Premises known as 266 Shear Hill Road a/k/a Shear Hill Road, Carmel, NY 10512 a/k/a

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Mahopac, NY 10541. Sec 65.11 Block 2 Lot 7 f/k/a Section 49 Block 1 Lot 14. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being at Lake Casse Mahopac, Town of Carmel, Putnam County, New York. Approximate Amount of Judgment is \$536,744.29 plus interest, fees, and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No 500836/2021. Cash will not be accepted at the sale.

The foreclosure sale will be conducted in accordance with 9th Judicial District's Covid-19 Policies and foreclosure auction rules. The Referee shall enforce any rules in place regarding facial coverings and social distancing.
Joseph J. Tock, Esq., Referee
2296-004050

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REFeree'S NOTICE OF SALE IN FORECLOSURE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF PUTNAM

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR MASTR ASSET BACKED SECURITIES TRUST 2005-WF1, Plaintiff - against - PAUL FARISELLI, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on May 16, 2023. I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction on the second floor in courtroom 209 of the Putnam Supreme Courthouse located at 20 County Center, Carmel, NY 10512 on the 7th day of August, 2023 at 10:30 AM. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of Carmel, County of Putnam, State of New York. Premises known as 104 Stillwater Road, Mahopac, NY 10541. (Section: 75.17, Block: 1, Lot: 51) Approximate amount of lien \$543,643.34 plus interest and costs.

Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 800105/2022 FKA 2773/2013. John A. Sarcone, III, Esq., Referee.
McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC
Attorney(s) for Plaintiff
420 Lexington Avenue, Suite 840 New York, NY 10170
Tel. 347/286-7409

For sale information, please visit www.auction.com or call (800) 280-2832
Dated: May 25, 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-foot 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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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 #: 501272/2021 Nationstar Mortgage LLC D/B/A Champion Mortgage Company Plaintiff, vs Anthony Teeter As Heir To The Estate Of Dianne C. Teeter, Gina Teeter Petricek As Heir To The Estate Of Dianne C. Teeter, Board Of Directors Of Cornwall Meadows Homeowners Association, Inc., Unknown Heirs Of Dianne C. Teeter If Living,

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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, Devises, 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, Devises, 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, 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(Family Features) Between navigating store aisles and online sales for everything from clothes and shoes to supplies and sports equipment, back-to-school shopping can be a time-consuming – and expensive – endeavor.

To help stay on budget while still getting everything you need, consider these tips from Vitaly Pecharsky, head of deals for Slickdeals, a one-of-a-kind online community of shoppers working together to shop smarter and save more.

Take Stock of Current Inventory

Before you hit the stores, take inventory of items you already have at home or in the office to see what you truly need. Knowing what you already have on hand can help you avoid the temptation of stocking up on items you may not even need just because they were on sale. That 50-cent pack of crayons may be a good deal, but too many of those can add up, especially if you realize later you had the same item sitting unused in a closet or drawer at home.

Check With Teachers

Don't be afraid to email your children's teachers before classes start to find out what supplies are absolutely necessary. Sometimes a school will put out a list, but the teachers may not require you to have all the items on the list – particularly if students may be sharing and supplies may need to be restocked later in the school year.

Tap Into Technology

Shopping online is a quick and easy way to compare products, services and prices, but it can be overwhelming trying to determine if



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you're really getting the best option. Before making a final decision on everything from laptops to markers, visiting a site like Slickdeals can help you find the best products at the best prices.

Buy Pre-Owned {subhead}

From uniforms and sporting equipment to clothing and more, not everything needs to be new each school year. Visiting online consignment shops can help you find big savings on like-new, often brand name clothing, accessories and more.

Avoid Equipment for Extracurriculars All at Once

If your children are trying new sports, clubs or extracurricular activities for the first time, consider waiting to purchase all the necessary equipment. Oftentimes, you may be able to borrow or buy pre-owned items from other parents whose kids have outgrown the equipment or no longer participate. That way, if your children end up deciding a sport or activity isn't for them, you're not stuck with things that may end

up collecting dust in the garage or basement.

Shop Without Your Kids

Leaving the kids at home when shopping may help save money, according to a survey commissioned by Slickdeals and conducted by OnePoll. The study of 2,000 parents in the U.S. found two out of three respondents believe shopping with their kids tends to be more expensive than shopping by themselves, with solo ventures costing an average of \$133 compared to \$179 when taking children along.

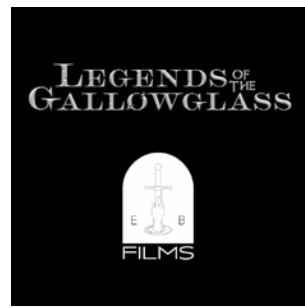
Take Advantage of Student Discounts

If you have children in college, you may be able to use their student ID cards to your advantage to save even more money. Before making purchases on big-ticket items like tablets or laptops, be sure to inquire about discounts available only for students. Some companies even offer student-only memberships for discounted services, such as shipping, video, music and more.

Source: Slickdeals.

'Legends of the Gallowglass' Has Deep Carmel Roots

Arts on the Lake will be the site of the premier screening of "Legends of the Gallowglass" on July 22, with the event beginning at 6:30 p.m. and the screening starting at 8 p.m.



provided funding, equipment, costumes, knowledge, and access to their private lands.

"Legends of the Gallowglass" also enjoys the support of Carmel High School, and individuals from the SUNY

Purchase College School of Film & Media Studies, the Ithaca College Park School of Communications, and the Emerson College Film & Media Studies program.

Arts on the Lake has supported the creation of this film by supporting the CHS Film Club and offering its facilities for production.

The event begins at 6:30 p.m. with light refreshments and a chance to meet with supporters and those involved in the production. A food truck will also be providing dinner options for purchase. The showing of the film begins at 8 p.m. Admission is free, although donations will be accepted.

The 37 cast and 35 crew members that were a part of this production are primarily from the Carmel area and have continued working together over the three years it has taken to make the film.

Primarily shot on location in the Hudson Valley and featuring picturesque vistas, caverns and castles, the film tells a story of the Kingdom of Scrofar, Sorceress Naavessek, and those who discover, build and break the bonds of blood and family.

Bohrman, Durkee and Chan started the film production and consultancy company Enchanted Blade Films in fall 2020, with "Legends of the Gallowglass" being their first project. As they continued their efforts in the making of the film over three years, they have had widespread support from the Carmel community. In particular, many individuals have

Arts on the Lake, located at 640 Route 52, is a non-profit corporation that fosters performances, exhibits and art classes in Kent. Its mission is to sponsor, encourage and create opportunities for all residents of the town and the larger community to participate in and appreciate the visual and performing arts, and to be a roof and walls for performances, exhibits, classes and workshops.

For more information, visit Artsonthelake.org.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Dated: June 9, 2023

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PUBLIC NOTICE

At an IAS Part of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, held in and for the County of Putnam, at the Courthouse located at 20 County Center, Carmel, New York, on the 7 day of July, 2023.

PRESENT:
HON. Gina C. Capone, Justice

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In the Matter of the Application of DAVID O'ROURKE and DOREEN O'ROURKE for discharge of record of a mortgage affecting the premises known as 47 Putnam Drive, Carmel (Town of Kent), Putnam County, New York

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Upon the filing of a petition of DAVID O'ROURKE and DOREEN O'ROURKE, verified the 14 day of June, 2023, and the exhibits annexed thereto, for Discharge of Mortgage and the Court being satisfied that said Petition is true, it is ORDERED, that all persons interested show cause at an IAS Part, to be held in and for the County of Putnam, State of New York on the 28 day of July, 2023 at 9:30 am, 11:30 a.m. J.S.C.

WHY an Order should not be made discharging of record a certain mortgage for \$125,000.00 dated October 31, 1991, made by David O'Rourke and Doreen O'Rourke, to Centerbank Mort-

PUBLIC NOTICE

gage Company which mortgage was recorded in the Office of the Putnam County Clerk on November 7, 1991 in Liber 143 mp 41 and indexed under Sec. 22,74, Block 1, Lot 17 on the Tax Map of the Town of Kent and assigned to Security Pacific National Bank as Custodian /Trustee by Assignment dated December 12, 1991 which was recorded in the Putnam County Clerk's Office on September 1, 1992 in Liber 1560 mp 295 and indexed under Section 22.74, Block 1, Lot 17 on the Tax Map of the Town of Kent, County of Putnam, the mortgage now being a lien upon the premises known as 47 Putnam Drive, Carmel (Town of Kent), State of New York.

Sufficient reason appearing therefore, let service of this order be made by delivering a copy thereof together with the petition and exhibits upon which same is based, to the County Clerk of Putnam County and Secretary of the State of New York and on Bank of America by personal service on or before the 20 day of July, 2023 either personally or by certified mail, return receipt requested, and by publishing this order in the Putnam County Press, a newspaper published in the County of Putnam, State of New York pursuant to Statute, one time.

ORDERED that all parties and counsel are directed to appear on the return date.

ENTER:
Gina C. Capone
Hon. Gina C. Capone, J.S.C.
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PUBLIC NOTICE

LLC

Notice of formation of 180RL LLC. Articles of Org. filed with

PUBLIC NOTICE

NY Secretary of State (NS) on 04/11/2023, office location: Albany County, NS is designated as agent upon whom process may be served, NS shall mail service of process (SOP) to Northwest Registered Agent, LLC at 90 State Street STE 700 Office 40 Albany NY 12207. Northwest Registered Agent, LLC is designated as agent for SOP at 90 State Street STE 700 Office 40 Albany NY 12 207 purpose is any lawful purpose.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Formation of The EmbodiedAT, LLC. Articles of Org filed with SSNY on 6/03/2023. Office Location: Putnam County, SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o TheEmbodiedAT, LLC, 111 Fair Street, Cold Spring, NY 10516. Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity.

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Notice of Formation of Agape Ridge LLC. Articles of Org filed with SSNY on 2/23/2023. Office Location: Putnam County, SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Agape Ridge LLC - 487 Farmers Mills Rd Carmel, NY 10512. Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity.

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CLASSIFIEDS

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Need ONE OR 2 GARDENERS, maintenance of 1948 house, Trail Club, Carmel NY. Call Al Zuckerman 845-225-8608 or email az.writershouse@mac.com. 8/9

tor buying fishing, hunting items, rods, reels, lures, all types old or new, paintings of fishing, hunting, wildlife art, bows and arrows no compound bows. Call 845-878-3665 or 845-661-9059. 7/31

HELP WANTED

Brewster Central School District is hiring PART TIME PERMANENT AND SUBSTITUTE FOOD SERVICE CAFETERIA HELPERS. Position to follow the school calendar. Must be available to work 3.5 hours between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Fingerprinting is required at your expense. Call 845-279-3702 x-2124, or email chancock@brewsterschools.org E.O.E. 9/27

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