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Paging Young Carmel Doctors! 'Medical Rotations' Help Students Learn About Anatomy



Third-graders wore protective gear and made "medical rotations" in class to learn about human body systems.

As a thrilling finale to their third CKLA (core knowledge language arts) unit on human body systems, Carmel students recently embraced the challenge of stepping into the shoes of first-year medical students in Aimee Pagano's third-grade classroom.

They embarked on a journey through six "medical rotations" set up throughout the classroom, which was transformed into a bustling hospital environment.

Dressed in isolation gowns and equipped with personal protective equipment, the students were fully immersed in their roles, carefully avoiding contamination of their work areas and the "patients" they attended to. Each activity was designed to deepen their understanding of human anatomy and physiology.

The students kickstarted their experience by constructing a de-

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Metro-North Upgrades to Continue in 2025

Gov. Kathy Hochul last week announced accomplishments achieved by the Metropolitan Transportation Authority for Metro-North Railroad riders in 2024, and gave a glimpse of major upcoming improvements allowed by the MTA Capital Plan, including strengthening ridership, accessibility projects, service increases, an enhanced passenger experience, and an overall more sustainable, reliable transit system.

"Major capital investments across Metro-North will give our customers the safe, green, and reliable railroad that they deserve," said Metro-North Railroad President Catherine Rinaldi. "New locomotives will reduce air pollutants, and the replacement of the Park Avenue Viaduct, Grand Central Train Shed, major investments in Harlem Line stations and Hudson Line resiliency will ensure that the Metro-North network will continue to drive the regional economy for years to come."

Work on Metro-North stations was in full force in 2024 with work at Garrison that included replacement of 3-foot-wide portions of all the platforms, new railing, tactile strips, expansion joints, and miscellaneous concrete repairs with new staircases. A future project will install police observational devices that include security cameras.

"This project is an extremely smart rehabilitation, delivering significant economic benefits to the local communities this station serves while prioritizing union trades and apprenticeship programs throughout the area," said

Westchester-Putnam Building & Construction Trades Council President Jeff Loughlin. "We look forward to continuing to work with the governor on other infrastructure projects throughout Westchester and Putnam counties."

There is major capital work underway to fortify and improve the Metro-North network. MTA Construction & Development is replacing and rehabilitating major segments of the 130-year-old Park Avenue Viaduct, which carries 98 percent of all Metro-North trains traveling along the Hudson, Harlem, and New Haven lines serving the Harlem-125th Street Station and Grand Central Terminal.

Three stations were made fully Americans With Disabilities Act-accessible in 2024 – Hartsdale, Scarsdale and Purdy's.

The MTA is also making targeted investments to improve the resiliency of the Metro-North network. More than half of the 74-mile-long Hudson Line is vulnerable to coastal surge risk, and Garrison Train station sits just feet from the Hudson River. The proposed 2025-29 MTA Capital Plan focuses on addressing erosion hot spots, stabilizing upland slopes, and upgrading drainage in the most vulnerable and highest-ridership segments of the line, protecting more than 20 miles of the Hudson Line.

Investments in rolling stock will also support the reliability of Metro-North's service. Metro-North recently took delivery of the first two of 33 new, state-of-the-art, 4,200-horsepower locomotives that

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More Electric Vehicle Fast Chargers Sought on Major Corridors Interstates 684, 95 & 87 Eligible for Funding

An additional \$28.5 million is now available to install electric vehicle fast chargers along major travel corridors across New York State.

Funded by the federal National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure formula funding program, the state's new competitive Downstate Direct Current Fast Charger program will improve consumer access to reliable electric vehicle charging, according to Gov. Kathy Hochul.

This second round of NEVI funding focuses on locations south of Interstate-84, including the lower Hudson Valley, New York City, and Long Island.

The competitive Downstate NEVI DCFC Program, administered by the NYS Energy Research & Development Authority in part-

nership with the state's Department of Transportation, provides funding to qualified EV infrastructure developers to install and operate DCFC stations at one or more sites along Federal Highway Administration-designated alternative fuel corridors.

Designated alternative fuel corridors eligible under the second round of the program include I-684 south of I-84, I-87 south of I-84, and I-95 – among others.

Proposed sites must meet all federal requirements, including being located within 1 travel mile of an alternative fuel corridors exit, being publicly accessible 24 hours a day-seven days a week, and having the ability to charge at least four EVs simultaneously at speeds of at least

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The state is looking to use federal funding to install more electric vehicle fast chargers along major roadways across New York. Photo courtesy of www.thruway.ny.gov.

Carmel School Admins Urge Caution on Fair Street

If you've driven to Carmel High School recently, you've likely noticed the construction on Fair Street.

The \$30 million road improvement project, which is expected to improve safety, traffic flow, and infrastructure in the area, will widen Fair Street from Simpson Road to Route 52. It will also add sidewalks and streetlights from Hill and Dale Road to Route 52, fix drainage, and create an additional lane for easier turning into and out of the high school parking lot.

Construction started in September after years of delays and is expected to be completed by the summer of 2026.

"I'm not going to pretend this project will be easy," said Putnam County Executive Kevin Byrne. "But it is essential for public

safety and to make sure this road is sound for future generations."

Tommy Feighery, Putnam's Department of Public Works commissioner, said the county will try to minimize disruption during construction by scheduling some of the work when school is not in session.

He emphasized that Fair Street is an active construction zone and students, staff, and parents should exercise caution while driving in the area. Even if construction activity does not appear to be taking place, the road will have steel plates in certain areas that can pose a hazard.

"If you can avoid Fair Street, avoid it," he told a crowd of residents at a recent meeting. For those going to Carmel High School, of course, the detour is not an option.

CHS Principal Brian Piazza said the upgrades will make the road safer in the end.

"The construction will create challenges traffic-wise, but at its completion, the sidewalks and an additional turning lane will greatly benefit our school and community – especially in terms of student safety," he said.

Michael Klenotiz, Carmel Central School District's supervisor of transportation, said good communication will go a long way toward keeping school bus traffic on schedule.

"When the state DOT was working on Route 311, they sent us emails every week telling us what to expect," he said. "That was extremely helpful because it let us plan our routes accordingly. I hope the county will do the same."



Carmel school administrators and county officials are asking drivers to be cautious when navigating the construction on Fair Street, which is expected to continue through the summer of 2026.

Letters to the Editor

Questions Integrity of Letter-Writer

Dear Editor:

I was a little surprised to read Phyllis Brooks' letter to the editor that criticized my "leadership style." This letter is suspicious because this "person" owns no property in Putnam County, has never attended a

legislative meeting, and their social media presence is obviously fake.

Fake social media accounts and political operatives posing as concerned citizens to attack a public official through letters and online posts are the kind of cheap political attacks those familiar with Albany politics have come to expect.

County Executive Kevin Byrne

has a public relations machine in his office paid for by your tax dollars.

Byrne is unhappy with me because I questioned County Attorney Compton Spain back in May about a court action he started without the required authorization of the Legislature. I also had the audacity to question where the county executive got the authority to appoint a major campaign donor of his and newspaper owner as the "ambassador" of Putnam County. Many inquiries have gone unanswered – and that silence speaks volumes.

Let's talk facts... I am very proud of the two terms I have chaired the Putnam County Legislature. In that time, I have put the taxpayers first by proposing the reduction of the 2024 tax levy by \$500,000. This was taxpayer money returned to taxpayers that would have gone to Albany-style "pork" handouts by the county executive.

This year, it was my proposal to allow the sheriff to hire an additional detective that will make Putnam County safer, and my proposal to fund the nurses in the health department that will make our county healthier. Under my leadership, the Legislature bolstered term limits.

We believe career politicians are unhealthy to Democracy. We have been transparent and, if anyone has ever watched our meetings, I've done my best to allow everyone to say what they need to.

This has been extremely difficult with the outrageous behavior of Legislator Nancy Montgomery who refuses to wait to be recognized and speaks over her colleagues.

The county executive's childish antics are costing the hardworking taxpayers of Putnam County tens of thousands of tax dollars because he can't get what he wants. The Legislature is a duly elected, nine-member, co-equal branch of government. Yet, if Byrne doesn't like a legislative vote, he sues.

The county executive wasted taxpayer dollars to bring a frivolous lawsuit – including two injunctions against the Legislature to deny its

right under the County Charter to retain its own counsel – only to drop the suit the day before a court conference where the judge ordered Byrne and the county attorney to personally appear in court.

County Executive Byrne owes the taxpayers an apology for wasting their money and resources on this futile lawsuit. I urge Putnam's taxpayers to join me in calling on him to reimburse the county out of his robust campaign fund and focus on the business of actually running a county government.

Byrne is making one bad decision after another. He is putting politics above public service.

This publication should do a better job of confirming the identity of letter writers before printing.

Paul Jonke
Putnam County Legislature chairman

Attack on Legislator Jonke Unwarranted

Dear Editor:

We find it interesting and, quite frankly, appalling to read the letter submitted to all the local papers by a ghost writer using the name of Phyllis Brooks. No such person is registered to vote or is found to be a resident of Putnam County. We can only conclude the political machine has made a futile attempt to disparage Legislature Chairman Paul Jonke.

True to Albany style, dirty tactics have now become the mainstay in Putnam politics. Threats of primaries, fear, intimidation, lawsuits, and attempts to ruin reputations have become commonplace for those who push back.

As of this writing, we are three sitting female legislators. We felt compelled to set the record straight and dispel the remarks written, using buzz words like "misogynistic" to falsely disparage Legislator Jonke's treatment toward females. Nothing can be further from the truth. This letter is merely an idle

attempt to shake him down by trying to ruin his reputation and great record.

As chairman of the Legislature, Legislator Jonke has done a stupendous job. This responsibility is no easy task. He is strong, on point, and unwavering in his conviction to stand up for what is right. It has been especially challenging dealing with a county executive unwilling to communicate or collaborate, but instead works against the Legislature, not with us.

It is not a gender issue when a legislator attempts to usurp the authority of the chairperson by screaming, yelling, and name calling, with disregard for process or protocol. If the ghost writer or anyone else watched our meetings, you would see for yourself the unprofessional demeanor displayed in real time. It is the responsibility of the chairperson to maintain decorum and exercise control.

Chairman Jonke has been a strong chairman and is a strong legislator.

Unlike the Cowardly Lion who authored the letter submitted to the local papers, Legislator Jonke's sole focus is to represent his constituents and all the people of Putnam County to the best of his ability. Such despicable overtures will not derail him from remaining steadfast and upholding his pledge to the people of Putnam County. Southeast residents are fortunate to have a representative who possesses integrity and is beholden only to the taxpayers.

As Putnam County legislators, we consider ourselves public servants, not slick politicians. It is a sad turn of events that have occurred in Putnam County. A picture may be worth a thousand words, but the photo-ops don't tell the full story. Nor do the carefully massaged press releases.

Toni Addonizio, District 3 legislator

Ginny Nacerino, District 4 legislator

Amy Sayegh, District 8 legislator

Academic Achievements

Second Lt. Steven Mattson of Brewster, majoring in industrial engineering, has received commission into the U.S. Air Force at Clemson University. Following the commissioning ceremony he participated in a Silver Dollar Salute, which marks the first salute received by the officer from an enlisted

member. As a sign of mutual respect, the officer presents the enlisted member with a silver dollar.

Kayla Ali of Carmel was honored during the Albany College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences' white coat ceremony in September as part of her journey to become a pharmacist.

Aidan Armisto of Brewster has graduated from the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford with a bachelor of science degree in business management.

Steven Straub of Mahopac has earned a bachelor of science degree in music industry, Cum Laude, from Minnesota State University, Mankato.

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Mahopac Students Deliver Epic Performances at 'Illusion 2024'



A lineup of student-musicians were featured during "Illusion 2024."



Mahopac High School's "Illusion 2024" was a rockin' good time.

A wave of excitement swept through Mahopac High School as students took the stage from Dec. 12 to 14 for "Illusion 2024," the school's 42nd annual student-led rock and pop concert. The atmosphere was electric, with students, teachers, families, and community members filling the auditorium to cheer on the high-energy performances.

The three-night event showcased a dynamic mix of students, with performances spanning from alternative rock to pop hits and country. The talented musicians, along with a dedicated sound and lighting crew, delivered a thrilling show that captivated the audience from start to finish.

Mia Obijiski, a senior who performed a rendition of "Ru-

mour Has It" by Adele, shared how the night went.

"This was an incredible opportunity to showcase all the hard work we've put into our performances," she said. "It's amazing to see how everyone came together to create something this special. 'Illusion' is one of the few places that give me an outlet to show my passion for music."

Superintendent of Schools Christine Tona expressed her enthusiasm for the performances.

"'Illusion' never disappoints," she said. "I am so proud of all of our talented students who performed on stage or supported the production behind the scenes. Special thanks to our staff members who guided our amazing students to showcase their abili-

ties and work together to create a truly unforgettable experience."

In addition to the musical celebration, "Illusion 2024" also served as a fundraiser for the American Cancer Society through Relay for Life, with proceeds going to support cancer research and community outreach. Attendees also donated toys for the district's annual Toys for Tots drive, adding to the concert's spirit of giving.

Bedford Contractor Cited for Dumping in Brewster

On Nov. 29, environmental conservation police officers from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation discovered a pile of materials discarded on the side of a road in the Village of Brewster while on patrol.

After finding a piece of mail with a name and address from Bedford, the officers searched the town database and found a proposed building permit and contractor for planned work at the location. The homeowner was contacted and confirmed that the contractor's son admitted to illegally dumping debris from a work truck instead of using the wood to build a fire.

The contractor and son met the officers at the dump site where they were issued a ticket for illegal dumping, and were supervised while cleaning up the discarded material.

"Environmental conservation police officers and investigators

servicing in DEC's Division of Law Enforcement are working tirelessly across the state to protect natural resources and public safety while holding poachers and polluters accountable," said DEC Interim Commissioner Sean Mahar. "DEC looks forward to continuing to work with our local, state, and federal law enforcement partners to ensure compliance with New York's stringent environmental conservation laws and promote the safe and responsible enjoyment of the outdoors."

In 2023, the Division of Law Enforcement fielded more than 101,500 calls, resulting in officers and investigators across the state responding to more than 30,932 complaints and working on cases that resulted in nearly 16,900 tickets or arrests for violations ranging from deer poaching to solid waste dumping, illegal mining, the illegal pet trade, and excessive emissions violations.

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Park Fees Cut for Service Workers

Putnam County employees and first responders may now receive a 50 percent discount on seasonal park permits, thanks to a resolution passed earlier this month.

County Executive Kevin Byrne first presented the proposal during his 2025 budget address in October, and after the Veterans Memorial Park Advisory Board reviewed the recommendation and expressed support, the Legislature passed a resolution unanimously Dec. 3.

"This benefit to our first responders and employees serves as a small but important recognition for the contributions they make every day to our community," said Byrne. "This is one more way to show that your hard work does not go unnoticed."

He called Veterans' Memorial Park on Gypsy Trail Road in Kent/Carmel one of Putnam's treasures and noted that the county continues to make updates, and plans to build a new veterans' museum with the assistance of state funding.

"I see firsthand everyday

residents enjoy our amazing Veterans' Park," said Parks Director Chris Ruthven, a member of the advisory board. "This resolution will serve to further increase park attendance while showing our workers and first responders how we value them."

"The veteran community takes pride in our county park," added Veterans Service Agency Director Karl Rohde, a fellow member of the advisory board. "Any idea to have more families visit and enjoy the park while learning about the history of veterans is welcomed."

The Putnam County Veterans Memorial Park Advisory Board is a nine-member board established in the Putnam County Code. Members are either veterans of the armed forces or have experience in park operations. Among its duties, the board provides advice and counsel for the use, maintenance, and daily operation of the park.

Members of the board are appointed by the county executive and confirmed by the Legislature to three-year terms.

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Sheriff Reports Noise Complaint, DWI Arrests

At about 4 a.m. Dec. 15, a Putnam County sheriff's deputy saw a vehicle being driven southbound on Interstae-684 near exit 10 that was unable to maintain its lane of traffic. A stop was initiated and the driver, Dimas Minero Argueta, 36, of Norwalk, Conn., was determined to be intoxicated.

He reportedly violently resisted arrest and was eventually taken into custody with the assistance of a New York State Police trooper and the deployment of a taser.

Argueta was charged with driving while intoxicated, misdemeanor resisting arrest and obstruction of governmental administration, and issued tickets for driving on the shoulder, moving from the lane unsafely, consuming alcohol in a motor vehicle, and refusal to take a breath test. He was processed at the Putnam County Correctional Facility and, due to bail reform,

was issued an appearance ticket and released with a future court date in Southeast Town Court.

At about 7:45 a.m. Dec. 16, deputies were called to a residence on Lake Drive in Putnam Valley for a noise complaint. Upon arrival, they found a crowd of people inside the home and loud music coming from the basement. It was determined that the house was being rented out as an Airbnb and there was a DJ on site.

A deputy had responded to the house overnight for the same complaint about loud music, and the occupants had been warned and told to turn the music off, which they did at the time. Deputies also learned that the 911 Center received multiple calls of loud music and parking issues for this location over the last two days.

An appearance ticket was

issued to the DJ, Jesus Oliveras-Sosa, 25, of Manhattan, for a violation of the town code for unreasonably loud, disturbing or unnecessary noise.

At about 9 p.m. Dec. 16, a deputy was called to Route 9 near Old West Point Road in Philipstown for a report of an erratic driver.

The suspect vehicle was located and stopped, and the driver, Sandra Heron-Bryan, 61, of Poughkeepsie, was reportedly unable to perform field sobriety tests. She was taken into custody and charged with DWI and issued traffic tickets for moving from the lane unsafely and failure to obey a traffic control device.

Heron-Bryan was processed at the correctional facility and issued an appearance ticket returnable to Philipstown Town Court.

Nutrition Corner

By Allison J. Stowell
MS, RD, CDN



Holiday Eating

After a whirlwind holiday season, we're approaching the final weeks of 2024. The week between Christmas and New Year's Day is often filled with decadent dinners, meals out, "appy" hours, and other special foods you don't typically eat. Here are five simple tips for remaining on track so that you can relish these moments without compromising your health and wellness goals.

Make "appy" hour part of your meal: It can be hard to resist afternoon appetizers with family and friends. But these moments can also create an indulgent day. Instead, consider this time as either part of lunch or dinner (rather than simply "extra") to make it less impactful.

Keep a food log: When we aren't following our usual eating pattern, it's very difficult to recall exactly what we had and ensure that all the pieces of our day are fitting together to create a nutritionally balanced day. A food log eliminates this confusion. Keep it throughout the day, noting your intake when you're eating (you won't be able to remember at the end of the day).

Exercise daily: If your day is going to include foods that provide more energy, then adding exercise daily helps you use some of it up. It also reduces stress (not that the holidays are stressful, of course).

Drink mindfully: Beverages (alcoholic and non-alcoholic) can be a significant source of added calories, sugar and other ingredients we're trying to limit. Seek to be more mindful of all your beverage choices as they can easily accumulate and become impactful on your overall health.

Add veggies: Add veggies to every meal to ensure you have something filling, nutritious, and lower in calories, on your plate.

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or visit Hannaford.com/dietitians. For more on the Guiding Stars nutrition guidance program, visit GuidingStars.com.

Mini Latkes & Toppings Bar (2 Guiding Stars) Hannaford.com

These itty-bitty latkes aren't just cuter-their smaller size means you can sample a wide variety of toppings on your plate.

- Ingredients:
- 2 lbs. russet potatoes
 - 2 medium yellow onions
 - 2 large eggs
 - 3/4 cup matzo meal
 - 1 tsp. baking powder
 - 1 1/2 tsp. salt
 - 3/4 cup canola oil, divided

Directions:
Preheat oven to 300 degrees F. Peel potatoes. Using a box grater or the grater disk on a food processor, grate the peeled potatoes and onions. Transfer both to a kitchen towel or cheesecloth and squeeze out any liquid.

In a large bowl, combine potato mixture, eggs, matzo meal, baking powder and salt. Season with pepper.

In a 12" skillet, heat 1/4 cup oil on medium-high. Working in batches, add 1 heaping tablespoon potato mixture to pan and press down gently with a spatula to form 1 1/2" circles. Cook 2 to 3 minutes per side, until golden brown.

Transfer latkes to a wire rack set inside a baking sheet. Season with salt to taste. Place latkes in oven to keep warm. Repeat with remaining potato mixture, adding more oil to pan as needed. Serve with an assortment of toppings.

Tip: Set out a variety of toppings so guests can customize their own latkes. Try classics like applesauce and sour cream, as well as outside-the-box options like prepared horseradish, fresh dill, Greek yogurt, pomegranate seeds and ketchup.

Christmas Cranberry Punch

(Family Features)
Christmas Cranberry Punch

- Ingredients:
- 1 package fresh cranberries
 - 1 can pineapple chunks
 - 3-4 rosemary twigs
 - 6 cans lemon-lime soda, divided
 - 64 ounces cranberry juice
 - 20 ounces orange pineapple juice
 - 1 orange

Directions:
The night before, place four cranberries, two pineapple chunks and a few rosemary sprigs in each hole of silicone muffin pan or ice tray. Cover with 1 can lemon-lime soda and freeze.



Chill remaining soda, cranberry juice and orange pineapple juice overnight.

In punch bowl, mix remaining soda, cranberry juice and orange pineapple juice. Slice orange into 5-6 slices. Add lemon-lime soda ice cubes, handful of cranberries and orange slices. Serve.

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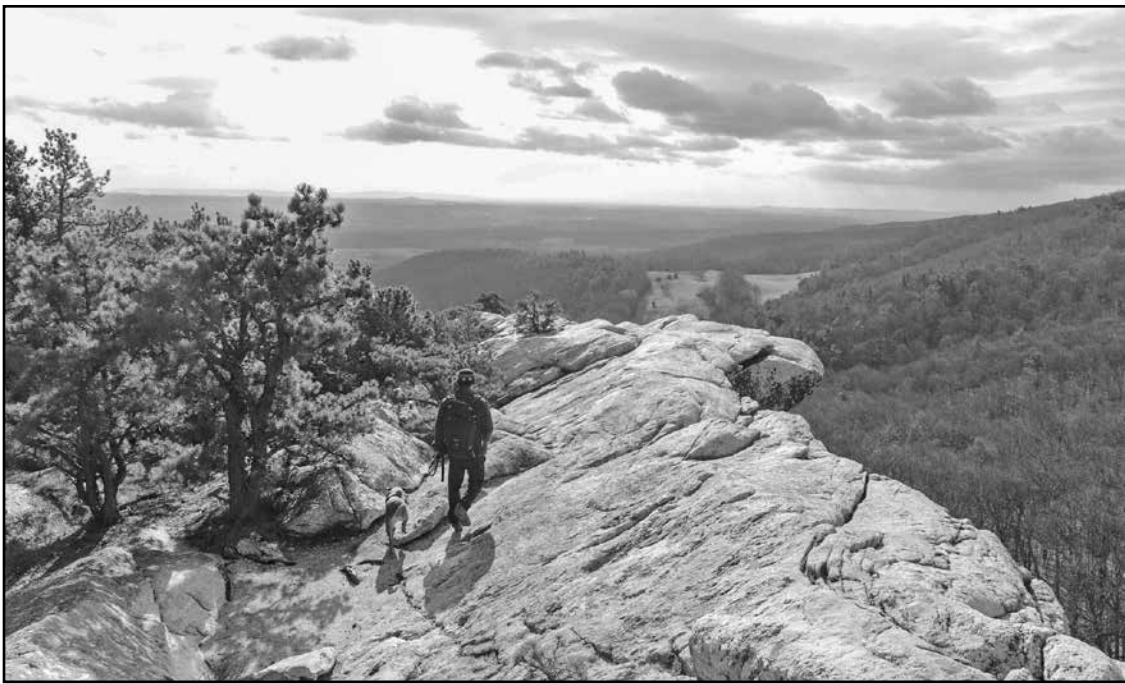


Photo by Diana Richards, courtesy of Scenic Hudson.

Join a ‘First Day Hike’ on Jan. 1

New Yorkers are encouraged to spend time outdoors this holiday season and celebrate the New Year at state parks, historic sites, natural areas, environmental education centers, and public lands across the Empire State on Jan. 1.

The 14th annual First Day Hikes program is offering varied hike options for people at nearly 100 locations across the state to enjoy. While admission to state park grounds is always free, parking fees at all state parks have been waived Jan. 1 to increase access to these events on New Year’s Day.

Noteworthy for 2025 is a scenic hike up the Appalachian Trail at Bear Mountain State Park.

“First Day hikes are a family-friendly tradition that offer a great way to embrace the outdoors this winter season and allow us to take

a break and understand the importance of the connection nature and outdoor recreation has to our physical and mental wellness,” said New York State Parks Commissioner Pro Tempore Randy Simons.

“On New Year’s Day, I encourage you to connect with your community and visit a familiar or new destination to create new memories, treat your wellness, and experience our state’s natural treasures year-round,” he said.

Most walks and hikes are family-friendly and typically range from 1 to 5 miles depending on the location and conditions. More than 120 individual hikes are being offered at state parks, historic sites, canal trails, and DEC natural areas and environmental education centers.

In the Hudson Valley, First

Day Hikes will take place at Bear Mountain State Park, Franklin D. Roosevelt State Park in Yorktown, Little Stony Point/Hudson Highlands State Park in Cold Spring, Croton Gorge Park in Cortlandt, Rockwood Hall in Sleepy Hollow, Staatsburgh State Historic Site/Mills Norrie State Park, Stony Kill Farm Environmental Education Center in Wappingers Falls, and the Walkway Over the Hudson in Poughkeepsie – among other locations.

For a full list of First Day Hikes, times, location details, pre-registration requirements, and additional information, visit <https://parks.ny.gov/events/first-day-hikes.aspx>.

Starting in Massachusetts in 1992, First Day Hikes are now a national event taking place in all 50 states.

Brewster Teen Named Top Student-Athlete at Harvey School



Jackson Saccomanno in action for The Harvey School. Photo by Gabe Palacio.

Jackson Saccomanno of Brewster has been selected as The Harvey School’s fall term top male student-athlete.

As a senior captain and quarterback for Harvey’s New England Preparatory School Athletic Council 8-Man League championship football team, Saccomanno had an outstanding year on the field. For the season, he completed 119 of 215 passes (55 percent) for 1,558 yards and 18 touchdowns, and led the team in rushing with 520 yards on 77 carries (6.8 yards per carry) and 15 TDs.

Overall, Saccomanno had 2,078 all-purpose yards and scored or passed for 33 TDs. He earned All-NEPSAC recognition for his fine season.

In his fall term academic studies, Saccomanno earned a place atop the head’s list as a “cavalier scholar” with a grade-point average of close to 4.0.

“Jackson was a big reason why our team was so successful this season and helped Harvey football win its first title in more than 20 years,” said Harvey head football coach Kyle Delaney. “As a captain, Jackson led by example both on and off the field. The coaches and team couldn’t be more proud of his accomplishments and being named the top fall student-athlete.”

The athletics department at The Harvey School, located in Katonah, selects the top male and female student-athletes for each of the three academic terms.

Putnam Man Honored by Youth Soccer League

By Randy Vogt
Director of PR at ENYYSA

The Hudson Valley Youth Soccer League added five new members to its Hall of Fame – including one Putnam County man – at a Dec. 8 dinner at Cosimo’s Trattoria in Poughkeepsie.

The honorees were the first to be inducted into the HVYSL Hall of Fame since 2019.

Dean Martin volunteered as president of the Brewster United Soccer Club for many years after having served in other board positions before that. He has been the field coordinator and still serves as a mentor to both new and inexperienced coaches and board members.

In addition, he came out of retirement to coach a girls’ under-12 team so they would not be forced

to disband.

The Hudson Valley Youth Soccer League is a member of the non-profit Eastern New York Youth Soccer Association, which stretches from Montauk Point, Long Island, to the Canadian border.

ENYYSA exists to promote

and enhance the game of soccer for children and teenagers between the ages of 5 and 19 years old, and to encourage the healthy development of youth players, coaches, referees, and administrators. It is a member of the United States Soccer Federation and U.S. Youth Soccer.

We Will Miss

Brewster

Mary (Marion) Zema, 98, December 6, Beecher Funeral Home, Brewster, NY, (845) 279-3615.

Carmel

Joseph Montalto, 59, December 9, Cargain Funeral Home, Carmel, (845) 225-3672.

Cold Spring

Mario Gregorio, 73, December 16, Clinton Inc Funeral Homes, Cold Spring, (845) 265-3333.

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Minimum Wage to Increase Jan. 1

New Yorkers earning minimum wage will earn an additional 50 cents per hour starting Jan. 1, when the state's minimum wage will increase to \$16.50 per hour in New York City, Westchester, and Long Island, and \$15.50 per hour for the rest of the state.

This adjustment is part of New York's historic multi-year agreement between Gov. Kathy Hochul and the State Legislature to index the minimum wage to inflation.

"In this current era of inflation and rising costs, every cent counts for all New Yorkers, especially workers who earn minimum wage," said New York State Department of Labor Commissioner Roberta Reardon. "By gradually increasing wages for the lowest earners, we are ensuring businesses can adjust to the change while also helping

more families make ends meet."

The minimum wage is scheduled to increase by another 50 cents in 2026, and then increase annually starting in 2027 at a rate determined by the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners & Clerical Workers for the Northeast Region – the most accurate regional measure of inflation.

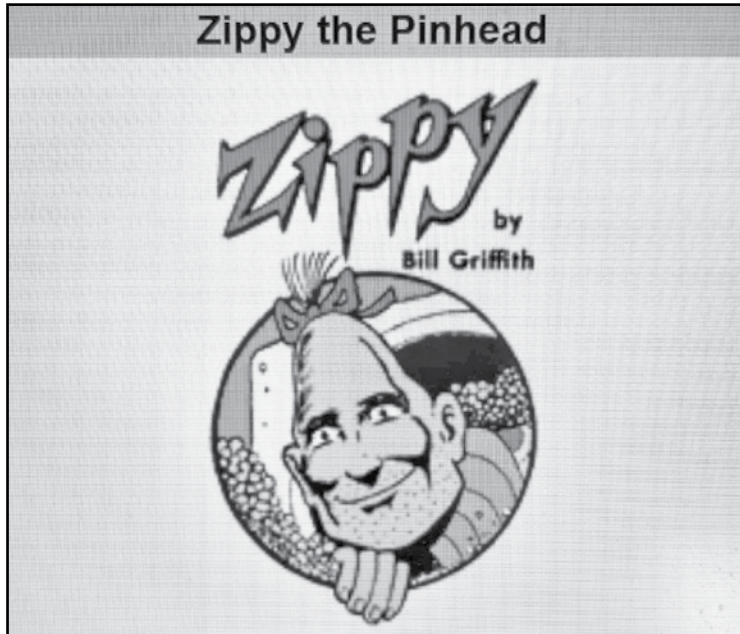
An "off-ramp" is available in the event of certain economic or budget conditions.

Employers can find additional information, including an interactive minimum wage lookup tool, at <https://dol.ny.gov/minimum-wage-0>.

Minimum wage earners who do not see the increase reflected in their paychecks can file a wage complaint on the NYS Department of Labor's website or by calling 833-910-4378.

History Column

Jack Alcott, Southeast Historian



Old Zip in Brewster

The sideshow was one of the more shocking, offensive,

and popular attractions in the era of the American circus – and Danbury native P.T. Barnum was its most famous exploiter.

Barnum's troupe of unusual performers included the miniature human Tom Thumb, the "Siamese Twins" Chang and Eng, and Old Zip – the so-called "pinhead."

Zip and Tom Thumb, according to the local history book "Brewster Through the Years," were frequent visitors to Southeast's Sodom section, home to circusman Frank Townsend and impresario Seth B. Howes.

The Brewster area was rife with circus folk in the 19th century. In 1825 (or maybe 1826 ... the history is hazy), arguably the first big top tent in the U.S. was erected in Sodom by Nathan Howes, Seth's older brother.

Seth Howes was P.T. Barnum's right-hand man and manager in Europe for The Great London Circus of the 1850s.

Circus animals were kept up on Starr Ridge and over in "Monkeytown" on Turk Hill, named after the monkeys and other wild animals housed in the area. Seth later built his magnificent Morningthorpe Castle there (1893).

So, with all its major circus connections, it's really not that odd that Old Zip and Tom Thumb were hanging around Brewster sometime in the 1870s. There are reports of Thumb and Zip joining regular card games at the Howes' brothers' original homestead "Stonehenge" in Sodom on Brewster Hill Road (formerly Howes Street).

Despite Zip's microcephalic appearance, he was allegedly quite a dignified, affable fellow and an accomplished card shark. When not clad in a furry suit for his sideshow act, he liked to wear a tuxedo.

Both Tom Thumb and Old Zip enjoyed alcoholic beverages and the other circusmen were also known to imbibe. As such, those poker games at Townsend's place and Stonehenge likely got pretty wild.

Another local reminiscence has someone's auntie giving tiny Tom Thumb a horseback ride and galloping about Sodom while struggling to keep the little man in the saddle.

Nineteenth century Sodom probably owes its wicked biblical name and reputation in no small part to the hamlet's taverns, brothels, and somewhat disreputable (but rich!) circusmen. Stir in Brewster's rough-and-ready miners, railroad men, cattlemen, farmers, and Borden's factory workers who liked to head to Sodom's raucous drinking holes after a hard day – and whoa!

The legend of Old Zip has persisted even into our more civil and politically correct era. In the 1970s, cartoonist Bill Griffith of San Francisco popularized a zany newspaper comic strip called "Zippy the Pinhead" that had its origin in the iconic Old Zip of the 19th century.

Note: While Bethel, Conn., rightfully lays claim to P.T. Barnum because he was born there in 1810, it was a hamlet of Danbury at the time. Bethel didn't incorporate and part ways with the city until about 1850.

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

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Putnam County Community Events

Storytimes

Reed Memorial Library in Carmel will host the following storytimes beginning in January: Babies in the Library at 10:30 a.m. Mondays for age eight 23 months. Time For Twos at 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays for age 2 to 3 years. Pre-School Storytime at 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays for children age 3 to 5 years. Family Storytime at 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays for age 2 to 5 years. Registration is required at carmellibrary.org or 845-225-2439.

Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration for the Brewster High School Class of 2038 will take place the weeks of March 3 and March 10, by appointment only. Children who will be 5 years old on or before Dec. 1 are eligible to register for September classes. Families residing in the district are asked to call 845-279-5051, ext. 6162, for English; or 845-279-2087, ext. 4143 or 4144, for Spanish, for more information.

New Parents Support

A New Parents Zoom Support Group will meet Fridays at 11 a.m., thanks to Mahopac Public Library. No-cost, professionally-facilitated support for all who seek professional advice, peer companionship, and kind support. Co-facilitated by Katherine Whiteside and Dr. Rachel Lemonik. This group is open to all residents of Putnam. Email beautifulmamas123@gmail.com to request a Zoom invitation.

Coat Drive

Putnam Community Action Partnership is accepting donations of new (with tags on) children's winter coats (age 0 to 18), dropped off at 121 Main St., Brewster, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Shelter & Warming Station

Starting at 8:30 p.m. daily through March, those who find themselves without housing may stay at the Brewster Cares shelter, or call 845-279-6146. The daytime warming center is also open at the same location, from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. Hot meals, a safe space to sleep, a place to bathe and launder clothes, and a communal atmosphere are offered.

Wednesday, Dec. 25

Menorah Lighting

Chabad of Putnam will lead a community menorah lighting Dec. 25 at 6 p.m., at the corner of Route 312 and North Brewster Road (across from the fire station) in Brewster. Attendees may enjoy hot latkes and cider.

Saturday, Dec. 28

Family Winter Trivia

Brewster Public Library will host family winter trivia Saturday, Dec. 28 from 1 to 2 p.m. for all ages. Bring friends and family to test your knowledge on Disney, the library, winter wonders, and more. Snacks will be served and winners will receive a prize. Registration is required at brewsterlibrary.org.

Sunday, Dec. 29

Menorah Lighting

The Hamlet of Carmel Civic Association will sponsor a menorah lighting ceremony Sunday, Dec. 29 at 4 p.m., on the shore of Lake

Gleneida at the intersection of Routes 6 and 52, opposite Reed Memorial Library. Rabbi Avi Korer of Chabad of Putnam County will preside over this Chanukah ceremony with singing and refreshments.

Tuesday, Dec. 31

Noon Years Eve

Kids age 3 to 10 may participate in a Noon Years Eve celebration Tuesday, Dec. 31 from 11 a.m. to noon at Brewster Public Library, with crafts, dancing and activities. Enjoy a countdown at noon with a balloon drop. Registration is required at brewsterlibrary.org.

Thursday, Jan. 2

Game Challenge

Mahopac Public Library will host a kids versus teens game challenge Thursday, Jan. 2 at 2 p.m. Challenge a teen to board games, chess, checkers, card games, electronic games and more. Bring a favorite from home. For children in kindergarten through grade five and teens in grades six and up. Register online at www.mahopaclibrary.org or call 845-628-2009, ext. 139.

Republican Women's Club

The Putnam County Republican Women's Club meets the first Thursday of each month in Brewster. The 2025 dates include Jan. 2, Feb. 6, March 6, April 3, May 1, June 5, Sept. 4, Oct. 2, Nov. 6 and Dec. 4. Email putnamwomensgop@gmail.com for information.

Friday, Jan. 3

'The Wild Robot'

Mahopac Public Library will show "The Wild Robot" on Friday, Jan. 3 at 2 p.m. Snacks will be served.

Monday, Jan. 6

Career Coaching

Diamond Mullings, an experienced career coach with a passion for helping others succeed in and out of the workplace, will be at Mahopac Public Library starting Monday, Jan. 6 and Tuesday, Jan. 7, at 4:45 and 5:45 p.m. Whether you are a first-time worker, returning to the workforce, or an established executive, ensure you take the right steps toward success. Register at www.mahopaclibrary.org or call 845-628-2009, ext. 152.

Tuesday, Jan. 7

Excel Series

Mahopac Public Library will offer a series in Excel starting Tuesday, Jan. 7 at 2 p.m. Proficiency in Microsoft Excel is a high-demand skill in the job market. Go from getting to know the layout of Excel to creating PivotTables. Register at www.mahopaclibrary.org or call 845-628-2009, ext. 152.

Lego Club

Kids in kindergarten through grade four are invited to join Kent Public Library on Tuesdays, Jan. 7, Feb. 4, March 4 and April 1 at 4:30 p.m. Creations will be displayed in the children's section. This is not a drop-off program; parents must remain in the building. Registration required.

Wednesday, Jan. 8

Comix & Crafts

Join Mahopac Public Library the first Wednesday of each month to discuss a graphic novel title in depth, beginning Wednesday, Jan. 8 at 4 p.m. Most meetings will be a discussion and an activity/craft related to the reading. This month's book is "The Moth Keeper" written and illustrated by K. O'Neill. Read ahead and bring your copy of the book. Additional copies are available at the circulation desk. For teens age 14 and older. Register at www.mahopaclibrary.org or call 845-628-2009, ext. 115.

Marine Corps League

The Marine Corps League Putnam County Detachment meets the second Wednesday each month. For membership, email MCLPutnamCountyNY242@gmail.com.

Thursday, Jan. 9

Meditation

Reed Memorial Library in Carmel will present the Mindful Meditation Series beginning Jan. 9 at 6 p.m. Registration is required at carmellibrary.org/calendar.

'Sight'

Patterson Library will show "Sight" on Thursday, Jan. 9 at 1 p.m. The inspiring true story of Ming Wang, an impoverished Chinese prodigy who flees Communist China to become a pioneering eye surgeon in America. When tasked with restoring the sight of an orphan who was blinded by her stepmother, he must confront the trauma of living through the violent uprising in his youth. Rated PG-13. Adults 18 and older. To register, call 845-878-6121 or go to www.pattersonlibrary.org.

Friday, Jan. 10

Film Night for Adults

Mahopac Public Library will show "Phantom Thread" (2017, 131 minutes, rated R), on Friday, Jan. 10 at 6 p.m. Register at www.mahopaclibrary.org or call 845-628-2009, ext. 100.

Saturday, Jan. 11

Life Coaching

Join Diane Ingram, life coach and coach trainer, at Mahopac Public Library on Saturday, Jan. 11 at noon for an engaging conversation about goals, desires, and life purpose. Discover how to gain clarity and start creating more of what you truly want in life. For adults. To register, call 845-878-6121 or go to www.pattersonlibrary.org.

Cello Concert

Mahopac Public Library will present a winter concert featuring Alex Prizgintas on cello Saturday, Jan. 11 at 1 p.m. Having more than 10 years of classical training, Prizgintas pushes the limits of the cello to achieve sounds of jazz, rock 'n roll, Latin tangos, Broadway classics, and more. Register at www.mahopaclibrary.org or call 845-628-2009, ext. 100.

Doo Wop

Reed Memorial Library in Carmel will present "Start the Year Off Rockin' - Early Rock & Doo Wop" on Jan. 11 at 11 a.m. Registration is required at carmellibrary.org/calendar.

Sunday, Jan. 12

Breakfast

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

Monday, Jan. 13

Chess Club

Children in grades three and older are invited to the Kent Public Library on Mondays, Jan. 13, Feb. 10 and March 10, from 4 to 5:30 p.m., to play chess and socialize with other enthusiasts. There is no instructional element to this class. It is for beginning and advanced players to share the joy of playing. Chess sets will be available to use but feel free to bring your own. Register online for each session individually. Snacks will be served.

Tuesday, Jan. 14

Tai Chi for Arthritis

The Putnam Hospital rehabilitation department will offer a winter session of Tai Chi for arthritis and fall prevention from Jan. 14 through March 28, on Tuesdays and Fridays from 1 to 2 p.m., in its conference rooms at 670 Stoneleigh Ave., Carmel. Taught by physical therapists Robin Kushner and Kirsy Vera. Participants should be able to walk independently and follow instructions. \$35. Preregistration is required by calling 845-279-1785.

Stone Chambers

Reed Memorial Library in Carmel will present the "Stone Chambers of Putnam County" on Jan. 14 at 1 p.m. Registration is required at carmellibrary.org/calendar.

Wednesday, Jan. 15

Teen Advisory Board

Teens age 12 to 18 are invited to join Kent Public Library on Wednesday, Jan. 15 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. to meet with peers and the head of youth services to discuss what you want from your library's teen department. Intended for Kent and Carmel residents who are middle school, junior high, high school, or homeschool students. Pizza will be served. Community services hours eligible. Register online.

Thursday, Jan. 16

Painting for Preschoolers

Reed Memorial Library will host Painting for Preschoolers on Thursday afternoons at 1 p.m. beginning Jan. 16. For children age 3 to 5 years. Features different techniques for messy indoor fun. Registration is required at carmellibrary.org or 845-225-2439.

Watercolor

Reed Memorial Library in Carmel presents "Watercolor with Janine" via Zoom on Jan. 16 at 6 p.m. Registration is required at carmellibrary.org/calendar.

Saturday, Jan. 18

Pokémon Club

Children age 6 to 11 are invited to Kent Public Library on Saturdays, Jan. 18, Feb. 15 and March 29 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for a monthly Pokémon Club. Enjoy trading, snacks, doing crafts, and hanging out with other enthusiasts.

Registration is required.

Tuesday, Jan. 21

Kids Craft Club

Kids in kindergarten through grade four are invited to the Kent Public Library on Tuesdays, Jan. 21, Feb. 25, March 18 and April 22 at 4:30 p.m. to read a book and make a seasonal craft. Registration is required.

Kent Library Meetings

The Kent Public Library Board of Trustees will meet at 7 p.m. in the library on the following Tuesdays: Jan. 21, Feb. 18, March 18, April 15, May 20, June 17, July 15, Aug. 19, Sept. 16, Oct. 21, Nov. 18 and Dec. 16.

'Molly's Game'

Patterson Library will show "Molly's Game" on Tuesday, Jan. 21 at 1 p.m. The true story of Molly Bloom, an Olympic-class skier who reinvents herself after a career-ending injury, running the world's most exclusive high-stakes poker games for celebrities and the ultra-elite. As the games escalate, so do the risks - until the FBI comes calling. Rated PG-13. Adults. To register, call 845-878-6121 or go to www.pattersonlibrary.org.

Thursday, Jan. 23

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Library Meetings

The Mahopac Public Library Board of Trustees will meet at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 23, Feb. 27, March 27, April 24 and May 22. The annual meeting is June 2 (7 p.m.), with the reorganizational meeting July 10.

Saturday, Jan. 25

'In Our Right Minds'

The Town of Southeast Cultural Arts Coalition will present "In Our Right Minds," a film screening and discussion with filmmaker Dale Allen, on Saturday, Jan. 25 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., at Studio Around the Corner, 67 Main St., Brewster. Discuss how the sacred feminine meets the nature of our brain to bring about humanity's natural balance.

Wednesday, Jan. 29

Coloring & Conversation

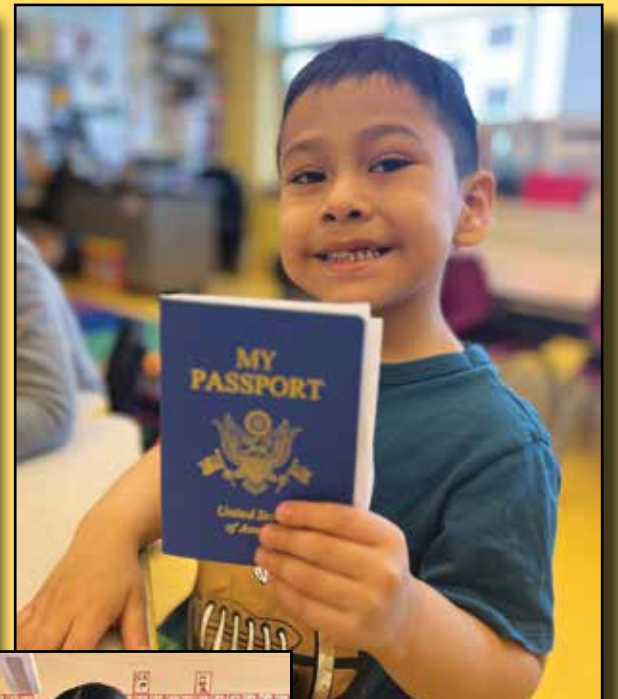
Teens in grades seven to 12 are invited to join Kent Public Library on Wednesday, Jan. 29 from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. for creativity and relaxation. Color pages filled with kawaii, anime, fantasy and mythological creatures using supplied colored pencils and markers. Feel free to bring your own sketchbooks and art supplies. Register online.

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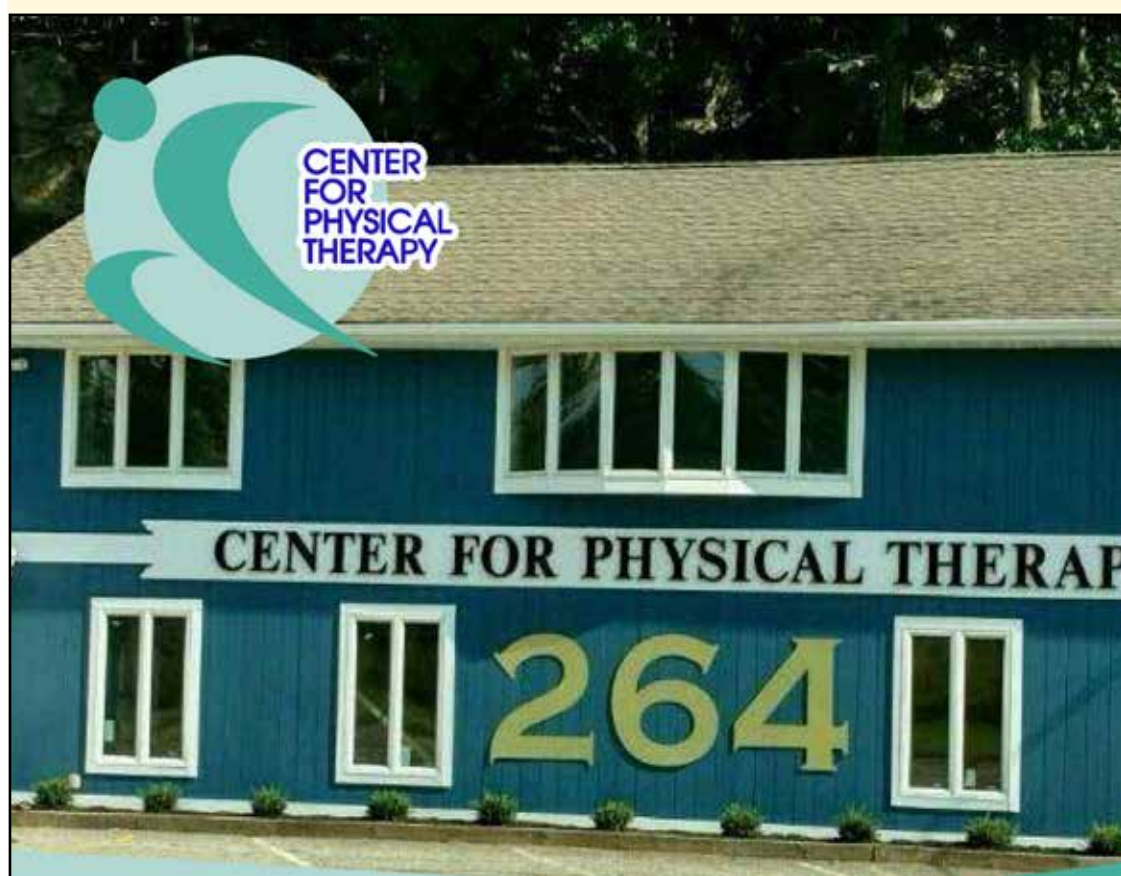
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Brewster Dual-Language Students 'Travel' for the Holidays



Kindergarteners in the dual languages program at Brewster show off their "passports."

Brewster dual languages teacher Victoria DeJesus stamps her kindergarteners' "passports."



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"Who knows where we are traveling today?" asked dual languages teacher Victoria DeJesus of her Brewster kindergarteners recently. "Get your boarding tickets out and punched and get ready to fly to Puerto Rico! Estamos en Puerto Rico!"

Boarding tickets were punched and the class was off... by way of a video of an actual plane taking off, flying through the clouds, and landing in the tropical climes of Puerto Rico.

"Look at the water. Mira la aqua. Look at the houses. Mira las casas," said DeJesus as the plane started to descend.

Puerto Rico is near and dear to DeJesus' heart, as this is where she is from, so when she describes the beaches, mountains, and maracas, it's with adoration. As she describes her home, she repeats the words in Spanish: "playas," "montañas," "maracas."

"That's why you are a good Spanish teacher," said Sebastian Yllanes.

The dual languages kindergarten class had already been issued "passports," and students "traveled" to Guatemala and

Mexico in the Spanish zone, and the U.S., Israel, and Sweden in the English zone. The idea is to both expose students to the different holiday traditions in different countries, and introduce them to Spanish and English vocabulary.

There were many layers of the trip to Puerto Rico - all of which were spoken in Spanish and English. This included the boarding tickets, plane flight, music and traditions; coloring flags, flowers and maracas; and reading and writing.

In a cultures/culturas booklet that each student was issued, kindergartners wrote how "miro la maraca-DeJesus" emphasizes the sounds in the word "ma-ra-ca," and then drew their own instrument.

The following week, the two dual language classes marched around the school with maracas to show off their skills.

By the end of the class, students had learned about the Puerto Rican flag, beaches, illuminated kayaking, dancing, parades, gift exchange, family traditions, and foods.

Where will they go next? A dónde irán después?

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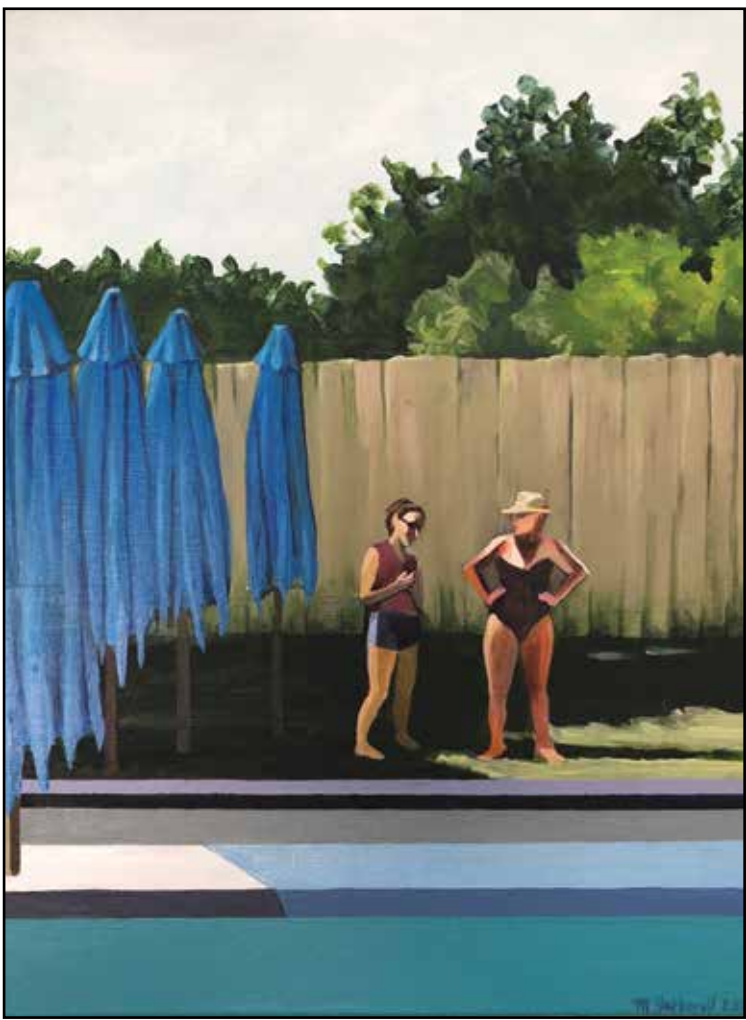
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Exhibit Features Hudson Valley People & Places



"The White Dog."



"Club Goddess."

An exhibition of more than 30 acrylic paintings by Hudson Valley artist Mary Fetherolf will be on display Jan. 12 through Feb. 4 in the Third Floor Gallery at Mahopac Public Library.

Fetherolf's paintings integrate representations of people with the beautiful scenery of the Hudson Valley.

"Making a painting can take hours or days, so the very act of painting says, 'Here is a moment the artist chose to give prolonged consideration,'" she said. "This consideration takes place not only in the attentive actions of mixing colors and forming shapes on the canvas, but also in observing people in context."

The exhibition will feature paintings of individuals, on their own and interacting, in the context of natural scenery. Each of these representational works offer an invitation to reflect on a moment together with the artist; the paintings are invitations to appreciate the world we all make together.

Fetherolf is a painter based in Dutchess County with San Francisco roots. She has shown regularly with Beacon Open Studios and San Francisco Open



Mary Fetherolf will be the featured artist at Mahopac Public Library in January.

Studios, and had a previous solo exhibition at Canessa Gallery in San Francisco.

The public is invited to attend the opening reception for Fetherolf's exhibit Sunday, Jan. 12 from 2 to 4 p.m. in The Third Floor Gallery, where they can meet the artist, view her collection, and enjoy light refreshments.

For more information, visit mahopalibrary.org/art-galleries or email mplgallerycommittee@gmail.com.

Carmel Students Join Tuba Christmas at Rockefeller Center



George Fischer Middle School music teachers Erika Wahlers and Eric Pecor took a dozen seventh- and eighth-graders from Carmel to perform at the 51st annual Tuba Christmas at Rockefeller Center on Dec. 15.



Players from all over the world – including England, Germany and Alaska and ranging in age from 11 to 77 – played in front of the Christmas tree at Rockefeller Center.

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Brewster eighth-graders recently learned about the Pathways to Technology program available at the high school.

Brewster H.S. Recruits for P-Tech

The Henry H. Wells Middle School auditorium was recently filled with 238 eighth-graders for the second annual Brewster Opportunities (Pathways to Technology) assembly, joined by leaders from Wells, district administrators, and a representative from Westchester Community College.

The purpose of the assembly was to both inform and recruit the next class of students.

"I know eighth grade might seem early to be thinking about college, but high school is right around the corner and through this program you can get a head start on whatever it is you want to do after high school," said Brewster Opportunities Director

Miguel Suarez.

"The best part is you can obtain a free associate's degree at WCC in one of the three technical fields offered – cyber security, mechanical or electrical technology," he said. "And we have so many community partners right here in Brewster that want to mentor and employ our students."

Suarez showed slides and spoke about the program, including careers and starting salaries, to show students how the program might pay off.

Currently there are 53 ninth-graders enrolled in Brewster Opportunities at Brewster High School. Some of those students attended the assembly to high-

light the program for their peers.

Marcus Castro talked about a trip to Lamordermics, a foundry that is just down the street from the district that makes parts for the aerospace industry, parts for food processing, and parts for construction and medical machinery.

"We got to see molten metal being poured into the casts," he said. "It's a really cool place."

Through the program, students can learn how to make casts like the ones used at Lamordermics.

Parents interested in learning more about the program for their teens may contact the district for information.

Reed Library Celebrates Chanukah



Michal Korer of the Chabad of Putnam stopped by Reed Memorial Library in Carmel recently to read a story about Chanukah, teach children how to use a dreidel, and help them create their own.



Public May Comment on Clean Water Projects

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation recently released draft eligibility guidelines to implement funding under the Clean Water, Clean Air & Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act of 2022, which are available for public review and comment.

The Water Quality Improvement Project grant program, and others where applicable, will make Bond Act funding available on a competitive basis to eligible entities to implement projects that reduce the adverse impacts of harmful algal blooms on water quality and associated uses.

Funds for eligible projects may be used in conjunction with other available sources, such as federal funds and grants, state funding that will be repaid, and local government or not-for-profit contributions. Funds may be used across other bondable eligible project types within the WQIP program, which specifically target nutrient reductions to improve water quality and reduce the frequency of HABs.

Municipalities including Indian nations, soil and water conservation districts, not-for-profit corporations, and state agencies will be eligible for funding.

Priority will be given to projects that directly protect drinking water supplies and water quality in respective watersheds, as defined in various U.S. Environmental Protection Agency- and DEC-approved clean water plans, as well as projects that support actions identified in state HAB action plans, DEC watershed program action agendas, and DEC-accepted drinking water source protection plans.

Examples of eligible projects may include:

- Construction and implementation of projects that directly improve water quality of drinking water supply intakes (extension/repositioning/addition of intakes), improve filtration or technology upgrades, improve internal lake circulation, reduce water stagnation, and act to promote sediment and nutrient fallout, among others;
- Construction and implementation of runoff reduction best management projects on agricultural and non-agricultural lands that reduce stormwater and nutrient runoff and soil erosion;
- Replacement and repair of failing/failed septic systems to maximize their functional capacity and minimize their nutrient contributions;
- Creation of riparian buffers and wetlands or enhancement/restoration of existing riparian buffers and wetlands as nutrient and sediment reduction strategies; and
- Acquisition and conservation of lands to protect and maintain existing vegetated buffers along waterways and wetlands.

DEC will evaluate projects based on overall responsiveness and factors including project impact, project readiness, reasonableness of cost, climate and flood resiliency, environmental benefit, and other criteria.

Public comments on the draft guidelines will be accepted through Friday, Jan. 10, and can be submitted in writing, by mail to Stephanie June, NYSDEC, Division of Water, 625 Broadway, Albany, NY 12233-3502; or e-mail to user.water@dec.ny.gov.



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Elementary school students in Mahopac recently engaged in interactive coding activities.

Mahopac Students Join Global Hour of Code

Mahopac elementary school students from across the district recently engaged in interactive coding activities during the annual worldwide Hour of Code, an event that is a highlight of Computer Science Education Week from Dec. 9 to 15.

The initiative is aimed at encouraging students from all grade levels to learn about computer science through introductory coding activities. Through hands-on projects and games, the students explored coding concepts – including loops, conditionals and algorithms – building problem-solving skills along the way and demystifying code.

During a lesson, STEAM teachers introduced kindergartners to basic robotics principles, such as sequential programming. The students explored how line-sensing robots change movement and speed based on the different colors and shapes of lines they drew.

During another Hour of Code activity, third- and-fourth graders worked on Music Lab, an experience that teaches students how to combine creativity and technology to make their own song.

“Our students learned how to make music with code by using

blocks to create their own music and problem-solve, determining how to make their music sound just right,” said Lakeview STEAM teacher Jenn Borst. “They explored how loops can make beats repeat, how functions organize sections of their song, and how events can start new sounds with the press of a button.”

Fulmar Road STEAM teacher Mimi Murphy emphasized that Hour of Code is not only an opportunity for students to develop technical skills, but also to spark curiosity about the world of technology.

“It fosters teamwork and collaboration, encouraging students to think critically as they work together to complete coding challenges,” she said.

Austin Road STEAM teacher Trish Huestis explained why students eagerly anticipate this time of year.

“Coding and robotics are always an exciting time in our STEAM curriculum, and we can see our students’ growth from year to year,” she said. “By scaffolding the lessons each year, students continue to increase their skills. Coding is a very important part of learning how to solve problems.”

Food Recycling Program Expands

Gov. Kathy Hochul recently signed legislation to expand New York’s food donation and food scraps recycling program, which provides high-quality food to low-income New Yorkers.

Since launching in 2022, food waste generators have successfully diverted tens of millions of pounds of food to those in need, she said.

Legislation S.5331-A/A.5906-A will promote the collection of more excess edible food and send more food scraps for recycling – including composting and anaerobic digestion – by gradually increasing the number of businesses and institutions required to donate excess edible food and recycle food scraps if they are within 50 miles (increased from the prior law’s 25 miles) of an organics recycler.

With funding from the Department of Environmental Conservation, Feeding New York State (the state association of New York’s 10 Feeding America member food banks) has been able to increase new food donations, reporting an average of 2 million pounds of food donations each month.

The program reached a record 32 million pounds of food since

launching in 2022.

“So many people in communities statewide still face food insecurity, which is why we cannot let up our fight against hunger,” said State Sen. Pete Harckham, D-Peekskill. “The success of the food donation law has been truly remarkable, and by expanding this law we address sustainability and climate accountability, as well as the need to lessen waste in our landfills.”

Feeding New York State Executive Director Jay Hawkins said expansion of the food donation and food scraps recycling program, alongside continued support, will empower the state to grow its nation-leading Food Recovery Program and make significant strides toward a hunger-free New York.

The state’s climate agenda calls for an affordable and just transition to a clean energy economy that creates family-sustaining jobs, promotes economic growth through green investments, and directs a minimum of 35 percent of the benefits to disadvantaged communities. New York is advancing a suite of efforts to achieve an emissions-free economy by 2050, including in the energy, buildings, transportation, and waste sectors.

Slater Appointed to Key Assembly Committees

Assemblyman Matt Slater, R-Yorktown, has been assigned to five key committees by Assembly Minority Leader Will Barclay for the 2025-26 Legislative Session.

He will serve as ranking member of the Assembly Standing Committee on Election Law, in which he will serve as the Assembly Republican Conference’s chief policymaker on election issues in New York. In addition, Slater was appointed to the Assembly’s environmental conservation, health, labor, and transportation committees.

“As the new ranking member of the Assembly Election Law Committee, I am committed to advancing legislation that strengthens election integrity,” he said. “This includes requiring valid government-issued photo ID to vote, ensuring only U.S. citizens can vote in elections, and requiring the New York State Board of Elections to verify voter citizenship through the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements program.”

Slater, who has been endorsed by the New York League of Conservation Voters in the last two elections, will now also be a member of the Assembly Environmental Conservation Committee.

“As Yorktown town supervisor, I spearheaded the town’s Climate Smart Community designation and expanded renewable energy initiatives,” he said. “I’ve been a strong advocate for combating harmful algal blooms and introduced bill A.6266 to study pond and lake management effectiveness. Additionally, I’ve urged Gov. Hochul to expand

the Septic Replacement Program to benefit lake communities like Lake Peekskill and Putnam Lake.”

On his appointment to the Health Committee, Slater emphasized his ongoing advocacy.

“I’ve been a leading advocate to enhance the health of every child in New York State by providing universal, no-cost school lunches,” he said. “I believe this is a vital investment in children’s health and in the future of our state. As a former senior staffer in the State Senate, I helped organize the Senate Task Force on Opioids & Heroin and, in the State Assembly, I’ve continued to lead the fight against the opioid epidemic. Recently, I’ve also advanced bills expanding health care access and postpartum depression screening.”

In his campaigns for Yorktown supervisor and the State Assembly, Slater has been endorsed by dozens of unions and labor organizations, the AFL-CIO, CSEA and NYSUT – which he says gives him credentials to continue to serve on the Labor

Committee.

“I have worked hard to build a strong knowledge of labor issues and how they affect the hardworking families that are the backbone of New York’s economy,” he said.

Rebuilding the Hudson Valley’s transportation infrastructure was a leading priority for Slater during his first term. “I was pleased to serve on the Transportation Committee last session, where I was able to secure more than \$30 million for infrastructure upgrades for the 94th District, including a \$3.5 million investment for Route 312 in Southeast,” he said, in accepting reappointment to the committee. “I look forward to building on this success in my second term.”

In his first term, Slater served as ranking minority member of the Libraries & Education Technology Committee, and participated on several key committees, including government operations, labor, real property taxation, transportation, and oversight, analysis and investigation.

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From left are Putnam County Executive Kevin Byrne, PCSEA President Ismael Matias, and County Sheriff Kevin McConville.

County & Sheriff's Employees Reach Agreement

Earlier this month, the County Legislature unanimously adopted – and Putnam Executive Kevin Byrne signed – a resolution approving a five-year memorandum of agreement with the Putnam County Sheriff's Employment Association that covers the timeframe of Jan. 1, 2024, to Dec. 31, 2028.

"This contract is the result of good-faith negotiations and mutual respect," said PCSEA President

Ismael Matias. "It provides our members with the resources and support they need to perform their critical duties while maintaining fiscal responsibility for our community. I want to thank County Executive Byrne, Sheriff McConville, and the County Legislature for recognizing the hard work and dedication of the PCSEA members who serve Putnam County every day."

Legal Protections in Domestic Violence Cases Expanded

Gov. Kathy Hochul recently signed legislation expanding protections in domestic violence cases in criminal and family court, and recognizing that domestic violence does not just impact a person who is or was in an intimate relationship with an abuser – it impacts their family and household members as well.

Under this legislation, all family and household members will be afforded the same process in court, including the ability to obtain an order of protection. Previous laws only allowed unrelated children under the age of 18 to be included on the adult family member's order of protection.

Additionally, this legislation will allow these family and household members to file family offense petitions in Family Court.

Melanie's Law is named after Melanie Chianese, who was killed by her mother's ex-boyfriend while he was awaiting sentencing after pleading guilty to a domestic violence felony. Melanie's mother, Cheryl Chianese-Cavalli, was able to get orders of protection for herself

and Melanie's 4-year-old son, but Melanie was ineligible because she was 29.

Melanie's Law recognizes the importance of protecting those close to a victim, as in many cases, those who harm will use any method to establish power and control over their partner, including hurting those who matter most to them.

"Today is a big step forward for domestic violence," said Chianese-Cavalli. "Melanie's Law will save lives and her legacy will live on forever in our hearts."

The signing comes one month after more than 250 professionals from across the state arrived in Albany to attend "Learning the Signs: Assessing the Risk of Lethality in Domestic Violence Cases" – the state's first summit of its kind – hosted by the state's Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and the state's Division of Criminal Justice Services.

The two-day training provided law enforcement agencies, attorneys, social services staff, gender-based violence services

providers, and other professionals with the necessary training and tools to assess danger in domestic violence cases and respond in a survivor-centered, trauma-informed, and culturally responsive manner.

In October, Hochul announced a record-level \$35 million state investment to improve the public safety response to intimate partner abuse and domestic violence and better address the needs of victims and survivors.

"Domestic violence is an insidious malady that not only has a devastating effect on the target of abuse, but has a traumatic impact on the children and all other family members in the home," said Office of Children & Family Services Commissioner Dr. DaMia Harris-Madden. "I applaud Gov. Hochul and the advocates for signing this potentially life-saving legislation that closes a dangerous gap in the law and will enable Family Court to issue orders of protection to anyone in a family or household who could be in danger from a domestic abuser."

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VEOLIA WATER NEW YORK, INC. - NEW YORK RATE DISTRICT - FOREST PARK SYSTEM

Pursuant to an Order of the Public Service Commission of the State of New York, issued on May 16, 2024 in Case 23-W-0111, Veolia Water New York Inc., has been granted an increase in rates for water service in the "levelized" amount of \$9.3 million or 6.7%, effective February 1, 2025.

The old and new rates are set forth below:

	Old Rates	New Rates
SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL		
Quantity Used in the Month		
	(Per Hundred Cubic Feet (ccf))	
First 5 ccf	\$ 5.7202	\$ 6.2517
Next 7 ccf	\$ 7.5571	\$ 8.2593
Over 12 ccf	\$ 11.9662	\$ 13.0780
Cost of Water (all usage)	\$ 1.8975	\$ 1.8975
	(Per Thousand Gallons (mgl))	
First 3.74 mgl	\$ 7.6473	\$ 8.3578
Next 5.24 mgl	\$ 10.1031	\$ 11.0418
Over 8.98 mgl	\$ 15.9976	\$ 17.4840
Cost of Water (all usage)	\$ 2.5368	\$ 2.5368

SERVICE/FACILITY CHARGE

Meter size per month (Single & Non-Residential)

Meter size	Old Rates	New Rates
5/8"	\$ 17.00	\$ 17.00
3/4"	\$ 21.45	\$ 21.45
1"	\$ 30.11	\$ 30.11
1 1/2"	\$ 43.03	\$ 43.03
2"	\$ 68.74	\$ 68.74
3"	\$ 128.96	\$ 128.96
4"	\$ 214.88	\$ 214.88
6"	\$ 429.63	\$ 429.63
8"	\$ 687.40	\$ 687.40

NOTE: The rates and charges for service under the above service classifications will be increased or decreased by surcharges as provided for elsewhere in the Company's tariff.

NON-RESIDENTIAL

Quantity Used in the Month	Old Rates	New Rates
	(Per Hundred Cubic Feet (ccf))	
First 900 ccf	\$ 6.1835	\$ 6.9184
Over 900 ccf	\$ 7.9715	\$ 8.9189
Cost of Water (all usage)	\$ 1.8975	\$ 1.8975

	Old Rates	New Rates
	(Per Thousand Gallons (mgl))	
First 673.2 mgl	\$ 8.2667	\$ 9.2492
Over 673.2 mgl	\$ 10.6571	\$ 11.9237
Cost of Water (all usage)	\$ 2.5368	\$ 2.5368

Flat Rate Customers

Service Charge per Month	Old Rates	New Rates
	\$ 137.30	\$ 137.30

The following is a comparison of current and proposed monthly bills for single family residential customers at various levels of consumption using a 5/8" meter.

	MONTHLY WATER CONSUMPTION		
	4 ccf (2,992 gals)	9 ccf (6,732 gals)	15 ccf (11,220 gals)
Monthly			
Old	\$ 47.47	\$ 92.91	\$ 162.86
New	\$ 49.60	\$ 98.37	\$ 173.77
	4.5%	5.9%	6.7%
Annual			
Old	\$ 569.65	\$ 1,114.88	\$ 1,954.34
New	\$ 595.16	\$ 1,180.47	\$ 2,085.24
	4.5%	5.9%	6.7%

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Putnam

SEEKING AG BOARD MEMBERS - The Putnam County Agriculture & Farmland Protection Board ("Ag Board") is seeking volunteers who are Putnam County farmers and residents to serve on the Ag Board. The Ag Board's mission is to support and promote the economic viability of agriculture while protecting the environment. The Board was formed in 1997 to advise the County Legislature on actions that impact farms in Putnam County and to review petitions to join the Agricultural District submitted during the annual enrollment period of April 1st through April 30th. Learn more here: <https://www.putnamcountyny.com/keep-putnamfarming/>. The Ag Board meets on the last Wednesday of the month in the morning at the Department of Public Works, 842 Fair Street, Carmel, NY 10512. If interested in applying, please submit a resume/CV and letter of intent to Neal Tomann at neal.tomann@putnamcountyny.gov. All appointments must be approved by the County Legislature. If you'd like to learn more about the appointment, please contact Neal Tomann, Interim Soil & Water District Manager, at neal.tomann@putnamcountyny.gov or call 845.878.7918.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Carmel

PLANNING BOARD
Town of Carmel - Town Hall
Mahopac, NY 10541
845 628-1500 - Ext 190

LEGAL NOTICE

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

JANUARY 9, 2024

At 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall, 60 McAlpin Avenue, Mahopac, NY 10541 or as soon thereafter as possible on the following matters:

OLD FORGE ESTATES

Baldwin Place Road north of Muscoot Road North, Mahopac, NY 10541 - Tax Map #75.15-1-19 - Preliminary Cluster Subdivision (14 Lots)

By Order of the Chairman,

Craig Paerprer

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Southeast

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, January 13, 2025 at 7:00 p.m., at Southeast Town Offices, 1360 Route 22, Brewster, New York to consider the following:

91 SHERWOOD HILL ROAD - Application is being made for a Wetland Permit for a proposal to construct a single-family home, barn, and 12 ft.-wide

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driveway, where construction of the driveway would result in approximately 6,500 sq. ft. of disturbance within a wetland controlled area on a 6.61-acre property located at 91 Sherwood Hill Road, Brewster, NY, in the R-160 Zoning District, and identified as Tax Map Number 47.-2-41.

SOUTHEAST ANIMAL HOSPITAL - Application is being made for Amended Site Plan and Conditional Use Permit for a 576 sq. ft. addition, interior renovations, and site improvements to an existing animal hospital, including outdoor fenced-in dog runs, 10 new parking spaces (27 total), widening of the driveway, and a new rain garden on a 3.05-acre property located at 1535 Route 22, Brewster, NY, in the SR-22 Zoning District, and identified as Tax Map Number 46.-1-2. The project would provide additional pet treatment rooms and add new boarding and training areas. The Planning Board previously granted Site Plan and Conditional Use Permit Approval on 7/12/21.

Thomas LaPerch, Chairman
Town of Southeast Planning Board
Dated: December 16, 2024

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Patterson

TOWN OF PATTERSON PLANNING & ZONING OFFICE

Notice of Public Hearing

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the Town of Patterson Planning Board of a public hearing to be held on January 9, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as may be heard, at the Patterson Town Hall, 1142 Route 311, Patterson, Putnam County, New York to consider an application entitled "**Patterson 22 LLC Site Plan Application for the construction of 24' by 24' storage building.**" There is currently a 2,643 sq. ft. structure on the site which is being used as a general contractor's office. The storage use of the proposed building will change the principal use of the site from "business office" to "commercial trade operation". There are no other proposed site improvements - the existing site improvements will support the proposed structure and use. Access to the 12.34± acre property is gained from Route 22. This property is located at 2200 Route 22 (C-1 Zoning District) Patterson, New York. All interested parties and citizens will be given an opportunity to be heard in respect to such application.

By Order of the Planning Board
Ron Taylor, Chairman

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Supreme Court

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF PUTNAM

FIRSTBANK,

-against-

CHARLES SAMUEL, ET AL.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure and entered in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Putnam on October 22,

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2024, wherein FIRSTBANK is the Plaintiff and CHARLES SAMUEL, ET AL. are the Defendant(s). I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the PUTNAM COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 20 COUNTY CENTER, CARMEL, NY 10512, on January 6, 2025 at 2:30PM, premises known as 69 EMPIRE DRIVE, PATTERSON, NY 12563; and the following tax map identification, 25.78-1-66.

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

Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No.: 500244/2023. Jack Elliot Schachner, Esq. - Referee. Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 310, Westbury, New York 11590, Attorneys for Plaintiff. **All foreclosure sales will be conducted in accordance with Covid-19 guidelines including, but not limited to, social distancing and mask wearing. *LOCATION OF SALE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DAY OF IN ACCORDANCE WITH COURT/CLERK DIRECTIVES.**

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SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF PUTNAM, U.S. BANK TRUST, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE OF THE BUNGALOW SERIES IV TRUST, Plaintiff, vs. **LINDA M. COOPER, ET AL.**, Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Decision & Order & Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered on October 29, 2024, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction in Courtroom 209 of the Putnam Supreme Courthouse, 20 County Center, Carmel, NY 10512 on January 13, 2025 at 10:30 a.m., premises known as 15 Steiner Drive n/k/a 38 Steiner Drive, Mahopac, NY 10541. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of Carmel, County of Putnam and State of New York, Section 64.9, Block 1 and Lot 5. Approximate amount of judgment is \$616,868.60 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index #501476/2022.

Maureen Fleming, Esq., Referee

Friedman Vartolo LLP, 85 Broad Street, Suite 501, New York, New York 10004, Attorneys for Plaintiff
Firm File No.: 222812-1

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SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF PUTNAM.

SERVIS ONE, INC. DBA BSI FINANCIAL SERVICES, Plaintiff -against- **UNKNOWN HEIRS-AT-LAW TO THE ESTATE OF NONA COLE a/k/a NONA M. COLE AND ANY OF HIS, HER OR ANY OF THEIR SUCCESSORS IN RIGHT, TITLE, AND INTEREST,** et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered herein and dated on November 7, 2024, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction in the courtroom 209 of the Putnam Supreme Courthouse located at 20 County Center, Carmel, NY on January 13, 2025 at 3:30 p.m. premises situate and being a part

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of a condominium in the Town of Carmel, County of Putnam and State of New York, known and designated as Home No. 28-H together with a 1.0608% undivided interest in the common elements.

SBL# 44.14-1-49.-828 f/k/a 16-3-1.-828

Said premises known as 28 WOODLAND TRAIL, CARMEL, NY 10512

Approximate amount of lien \$142,760.90 plus interest & costs.

Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment and Terms of Sale.

Index Number 500723/2017. RALPH D. AMICUCCI, ESQ., Referee

Pincus Law Group, PLLC Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 425 RXR Plaza, Uniondale, NY 11556

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK INDEX NO. 500027/2020 COUNTY OF PUTNAM

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

Plaintiff, vs.

VICTORIA FRANCES WILLIS AKA VICTORIA F MULLER, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTUTEE OF THE ESTATE OF PATRICIA A WILLIS; CAROL M WILLIS, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTUTEE OF THE ESTATE OF PATRICIA A WILLIS; JOANNE MARIE WILLIS, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTUTEE OF THE ESTATE OF PATRICIA A WILLIS; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DISTRIBUTUTES OF THE ESTATE OF PATRICIA A WILLIS, any and all persons unknown to plaintiff, claiming, or who may claim to have an interest in, or general or specific lien upon the real property described in this action; such unknown persons being herein generally described and intended to be included in the following designation, namely: the wife, widow, husband, widower, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors, and assignees of such deceased, any and all persons deriving interest in or lien upon, or title to said real property by, through or under them, or either of them, and their respective wives, widows, husbands, widowers, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors and assigns, all of whom and whose names, except as stated, are unknown to plaintiff; THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; "JANE DOE" (REFUSED NAME) AS JOHN DOE #1;

"JOHN DOE #2" through "JOHN DOE #12," the last eleven names being fictitious and unknown to plaintiff, the persons or parties intended being the tenants, occupants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the premises, described in the complaint. Plaintiff designates PUTNAM as the place of trial situs of the real property

SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS
Mortgaged Premises:
16 PUMPHOUSE ROAD, BREWSTER, NY 10509
Section: 56.12, **Block:** 2, **Lot:** 47
Defendant(s).

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To the above named Defendants

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

NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT

THE OBJECT of the above caption action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure the sum of \$85,000.00 and interest, recorded on January 09, 2013, in Liber 6122 at Page 222, of the Public Records of PUTNAM County, New York., covering premises known as 16 PUMPHOUSE ROAD, BREWSTER, NY 10509.

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

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

NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME

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

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

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

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

Dated: October 14, 2024

ROBERTSON, AN-SCHUTZ, SCHNEID, CRANE & PARTNERS, PLLC
Attorney for Plaintiff
Christopher McKenna, Esq.
900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 310
Westbury, NY 11590
516-280-7675

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SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF PUTNAM, **US BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,** NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR VRMTG ASSET TRUST, Plaintiff, vs. **ZEF RUKAJ A/K/A JOE RUKAJ AS EXECUTOR OF THE ESTATE OF AGA RUKAJ AND AS TRUSTEE OF THE**

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TRUST FOR DESCENDANTS OF THE ESTATE OF AGA RUKAJ, ET AL., Defendant(s).

Pursuant to an Order Confirming Referee's Report and Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered on November 1, 2024, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Putnam Supreme Courthouse, Courtroom 209, 20 County Center, Carmel, NY 10512 on January 13, 2025 at 11:30 a.m., premises known as 15 Spruce Knolls a/k/a 15 Spruce Knolls Road, Putnam Valley, NY 10579. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of Putnam Valley, County of Putnam and State of New York, Section 73.9, Block 1 and Lot 10. Approximate amount of judgment is \$501,492.21 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index #501029/2022. Cash will not be accepted.

Christopher York, Esq., Referee

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

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SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF PUTNAM, US BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR VRMTG ASSET TRUST, Plaintiff, vs. THE UNKNOWN HEIRS-AT-LAW, NEXT-OF-KIN, DISTRIBUTORS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, TRUSTEES, DEVISEES, LEGATEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, AND SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST, AND GENERALLY ALL PERSONS HAVING OR CLAIMING, UNDER, BY OR THROUGH THE DECEDENT JEFFREY STORMS, ET AL., Defendant(s).

Pursuant to an Order Discharging Guardian Ad Litem and Military Attorney; Confirming Referee's Report and Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered on February 20, 2024, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at court room 209 of the Putnam Supreme Courthouse, 20 County Center, Carmel, NY 10512 on January 13, 2025 at 9:30 a.m., premises known as 18 Geneva Drive, Carmel, NY 10512. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of Kent, County of Putnam and State of New York, Section 22.58, Block 1 and Lot 38. Approximate amount of judgment is \$262,252.66 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index #500142/2023. Cash will not be accepted.

Adolph A. Buonamici, Esq., Referee

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

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SUPREME COURT: PUTNAM COUNTY. WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, AS TRUSTEE OF UPLAND MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST B, Pltf. vs. KATHRYN C. MADDEN, et al, Defs. Index #501454/2019. Pursuant to

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judgment of foreclosure and sale dated Nov. 15, 2022 and order appointing successor referee entered November 18, 2024, I will sell at public auction in Room 209 of the Putnam County Courthouse, 20 County Center, Carmel, NY on January 27, 2025 at 11:30 a.m., prem. k/a 402 Hortontown Road, Hopewell Junction, NY a/k/a Section 9, Block 1, Lot 23. Said property being in the Town of Kent, Country of Putnam and State of NY, designated as Lot No. 1 on a certain Map filed in the Putnam County Clerk's Office as Map No. 1540 on October 13, 1976. Approx. amt. of judgment is \$515,059.66 plus costs and interest. Sold subject to terms and conditions of filed judgment and terms of sale. ANTHONY J. CENTONE, Referee. MARGOLIN, WEINREB & NIERER, LLP, Attys. for Pltf., 575 Underhill Blvd., Ste, 224, Syosset, NY. #101955

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SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF PUTNAM, U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR VRMTG ASSET TRUST, Plaintiff, vs. JOANNA PATAFIO BELL, ET AL., Defendant(s).

Pursuant to an Order Confirming Referee's Report and Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered on September 24, 2024, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Putnam Supreme Courthouse, courtroom 209, 20 County Center, Carmel, NY 10512 on January 27, 2025 at 10:30 a.m., premises known as 110 Wayacross Road, Mahopac, NY 10541. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of Carmel, County of Putnam and State of New York, Section 74.16, Block 1 and Lot 12. Approximate amount of judgment is \$484,116.69 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index #500817/2023. Cash will not be accepted.

Charles B. Lesnick, Esq., Referee

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

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF PUTNAM

U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCF 2 ACQUISITION TRUST,

-against-

CARL J. PIGNATARO A/K/A CARL J. PIGNATARO, JR, ET AL.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure and entered in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Putnam on November 8, 2024, wherein U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCF 2 ACQUISITION TRUST is the Plaintiff and CARL J. PIGNATARO A/K/A CARL J. PIGNATARO, JR., ET AL. are the

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Defendant(s). I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the PUTNAM COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 20 COUNTY CENTER, CARMEL, NY 10512, on February 3, 2025 at 10:30AM, premises known as 54 ROUTE 311, CARMEL, NY 10512; and the following tax map identification, 22.82-1-8.

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

Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No.: 500528/2023. Wendy M. Weathers, Esq. - Referee. Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 310, Westbury, New York 11590, Attorneys for Plaintiff. All foreclosure sales will be conducted in accordance with Covid-19 guidelines including, but not limited to, social distancing and mask wearing. *LOCATION OF SALE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DAY OF IN ACCORDANCE WITH COURT/CLERK DIRECTIVES.

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REFeree's NOTICE OF SALE IN FORECLOSURE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF PUTNAM JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff - against - BARBARA BERGER AS TRUSTEE OF THE BERGER FAMILY TRUST, et al Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on November 4, 2024, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction in courtroom 209 of the Putnam Supreme Courthouse located at 20 County Center, Carmel, NY 10512 on the 27th day of January, 2025 at 2:30 PM. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of Kent, County of Putnam and State of New York.

Premises known as 600 Route 52, Carmel, NY 10512. (Section: 33.33, Block: 1, Lot: 13) Approximate amount of lien \$282,203.07 plus interest and costs.

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

Index No. 500025/2023. Bruce Bozeman, Esq., Referee. McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 420 Lexington Avenue, Suite 840

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

For sale information, please visit Auction.com at www.Auction.com or call (800) 280-2832 Dated: November 27, 2024

During the COVID-19 health emergency, bidders are required to comply with all governmental health requirements in effect at the time of sale including but not limited to, wearing face coverings and maintaining social distancing (at least 6-feet apart) during the auction, while tendering deposit and at any subsequent closing. Bidders are also required to comply with the Foreclosure Auction Rules and COVID-19 Health Emergency Rules issued by the Supreme Court of this County in addition to the conditions set forth in the Terms of Sale. P. 12/25, 1/1, 1/8, 1/15 - 71

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF PUTNAM

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HUDSON VALLEY CREDIT UNION F/K/A HUDSON VALLEY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, NOTICE OF SALE

Plaintiff, -against- Index No. 500015/2023

ROBERT J. LINKENHOKER, "JOHN DOES" and "JANE DOES", said names being fictitious parties intended being possible tenants or occupants of premises, corporations, other entities or persons who claim, or may claim, a lien against the premises.

Assigned Judge: Hon. Gina C. Capone Justice of the Supreme Court

Defendants. -----X

In pursuance of an Order Confirming Referee's Report And Judgment of Foreclosure And Sale duly entered the 8th day of April, 2024, I, the undersigned, Referee appointed by an Order Appointing Substitute Referee duly entered the 15th day of April, 2024, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder at the Putnam County Courthouse, Courtroom 209, 20 County Center, Carmel, New York 10512, on the 27th day of January, 2025 at 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon of that day the premises known as 1-1A Ward Street, Brewster, New York 10509. ALL THAT PARCEL OF LAND SITUATED IN THE VILLAGE OF BREWSTER, TOWN OF SOUTHEAST, PUTNAM COUNTY, STATE OF NEW YORK, (TAX MAP ID #56.81-1-29) BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS A METES AND BOUNDS PROPERTY, directed by said Judgment to be sold. APPROXIMATE AMOUNT OF JUDGMENT \$167,900.44 PLUS INTEREST AND COSTS.

The premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment of Foreclosure And Sale

and Terms of Sale.

Peter Martin Forman, Esq., Referee HANDEL & CARLINI, LLP 1984 New Hackensack Road Poughkeepsie, New York 12603 Tel. No. (845) 454-2221

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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF PUTNAM

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR PFCA HOME EQUITY INVESTMENT TRUST CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2002-IFC2

Plaintiff,

Against

PALOKA ULIA A/K/A PALOK ULIC A/K/A PALOK ULAJ; DRANE ULIC; ET AL

Defendant(s)

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale, duly entered 04/22/2024, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction, in the courtroom 209 in the Putnam Supreme Courthouse, 20 County Center, Carmel, NY 10512 on 1/27/2025 at 9:30AM, premises known as 24 James Court, Mahopac, NY 10541, And Described As Follows:

ALL that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the build-

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ings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Town Of Carmel, County Of Putnam And State Of New York. Section 53. Block 1 Lot 83

The approximate amount of the current Judgment lien is \$950,495.55 plus interest and costs. The Premises will be sold subject to provisions of the aforesaid Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale; Index # 500301/2017

Maureen Fleming, Esq., Referee.

MCCABE, WEISBERG & CONWAY, LLC, 10 Midland Avenue, Suite 205, Port Chester, NY 10573

Dated: 12/12/2024 File Number: 16-303764 CA

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LLC

Notice of Qualification of RPC DPD Carmel NY, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/16/24. Office location: Putnam County, LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 06/11/24. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Matthew Chauvin, Esq., Ianniello Anderson, PC, 805 Route 146, Clifton Park, NY 12065. Address to be maintained in DE: 1209 Orange St., Wilmington, DE 19801. Arts of Org. filed with the Secy. of State of the State of Delaware, John G. Townsend Bldg., 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: any lawful activities.

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SCAPEROTTI INNOVATIONS, LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 10/3/24. Office in Putnam Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 913 Gipsy Trail Rd., Carmel, NY 10512, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

SAVO MAINTENANCE LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/02/2024. Office loc: Putnam County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 12 Croton Falls Rd., Apt 7, Mahopac, NY 10541. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

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Notice of Qualification of Pokorny, Apuzzo & Buckley, PLLC. Application for Authority of Pokorny, Apuzzo & Buckley, PLLC, under Section 1306 of the Limited Liability Company Law filed with SSNY on December 3, 2024. New York office location: Putnam County, to wit, 1705 Route 9D, Cold Spring, New York 10516. PLLC formed in Connecticut on October 3, 2024. SSNY designated as agent of PLLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 185 Plains Road, Suite 303W, Milford, CT 06461. Principal place of business of PLLC: 185 Plains Road, Suite 303W, Milford, CT 06461. Certificate of Organization of the PLLC filed with the Secretary of State of Connecticut located at: 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut 06115. Purpose: the practice of law and any lawful act or activity related thereto. P. 12/18, 12/25, 1/1, 1/8, 1/15, 1/22

Notice of Formation of N2L

Legislation Combats Drug Epidemic

Legislation that builds on New York's ongoing efforts to address the opioid and overdose epidemic that is impacting states across the nation was recently signed into law in New York.

"I'm committed to keeping New Yorkers safe and fighting the opioid crisis and overdose epidemic that has taken far too many neighbors, friends, and family members in New York and across the nation," said Gov. Kathy Hochul. "This legislation ensures New Yorkers have access to live-saving information during the most critical moments."

Legislation S.4393/A.5004 will require the Department of Health to distribute fentanyl test strips along with opioid antagonists, which it distributes to registered opioid overdose prevention

programs. The legislation will also require that an informational card or sheet distributed along with the opioid antagonist contain information about fentanyl test strips and their uses.

Legislation S.3112-A/A.1588-A will require the state to equip public institutions and buildings with opioid antagonists.

Legislation S.7833-A/A.8467-A will authorize health care professionals – including pharmacists – to dispense drug adulterant testing supplies used to test for xylazine. Xylazine is a non-opioid used as a sedative, anesthetic, muscle relaxant, and analgesic for animals, but it is not Food & Drug Administration-approved for use in humans due to severe central nervous system depressant effects.

New Laws Protect Corrections Inmates & Staff, and Medically Fragile Adults

Governor Signs Bills Sponsored by Sen. Harckham

A bill sponsored by State Sen. Pete Harckham, D-Peekskill, in the Senate, requiring the commissioner of the state's Department of Corrections & Community Supervision to establish an annual heat mitigation plan for correctional facilities statewide has been signed into law by Gov. Kathy Hochul.

"Excessive heat in correctional facilities puts both incarcerated individuals and correctional staff at risk of heatstroke and other serious health issues," said Harckham. "It is our legal and moral responsibility to ensure safe and humane living conditions for those in the state's custody and for those working in our correctional facilities."

A report from the Correctional Association of New York revealed that only 52 percent of incarcerated individuals surveyed had access to adequate temperature controls year-round.

The new law (S7781A/A9169A) requires DOCCS, in collaboration with New York State's Department of Environmental Conservation's Extreme Heat Action Plan Work Group, to assess the impact of extreme heat on both inmates and staff and create a comprehensive plan to mitigate the effects of high temperatures on a yearly basis.

In some cases, like at Sing Sing Correctional Facility in

Ossining, the antiquated infrastructure of the facility makes installing central air conditioning impractical. However, a heat mitigation plan may include alternative approaches to battling extreme heat conditions, such as improving access to industrial fans, establishing cooling stations for incarcerated individuals and staff, making cool drinking water more accessible, stocking commissaries with personal fans prior to the beginning of summer, and performing additional wellness checks for inmates during heatwaves.

In addition, legislation sponsored by Harckham to protect young adults requiring specialized care past the age of 21 has also been signed into law by the governor.

"Quality care for individuals who are medically fragile is both personalized and complex, so their life expectancy often plummets when they are transferred to adult nursing homes," said Harckham. "This law ensures that special young adults, who have had to endure so much in their lives, will no longer be summarily and routinely removed from programs and facilities that have provided them with a safe and nurturing haven for numerous years."

Medically fragile children require intense and spe-

cialized care. The new law (S.5969A/A.3674) allows young adults to continue to receive the specialized care afforded them as children once they have attained the age of 21, through the age of 36.

Although New York enacted a law in 2021 to allow for the construction of two new specialized care facilities for children aging out of the system, they are not yet operational – and likely will not have the capacity to serve all the state's eligible population in any event. Currently, there are only six specialized care facilities for these medically fragile residents who are 21 and older.

New York's pediatric nursing homes generally work to accommodate residents who are aging out of their facilities by allowing them to remain longer and maintaining the pediatric rate for care. The newly enacted law will codify this practice.

Additionally, this new law provides that medically fragile adults between 21 and 53 are entitled to the same 100 percent of the Medicaid rate for medically fragile children.

Harckham said that, in many ways, the new law addresses a growing need, seeing as diagnoses for medically fragile children have increased significantly over the past two decades.

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

Exam Title & No: Library Director II 60-017-630 T&E
Exam Date: There is no exam date.
This is a training & experience examination
Salary Range: \$86,000-\$91,000 (Kent Library); varies with other libraries
Last Filing Date: January 15, 2025
Exam Filing Fee: \$55

To apply and for information about minimum requirements, job duties, and subject of the exam, as well as the exam announcement, please visit: <https://putnam.munisselfservice.com/employmentopportunities/default.aspx> or call Putnam County Personnel Department (845) 808-1650 X46105. EEO/AA 12/25, 1/1

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

Exam Title & No: Library Director I 60-017-720 T&E
Exam Date: There is no exam date.
This is a training & experience examination
Salary Range: \$60,000-\$68,000 (Reed Library); salary may vary according to library
Last Filing Date: January 15, 2025
Exam Filing Fee: \$45

To apply and for information about minimum requirements, job duties, and subject of the exam, as well as the exam announcement, please visit: <https://putnam.munisselfservice.com/employmentopportunities/default.aspx> or call Putnam County Personnel Department (845) 808-1650 X46105. EEO/AA 12/25, 1/1

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MITSUBISHI MIRAGE HATCHBACK - 2014 black. 135,000 miles. \$1,500. 845-367-1978. 1/1

WANTED

TRAVEL EUROPE - March 2025. Paris, Venice,

Rome. Putting a small group together. Share expenses and adventure. Call Pat at 845-742-3095. 1/1

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

PUTNAM COUNTY AND TOWN NOTICES

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VENTURES, LLC
Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/03/24. Office location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 11 Peppergrass Ln., P.O. Box 208, Garrison, NY 10524. Purpose: Any lawful activity. P. 12/18, 12/25, 1/1, 1/8, 1/15, 1/22

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BG 231 ROUTE 6 LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 12/11/24. Office in Putnam Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 53 Athena Ct., Mahopac, NY 10541, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. P. 12/25, 1/1, 1/8, 1/15, 1/22, 1/29

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Notice of Formation of CM Behavior Consulting, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 10/3/24. Office location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to CM Behavior Consulting, LLC, 23 Pine Lane, Mahopac, NY 10541. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. P. 12/18, 12/25, 1/1, 1/8, 1/15, 1/22

PUBLIC NOTICE

AG 231 ROUTE 6 LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 12/11/24. Office in Putnam Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 53 Athena Ct., Mahopac, NY 10541, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. P. 12/25, 1/1, 1/8, 1/15, 1/22, 1/29

CLASSIFIED ADS

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

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2-1-1 HUDSON VALLEY REGION

UNITED WAY Westchester and Putnam



More Electric Vehicle Fast Chargers Sought on Major Corridors

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150 kilowatts per vehicle. Sites are also required to meet federal uptime requirements for the percentage of time the charging station is functional. Proposals that close gaps between existing and planned charging stations, offer amenities such as restrooms and food, or have stations that provide multiple types of charging connectors will be prioritized.

“Electric vehicle users on our downstate highway system need a dependable charging infrastruc-

ture that allows them to recharge their vehicles and reliably get them to where they need to go,” said DOT Commissioner Marie Therese Dominguez. “New York is an unquestioned national leader that is literally writing the national template for sustainability in the face of global climate change.”

The recent announcement builds on the \$21 million made available in September under the competitive Upstate NEVI Direct Current Fast Charger initiative to expand the number of EV charging stations along and north of I-84.

The Department of Transportation was allocated \$175 million under the federal NEVI program and New York was one of the first states to open a DCFC site with NEVI funding in December 2023. This was followed by four additional locations opening in 2024.

More DCFC NEVI-funded sites are expected to come online in New York by the end of next year.

According to the governor, EV purchases in New York have risen 660 percent in the last five years, and there are currently more than 15,500 chargers at more than 4,500 public locations across the state. Federal funding received in January has further facilitated this growth, with New York receiving a \$15 million Charging & Fueling Infrastructure Program Grant for small- to medium-sized cities, state parks, and other tourist destinations such as hotels to build out the number of EV chargers.

Also, NYS was awarded \$13 million to repair or replace outdated, broken, or non-operational EV charging ports through the Charger Reliability & Accessibility Accelerator Program.

Paging Young Carmel Doctors!

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tailed model of the spinal column, which gave them insight into its vital function. Then, they sequenced the intricate pathways of light and sound as it travels through the eyes and ears, enhancing their understanding of sensory perception.

In a unique communication exercise, students practiced conversing solely in sign language, allowing them to experience the importance of non-verbal communication. They also undertook a comparative analysis of the muscular, skeletal, and nervous systems, examining both their differences and how they are interconnected.

Finally, they engaged in a lively game of “Operation.”

The students had so much fun performing surgery on their “patients” they didn’t even realize the game was helping improve their dexterity and precision.

Metro-North Upgrades to Continue in 2025

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will replace the existing fleet of locomotives used for trains serving Southeast, Poughkeepsie, Danbury and Waterbury.

Manufactured by Siemens Mobility and known by the model number SC42-DM, the new locomotives will provide customers with more reliable service and will be friendlier to the environment. The new locomotives are expected to operate in electric mode the entire 102 miles of Metro-North’s third rail territory, which extends to Croton-Harmon, Southeast and Pelham.

The new locomotives are rated Tier IV compliant, slashing airborne pollutants by more than 85 percent.

A new 400,000-square-foot facility, known as the Harmon Shop, opened in May. The opening of this vital maintenance and operations hub for the electric fleet serving Metro-North’s Harlem and Hudson lines marks the completion of the five-phase capital project that began in 2001 to replace the outdated facilities in the Croton-Harmon Yard in Croton-on-Hudson.

