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## Competition & Camaraderie at Putnam Senior Picnic

The Putnam County Office for Senior Resources recently celebrated its annual senior picnic at Veteran's Memorial Park in Carmel/Kent. This year's theme was the Olympics, and the day included music, food and fun. In the spirit of the Olympics, there were several games available – including corn hole, lawn tic-tac-toe, jumbo Jenga and board games – to inspire some friendly competition.



## NYS Launches Youth Ag Leadership Conference

Applications are now open for New York's first collaborative youth agriculture leadership conference to support further collaboration among youth agriculture organizations and identify opportunities for youth engagement that reflects the industry's future workforce needs.

Included in her 2024 State of the State, Gov. Kathy Hochul will convene this conference in November 2024 in partnership with the Cornell University College of Agriculture & Life Sciences New York Agriculture Education & Outreach Program to provide New York students with agriculture educational, leadership and training opportunities.

The conference provides young leaders the opportunity to connect with state leaders and better understand how policy shapes the interconnected food, agriculture and natural resource industries. Students will explore the many challenges and possibilities within these industries with New York's top leaders, connect with other students and professionals regarding their own interests and aspirations, and discover the vast array of career possibilities that await them in the future.

This is an invitation-only conference and participation will be determined via the application process. Students in grades 11 or 12 that are active members of a Future Farmers of America chapter or county 4-H program, or a Minorities in Agriculture, Natural

Resources & Related Sciences junior or collegiate chapter, can apply at [www.governor.ny.gov/programs/2024-youth-agriculture-leadership-conference](http://www.governor.ny.gov/programs/2024-youth-agriculture-leadership-conference).

The deadline to apply July 15. Applications submitted after the deadline will be accepted on a rolling basis and reviewed chronologically if there are remaining conference spots available.

"We have a lot to be proud of when it comes to New York agriculture, and that includes our young people who amaze and inspire me every day," said State Agriculture Commissioner Richard Ball.

New York FFA Director Juleah Tolosky said the conference will create a cohort of students from every background that care about using their gifts to aim their future toward positions that will secure the food system and serve the community.

"I'm inspired by what lifelong connections will be cultivated and what future brilliance will be sparked over the 24-hour event," said Tolosky.

NYS 4-H Youth Development Program Leader Alexa Maille said 4-Hers are passionate about agriculture and food systems and care deeply about their communities having access to high-quality, healthy foods.

"This youth agriculture leadership conference is an exciting opportunity for youth in 4-H, MANRRS and FFA to learn and grow together as the next generation of ag leaders," she said.

## Miniature Golf 'Season' Kicks Off in Brewster



Over the past year, "specials" teachers at C.V. Starr Intermediate School in Brewster had students research an artist in library, design a mini golf display in art based upon the artist, write a jingle in music, and learn and play mini golf in physical education.

The projects – made out of cardboard, tinfoil and paper mâché – included a Matisse creation, a Walt Disney creation in which a player hit the ball through Mickey Mouse's legs, a Warhol fit with mini tin cans, a Bob Ross hole that included a tiny statue of the man himself, and more.

Creations included "lava," rainbows, an ice cream cone and more. All students had the chance to hit the course!





In addition to free technology help, local libraries offer a number of community programs. Mahopac Librarians Annalise and Katie recently hosted an Asian tea tasting for a local Girl Scout troop.



Regina Gelfer works on a painting at Stonecrop Gardens in Cold Spring.

## Local Landscapes Featured in Area Painting Exhibit

Work by Hudson Valley artist Regina Gelfer will be on display from June 30 through July 28 in the Third Floor Gallery at Mahopac Public Library.

An opening reception and artist talk is scheduled Sunday, June 30 from 2 to 4 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

On exhibit will be Gelfer's plein air paintings of local landscapes – most notably the majestic Hudson River and scenery from Boscobel, Garrison Landing, Fahnestock State Park, Tilly Foster Farm and other vistas from across the Hudson Valley. Also included in the show are her acrylic, mixed-media and digital portraits of musicians and popular culture icons.

Gelfer is a longtime Hudson

Valley resident who grew up in Mahopac. She is a career graphic designer, illustrator and painter with a bachelor of fine arts degree from SUNY Purchase.

The artist has participated in the Hudson Valley Plein Air Festival for five years, winning the award for best nocturne painting in the 2021 competition. She has mentored high school art students through Garrison's mentorship program for two years, and is a member of the Putnam Arts Council and Garrison Art Center.

The Third Floor Gallery is open to the public during regular library hours. For more information, visit mahopaclibrary.org/art-galleries or email mplgallerycommittee@gmail.com.

## Academic Honors

The following Putnam students have been named to the Dean's List at Western Connecticut State University for the spring 2024 semester:

Brewster – Einy Barrios, Elisa Cardona, Olivia Casino, William Collins, Alexis Coschignano, Ryan Dobbins, Kristen Fitzgibbons, Christopher Froessel, Timothy Froessel, May Goodman, Jacob Hamblin, Adam Hegedus, Aidan Lopez, Ardian Margegaj, Matthew Naczi, Bukola Olamide, Laura Paron, Maria Patino, Anthony Primavera, Emily Taylor, Aine Tuohy and Andrew Tyndall

Carmel – Angie Aguilar Velasquez, Ryan Badger, Jude Besharat, Serafina D'Agnesse, Kaitlyn Dean, Michael Fiore, Bianca Makaj, Krysty McDonnell, Dominic Sblano, Luke Sciortino, Terrence Spofford and John Vargas  
Holmes – Cara Leahy  
Mahopac – Jessica Bermeo, Rory Daly, Dominique Gagne, Brianna Gallagher, Emma Lieto, Angelo Mastropietro, Paula Matos Ramos, Luke Reis and Andrea Tassa

Patterson – Nora Ali, Christopher Bisignano, Angelo Cos-

chignano, Eric Delemarre, Sophie Denmark, Allesandra Giardina, Tara Kearns, Dukagjin Krasniqi, Sara Risko, Emily Talamo and Samantha Zavras

Putnam Valley – Jack Murphy

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Logan deMey of Putnam Valley has graduated cum laude from Susquehanna University in Pennsylvania with a bachelor of science degree in finance.

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The following Putnam students were named to the Dean's List at Quinnipiac University in Connecticut for the spring 2024 semester:

Brewster – Natalie Damato and Christiana Restucci  
Carmel – Alyssa Brucato, Claire Clifford, Amanda D'Ambrosio, Caroline Etlinger and Sierra Taplin  
Cold Spring – Jake Patinella and James Phillips  
Garrison – Victoria Getting  
Mahopac – Alexis Demascio, Victoria McKenzie and Ashley Usecwicz

Putnam Valley – Faith Caravone, Jordan Cuddy, Emily Haeusgen and Emily Nielsen

## Mid-Hudson Libraries Offer Free Tech Help & More

Twenty-four libraries in the Mid-Hudson Library System – including four in Putnam – are participating in Digital Navigators

of the Hudson Valley, a program that seeks to provide free technology assistance to residents of the region.

Digital navigators are trained guides who work in member libraries or community organizations. They assist community members in need with using a device, securing free or low-cost internet service, filling out online job applications, applying for services and benefits, accessing educational services, signing up for the free phone program, or dealing with daily life tasks such as paying bills online.

"Libraries are first responders to address the digital divide so ensuring our member library staff are equipped with the knowledge needed to help residents across the Hudson Valley is of critical importance," said Rebekkah Smith Aldrich, MHLS executive director. "Our navigators have helped library patrons access affordable housing, government benefits, and find jobs online – contributing to their basic quality of life."

It's free to utilize the services of a digital navigator. To access this service, patrons can contact one of MHLS's Digital Navigators.

At Brewster Public Library, call Jason Vitetta at 845-793-6507.

At the Julia L. Butterfield Memorial Library in Cold Spring, call Reed Gillen at 845-265-3040.

At Mahopac Public Library, contact Emily Wierzbowski at 845-628-2009, ext. 152.

At Putnam Valley Free Library, call Cole Caulfield at 845-582-3242.

At Reed Memorial Library in Carmel, contact Janice Regula at 845-225-2439.

For a full list of digital navigators in the region, visit [www.hvconnected.org](http://www.hvconnected.org).

Mid-Hudson Library System is a cooperative public library system chartered by the New York State Board of Regents and overseen by the NYS Education Department via the Division of Library Development. MHLS is dedicated to working with 66 member libraries in the Mid-Hudson region to strengthen local library services while saving local tax dollars.

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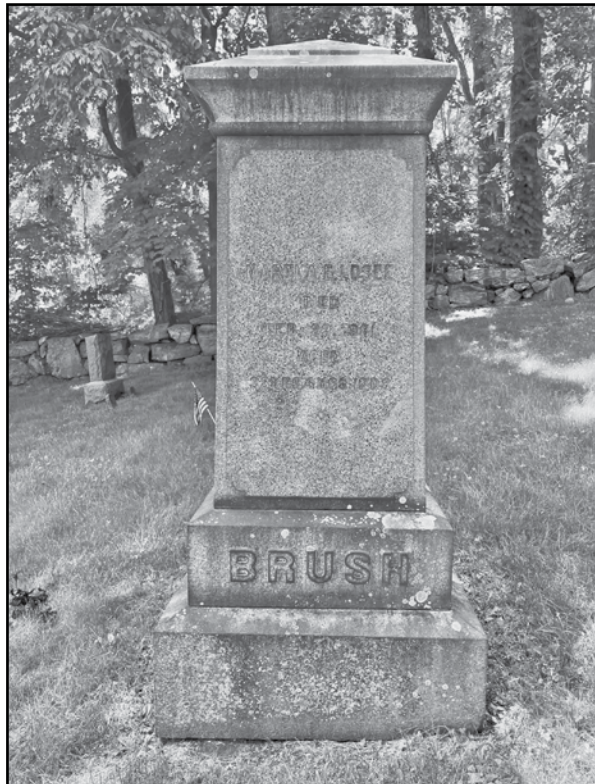
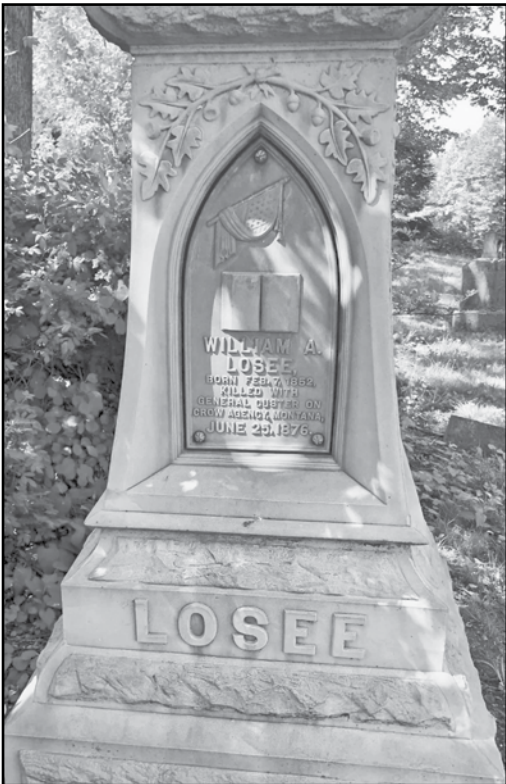
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# History Column

Jack Alcott, Southeast Historian

## Custer's Last Stand on Route 6



Let's remember the Brush and Losee families.

History nerd that I am, I'm still not all that big on cemeteries. They are fascinating historical places, which I love, but they spook me and my mortality.

There – I've said it! It's a strange response, since I enjoy horror movies and morbid mysteries. I've even published a New York Times-reviewed novel about Edgar Allan Poe called "Grim Legion."

But on to local history... While scoping out the Brush Cemetery, a family burying ground dating to the 1700s on Route 6 next to the State Farm insurance office, I stumbled on an interesting monument.

I was there in advance of a visit by Brush Bradley, a descendant of the Brush family, who were early Southeast settlers. Brush is planning to start restoring some of the worn tombstones June 22.

The monument I noticed was for multiple family members, including 1864 Civil War casualty First Lt. Francis A. Brush. But what really caught my eye was the stone's face for Martha Losee, who died in February 1881 at the age of 33.

This got me immediately thinking about Brewster's 24-year-old William Losee, who was killed with Gen. George Custer in 1876 at the Battle of Little Big Horn.

Martha Losee's age and era — about the time of William's — had me wondering about the Losee connection. Well, the scholarly Brush Bradley very quickly came up with the answer.

According to Brush, Martha Esther Brush was married to Isaac R. Losee — William's older brother. Isaac's parents were Joseph Losee and Pheba Ann Garnsey of Oak Street, Brewster.

"Joseph and Pheba had seven children. Isaac was the oldest. Child number six was William Losee, the one who died at Little Big Horn in 1876," Brush wrote in an email. "So Martha Losee is William Losee's sister-in-law."

Certainly, "Custer's Last Stand" and a local boy's demise reverberated around Brewster in 1876, likely causing heartbreak for many but especially for his big brother Isaac and the Losee family — and Martha (Brush) Losee, too.

While I don't know much

else about Martha and Isaac, this realization gives us all a fragmentary, admittedly hazy glimpse into their lives and maybe emotions.

So, as with most cemeteries, it's always good to remember the once beating hearts, living souls and stories behind a monument's stony face.

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

# Russo Keeps 'Rule of Law' Line in November Election

Putnam County Legislature District 4 candidate Laura Russo recently received confirmation that her petitions to run on the Rule of Law Party line have held up to a challenge by her opponent.

"My opponent, a big government lawyer who works for Democrat Westchester County Executive George Latimer, failed to follow the basic process laid out by election law in filing specific challenges to our petitions," said Russo.

In denying the challenge, the Board of Elections determined that it's submittal did not meet the requirement of overnight mail service. "Proof of service was not filed with the Board of Elections," the BOE stated. "The commissioners cited New York State Election Law §6-154.3b as the statute requiring this. As such, said specific objections are denied."

Last month, Russo announced she had filed petitions to create and run on a Rule of Law Party line for the general election in November, committing to one of her campaign's core messages of upholding the rule of law with a firm stance against becoming a sanctuary municipality for illegal migrants.

The petition included more than 300 signatures from Town of Patterson residents.

"Regardless of what happens in this June 25 Republican Primary, I will be running on the Conservative line, as well as the Rule of Law line this November, but I still need support from like-minded Republicans in this primary election," said Russo. "Our community's strong belief in respecting the rule of law is a key part of my campaign. Together, we will work to preserve the safety and prosperity of Putnam County."

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# Brewster Concerts Continue With Cuboricua

The Brewster Summer Music Series continues July 3 with Cuboricua, and continues Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Southeast Veterans Park gazebo on Railroad Avenue. Performances are free to attend. This Latin band is inspired by the rhythms of Cuba and Puerto Rico and will have concert-goers dancing the night away. Be sure to bring your lawn chairs or blankets, picnic or snacks, and be ready for some great tunes. If there is inclement weather, visit [www.culturalartsco.com](http://www.culturalartsco.com) for cancelation information.



## Nutrition Corner

By Allison J. Stowell  
MS, RD, CDN



### Grilling for Dad

If you're planning a menu for Father's Day, then let's make it all about dad with ingredients and cooking methods that have his health in mind. Push aside basic burgers and embrace ideas that will show him love.

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

#### Grill Fish

The American Heart Association recommends fish or seafood at least twice per week to reduce risk of heart disease. This pattern provides the essential fatty acids and unsaturated fat that dad needs to reach and maintain safe cholesterol levels, while also embracing a beneficial protein. Bonus: seafood is easy to grill, and delicious recipes abound (check out the delicious recipe below!)

#### Add Veggies

Americans don't consume enough veggies, including dads. Let's show him love by including them in his special meal (even better, make more than you need so that you have them to use during the week). Grill marinated veggies for a unique side or burger topper. Or make kebabs with a mix of lean protein and vegetable on the skewer.

#### Make Marinades to Avoid Salt and Limit Sugar

Most bottled marinades include ingredients we're seeking to limit or avoid like added salt, added sugar or saturated fat. The good news is that it's very easy to make your own, and even better, to create customized flavors dad is sure to love with just the right amount of spice and flavor. Visit [Hannaford.com](http://Hannaford.com) for a collection of sauces, rubs and marinades made with all the attributes you're seeking.

#### Better Beverages

It's easy to consume added sugar, artificial colors and excess calories through our beverages. I recommend seeking Guiding Stars rated beverages to ensure dad is well hydrated with options that won't compromise his diet (visit [GuidingStars.com](http://GuidingStars.com) for more information). There are plenty of Guiding Stars rated options that are ideal for mocktails and other fun drinks.

Happy Father's Day!

#### Grilled Scallop Skewers with Corn-Jalapeno Salsa (3 GS) Hannaford.com

Delicate scallops grill in minutes and take on lots of delicious smoky char. Try pairing the corn and jalapeno salsa with any mild fish (or chicken breasts).

- Ingredients:
- 3 Tbsp. vegetable oil, divided
  - 3 ears corn, shucked
  - 1 ripe avocado, pitted and chopped
  - 1/4 cup chopped cilantro leaves
  - 1 jalapeno, seeded and finely chopped
  - 3 Tbsp. finely chopped red onion
  - 2 Tbsp. lime juice
  - 1/2 tsp. smoked paprika
  - 24 sea scallops (about 1 1/2 lbs.), side muscles removed
  - 8 metal or wooden skewers

#### Directions:

Set grill or grill pan to medium-high. Brush 1 tablespoon oil on corn. Grill corn, turning occasionally, until lightly browned, 6 to 8 minutes. Transfer to a cutting board and let cool.

Cut corn from cobs. In a medium bowl, combine corn, avocado, cilantro, jalapeno, onion and lime juice. Season with salt and pepper. Set aside.

In a separate medium bowl, combine 1 tablespoon oil and paprika. Add scallops to bowl, season with salt and pepper and toss to coat. Thread scallops onto skewers. Brush grill grates or pan with remaining 1 tablespoon oil. Grill scallop skewers until lightly charred and just cooked through, turning once, 3 to 4 minutes per side. Transfer skewers to platter and serve with corn-jalapeno salsa.

Tip: If using wooden skewers, soak them in water for at least 15 minutes before using.

### Grilled Red Potato Skewers

(Family Features)  
Grilled Red Potato Skewers

- Ingredients:
- 2 medium russet or Yukon gold Wisconsin potatoes or 6 red Wisconsin potatoes
  - 2 medium zucchini
  - 1/2 smoked sausage rope
  - 4 skewers (12 inches each)
  - 1/2 cup Italian dressing

#### Directions:

Preheat grill to medium heat. Cut potatoes in half. Cut zucchini and sausage same width as potatoes. Skewer potatoes, zucchini and sausage. Repeat for each skewer.

Place skewers in dish and cover with Italian dressing. Mari-



nate 5 minutes. Place skewers on grill and cook 5 minutes on each side, or until potatoes are done. Remove from grill and serve.

Servings: 4  
Source: Family Features

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# Get Ready for the Great Swamp Art Show



“Peek-a-boo Owls” by Claudia Griswold was a 2023 winner.



Plein-air events are scheduled this summer for artists.

Friends of the Great Swamp has put out a call for artists who would like to participate in the art show at its Great Swamp Celebration Juried Art & Photography Show in October.

Artists are invited to submit up to four digital images for each category – photography, plein-air painting, collage and photography. Submitted images should reflect the beauty and diversity of the Great Swamp and the surrounding watershed.

Download a prospectus at <http://frogs-ny.org/celebration-great-swamp>. More details will be posted at [www.frogs-ny.org](http://www.frogs-ny.org) and on Facebook as the event approaches. The deadline to submit work is Monday, Oct. 7.

Anyone can submit artwork for the Great Swamp Celebration Art Show, and numerous plein air events are scheduled in June, July and August – led by FrOGS board member Sharon Nakazato – to help painters, drawers and photographers get started on their submissions and enjoy the endlessly varied beauty of the Great Swamp watershed. The works will be automatically eligible to be considered for the prestigious FrOGS-sponsored Great Swamp Celebration Art Show.

Both experienced and aspiring artists are welcome.

On Wednesday, June 26 at 9 a.m., at the Diverting Reservoir in Brewster, enjoy both riverside views and forest as well as the panorama of the mountains in the background. The bridge at the ball field is a perfect place to

set up and see both upriver and downriver. It is closed to motor traffic.

Tuesday, July 9 and Wednesday, July 24, beginning at 9 a.m., be inspired at a private, working farm with acres of varied rolling land, interesting buildings, flowers, trees, and potentially a tour of a large assortment of exotic turtles and tortoises, on South Quaker Hill in Pawling (RSVP required).

On Thursday, July 11 at 9 a.m., meet at the Connecticut Audubon at Deer Pond Farm, just over the border from Pawling. This gem offers almost an endless variety – from pond, to bog, to wetland paths to pine forest – as well as some amazing trees and a butterfly garden. Formerly a private estate devoted to environmental conservation for wildlife, especially birds, this is another place to visit again and again as the seasons go through their changes.

Wednesday, July 17 at 4 p.m., as well as Sunday, July 21 and Tuesday, Aug. 20 at 9 a.m., head to Great Hollow Nature Preserve, just over the border into Connecticut. This location has miles of hiking trails, views both close up and distant, and changes with the light throughout the day. Last year, the plein-air event scheduled for late afternoon into evening provided a spectacular sunset viewing time.

If you plan to attend, or have questions, contact Nakazato at [sharonnakazato@gmail.com](mailto:sharonnakazato@gmail.com) or 845-612-1046.

Mahopac, (845) 225-5655.

**Putnam Lake**  
**Richard H. Murphy**, 76, June 12, Beecher Funeral Home, Brewster, NY, (845) 279-3615.

**We Will Miss**  
**Mahopac**  
**Joseph Sasso**, 70, June 11, Cargain Funeral Homes Inc.,

# Identify & Protect Against Scams Targeting Older Adults

The New York Department of State’s Division of Consumer Protection is offering guidance to help raise awareness of scams that target older adults.

According to the Federal Bureau of Investigation’s 2023 Elder Fraud Report, scams targeting adults over the age of 60 caused more than \$3.4 billion in losses in 2023 – an increase of approximately 11 percent from the prior year. The average victim of elder fraud lost \$33,915 due to these crimes.

“Nationwide, scammers steal more than \$28 billion annually from older adults,” said New York State Office for the Aging Director Greg Olsen. “Scammers use increasingly sophisticated methods and tactics to prey on an individual’s trust, stealing money, private information, home titles or other assets in the process.”

He said it’s vital for older adults – and people of all ages – to know the warning signs and take simple steps to stay safe.

“Hang up the phone, or don’t pick up calls to begin with from unrecognizable numbers,” said Olsen. “Ignore unsolicited links in emails, texts or social media, and verify any information requests using a trusted phone number. Remember: government agencies and other trusted organizations will not call, email or text you out of the blue to ask for your personal information.”

Some of the most common older adult scams include:

- **Medical Device:** Unsolicited prerecorded messages, known as “robocalls,” offering free medical alert devices by providing an address and credit card

information.

- **Grandparent:** Scammers call or email asking for money while impersonating a beloved grandchild who is in some kind of trouble.

- **Ghosting:** Identity thieves obtain personal information about deceased persons from obituaries, funeral homes, hospitals, stolen death certificates and websites and use this information to establish credit and open accounts, take out loans, receive benefits or even collect tax refunds filed under the stolen identity.

- **Jury Duty:** Scammers pretending to be law enforcement officers or court officials contact individuals to inform them they have failed to report to jury duty and must pay a fine by credit card to avoid an arrest.

- **Funeral Notification:** Scammers send emails deceptively informing recipients of an upcoming farewell ceremony in remembrance of a friend or loved one, and upon clicking a link provided in the email, victims are sent to a third-party website where malicious software is downloaded

so scammers can gain access to the user’s information.


- **Sweepstakes:** Scammers entice consumers with various prize offers and ask to share personal information or pay a fee to enter the sweepstakes.

- **Internal Revenue Service Imposter:** Phone scammers impersonate IRS agents and demand immediate payment of overdue taxes from victims via debit card or wire transfer to avoid being arrested.

- **Free Grant:** Scammers promise fraudulent grants in print or over the phone and ask for bank account and routing numbers.

For more information about how to recognize the most common older adult scams, or for more scam prevention tips, visit <https://dos.ny.gov/senior-anti-fraud-education-safe-0>.

There are resources to help if you are concerned about an individual, friend or loved one who may be experiencing elder abuse, including the non-emergency helpline at 844-746-6905 and the Adult Protective Services hotline at 1-844-697-3505 to report abuse.



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# Gas Prices Fall in NY

Average gasoline prices in New York have fallen 3.5 cents per gallon recently, averaging \$3.55 per gallon as of last week, according to GasBuddy's survey of 6,118 stations in New York. Prices are 13.4 cents per gallon lower than a month ago, and stand 9.3 cents per gallon lower than a year ago.

The national average price of diesel has fallen 1.6 cents in the last week, and stands at \$3.73 per gallon.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in New York was priced at \$2.83 per gallon last week, while the most expensive was \$4.69 per gallon.

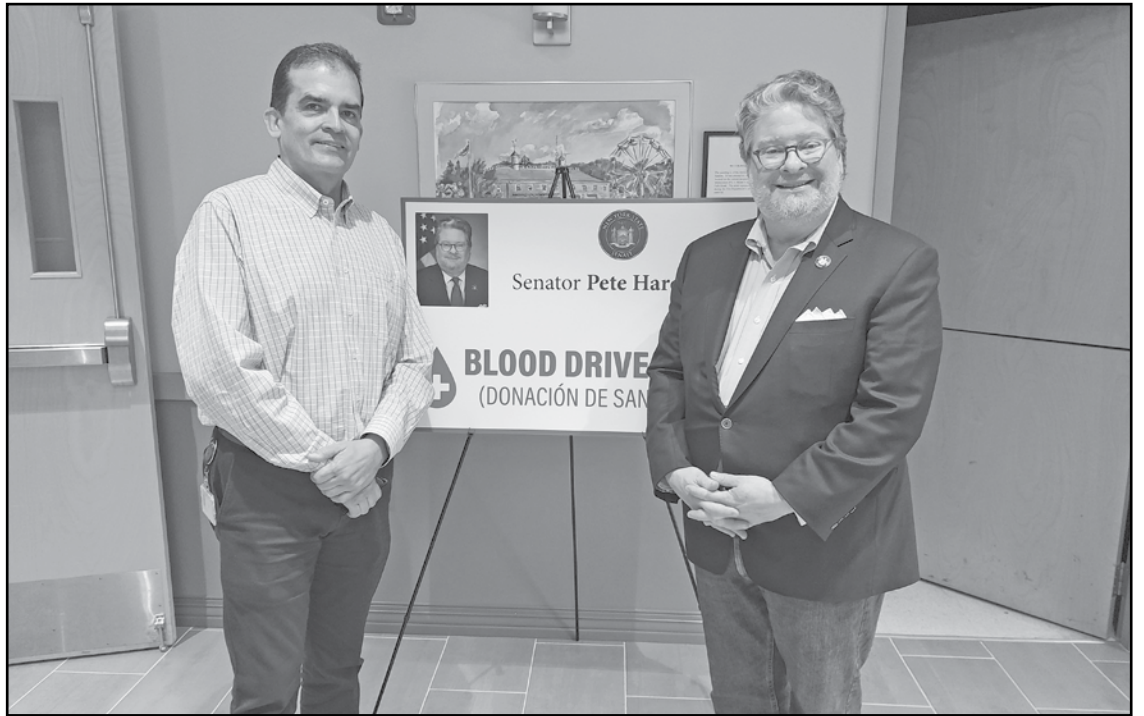
The national average price of gasoline had risen 1 cent per gallon, averaging \$3.41. The national average is down 18 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 13.8 cents per gallon lower than a year ago, according to GasBuddy data compiled from more than 11 million weekly price reports covering over 150,000 gas stations across the country.

"Since the national average price of gasoline fell to its lowest June level since 2021 last week,

we've seen the drop in prices take a break, with some states seeing a small rise over the last week," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy. "Thankfully, I expect this to be more like a short timeout, with an eventual return to falling gasoline prices in most states.

"The decline in diesel prices continues, with the national average price of diesel now at its lowest level since January 2022. Both gasoline and diesel prices remain below their year-ago level, which is music to the ears of the Federal Reserve, as fuel prices are a significant component of the Consumer Price Index. Also factoring in gasoline demand that has been running a bit weaker than expected, market fundamentals look pretty good right now if you're a motorist."

GasBuddy's survey updates 288 times every day from a diverse list of sources covering nearly 150,000 stations nationwide. Its averages, graphs, maps and historical pricing data covering the U.S. and Canada is available 24/7 at <http://prices.GasBuddy.com>.



State Sen. Pete Harckham and New York Blood Center Account Manager Camilo Rubio. Photo by Tito Davila/Harckham's office.

## Blood Drive Collects 40 Pints in Mahopac

Community members donated 40 pints of blood during a June 12 drive at the Mahopac Volunteer Fire Department that

was held in partnership with State Sen. Pete Harckham and New York Blood Center, just days after NYBC declared a blood emergency for the region.

The blood collected has the potential to save 120 lives.

"This blood drive is a great example of how community members can come together to help in times of a severe shortage in our blood supply," said Harckham. "I thank our generous donors, NYBC and the Mahopac Volunteer Fire Department for responding to the blood emergency and making this drive a success. Someone needs blood every two seconds, and the donated blood can help not only accident victims, but also those undergoing cancer treatment, certain surgeries and treatment for certain blood disorders."

"New York Blood Center declared a blood emergency due to a severe shortfall of 2,100 units over the previous three weeks," added NYBC Account Manager Camilo Rubio, who supervised the drive. "We would like to thank Sen. Pete Harckham and the Mahopac Fire Department for hosting a successful emergency blood drive that collected 40 very important blood donations."

The shortage poses a critical threat to the region's blood supply with the approach of the summer months – a period marked by an increase in traumatic accidents requiring blood transfusions.

With more than 56,000 traumas reported annually in New York State, predominantly during weekends and summer, the need for donors in the coming weeks is crucial.

Blood shortages regularly occur during the summer and winter holidays.

According to NYBC, each pint of blood has the potential to save three lives.

One unit of blood can be separated into several components, including red blood cells, platelets and plasma. The red blood cells are key to respiration, while platelets promote blood clotting and support cancer treatments.

This was Harckham's sixth blood drive since taking office in 2019.

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# Putnam County Community Events

## Vacancy

The Carmel Town Board is looking for someone to fill a vacancy on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Submit a letter of interest and resume by Friday, July 19 to Town Supervisor Michael Cazzari, Carmel Town Hall, 60 McAlpin Ave., Mahopac, NY 10541; or [kjk@ci.carmel.ny.us](mailto:kjk@ci.carmel.ny.us); or faxed to 845-628-6836.

## Corvette Raffle

The Lake Mahopac Rotary Club's annual Corvette raffle is taking place. Tickets are \$100 or three for \$250, and can be purchased on weekends between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. at the CVS parking lot at Route 6 and East Lake Blvd., as well as during weekly business hours at Sullivan Insurance, 421 Route 6. An early bird drawing for a chance to win \$1,000 will take place July 10. The drawing for the Corvette will be July 28 at noon on the grounds of Mahopac Public Library. Second-, third- and fourth-place will win \$1,000, \$500 and \$250, respectively.

## Donations Sought

The annual Patterson Book Sale will run Saturday, Sept. 21 through Sunday, Sept. 29 on the Patterson Fire Department grounds, 13 Burdick Road, across from the Patterson Library on Route 311. The department will start collecting donations beginning Saturday, Aug. 10. Drop off books, CDs, DVDs, blue-ray discs or vinyl LPs in a storage container near the pavilion on the fire department grounds. Put fiction, non-fiction and children's books in separate bags or boxes.

## Interarts Classes

Hudson Valley Interarts is offering classes Tuesdays at its new state-of-the-art multi-arts community center, 40 Jon Barret Road, Patterson. From 9 to 10 a.m. is gentle yoga flow, linking breath and movement; from 10 to 11 a.m. is yoga barre, a fusion of yoga and ballet-inspired movements and simple exercises to gain strength and flexibility; from 1:45 to 2:30 p.m. is yoga for kids age 4 and older. No classes July 2 or 23. For information and to register, visit [www.Hudsonvalleyinterarts.org](http://www.Hudsonvalleyinterarts.org)

## Wednesday, June 26

### Stretch Class

Reed Memorial Library in Carmel will host a classic stretch class with Corrie on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. through July 9. Registration is required at [carmellibrary.org/calendar](http://carmellibrary.org/calendar).

### Patterson Town Board

The Patterson Town Board will meet the following Wednesdays at 7 p.m. at Town Hall: June 26, July 10 and 24, Aug. 14 and 28, Sept. 11, Oct. 9 and 23, Nov. 6 and 20, and Dec. 4 and 18.

### Latin Music

Celebrate the start of summer with a rollicking concert by award-winning performer Flor Bromley on June 26 at 3 p.m. at Mahopac Public Library. Flor is a 2023 Latin Grammy nominee, a bilingual singer/songwriter originally from Peru. Register at [www.mahopac-library.org](http://www.mahopac-library.org) or call 845-628-2009, ext. 139.

### Quilting

Gather at the Putnam History Museum for a series of in-person workshops to commemorate the

history of anti-slavery in the Hudson Valley on Wednesdays, June 26, July 3 and July 10 from 3 to 5 p.m. at 63 Chestnut St., Cold Spring. All skill levels, ages and backgrounds. Create quilt squares that tell the stories, names and places of significance to enslaved Africans, freedom seekers, and the abolitionists who fought for freedom and justice. Register at [putnamhistorymuseum.org](http://putnamhistorymuseum.org).

### HIV Testing

The Putnam County Department of Health will offer free HIV testing for New York State residents Wednesday, June 26 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the health department, at 1 Geneva Road, Brewster. The test takes 15 minutes and is confidential. Walk-ins welcome. Condoms are available for free in the lobby. For information or to make an appointment, call 845-808-1390, ext. 43155.

### Meditation Series

Terry Ariano will lead meditation skills amidst the beauty of Patters Library Park on Wednesdays, June 26, July 10 and Aug. 21 at 10:30 a.m. Relax and restore your body and mind in this guided meditation series. Bring a yoga mat and a cushion. To register, call 845-878-6121 or go to [www.pattersonlibrary.org](http://www.pattersonlibrary.org) and click the calendar.

### 'Arthur the King'

Patterson Library will screen "Arthur the King" on Wednesday, June 26 at 1 p.m. Based on a true story, the film follows a Swedish adventure racers team and Arthur, the street dog that joins them, on a 10-day, 435-mile race for the Adventure Racing World Championship. Adults 18 and older. To register, call 845-878-6121 or go to [www.pattersonlibrary.org](http://www.pattersonlibrary.org).

### North Country Band

The free Brewster Summer Music Series kicks off June 26 with the North Country Band and George Mallas, and continues Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Southeast Veterans Park gazebo on Railroad Avenue. Performances are free to attend. The country fan favorite will be combining original music with popular tunes mixed in. Brewster singer-songwriter George Mallas will open.

### Mah-Jongg

Reed Memorial Library in Carmel will host beginner/practice Mah-Jongg events June 26 at 2:30 p.m. Registration is required at [carmellibrary.org/calendar](http://carmellibrary.org/calendar)

## Thursday, June 27

### Summer Movies

The Town of Carmel Recreation & Parks Department and Tompkins Bank will present its free Sunset Concert Series on Thursdays from 7 to 9 p.m. at Mahopac Chamber Park. June 27 is Nashville Drive, July 11 is Patrick Perone Elvis Tribute and the Blue Suede Rockers, July 18 is Pablito Y Su Latin Show, July 25 is The Classics, Aug. 1 is Mike Risko Band and Aug. 8 is 1/3 of Sophie Band.

### Genealogy

Reed Memorial Library in Carmel will host a program called "Start Climbing Your Family Tree: An Introduction to Genealogy" (via Zoom) on June 27 at 6 p.m. Registration is required at [carmellibrary.org/calendar](http://carmellibrary.org/calendar).

## Southeast Town Board

The Southeast Town Board will meet at 7 p.m. at Town Hall on the following Thursdays: June 27, July 11 and 25, Aug. 8 and 29, Sept. 12 and 26, Oct. 10 and 24, Nov. 7 and 21, and Dec. 5 and 19.

### Cruise Nights

The Carmel Cruisers are back for their third season of free Wendy's car shows at 1894 Route 6, Carmel. Cruises are from 3 to 9 p.m. the last Thursday of the month and every other Saturday, beginning through the end of September; as well as 9 a.m. to noon every Sunday continuing through the end of October. Weekly updates can be found on Facebook.

## Friday, June 28

### History Hike

Putnam History Museum will present a history hike featuring Benedict Arnold's flight on Friday, June 28 and Saturday, July 6 from 10 a.m. to noon, beginning at Marsha's Mile/Glencllyffe trailhead parking lot in Philipstown. \$15 for \$12 for members. Register at [putnamhistorymuseum.org](http://putnamhistorymuseum.org).

## Saturday, June 29

### Fireworks Night

Arts on the Lake's annual Fireworks Night concert is Saturday, June 29 beginning at 6 p.m., at 640 Route 52. Rufus Jones and his 10-member New Young Blues Band brings a mix of guitar skills and Memphis-style blues and soul. Opening the night will be singer/songwriter Diane Scanlon. The newly formed Lakeside a capella chorus will also sneak in an opening song or two. Tickets are \$10 and available online and at the door.

### Summer Reading Kickoff

Children of all ages and their families are invited to Kent Public Library on Saturday, June 29 between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. to enjoy a visit from The Bubble Bus. There will also be temporary tattoos, balloon animals and an outdoor scavenger hunt. Get creative with a craft, and don't forget to grab your summer reading materials to win prizes. Register online using the group option.

### Garden Tour

The Brewster-Carmel Garden Club will host a drive-it-yourself spring garden tour Saturday, June 29 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., rain or shine. Be inspired by four privately owned gardens in Brewster-Carmel-Mahopac neighborhoods. Tickets are \$20 in advanced only, at [Eventbrite.com](http://Eventbrite.com). Proceeds benefit the club's civic plantings and Putnam County Children's Committee. For information, visit <https://brewstercarmelgardenclub.org/2024-tour>.

### Americana & Blues

Tompkins Corners Cultural Center will present Professor Louie and the Crowmatrix on Saturday, June 29 at 6 p.m. at 729 Peekskill Hollow Road, Putnam Valley. Tickets are \$25 at [Eventbrite.com](http://Eventbrite.com).

### Fishing Derby

The annual Lake Carmel Fishing Derby is scheduled Saturday, June 29 (rain date Sunday June 30) from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Beach 4 (East Lakeshore Drive and Placid Road). This competition is open to Lake Carmel Park District residents and their guests. Register on site start-

ing at 8:30 a.m.

## Sunday, June 30

### Special Service

All are invited to a worship service at Drew Methodist Church in Carmel on Sunday, June 30 at 9:30 a.m., to honor all volunteers past and present of Drew Thrift Shop. A luncheon will follow.

## Tuesday, July 2

### 'Where the Crawdads Sing'

Mahopac Public Library will show "Where the Crawdads Sing" on July 2 at noon. Based on the best-selling novel by Delia Owens, follow the story of a young woman from a small town in North Carolina who becomes the main suspect when a man who showed interest in her suddenly dies. PG-13. Ages 18 and older. Register at [www.mahopac-library.org](http://www.mahopac-library.org) or call 845-628-2009, ext. 100.

### Book Club

The Reads at Reed Book Club will meet Tuesday, July 2 at 4:30 p.m. via Zoom to discuss "A Piece of the World" by Christina Baker Kline. Also, the library's Short Story Discussion Group meets alternating Wednesdays at 1 p.m. via Zoom.

### Olympics

Reed Memorial Library in Carmel will host "The Sporting Event that Changed America: Olympics Edition" on July 2 at 11 a.m. Registration is required at [carmellibrary.org/calendar](http://carmellibrary.org/calendar).

### Kent Town Board

The Kent Town Board will meet at 7 p.m. at Town Hall on the following Tuesdays: July 2 and 16, Aug. 6 and 20 (daytime), Sept. 3 and 17, Oct. 1 and 15, Nov. 12 and 19, and Dec. 3 and 17.

## Wednesday, July 3

### Carmel Town Board

The Carmel Town Board will meet at 7 p.m. at Town Hall on the following Wednesdays: July 3; Aug. 7; Sept. 4 and 18; Oct. 9 and 16; Nov. 6, 13 and 20; and Dec. 4 and 11. The March 6 and Oct. 9 meeting will be held at the Carmel firehouse.

### Summer Concerts

The Brewster Summer Music Series will feature: Cuboricua on July 3, Artie Tobia Band on July 10, M80's on July 17, Genevieve Favire on July 24 and Jay Prince & Friends on July 31. Free concerts take place at the gazebo at Southeast Veterans' Park.

## Thursday, July 4

### Concert

The Town of Carmel Recreation & Parks Department and Tompkins Bank will present a Fourth of July concert at 6:30 p.m. at Red Mills Historic Park at the corner of Hill Street and Route 6 in Mahopac. Free.

### Celebrate

### Independence Day

Mekeel's Corners Chapel will offer an Independence Day celebration for the community on July 4 at 10 a.m., at 321 Route 301, Cold Spring. Musicians will lead attendees in the singing of patriotic songs and hymns. There will be a reading of select passages from the U.S.' most important founding

documents. Free.

## Friday, July 5

### Back to the Garden

Arts on the Lake's annual Summer Concert Series continues July 5 at 7 p.m., at 640 Route 52, with Back to the Garden, 1969. Always an audience favorite with a large following, the band performs music from the famous Woodstock concert. Pay-as-you-wish.

## Saturday, July 6

### Summer Festival

The 32nd annual Lake Carmel Summer Festival is scheduled Saturday, July 6 (rain date July 7) from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Beach 3. For Lake Carmel Park District residents and their guests. A full day of fun at the beach includes swimming races, a DJ, and food and beverages provided by Town of Kent.

### Putnam Chorale

The Putnam Chorale will present "United Songs of America" on Saturday, July 6 at 7:30 p.m., at the First United Methodist Church in Brewster; Wednesday, July 10 at 6:30 p.m. on the grounds of the Graymoor estate in Garrison (free); and Sunday, July 14 at 3 p.m. at St. Joachim Church in Beacon. Tickets for the first and last concert are \$18 for adults, \$15 for seniors and students, free for 12 and younger. Tickets at the door, or [www.putnamchorale.org](http://www.putnamchorale.org).

## Tuesday, July 9

### ArtSmart

ArtSmart returns to Kent Public Library on Tuesdays, July 9, 16 and 23 at 10:30 a.m. Children age 4 to 10 with caregivers are invited. Instructor Patti Hupp will focus on a famous artist and the child goes home with a replica of a famous work of art. Pastels, clay, construction paper, glue and scissors are used. Children hang their work on the "museum wall" and the class ends with a story or dance. Register online.

### Antique Bottles

Reed Memorial Library in Carmel will host "The Art of Antique Bottle Collecting" on July 9 at 11 a.m. Registration is required at [carmellibrary.org/calendar](http://carmellibrary.org/calendar).

### Calpulli Dance

Join dancers from Calpulli Mexican Dance Company in a celebration of traditional Mexican dance and music Tuesday, July 9 at 6 p.m. (rain date July 10) at Patterson Library. Enjoy unique costuming and rhythms, while learning about the history and culture of Mexico. Bring a blanket or chairs and a picnic dinner. To register, call 845-878-6121 or go to [www.pattersonlibrary.org](http://www.pattersonlibrary.org).

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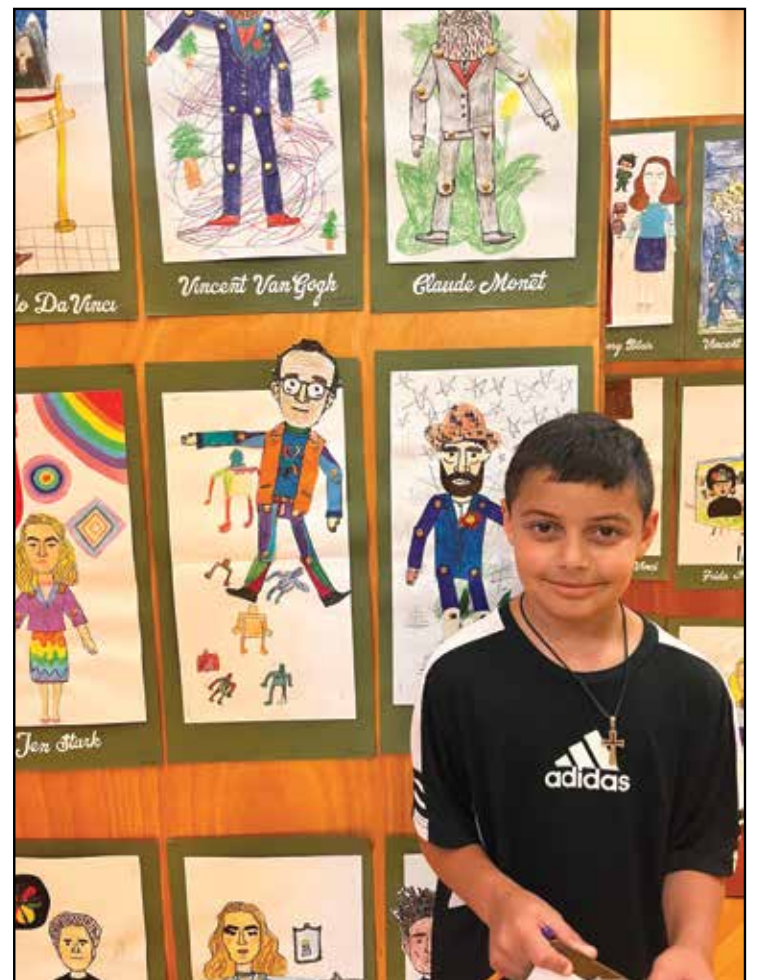
# Student Art on Display at C.V. Starr Expo



C.V. Starr Intermediate School students were recently challenged to create an original dreamscape in their choice of media that portrays a landscape that could be interpreted as if in a dream, to be displayed at the 2024 STEAM Expo.



Art projects from the year – paperdoll artists, mini golf holes and personalized letter sculptures, including a B for Barbie and H for Harry Potter – were also on display for students and family to admire.



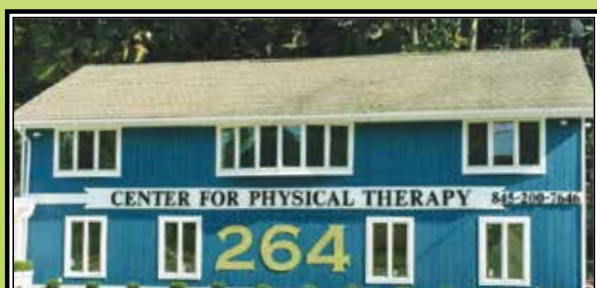
Students created imaginative dreamscapes and landscapes from “Candy Party Paradise” to an “Adventure with Princess Peach and Fruity Fishes,” and a “Mountainous Land of My Dreams.” There were dioramas, sculptures, collages and paintings.



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# Entrepreneurs Succeed at Putnam Youth Biz Market

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Putnam County's first Youth Business Market drew more than 600 visitors to Tilly Foster Farm in Brewster to support 70 youth vendors showcasing an array of products.

The market was a showcase of youthful entrepreneurship, featuring items such as bracelets, art, baked goods, 3D-printed toys, plants, lemonade, Pokémon cards, Rubik's cubes and more. Youth vendors and their families traveled from all over Putnam County and beyond, with some participants coming from as far as the Bronx and Connecticut.

"The success of our first Youth Business Market is a testament to the creativity and entrepre-

neurial spirit of our young people," said Putnam County Executive Kevin Byrne. "It was inspiring to see so many families and community members come together to support our future business leaders. This event not only provided a valuable learning experience for our youth, but also strengthened our community bonds."

Deputy Chairwoman of the Putnam County Legislature Amy Sayegh echoed those sentiments.

"The turnout and enthusiasm at the Youth Business Market were incredible," she said. "Our young entrepreneurs did an outstanding job, and it was heartwarming to see their hard work and dedication pay off. This event highlighted the

immense talent we have in Putnam County and beyond."

Legislator Bill Gouldman also expressed his admiration for the young businesspeople.

"Seeing the wide variety of products and the entrepreneurial spirit of our youth was truly impressive," he said. "The market provided an excellent opportunity for these young vendors to learn about business, engage with the community, and develop important life skills. I look forward to seeing this event grow in the coming years."

For more information about future events and initiatives by the Putnam County Youth Bureau, visit [putnamcountyny.com](http://putnamcountyny.com).



# Thefts from Vehicles on the Rise

Putnam County Sheriff Kevin McConville is reminding all residents to lock their vehicles and remove any valuables such as keys, cash and credit cards from inside unoccupied vehicles.

The Putnam County Sheriff's Office has received a number of reports regarding items being taken from unlocked vehicles throughout the county in the last couple of weeks.

On June 8, a deputy was dispatched to a residence on Lurch Lane in the Town of Philipstown for a stolen vehicle complaint. It was determined that the vehicle was left unlocked with the keys inside, and was possibly utilized by the suspects to commit larcenies from vehicles in the area. The vehicle was located later that day, abandoned in the Town of Fishkill.

The sheriff's office also took multiple reports from residents in the area of Jaycox Road in the Town of Philipstown on the morning of June 17, where they reported that items had been removed from unlocked vehicles in the overnight hours.

The investigation into all of these incidents is ongoing, and anyone with information is asked to call 845-225-4300.



Professor Louie and the Crowmatix will perform June 29 at Tompkins Corners Cultural Center.

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## Hear Americana & Roots Tunes in Put Valley

Professor Louie and the Crowmatix will bring a mix of rock and rhythm and blues – music that continues to expand the borders of Americana and roots – to the outdoor stage at Tompkins Corners Cultural Center on Saturday, June 29 at 6 p.m.

Performing since 2000 and averaging 150 shows annually in the U.S. and worldwide, the band will perform original songs from its 17 CDs, as well as classics from the Rock'n'Roll Hall of Fame group The Band's repertoire that Professor Louie created with it.

The band has released 16 studio CDs on The Woodstock Records Label. In 2023, Woodstock Records released Professor Louie & The Crowmatix on vinyl and CD, "Rockin' Legacy Vol. 1 EP," which stayed on the Relix / Jamband charts for four months

and has gained great reviews. It has also been played on more than 90 radio stations worldwide.

The 2022 recording, "Strike Up The Band," was on The Roots Music Radio Charts for more than nine months, and the single "Work It Out" hit number one on the New York State charts.

Tickets to the upcoming concert are \$25 and may be purchased at Eventbrite.com or at the door. Students are admitted free.

Attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and a picnic. Light refreshments will be available.

In case of rain, the show will be held indoors.

Tompkins Corners Cultural Center located at 729 Peekskill Hollow Road, Putnam Valley. For more information, visit TompkinsCorners.org or Facebook.

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## Byrne Posts Financial Disclosure Publicly

Putnam County Executive Kevin Byrne recently unveiled a new initiative aimed at enhancing transparency within county government, proposing that certain financial disclosures be made publicly accessible on the county website.

Currently, all elected officials in county government are required by law to complete financial disclosure forms, which are then submitted to the Putnam County Board of Ethics. However, these disclosures are not currently made public. Two members of the Board of Ethics review them to ensure they are completed – not necessarily thoroughly investigating each submission to determine if something is intentionally or mistakenly missed or misrepresented, according to Byrne.

Under this new initiative, disclosures will be available for public viewing, ensuring greater accountability and fostering trust within the community.

"Transparency has been a cornerstone of this administration, with my belief that sunshine is the best disinfectant," said Byrne. "With assistance from the Legislature, Putnam County has already made its public meetings more accessible, and it will soon be launching a new budget

transparency website. During my tenure as a New York State assemblyman, I was required to file my financial disclosures publicly, and it was a crucial step in maintaining the public's trust."

While county governments are not required to publish financial disclosure forms online, other county governments do.

"I believe extending this practice to our county government will assist in enhancing transparency, accountability, and reduce questions about potential conflicts of interest," said Byrne, who has decided to set an example by posting his financial disclosure to the county Website.

These forms reveal family income, debts, political memberships, and any potential benefits the individual may receive from county contracts.

"This initiative is not just about compliance; it's about setting a standard for openness and building a culture of trust between our government and the residents of Putnam County," concluded Byrne. "I believe our citizens deserve to know their elected officials and policymakers are working in their best interests, and I think it's appropriate it should begin with more disclosure from their county executive."



# Brewster Life Skills Students 'Move Up'



Life Skills teachers, staff and families gathered under the tent in the Henry H. Wells Middle School courtyard in Brewster to celebrate the students and all of their accomplishments this year. Families got to hear about the activities of the Life Skills room, including the coffee cart business and celebrity chef classes, in which important life skills are learned. Each student was honored with a speech, class photo, personalized cup and class photo. Eighth-graders moving up to high school were given green robes to mark the occasion.

## NYS Offers Food Security This Summer

Beginning in 2024, New York State will launch Summer EBT/SUN Bucks, a new program that provides low-income families with food benefits to help cover the cost of groceries when school is not in session.

To be automatically eligible for Summer EBT food benefits, a child must receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and/or temporary assistance (cash) benefits, or be directly certified for free meals through Medicaid; or a child must be determined eligible for free/reduced price school meals by their school.

These children will receive benefits automatically and do not need to apply. These families will receive a letter this summer from the New York State Office of Temporary & Disability Assistance letting them know that their child is eligible.

If your child is not eligible, you must apply to receive Summer EBT benefits. To be eligible with an application, the household's income must be at or below the income limits for eligibility for

free/reduced price school meals.

Families with eligible children will receive \$120 in Summer EBT food benefits per child in 2024. Summer EBT benefits can be used just like SNAP benefits to buy food at grocery stores, farmers markets and other SNAP-authorized retailers.

Summer EBT benefits will not be issued before July. New York State is still working to finalize a timeline for when summer EBT food benefits will be issued. Eligible children will receive benefits at different times, depending on whether they attend public or private school, and whether they receive benefits automatically or if they are determined eligible through an application.

If your household must apply to be considered for benefits, an online application will be available by July 1, and the link and instructions will be posted at [OTDA.NY.gov/SummerEBT](http://OTDA.NY.gov/SummerEBT).

The Summer EBT Customer Service Helpline is 1-833-452-0096, and will be able to answer questions about a specific child's eligibility beginning July 1.

## Adoptable Pet of the Week



### Thumper

The Putnam Humane Society has dozens of animal friends in need of homes. Thumper is around a year old and good with other dogs. While he's little timid as he adjusts to shelter life, volunteers have been raving about his sweet demeanor. To learn more, contact Putnam Humane Society, 68 Old Route 6, Carmel, at 845-225-7777.

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Performing arts students from Brewster High School were honored at the Metro Awards.

## BHS Students Take a Bow at The Metros

Brewster High School performing arts students were a force at the recent Metro Awards, which shine a spotlight on the exceptional musical theater productions, talented actors and actresses, and devoted creative teams who take to the stage every spring in high schools in Rockland, Westchester, Putnam and Bergen counties.

For their production of "Anything Goes," BHS students were nominated for nine major awards, including "best overall production." It is the first time in 20 years that Brewster students were nominated for so many awards.

Ivelisse Arocho won "best comedic actress," Ivelisse Arocho and Tessa Boissonnault won "best duet" for their performance of "Friendship," Nikki Sanders Siriani won "best choreography," and Ariana Arocho won "best female vocalist" for her role in Archbishop Stepinack's production of "Catch Me if You Can."

The full company was featured during the award event, and performed "Anything Goes." Additional performances were by Jacob Caraballo, Ive Arocho, Ariana Arocho and Tessa Boissonnault.



Training for the Master Gardener program will take place in the fall.

## Consider Becoming a Master Gardener Volunteer

The Master Gardener Volunteer Program is a national program of trained volunteers who work in partnership with their county Cornell Cooperative Extension office to expand educational outreach throughout the community by providing research-based information to home gardeners and youth.

The first Master Gardener volunteer program was started in Washington state in 1972. Forty-six states now have the program.

CCE of Putnam County Master Gardener volunteers are involved in many activities. They teach public workshops on beginner vegetable gardening, invasive plants, native pollinators, the

impact of deer on landscapes, and more. Volunteers also help with testing soil samples from homeowners and green-industry professionals brought into the CCE office

Master Gardeners help organize the annual 4-H fair and plant sale, write articles for the quarterly newsletter, design and maintain the educational garden spaces at the CCE office and Tilly Foster Community Garden in Brewster, and staff the horticultural hotline and diagnostic lab from 9 a.m. to noon weekdays.

Master Gardener volunteers often have no professional gardening or landscaping experience – only a genuine interest in sharing their knowledge, and sufficient free time to volunteer during activities.

Master Gardener volunteer trainees should have a basic knowledge of, or interest in, gardening, and enthusiasm for acquiring and sharing horticultural knowledge and skills, good communications skills, and a willingness and free time to participate in volunteer educational activities.

Volunteers complete a brief written application and have a short interview with members of the horticulture staff. Priority for selection is given to Putnam County residents.

Master Gardener Volunteer training is held every two or three years. Trainees receive instruction from experts at CCE and elsewhere on a broad spectrum of subjects applicable to home gardening, such as plant nutrition, soils, vegetable and fruit culture, trees, shrubs and lawns, diseases and insects that affect plants, prun-

ing, and more.

After this instruction, trainees complete an examination and are certified as Master Gardener volunteers. Advanced instruction is offered, and special seminars and refresher workshops are held so that Master Gardeners can stay current on gardening topics and keep their knowledge up-to-date.

In Putnam County, the tuition fee is \$375 for the training, which covers classes, a resource manual and texts required for the training, as well as additional source materials.

Learn more about the topics that are covered in the training at <https://gardening.cals.cornell.edu/cornell-cooperative-extension-master-gardener-volunteer-program>.

Each trainee commits to "give back" 30 hours of service per year following certification. Some Master Gardeners have volunteered for many years and enjoy the camaraderie of fellow gardeners, monthly meetings, holiday gatherings, and group field trips to visit beautiful and unique gardens in the region that also are part of the program.

Putnam County has had a Master Gardener Volunteer Program for 35 years, and currently has about 100 active volunteers. Volunteer training is held from September through December, on alternate years. Trainings are a mix of in-person, group practicums on weekends, and self-paced weekly online learning modules.

If you are interested in becoming a Putnam County Master Gardener Volunteer, print out an application from the website and mail it to the Putnam County CCE office.



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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Carmel  
LEGAL NOTICE**

TOWN OF CARMEL, NY  
COUNTY OF PUTNAM

**NOTICE OF FILING  
COMPLETED**

**2024 ASSESSMENT ROLL**

(Pursuant to Section 516 of the Real Property Tax Law)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Final Assessment Roll for the year 2024 for the Town of Carmel, County of Putnam has been completed by the undersigned Assessor and a copy will be available in the Carmel Town Hall on the 1st day of July, 2024 from Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 am and 4:30 pm. Furthermore, it will also be available through a link on the Town website at [www.ci.carmel.ny.us](http://www.ci.carmel.ny.us).

B. Scott McMillan  
Assessor

Dated: June 18, 2024

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Kent**

**Town of Kent  
Legal Notice**

Pursuant to section 516 of New York State Real Property Tax Law. Notice is hereby given that the Final Assessment Roll for the town of Kent, County of Putnam has been completed and will be available July 1st 2024. The final roll will be available for viewing online at <https://www.townofkent-ny.gov/assessor>. The final roll may also be viewed at the Assessor's office, Monday – Thursday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm and Friday 8:00 am to 2:00 pm, at the Kent Town Hall 25 Sybil's Crossing, Kent Lakes, NY. A certified copy thereof will be filed with Town Clerk's Office.

Seth Plawsky  
Town of Kent - Assessor

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**STATE OF NEW YORK  
COUNTY OF PUTNAM  
TOWN OF KENT**

**BID NOTICE FOR  
MEMORIAL PARK PE-  
DESTRIAN BRIDGE OVER  
LAKE CARMEL INLET**

The Town of Kent is seeking sealed bids for the furnishing of all labor and material necessary for the **Memorial Park Pedestrian Bridge over Lake Carmel Inlet** project will be received by the Town of Kent at Kent Town Hall, 25 Sybil's Crossing, Kent Lakes, NY 10512 at **12:00 pm** local time on **Thursday, July 11, 2024** at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Bids will be received for the following Contract:

**Contract 1** – Memorial Park Pedestrian Bridge over Lake Carmel Inlet – This contract includes construction of a new pedestrian bridge and trail reconstruction in Memorial Park in the Town of Kent. The owner for this contract is the Town of Kent.

Construction will include but is not limited to mobilization, open-cut installation of new bridge, installation of cofferdams and temporary waterway diversion system, installation of steel sheeting, forming and pouring of new concrete abutments, placement of superstructure provided by the Town of Kent, and construction of new decking surface

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and bridge railings.

The Town's Engineer for Memorial Park Pedestrian Bridge over Lake Carmel Inlet project is Barton & Loguidice, DPC. All correspondence related to the bid should be submitted in writing to the Engineer:

Barton & Loguidice, DPC  
10 Airline Drive, Suite 200  
Albany, NY 12205  
Attn: Joseph J. Fremante, P.E.  
e-mail: [jfremante@bartonandloguidice.com](mailto:jfremante@bartonandloguidice.com)

Contract Documents, including Advertisement For Bids, Information For Bidders, Labor and Employment, Additional Instructions, Bid Documents, Agreement, General Conditions, General Requirements, Specifications, Contract Drawings and any Addenda may be obtained in digital format from Barton & Loguidice by emailing Tammy Savino, [tsavino@bartonandloguidice.com](mailto:tsavino@bartonandloguidice.com)

Each bid must be accompanied by security in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid in the form and subject to the conditions provided in the Information for Bidders. No Bidder may withdraw his bid within forty-five (45) days after the actual date of opening thereof.

Each bid must be submitted within a sealed opaque envelope. The name of the bidder and "Memorial Park Pedestrian Bridge over Lake Carmel Inlet Project" shall be clearly marked on such envelope. If a bid is sent by mail or other delivery system, both the outside packaging and sealed envelope containing the bid within shall be clearly marked "Memorial Park Pedestrian Bridge over Lake Carmel Inlet Project"

Each bid or proposal must contain a non-collusion affidavit executed by the bidder or his authorized representative. Separate Performance and Payment Bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract sum, will be required of the successful bidder.

This is an exempt public works capital improvement project and Bidders shall not include in their bid, sales and compensating use taxes on the cost of materials which are to be incorporated into the work and which are to be separately sold by the Contractor to the Town of Kent prior to incorporation into the work of the Contract.

The attention of Bidders is particularly called to the requirements of prevailing wage rates to be paid under the Contract.

The right is reserved to waive any informalities in the Bid and to reject any or all Bids.

Yolanda D. Cappelli  
Kent Town Clerk

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**TOWN OF KENT  
NOTICE OF HEARING**

**AMENDMENTS TO  
CHAPTER 77  
OF THE KENT TOWN CODE**

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that there has been introduced before the Town Board of the Town of Kent, New York, on June 18, 2024 an amendment to Kent Town Code Chapter 77, entitled "Zoning", which amendment will revise Section 77-42, entitled "Swimming pools," and Chapter 77-31, entitled "Height of accessory buildings."

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

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will hold a public hearing on the aforesaid Amendment at the Town Offices, 25 Sybil's Crossing, Kent, New York, on Tuesday, July 9, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the evening of that day at which time all persons interested therein shall be heard. The Town Board will make every effort to assure that the hearing is accessible to persons with disabilities. Anyone requiring special assistance and/or reasonable accommodations should contact the Town Clerk.  
Dated: June 20, 2024

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN  
BOARD OF THE  
TOWN OF KENT

YOLANDA D. CAPELLI,  
TOWN CLERK

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**TOWN OF KENT  
NOTICE OF HEARING**

**A LOCAL LAW  
ESTABLISHING A  
TEMPORARY LAND USE  
MORATORIUM  
PROHIBITING LITHIUM  
BATTERY STORAGE  
FACILITIES WITHIN THE  
TOWN OF KENT**

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that there has been introduced before the Town Board of the Town of Kent, New York, on June 18, 2024 an amendment to Kent Town Code introducing a local law Establishing a Temporary Moratorium Prohibiting Lithium Battery Storage Facilities within the Town of Kent.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to Section 20 of the Municipal Home Rule Law, the Town Board of the Town of Kent, New York will hold a public hearing on the aforesaid Amendment at the Town Offices, 25 Sybil's Crossing, Kent, New York, on July 9, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in the evening of that day at which time all persons interested therein shall be heard. The Town Board will make every effort to assure that the hearing is accessible to persons with disabilities. Anyone requiring special assistance and/or reasonable accommodations should contact the Town Clerk.

Dated: June 20, 2024

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN  
BOARD OF THE  
TOWN OF KENT

YOLANDA D. CAPELLI,  
TOWN CLERK

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**TOWN OF KENT  
NOTICE OF HEARING**

**AMENDMENTS TO  
CHAPTER 77  
OF THE KENT TOWN CODE**

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that there has been introduced before the Town Board of the Town of Kent, New York, on June 18, 2024 an amendment to Kent Town Code Chapter 77, entitled "Zoning", which amendment will amend the code to provide for Short Term Rentals and add Section 77-44.8 entitled "Short Term Rental Regulations".

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to Section 20 of the Municipal Home Rule Law, the Town Board of the Town of Kent, New York will hold a public hearing on the aforesaid Amendment at the Town Offices, 25 Sybil's Crossing, Kent, New York, on Tuesday, July 9, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the evening of that day at which time all persons interested therein shall be heard. The Town Board will make every effort to assure that the hearing is accessible to persons with disabilities. Anyone requiring special assistance and/or reasonable ac-

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commodations should contact the Town Clerk.

Dated: June 20, 2024

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN  
BOARD OF THE  
TOWN OF KENT

YOLANDA D. CAPELLI,  
TOWN CLERK

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Southeast**

**Notice of Completion  
Of Final Assessment Roll  
Pursuant to Section 506  
Of Real Property Tax Law**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That the Assessor of the Town of Southeast, County of Putnam, has completed the Final Assessment Roll for 2024. A copy thereof will be available on the Town & County's website and in the Town Clerk's Office at the Town Hall, 1360 Route 22, Brewster, NY on July 1, 2024 where any interested person may examine it any day during normal business hours.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Town of Southeast is requesting bids for Chemical Supply Company Services for the period of on or about July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. Additional information regarding this RFB is available on the Town website.

The Town will accept proposals on or before 2:00 P.M. on Wednesday, June 26, 2024. Proposals shall be delivered in person, USPS, FedEx, UPS or any ground delivery service in a sealed envelope with their company name and date to: Town of Southeast Town Clerk, 1360 Route 22, Brewster, New York 10509, Re: "1 - 2024 Chemical Supply Services." Proposals will be opened at 2:01 P.M. or soon thereafter. Proposers will be notified of the results.

Any questions concerning this bid request, contact the Town Clerk, Kathleen Chiudina, at (845) 279-2196 or email [kchiudina@southeast-ny.gov](mailto:kchiudina@southeast-ny.gov) for additional information.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**SOUTHEAST  
PLANNING BOARD  
NOTICE OF  
PUBLIC HEARING**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE**

that the Planning Board/Architectural Review Board of the Town of Southeast, New York, in accordance with Chapters 78 and 138 of the Code of the Town of Southeast, and NYCRR Part 617 of the Environmental Conservation Law (as applicable), will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, July 8, 2024 at 7:00 p.m., at Southeast Town Offices, 1360 Route 22, Brewster, New York to consider the following:

**T&J CIVETTA COMPANY** – Application is being made for Site Plan Amendment for a proposal to complete construction of a previously approved 26,840 sq. ft. commercial building and create 49,240 sq. ft. of outdoor storage area on a 55.04-acre property. The original site plan was approved in 2012 and included the building currently under construction and a second 20,000-sq. ft. building, which the proposed amended site plan would replace with outdoor storage. The onsite wetlands and buffer are outside of the disturbance area. The property is located at 425-427 Rte. 312, Brewster, NY, in the ED Zoning District, and identified as Tax Map

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Number 45.-2-35.

David Rush, Acting Chairman  
Town of Southeast Planning Board  
Dated: June 17, 2024

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Supreme Court**

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF PUTNAM FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION, Plaintiff AGAINST ROBERT JACOB AS ADMINISTRATOR AND AS HEIR OF THE ESTATE OF AMBROSE A. JACOB, III A/K/A AMBROSE A. JACOB, ET AL., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered April 18, 2024, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Supreme Court in Courtroom 209 of the Putnam Supreme Court, 20 County Center, Carmel, NY 10512 on July 8, 2024 at 3:30PM, premises known as 55 Anna Street, Carmel, NY 10512. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of Ken, County of Putnam, and State of New York, Section 33.5 Block 1 Lot 24. Approximate amount of judgment \$239,313.85 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index #500312/2022. The aforementioned auction will be conducted in accordance with the PUTNAM County COVID-19 mitigation protocols and as such all persons must comply with social distancing, wearing masks and screening practices in effect at the time of this foreclosure sale. Charles A. D'Agostino, Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC 1775 Wehrle Drive Williamsville, NY 14221 22-001710 80876

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF SALE  
SUPREME COURT -  
COUNTY OF PUTNAM**

**NEWREZ LLC D/B/A  
SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE  
SERVICING,**

Plaintiff,  
Against

**UNKNOWN HEIRS AT  
LAW OF GAIL A. LATAS, ET  
AL.**

Defendant(s)

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale, duly entered 02/07/2024, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction, Putnam Supreme Courthouse, 20 County Center, Carmel, NY 10512 on 7/8/2024 at 11:30AM, premises known as 77 Friendly Road, Mahopac, NY 10541, And Described As Follows:

ALL that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Being Town Of Carmel In The County Of Putnam And State Of New York.

Section 85.8 Block 2 Lot 26 of the current Judgment lien is \$505,273.61 plus interest and costs. The Premises will be sold subject to provisions of the aforesaid Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale; Index # 501451/2022

Christopher York, Esq., Referee.

Leopold & Associates, PLLC, 80 Business Park Drive, Suite 110, Armonk, NY 10504

Dated: 5/7/24 File Number: 10598685 SH

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

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, courtroom 209 in the Putnam Supreme Courthouse, 20 County Center, Carmel, NY 10512 on 7/15/2024 at 10:30AM, premises known as 24 James Court, Mahopac, NY 10541, And Described As Follows:

ALL that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings 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: 5/16/2024 File Number: 16-303764 CA

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### NOTICE OF SALE

**SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF PUTNAM, CAR-RINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICES, LLC, Plaintiff, vs. JOHN MORRISON, ET AL., Defendant(s).**

Pursuant to an Order Confirming Referee's Report and Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered on March 26, 2024, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at courtroom 209 of the Putnam Supreme Courthouse, 20 County Center, Carmel, NY 10512 on July 22, 2024 at 9:30 a.m., premises known as 41 Echo Road, 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 33.27, Block 2 and Lot 10. Approximate amount of judgment is \$241,162.91 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index #500868/2022. Cash will not be accepted. COVID-19 safety protocols will be followed at the foreclosure sale.

Paul C. Brite, Esq, Referee

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

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### NOTICE OF SALE

**SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF PUTNAM, WILM-INGTON SAVINGS FUND**

### PUBLIC NOTICE

**SOCIETY, FSB, AS OWNER TRUSTEE OF THE RESIDENTIAL CREDIT OPPORTUNITIES TRUST VIII-A, Plaintiff, vs. SANDRA HESS, Defendant(s).**

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered on May 1, 2024, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at courtroom 209 of the Putnam Supreme Courthouse 20 County Center, Carmel, NY 10512 on July 22, 2024 at 10:30 a.m., premises known as 29 Cedar Ledges a/k/a 68 Columbus Avenue, 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 62.18, Block 1 and Lot 19. Approximate amount of judgment is \$145,317.47 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index #500917/2022. COVID-19 safety protocols will be followed at the foreclosure sale.

Anthony Carlini, Esq., Referee

Friedman Vartolo LLP, 85 Broad Street, Suite 501, New York, New York 10004, Attorneys for Plaintiff. Firm File No. 240282-1

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

**SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF PUTNAM**

-----X  
**WALLKILL VALLEY FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, NOTICE OF SALE**

Plaintiff,  
Index No. 500966/2022

-against-

**LIA PERRYMAN RAUBER, as Administrator Ad Litem of the Estate of Benjamin J. Olson, Deceased, JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A.; HOFFMAN**

**FUEL CO. OF DANBURY, INC.; AARON OLSON;**

Defendants.

-----X

In pursuance of a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly granted in the above entitled mortgage foreclosure proceeding and entered in the Office of the Clerk of Putnam County on June 3, 2024, I, JOSEPH A, RUGGIERO, ESQ., the Referee named in said Judgment, will sell at public auction at the Putnam County Courthouse, Courtroom 209, 20 County Center, Carmel, New York, on Monday, July 22, 2024, at 3:30 p.m., the premises directed by said Judgment to be sold (which consist of a residential dwelling) located at 27 Cedar Drive, Putnam Valley, Town of Putnam Valley, County of Putnam and State of New York (Town of Putnam Valley tax map No. 73.5-2-13). The approximate amount of Judgment is \$332,299.45, plus attorneys' fees, interest, costs and disbursements. The above premises are sold subject to all of the terms and conditions set forth in the aforementioned Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale and in the Referee's Terms of Sale. COVID-19 safety protocols will be followed at the foreclosure sale.

All persons attending the auction must comply with and observe social distancing, wearing of masks/face coverings and screening practices in effect at the time of this foreclosure sale.

Dated: Chappaqua, NY

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June 13, 2024

JOSEPH A. RUGGIERO, ESQ.,

MacVEAN, LEWIS, SHERWIN & McDERMOTT, P.C. Attorneys for Plaintiff  
34 Grove Street, P.O. Box 310  
Middletown, New York 10940  
(845) 343-3000

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**NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF PUTNAM U.S. BANK NA, SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE TO BANK OF AMERICA, NA, SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO LASALLE BANK NA, AS TRUSTEE, ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDERS OF THE WAMU MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-AR12, Plaintiff AGAINST THOMAS M. SILVESTRO, SALLY A. SILVESTRO, ET AL., Defendant(s)** Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered April 29, 2024, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Supreme Court in Courtroom 209 of the Putnam Supreme Court, 20 County Center, Carmel, NY 10512 on July 29, 2024 at 11:30AM, premises known as 9 Seven Oaks Lane, Brewster, NY 10509. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of Southeast, in the County of Putnam and State of New York, Section 79.10 Block 1 Lot 1. Approximate amount of judgment \$350,638.97 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index #500423/2023. The aforementioned auction will be conducted in accordance with the PUTNAM County COVID-19 mitigation protocols and as such all persons must comply with social distancing, wearing masks and screening practices in effect at the time of this foreclosure sale. Maureen Fleming, Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC 1775 Wehrle Drive Williamsville, NY 14221 22-002892 81160

Plaintiff,  
Index No. 501160/2022

-against-

**WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff,**

vs.

**ANY UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, DISTRIBUTEES OR SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST OF THE LATE DENIS H. GIRIAT, JR., IF LIVING, AND IF ANY BE DEAD, ANY AND ALL PERSONS WHO ARE SPOUSES, WIDOWS, GRANTEEES, MORTGAGEES, LIENORS, HEIRS, DEVISEES, DISTRIBUTEES, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, OR SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST OF SUCH OF THEM AS MAY BE DEAD, AND THEIR SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, DISTRIBUTEES AND SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST, ALL OF WHOM AND WHOSE NAMES AND PLACES OF RESIDENCE ARE UNKNOWN TO PLAINTIFF, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE,**

Defendants.

Plaintiff,

vs.

**ANY UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, DISTRIBUTEES OR SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST OF THE LATE DENIS H. GIRIAT, JR., IF LIVING, AND IF ANY BE DEAD, ANY AND ALL PERSONS WHO ARE SPOUSES, WIDOWS, GRANTEEES, MORTGAGEES, LIENORS, HEIRS, DEVISEES, DISTRIBUTEES, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, OR SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST OF SUCH OF THEM AS MAY BE DEAD, AND THEIR SPOUSES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, DISTRIBUTEES AND SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST, ALL OF WHOM AND WHOSE NAMES AND PLACES OF RESIDENCE ARE UNKNOWN TO PLAINTIFF, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE,**

### PUBLIC NOTICE

To the above named Defendants:

You are hereby summoned to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or if the complaint is not served with this summons, to serve a notice of appearance on the Plaintiff's attorneys within thirty days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service, and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint.

#### NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME

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

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

**Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action.**

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

This is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an order of Honorable Gina C. Capone, Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, signed the 3rd day of June, 2024 at Carmel, New York.

The object of this action is to foreclose a mortgage on the following property:

SBL No.: 11.11-1-31  
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, Putnam County, New York, near South Lake and bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point which is determined as follows:

Commencing at a concrete monument set in the ground near the intersection of the westerly side of a fifty-foot roadway known as Lake Drive with the northerly side of the public highway known as North Kent Road opposite Station 73 + 18 of said road and running thence South 83° 15' 30" East 25 feet to a point in the so-called base line "A"; thence running along said so-called base line "A", North 6° 44' 30" East 488.0 feet; North 7° 30' 40" West 222.0 feet; North 5° 57' 50" East 189.07 feet; North 40° 12' 30" West 74.93 feet to the intersection of the so-called base line "B"; thence along so-called base line "B", North 30° 11' 00" East 197.00 feet; North 48° 47' 30" East 203.00 feet; North 38° 43' 30" East 345.85 feet and North 63° 43' 30" East 121.95 feet; thence leaving said base line "B" so-called and running North 26° 16' 30" West 38.36 feet to a point in the northwesterly side of Lake Louise Drive so-called, which is the point or place of beginning and running from said point or place of beginning along other lands of Jacob M. Cohen, North 47° 16' 30" West 82.00 feet and South 84° 13' 30" West 82.00 feet to the easterly side of Lake Drive East; thence along the easterly side of Lake Drive East and around the curve at the intersection thereof with Lake Louise Drive, South 5° 46' 30" East 65.00 feet; thence on a tangent curve to the left having a radius of 200 feet, a distance of

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73.30 feet to the point or place of beginning. Containing 0.2360 acres of land more or less.

Subject to easements, covenants, and restriction of record.

These premises are also known as 29 Lake Louise Drive, Carmel, NY 10512.

Woods Oviatt Gilman LLP Attorneys for Plaintiff  
500 Bausch & Lomb Place  
Rochester, NY 14604

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### LLC

**CONYUGO LLC, Arts. of Org.** filed with the SSNY on 05/14/2024. 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, 33 Waring Dr, Carmel, NY 10512. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

**PUTNAM WHOLESALE LLC, Arts. of Org.** filed with the SSNY on 05/30/2024. Office loc: Putnam County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Grant Amato, 2022 Route 22, Suite 101, Brewster, NY 10509. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

**PUTNAM COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF REINMAKER FARM EAST LLC.** Arts. of Org. filed with NY Sec. of State (SSNY) on 5/21/2024 Office Location: Putnam County, NY. SSNY designated as Agent upon whom process may be served. SSNY will mail process to c/o Stephens Law Firm, 50 Federal Hill Road, PO Box 408, Brewster, NY 10509. Purpose is any lawful activity.

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

**JC DIESEL LLC** Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 6/5/24. Office in Putnam Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 43 Sabrina Ct., Holmes, NY 12531, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

**ADD MORE MAGIC, LLC,** Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/21/2024. 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, 6 Garfield Drive, Patterson, NY 12563. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of **THE GLOBAL DOG NEEDS, LLC.** Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 05/23/24. Office location: Putnam County.



# Nuvance Health Earns LGBTQ+ Healthcare Designation

Nuvance Health recently earned the "LGBTQ+ Healthcare Equality High Performer" designation from the Human Rights Campaign Foundation. The recognition was awarded in the 16th iteration of HRC's Healthcare Equality Index in May.

The index is a national LGBTQ+ benchmarking tool that evaluates healthcare facilities' policies and practices related to the equity and inclusion of their LGBTQ+ patients, visitors and employees.

Of the record 1,065 healthcare facilities that participated, only 462 received the designation.

This is Nuvance Health's first such designation and includes all seven hospitals – including Putnam Hospital in Carmel – as "high performers."

"Earning the LGBTQ+ Healthcare Equality high performer designation from the HRC Foundation is a significant accolade that highlights our commitment to providing inclusive and equitable care for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex and asexual individuals," said Holly Robinson, associate general counsel for Nuvance Health, who leads the LGBTQ+ and Allies Employee Resource Group at Nuvance Health. "Congratulations to everyone who has worked so hard to continuously improve our inclusive and welcoming culture."

The Healthcare Equity Index evaluates and scores health-

care facilities on detailed criteria in foundational policies and training that advance LGBTQ+ patient-centered care, expertise in LGBTQ+ patient services and support, employee benefits and policies, and patient and community engagement.

"As anti-LGBTQ+ extremists look to strip away healthcare access at every turn, LGBTQ+ people and their loved ones are looking for healthcare providers to offer and champion fully inclusive services," said Kelley Robinson, president of the Human Rights Campaign. "The Healthcare Equality Index is helping people find facilities where welcoming policies and practices are the standard. We know that LGBTQ+ people – especially our trans family – continue to face discrimination in the doctor's office. No one should have to put their health on the backburner for fear of mistreatment in a healthcare facility or by their doctor."

According to the index, 71 percent of healthcare facilities have an official plan for reducing health disparities that specifically includes LGBTQ+ patients, in addition to race, ethnicity and linguistic concerns. However, only 27 percent have an externally promoted specific program to provide patient navigation or advocacy services to transgender patients.

Just over half (53 percent) have a policy or policies that specifically outline procedures and practices aimed at eliminat-

ing bias and insensitivity and ensuring appropriate, welcoming interactions with transgender patients.

In addition, major increases are seen in the number of healthcare facilities collecting sexual orientation and gender identity-related data in electronic health records systems. Seven of the eight relevant data points had double-digit increases. As such, the ability to collect and display a patient's pronouns rose from 44 to 74 percent. According to Nuvance, this is an important tool to help prevent misgendering a patient.

Also according to the index, 38 percent of healthcare facilities offer Family Medical Leave Act-equivalent benefits that allow employees to take family and medical leave to care for same-sex partners, as well as the children of a same-sex partner, regardless of biological or adoptive status – up from 34 percent in 2022.

In addition, 41 percent provide medical and comprehensive health benefits to domestic partners of benefits-eligible employees, up from 34 percent in 2022. This is the first increase in this measure since the 2015 Obergefell decision on same-sex marriage.

Lastly, 72 percent have an officially recognized LGBTQ+ employee resource group, and 92 percent took part in or supported one or more LGBTQ+ related events or initiatives in their service area.

# NY Launches Mobile ID

The New York State Department of Motor Vehicles has launched the New York Mobile ID, a secure digital version of a state-issued driver license, learner permit or ID on a smartphone. According to Gov. Kathy Hochul's office, it is a voluntary product designed for the convenience and security of New Yorkers and is available to iOS and Android users.

Anyone who has a valid, state-issued driver license, learner permit or non-driver ID can download the Mobile ID app through Google Play or the App Store.

Through a partnership with the Transportation Security Administration, the New York Mobile ID will be accepted at TSA security checkpoints at nearly 30 participating airports across the country, including all terminals at LaGuardia and John F. Kennedy airports. This will allow New Yorkers to verify their identity easily and securely for airport security screening.

"Everything is on your cell phone these days, and now, your ID can be, too," said NYS DMV Commissioner Mark Schroeder. "This is an exciting way to provide identification without having to dig through your wallet or purse to find your physical document. Rather than handing over your physical ID with lots of personal information, the Mobile ID gives you greater control over what personal data you share."

To get a New York MiD, download the New York MiD app from the App Store or through Google Play and register the phone number of the device the Mobile ID will be on. An individual's Mobile ID can only be on one device at a time to help protect their identity.

Take a picture of the front and back of your physical ID (driver license, non-driver ID or learner's permit), using the phone's camera. Then, pose for a selfie. The app checks your photo and ID against information on file with the DMV to ensure you are who you say you are.

Once your information is verified, your MiD is active and ready to use wherever it is accepted.

All of the attributes on an individual's physical ID, like their document type (REAL ID, Enhanced ID or Standard ID) and class (D, E, Commercial A, B or C, etc.), and other attributes like organ donor status, veteran status and

lifetime hunting or fishing permits will all be available in the New York MiD app and can be shared with a verifier whenever a New York MiD holder agrees to share their personal information.

The New York MiD serves as a companion to a physical ID, and not all businesses or stakeholders will initially accept Mobile IDs, so New Yorkers should always continue to carry their physical driver's license or ID.

To use the New York MiD at a TSA checkpoint, travelers will scan their smartphone at the identity reader. The smartphone will then display what information is being requested by the TSA, and only after authorizing the request will the information be transmitted to the TSA. Since the information is shared digitally, there is no need for the traveler to hand over their smartphone at any time.

Once the TSA receives the information from the New York MiD, the TSA officer will then verify the passenger's identity and flight status for a secure, convenient and touchless identity verification experience. Participating TSA terminals should be clearly marked with signage indicating they accept digital identity documents such as the New York MiD.

The DMV is working with various businesses, organizations, associations and state government partners to expand their understanding of the New York MiD and how they can accept it. Any public or private entity that has a need to confirm an individual's identity or age verification can begin accepting the Mobile ID at any time.

For the highest level of privacy and security, the New York MiD is not designed to look like a picture of a New York driver license, learner permit, or non-driver ID on a smartphone, and is not designed to be shown or handed to a verifier to obtain credential information visually.

The MiD app can only be unlocked through face ID, touch ID, or a six-digit PIN. Information about usage including where, when, and what personal information the user has shared is encrypted and stored only on their personal device. The New York Mobile ID does not store or transmit data on when and where it is used.

Learn more at <https://dmv.ny.gov/id-card/mobile-id-mid>.

# Grants Fund Senior Support Services

Field Hall Foundation in Cortlandt Manor has announced \$240,800 in new grants through its spring 2024 grant cycle – including \$45,000 to two organizations that support Putnam residents. The funds will be used to provide food security, homeless prevention, emergency relief funding, caregiver support and geriatric case management services for older adults.

Grant recipients include People USA, which will receive \$30,000 to improve accessibility and provide emergency financial

assistance and educational workshops; as well as United Way of Westchester & Putnam, which will receive \$15,000 to provide deliveries of food, clothing and essential goods to underserved seniors.

The foundation awards grants through its winter, spring and fall grant cycles, and letters of inquiry are now being accepted for the winter 2024/25 cycle. For more information on the grants awarded or future grantmaking, visit [www.fieldhallfoundation.org](http://www.fieldhallfoundation.org), or contact Program Officer

Patti Lavan Horvath at 2302 Catherine St., Cortlandt Manor, NY 10567; or 914-813-9103 or [phorvath@fieldhallfdn.org](mailto:phorvath@fieldhallfdn.org).

Field Hall Foundation's mission is to improve the lives of older adults and their caregivers in Westchester, Putnam and Dutchess counties by providing grants to nonprofits and local government agencies for programs and projects that directly impact vulnerable seniors and/or their caregivers, with priority given to programs that address their basic needs.

## PUTNAM COUNTY AND TOWN NOTICES

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

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
 LLC formed in Wyoming (WY) on 01/22/24. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 3 Fischer Lane, Brewster, NY 10509, also the address of the principal office. Arts of Org. filed with the Secy. of State, 122 West 25th St., Suite 101, Cheyenne, WY 82002. Purpose: any lawful activities.  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
 Notice of the Formation of **Heart to Heart Talk, LLC**. Article of Org. filed with SSNY on 5/14/2024. City: Putnam. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served, SSNY shall mail process to 185 Overlook Drive, Brewster NY,

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
 Notice of formation of **RM Hotel Consulting, LLC**. Articles of Org filed with SSNY on 4/16/2024. Office Location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o RM Hotel Consulting, LLC, 66 Anna Street, Carmel, NY. 10512.  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
 Formation of **914 Services LLC** filed with the Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/4/2024. Of-

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 fice loc.: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address SSNY shall mail process to c/o Robert McKibben, 81 Blueberry Dr., Apt. 1, Brewster, NY 10509. Purpose: Any lawful activity.  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**237 ROUTE 6 LLC** Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 6/3/24. Office in Putnam Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 888 Route 6, Mahopac, NY 10541, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.  
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### SPECIAL DISTRICTS/MS4 COORDINATOR

The Town of Southeast is seeking to fill a full-time position as Special Districts/MS4 Coordinator. The salary range will be from \$70,000 to \$80,000 plus a full benefit package. Go to the Town of Southeast's website for more information on this job opening ([www.southeast-ny.gov](http://www.southeast-ny.gov)). Please forward your resume to the Town of Southeast Supervisor, Nick Durante, at [ndurante@southeast-ny.gov](mailto:ndurante@southeast-ny.gov) before July 5, 2024. 1/24



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