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Mahopac Schools Capital Project Update District Eyes Lakeview Elementary Roof Replacement



The slate stone roof at Lakeview Elementary School in Mahopac is in need of replacement, and could be done in the summer of 2026 if enough funds are left over from the current capital project. Photos by Tetra Tech Architects & Engineers/The Palombo Group/MCSD.

By Holly Crocco

Administrators at the Mahopac Central School District are considering replacing the roof at Lakeview Elementary School in two years if completion of the capital project that is currently underway continues to trend underbudget.

During the Sept. 24 Mahopac School Board meeting, an update on the district's capital project was presented by Chris Glaubitz, vice president of Tetra Tech Architects & Engineers.

"When we can come in and help a district, as we have (with MCSD) in the last eight or nine years, to support all the wonderful things your students are doing, we consider that a success, and hopefully we've contributed in some small part to what your students have been able to accomplish," he said.

The district has worked with Tetra Tech since 2015, helping with the successful public referendum in 2019 that authorized a great amount of work included in the capital project, including a new synthetic turf field, STEM suite and science room renovations, a new library media center, and water system and infrastructure upgrades – among other things – all at the high school.

"We're happy to continue to help you meet your mandates, and getting really clean water and improving the quality of your water for your students to drink," said Glaubitz.

At the elementary schools, band rooms and science rooms have been updated, with a media



Installation of the new turf field at Mahopac High School was completed during the first phase of the district's capital project.

center completed at Austin Road. A planetarium renovation has taken place at the middle school.

A bulk of the work – phases one and two – were items approved in the referendum. "We completed all that work," said Glaubitz. "We got some good bids. We were able to do more work."

The district is completing phase three of the capital project, which includes replacing the parapet at the high school. Bids are currently being received and awarded for that piece.

Currently, Glaubitz said the entire project is coming in at about \$52.3 million, while \$53.9 million was approved by voters, leaving about \$1.5 left over – which the district could put toward replacing the roof at Lakeview Elementary School.

"The lakeview roof has bub-

bled up over many conversations as something that needs to be addressed, so that's what our target is," said Glaubitz.

Tim Stevens, project manager and architect at Tetra Tech, explained that the building, which was constructed about 1935, has a slate stone roof. Architects are proposing replacing the sloped portico, as well as the long flat centerpiece in the middle of the roof.

"That's definitely showing signs of deterioration and starting to leak in various spots," he said.

"That probably is the original roof that's 90 years old, because slate does last a long time, and you haven't replaced that roof ever," added Glaubitz.

The slate roof would be replaced with a synthetic material that looks like real slate. "We've

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Carmel Proposes No Hike to Tax Rate

Property Taxes May Still Rise

By Holly Crocco

Carmel Town Supervisor Michael Cazzari is proposing a 2025 budget that keeps the tax rate at \$4.13 per \$1,000 of assessed value, which is unchanged from the current year, "reflecting our commitment to responsible fiscal management and support of our community," he said at the Oct. 2 Carmel Town Board meeting.

However, due to an increase in the total townwide assessed value, homeowners may still see their property tax bills increase.

According to Town Comptroller Mary Ann Maxwell, the proposed \$34.5 million budget is offset by \$8 million in townwide revenue and the use of \$610,000 from reserves, which is \$50,000 more than was used this year. This

leaves \$26.4 million to be raised via the tax levy – an increase of \$1.1 million from this year.

The levy, divided by the total townwide taxable assessed value of \$6.4 million in 2025, is what determines the tax rate.

"Even though you're seeing the tax rate remain the same, because the assessed value is going up, you will see an increase in your taxes," said Maxwell.

About \$26.2 million or 76 percent of the total budget is employee compensation and benefits, with one of the biggest drivers of the budget increase being health benefits.

"We don't have those exact numbers yet, but I did budget a 9 to 10 percent increase," said Maxwell. "It has been substantially high over

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New Law Allows Future County Attorney Removal

By Holly Crocco

Putnam County legislators approved a charger change during their Oct. 2 meeting that essentially allows the Legislature to fire the county attorney with a two-thirds vote, without the approval of the county executive.

Under the proposal, the county executive may also seek the county attorney's removal – but with the support of a majority vote by the Legislature.

The timing of the request garnered criticism from some legislators during prior discussions, since there's a complaint pending with the Putnam County Board of Ethics, submitted by current County Attorney Compton Spain. He alleges that Legislator Toni Addonizio, R-Patterson, violated the county's ethics code in 2022 by not disclosing "interest" in the proposed sale of a county property to her son-in-law, with her daughter serving as the seller's broker.

Those opposed to the charter change called it retaliatory and said it offsets checks and balances in county government.

"While some of my colleagues may think they're avoiding a conflict by changing the proposal to seemingly exclude our current county attorney, it doesn't erase the intent or history behind this very proposal," said Legislator Erin Crowley, R-Mahopac. "This is personal and political."

After dissent was expressed by some legislators at prior Rules Committee meetings, Crowley said amendments were "haphazardly pushed through ... But those changes still didn't address the other flaws that should have been fixed before this proposal was even discussed.

"The proposal continues to miss the fact that it curtails the county executive's authority, which he or she can remove a public officer, including the county attorney," said Crowley. "It's presently a power solely provided to the county executive. This changes that and extends the authority to the County Legislature – all while the Legislature already has the power to terminate the county attorney if and when he violates the charter or lawful resolutions."

The county executive is the one who appoints the county attorney, and the Legislature must approve the appointment with a majority vote.

The charter already states that, in the event of a conflict between the legislative and executive branches of government, the county attorney will default to being the representative of the Legislature.

Legislator Nancy Montgomery, D-Philipstown, said the governing body is wasting its time on a "power grab."

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Chabad of Putnam Hosts Rosh Hashana Fun!

Youth at Chabad of Putnam prepared for Rosh Hashana last week by singing songs, tasting apples and honey, making sweet treats, creating honey dishes and honey scrubs, designing pop-up cards, and baking challahs for a mitzvah to share with others. Provided photos.



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Robert Sibiga presenting to the Long Island Soccer Referee Association. Photo courtesy of ENYYSA.

Carmel Man Celebrates Long Career as Soccer Ref

By Randy Vogt
Director of Public Relations,
ENYYSA

Robert Sibiga was a natural as a referee.

While refereeing high school games in 2009, he was discovered by Enrico Romano who encouraged the Carmel resident and native of Poland to take the Bridge course so he could officiate youth soccer games.

Using the youth leagues of the Eastern New York Youth Soccer Association as a springboard, Sibiga moved up the ladder quickly and refereed U.S. Youth Soccer's National Championships in 2010 and 2011, then the NCAA Division 3 Women's Final Four in 2013.

Sibiga became a fourth official in Major League Soccer just four years after becoming a referee. He was honored with the Jose Vargas Award as the eastern New York referee of the year in 2013, became a full-time MLS ref and was selected as the 2021 MLS referee of the year.

As the 2021 MLS regular season came to a close, Sibiga suffered an undiagnosed concussion

in an MLS game that ended his pro referee career after officiating MLS for a decade. However, making lemonade out of lemons, Sibiga became a national referee coach.

He has led clinics internationally for Confederation of North, Central American & Caribbean Association Football academies in Costa Rica and Mexico, and a U.S. Armed Forces clinic in Germany. Additionally, he's presented clinics for U.S. Youth Soccer's President's Cup regionals and nationals, North Carolina Advanced Academy, Eastern New York referee certification,

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County Adjusts Cash Reporting Procedures Following Audit

Comptroller Report Indicates Discrepancies in Golf Course Collections

By Holly Crocco

The New York State Comptroller's Office's Local Government & School Accountability Division has published a report of its audit of Putnam County's recreation and golf course collections, from Jan. 1, 2022 to Sept. 30, 2023, which covers a portion of the last year of prior County Executive MaryEllen Odell's administration and a portion of the first year under current County Executive Kevin Byrne.

"The county's (parks) department and golf course did not always record, deposit, remit documentation and report collections accurately and in a timely manner," reads the report. "As a result, officials do not have assurance that all collections at the golf course were properly accounted for and deposited."

Specifically, the report states that "officials did not maintain records supporting the department's fiscal year 2022 collections. As a result, neither we nor county officials could determine whether all collections were recorded, deposited or remitted."

For the 2023 fiscal year, 30 percent of the golf course deposits reviewed were inaccurate, containing variances totaling \$6,180, according to the report. "Ninety-seven percent of the daily golf course settlement reports we reviewed were inaccurate," it reads. "When collections are not recorded, deposited, remitted and reported accurately and in a timely manner, there is an increased risk that funds may be lost or stolen."

The county contracts with three vendors to oversee operations at the 18-hole golf course – a general manager, a food and beverage service provider, and a pro shop manager.

The comptroller's office recommends the county adopt a written collections policy to help ensure adequate controls are in place and documentation is consistently maintained to support collections, and require adequate reconciliations from the vendors' point of sale system reports and require approvals or authorization for variances.

In response to the report, Byrne's administration noted that, in addition to making sure a policy to safeguard cash collections is instituted, the county has also made strides to ensure more cashless op-

tions are available to customers.

According to Byrne, last year, his office requested a full risk assessment by the comptroller's office, and he said this is likely what led to the full audit.

"Coming into office, we recognized the need for a comprehensive evaluation of the county's finances and controls, including the golf course and our parks," said Byrne. "This is precisely why we engaged the Office of the State Comptroller early on in my tenure to request a comprehensive risk assessment, which was completed at no additional cost to Putnam County taxpayers... Their presence highlighted several areas for improvement. We took the time to listen, learn, and have already instituted a number of policy changes that will better safeguard county resources."

However, the comptroller's office responded that, "OSC performed this audit as a result of our standard risk assessment process, not because of an invitation from county officials."

The complete report can be found at www.osc.ny.gov/local-government/audits/county/2024/09/20/county-putnam-recreation-and-golf-course-collections-2024m-50.

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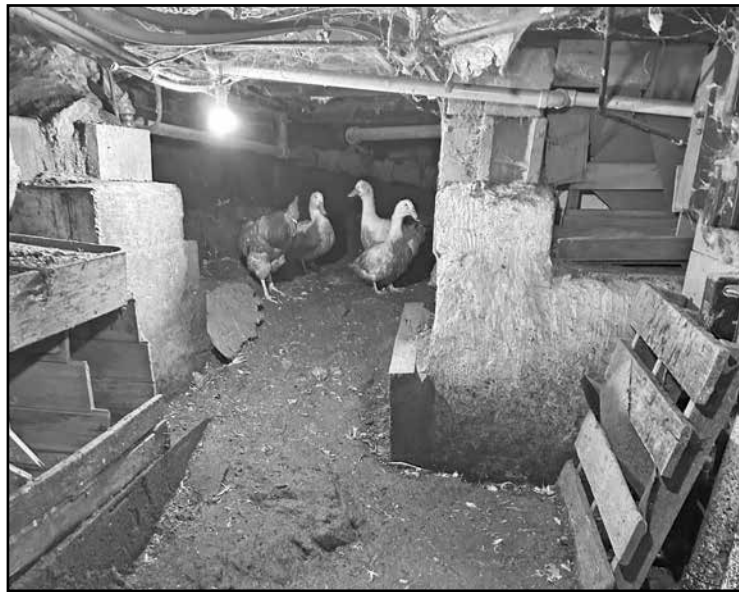
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Mahopac Man Facing Animal Cruelty Charges

A Mahopac man is facing animal cruelty charges after allegedly neglecting nine animals in his home.

On Sept. 23, the Putnam County SPCA Law Enforcement Division met with case workers of the Putnam County Child Protective Services at an address in Mahopac, regarding accusations of animal neglect. The case workers had already opened a case regarding the care of a teenager at the residence.

There, three ducks, two roosters and four chickens were also observed in deplorable conditions. After a criminal investigation by SPCA detectives, a 57-year-old male resident was arrested and charged with nine counts of failure to provide sustenance, and nine counts of neglect of impounded animals. Each charge under the New York State Agriculture & Markets Law carries a penalty of



Several animals were found in deplorable conditions inside a Mahopac home.

up to one year in jail, up to a \$1,000 fine, or a combination of both. Due to the nature of the case and the involvement of CPS, names and addresses are being withheld.

Nutrition Corner

By Allison J. Stowell
MS, RD, CDN



Flexible Plant-Based Diet

Many studies have shown that plant-based diets reduce the risk of heart disease, diabetes and depression, as well as colon, breast and prostate cancer. In older adults, plant-based diets are associated with better mental and physical function. A plant-forward diet offers everything you need for excellent health: protein, fats, complex carbohydrates, vitamins, minerals and fiber, as well as antioxidants and other phytonutrients. Sustainability experts also identify plant-based diets as the “most efficient way of reducing the greenhouse gas emissions of the food system.” With so many benefits to your personal wellness, and the health of our environment, there are many reasons to move toward a more plant-based diet.

Start with one meal a week: Embrace just one weekly meal. With each “meatless meal” you will save 133 gallons of water and reduce your carbon footprint by 8 pounds. If that meal has you passing on a serving of beef, the reduction in emissions is the same as driving your car about 350 miles less.

Make plant-forward dishes: If a fully vegetarian meal has you missing meat, then consider a plant-forward dish. Add finely diced or shredded veggies (mushrooms, onions, carrots, zucchini) to burgers, meatballs or meatloaf to increase volume, save money, and create a more plant-forward dish. Add more greens and vegetables to your plate. Shift your plate to make more room for vegetables and less space for meat.

Make it fun and interesting: We eat with our eyes first. Make your plant-based meal bright and colorful. Then add texture to make it enjoyable as well. Use various spices, then grill, roast, rice, or spiralize your veggies and fruit. Embrace “meaty” portobello mushrooms for burgers. Lastly, finely dice and puree veggies to make patties, veggie burgers and plant-based “meatballs”. Visit Hannaford.com or GuidingStars.com for fun and delicious recipes.

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

Vegetable Buffalo Dip Hannaford.com

Make your game day menu more plant-forward with this vegetarian buffalo dip. Serve alongside additional vegetables. Add protein when you replace sour cream with plain Greek yogurt.

- Ingredients:
- 1 (16 oz.) pkg. frozen cauliflower florets
 - 1 (15 oz.) can low sodium cannellini beans, drained and rinsed
 - 1 pkg. southwest ranch seasoning mix
 - 1/4 cup buffalo-style hot sauce
 - 4 oz. Neufchâtel cream cheese
 - 1/4 cup sour cream or plain non-fat Greek yogurt
 - 2 Tbsp. water
 - 1/4 cup reduced fat blue cheese crumbles
 - 1/2 cup sharp shredded cheddar
 - 2 green onions, thinly sliced
 - Carrots, celery and pita chips, for serving

- Directions:
1. Center a rack in oven and heat to 375°F.
 2. Microwave cauliflower in a medium bowl until tender, 6 to 8 minutes. Cut into bite-size pieces.
 3. Meanwhile, process beans, ranch seasoning, hot sauce, cream cheese, sour cream and water in a food processor until smooth. Stir in cauliflower and blue cheese, then transfer to a 1 1/2-quart oven-safe baking dish and smooth top.
 4. Bake until dip is heated through and beginning to bubble around edges, 15 to 20 minutes.
- Top with shredded cheese, then continue to bake until cheese is melted, about 5 more minutes. Sprinkle with green onions and more crumbled blue cheese and serve hot with carrots, celery and pita chips.

Roasted Sweet Potatoes

(Family Features)
Roasted Sweet Potatoes

- Ingredients:
- 2 large sweet potatoes, washed and cubed
 - 1/2 tablespoon garlic powder
 - 1/2 tablespoon onion powder
 - salt, to taste
 - pepper, to taste
 - oil, for drizzling
 - 2 tablespoons butter



Directions:

Heat oven to 425 F. In bowl, mix cubed sweet potatoes with garlic powder, onion powder and salt and pepper, to taste. Drizzle with oil; mix well.

Place sweet potatoes in baking dish and bake 30 minutes. Remove from oven and spoon butter over sweet potatoes, mixing well.

Note: If using small sweet potatoes, use four (one per serving).

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Source: Culinary.net

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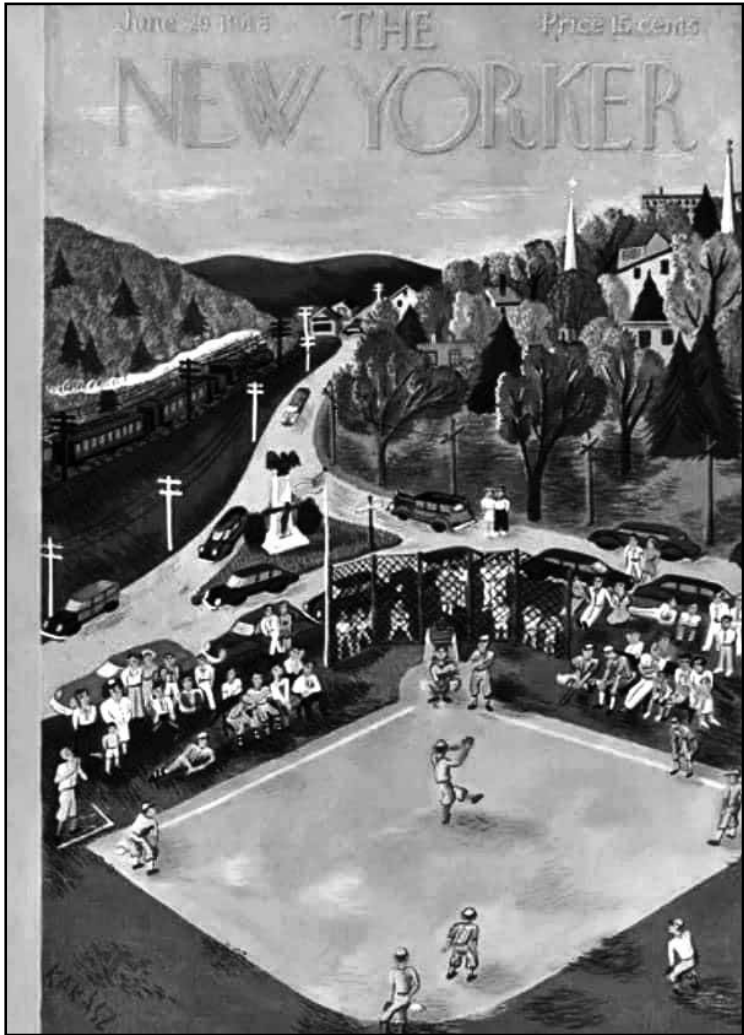
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History Column

Jack Alcott, Southeast Historian

Brewster Artist Was First Woman to Design a New Yorker Cover



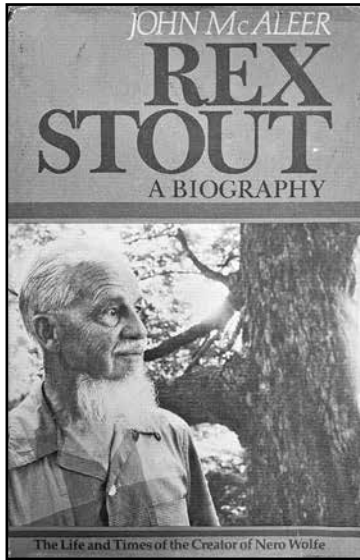
The June 29, 1946, New Yorker cover by Brewster's Ilonka Karasz, who was the first woman to create a cover for the magazine. It features Veterans Park, formerly Electrazone Field. Note the train going along Railroad Avenue and the steeples in the background.

On a recent visit to the Guggenheim (my wife's attempt at getting me some culture), I was browsing in the museum store when my eye strayed to a box of Christmas cards depicting a New Yorker magazine cover.

Flipping over the attractive card, I was surprised to see the 1963 cover was by artist and longtime

Brewster resident Ilonka Karasz (1896-1981). Karasz also created the amazing New Yorker cover of Electrazone Field – now Veteran's Park – and Brewster village for the June 29, 1946, edition.

Karasz, who was one of the founders of the Guggenheim Museum in Manhattan, lived off Milltown Road with her husband,



Mystery writer Rex Stout (Nero Wolfe series) and his wife, Pola, a famed textile designer and artist in her own right, lived in the Milltown area in

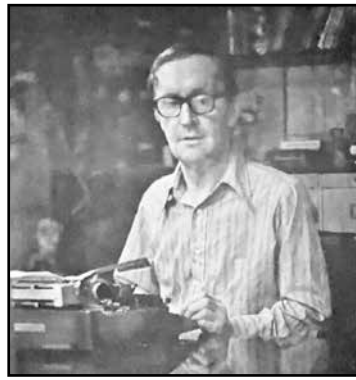
Willem Nyland. The museum houses many of her designs and other works.

Nyland, a Ph.D. chemist, pianist, and composer, was a follower of the Russian/Armenian mystic and cult leader George Gurdjieff, who he'd met several times – although it's not clear if Gurdjieff ever visited them in Brewster.

Starting in the 1950s, Nyland recorded a number of his freeform improvised piano sonatas in a small concert space at their sprawling Brewster estate and released them on his own Gage Hill Press label. Karasz created beautiful abstract cover designs for his records.

Karasz and Nyland were also acquainted with Milltown neighbor and mystery writer Rex Stout (Nero Wolfe series) and his wife, Pola – a famed textile designer and artist in her own right.

Pola Stout and Karasz, along with internationally-renown Brewster sculptor Chester Beach, staged



Merle Miller, author of several novels, screenplays, and a famed Truman biography, was also from Brewster. Miller was well known for announcing he was gay in a 1971 New Yorker magazine article that is viewed as a milestone in the gay rights movement.

a number of well-attended art gallery showings of their works at the Brewster Public Library in the 1930s.

Beach, who lived on Starr Ridge Road, sculpted Brewster's war memorial monument at Veterans Park, circa 1933. His sculptures are also in museums and public places around the world.

There was quite an artistic and creative community in Brewster and Milltown at the time that

included journalist/writer Evelyn Irons, a close friend of English author Virginia Woolf; and Merle Miller, author of several novels, screenplays, and a famed Truman biography. Miller was well known for announcing he was gay in a 1971 New Yorker magazine article that is viewed as a milestone in the gay rights movement.

To top it off, playwright Arthur Miller secretly honeymooned with Marilyn Monroe at a hide-out/mansion that is now the Elks Club on the corner of Milltown and Route 22. The Elks used to keep photos on the wall of the pair on the premises at the time (they were married June 29, 1956, in Westchester).

As a reporter, I saw those photos a couple of times in the 1980s and 90s, but they have since vanished. That's another Brewster mystery – and there are many – that needs to be followed up.

What a lot of history for one road in Brewster/Southeast! And, yeah, we'll get to all the activity over on Milltown in the 1700s and 1800s a little later.

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

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Locations include the Putnam County Board of Elections, 25 Old Route 6, Carmel; Putnam County Golf Course, 187 Hill St., Mahopac; and North Highlands Fire Department, 504 Fishkill Road, Cold Spring.

Poll sites are accessible to voters with physical disabilities.

Registered voters in Putnam County may vote at any of the three sites during the following times: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday,

Sunday and Monday, Oct. 26, 27 and 28; noon to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 29; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 30; noon to 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 31; and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 1, 2 and 3.

If you cast a ballot during early voting, you are not eligible to vote on Election Day.

The results from early voting will be reported after 9 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 5.

Voting by an absentee ballot is an additional option.

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Four Honored During Disability Pride Month

Four Hudson Valley residents were honored by State Sen. Pete Harckham, D-Peekskill, in commemoration of Disability Pride Month, on Sept. 27 at a special ceremony at the Putnam Diner in Patterson.

The celebratory event was attended by more than a dozen people with disabilities, as well as staff members and aides from Constructive Partnerships Unlimited – an organization with a location in Brewster that promotes opportunities for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities to achieve fulfilling lives.

Harckham recognized Cristy Schull, Susie Williams, Betty Williams and Diego Ortiz with Senate proclamations for their efforts and advocacy in support of the disabled community.

“I am proud to honor these incredible individuals who are our neighbors and have differing abilities,” said Harckham. “They contribute unique perspectives and strengths to our communities and enrich the lives of people

in the Hudson Valley. We will continue to recognize their contributions and promote inclusivity, ensuring that everyone has equal access to opportunities and resources. We will work hard to help create the unlimited possibilities they rightly deserve.”

Penny-Lynn Pagliaro, executive director of CP Unlimited Hudson Valley Division, said everyone at CP Unlimited is proud of the self-advocates who were recognized.

“Their impact extends beyond their local counties to all of New York State, and their words have created momentum, motivation, and movement around issues important to the wider disability community,” she said. “Congratulations to Diego Ortiz, Cristy Schull, Betty Williams and Susie Williams, and thank you to our dear friend and true ally, Sen. Pete Harckham.”

Disability pride has been described as “accepting and honoring each person’s uniqueness and seeing it as a natural and beautiful part of human



From left are Betty Williams, Susie Williams, State Sen. Pete Harckham, CP Unlimited Hudson Valley Division Executive Director Penny-Lynn Pagliaro, Cristy Schull and Diego Ortiz. Photo by Tom Staudter/Harckham’s office.

diversity.” It celebrates people embracing their disabilities as integral parts of who they are, reclaiming visibility in public,

and interacting fully with their disabilities out in the open, while rejecting shame and internalized ableism.

As a child, Cristy Schull was shy and reserved, but broke out of her shell as she got older and blossomed into a passionate advocate for herself and others. She attended the BOCES program and graduated from Devereux New York. Over the years, she has become a strong voice for direct support professionals, as well as her peers.

For many years, Susie Williams lived with her brother and managed day-to-day activities on her own. After becoming a wheelchair user, she moved into a group home to receive more specialized care tailored to her needs. Williams currently serves as president of the CP Unlimited Hudson Valley Division’s Self Advocacy Group.

Betty Williams hails from New York City and currently lives in her own apartment with 24-hour staff support through CP Unlimited. Her strong advocacy for Harckham’s legislation known as the “Traveling With Dignity Act” has resulted in her participating in press conferences to help spread the word about the importance of the legislation, which will allow people with disabilities to maintain their dignity and health as they travel and lead everyday lives.

A longtime member of the CP Unlimited family, Diego Ortiz was born in Brooklyn and raised in Queens. He is ambulatory with the assistance of a manual wheelchair that he manages on his own in most situations. He also has become a strong advocate of the “Traveling with Dignity Act,” attending and speaking at many numerous rallies and press conferences.

“To get a proclamation will make me feel like I did something for the community,” said Ortiz.

The staff of CP Unlimited provide a wide range of direct services and supports that address the needs of each individual. Their services include enhanced community living, day programs, vocational and employment programs, medical and clinical services, early intervention, educational, recreational and family support services.

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CAP Collection

Reed Memorial Library in Carmel will be collecting donations of unexpired and nonperishable items, shampoo and condition, soap, feminine hygiene products, toothpaste, deodorant, toilet paper, tissues and laundry detergent for distribution through Putnam Community Action Partnership through Oct. 24.

Piano Player Needed

The Mahopac William Koehler Senior Center is looking for an experienced piano player to join its Putnam SeniorCorps song and dance team. If you are 60 or older and have a talent and love for playing piano, call Irene Pawliczko at 845-808-1734.

Tuesday, Oct. 8

Book Cave

Friends of the Brewster Public Library's Book Cave will be open Tuesday, Oct. 8 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Wednesday, Oct. 9 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.; and Thursday, Oct. 10 from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. New and gently-used books for all ages, all genres. Browsing is also available by appointment. Inquire at the children's circulation desk.

Book Sales

The Friends of Kent Library will be giving special discounts to teachers at the Book Cellar at the library throughout the month of October. Those who show a teacher ID can fill a bag supplied by the Friends of the Library for \$10. Non-teachers are also welcome to shop, with most books costing between 50 cents and \$2 each. Sales take place from noon to 4 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays in October, and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 12.

'Rethink Your Drink'

CoveCare Center will present "Rethink Your Drink" on Oct. 8 at 1:30 p.m. at Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, 76 Gleneida Ave., Carmel. Learn how to make a delicious drink and how to choose the best drinks for your health.

Make Slime

Kids in kindergarten through grade four are invited to join Kent Public Library on Tuesday, Oct. 8 at 4:30 p.m. for a slime party. Create, laugh, and listen to music as you choose ingredients for unique slime you will create. Register online.

Senior Resource Fair

Assemblyman Matt Slater will host a senior resource fair Oct. 8 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Patterson Recreation Center, 65 Front St. Seniors, families and caretakers may meet with state and county service providers, elder care attorneys, Medicare specialists, assisted living facilities, investment advisors, Alzheimer's and memory care organizations, hospital and health care services. Light refreshments. Free.

Path to Home Ownership

Are you looking to buy your first house, but don't know where to start? Tiffany Kilpatrick from Community Housing Innovations

will discuss homeownership, fair housing laws, CHI's down payment services, the application process, mortgages, and tips on how to be successful in your home search Tuesday, Oct. 8 at 6:30 p.m. at Patterson Library. Adults 18 and older. Register at www.pattersonlibrary.org.

Battle of

Fort Montgomery

Reed Memorial Library in Carmel will host a program called The Battle of Fort Montgomery on Oct. 8 at 5 p.m. Registration required at carmellibrary.org/calendar.

Wednesday, Oct. 9

Fall Storytime

A fall storytime and craft is scheduled Wednesday, Oct. 9 from 10 to 10:30 a.m. at Brewster Public Library, for ages 3 to 5 years. Listen to stories, followed by a themed craft. Registration is required at brewsterlibrary.org.

Budget Forum

Putnam Executive Kevin Byrne is inviting residents to participate in the county's first budget town hall forum Wednesday, Oct. 9 at 5:30 p.m., at Carmel Town Hall, 60 McAlpin Ave., Mahopac. Ask questions about the executive budget proposal, which will be presented Thursday, Oct. 3 at 7 p.m., in the historic courthouse in Carmel. Register to attend or watch a livestream of it at putnam-countynyny.gov/25budget.

'Ghosts & Legends'

Mahopac Public Library will present "Ghosts and Legends with Jeff Belanger" on Wednesday, Oct. 9 at 6 p.m. Belanger will take participants on a journey through the haunts in their backyards and around the world. Pulling from his 25 years of research for his books, podcasts, adventures and the various television shows he's worked on, join one of the nation's premier storytellers for a trip through the unusual and the unexplained. Register at www.mahopaclibrary.org or call 845-628-2009, ext. 100.

Flu Vaccine Clinic

The Putnam County Department of Health is offering seasonal flu vaccine clinics for residents 18 years of age and older, from 2 to 6 p.m., on Wednesday, Oct. 9 at the Garrison Fire Department; and Monday, Oct. 21 at the Department of Health, 1 Geneva Road, Brewster (drive-thru. Appointments required at www.putnamcountyny.gov/fluclinic. Cost of the vaccine is \$30. For persons 65 and older or with a Medicare card, it's free.

Carmel Town Board

The Carmel Town Board will meet at 7 p.m. at Town Hall on the following Wednesdays: 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.

Patterson Town Board

The Patterson Town Board will meet the following Wednesdays at 7 p.m. at Town Hall: Oct. 9 and 23, Nov. 6 and 20, and Dec. 4 and 18.

Thursday, Oct. 10

Southeast Town Board

The Southeast Town Board will meet at 7 p.m. at Town Hall on the following Thursdays: Oct. 10 and 24, Nov. 7 and 21, and Dec. 5 and 19.

Scholarships Fundraiser

All Putnam County retired teachers and teaching assistants are invited to a fall lunch with raffles to support BOCES scholarship given to all Putnam County districts, Thursday, Oct. 10 at 11:30 a.m. at Four Brothers on Route 6 in Mahopac. Call Nancy Keller at 845-661-3750 for reservations.

Tiny Readers Book Club

Brewster Public Library will host a Tiny Readers Book Club on Thursday, Oct. 10 from 5:45 to 6:30 p.m. for grades one and two. Together, read all the books as a group, followed by a brief discussion and a snack. Conclude with a small themed activity or craft. Registration is required at brewsterlibrary.org.

AI & You

Reed Memorial Library in Carmel will host Artificial Intelligence & You on Oct. 10 at 3 p.m. Registration is required at carmellibrary.org/calendar.

Friday, Oct. 11

'Abigail'

Brewster Public Library will show "Abigail" on its big screen Friday, Oct. 11 from 1 to 3 p.m. Rated R; ages 18 and older. Registration is required at brewsterlibrary.org.

Saturday, Oct. 12

Cellist

Travel back in time with cellist Alex Prizgintas on Saturday, Oct. 12 at 6 p.m., at Putnam Valley Free Library and learn some of the fascinating stories behind iconic hits such as Led Zeppelin's "Kashmir," The Kinks' "You Really Got Me," The Zombies' "Time of the Season," and more. Register at www.putnamvalleylibrary.org.

Art Show

The Town of Southeast Cultural Arts Coalition will present a fall art show and sale Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 12 and 13, from 2 to 6 p.m., at the Old Town Hall Theater, 67 Main St., Brewster. This is a collaborative art exhibition with distinctively different visual artists. Admission is free and refreshments will be served.

Sunday, Oct. 13

International

Heritage Mass

St. John the Evangelist Church in Mahopac will offer an International Heritage Mass & Celebration in conjunction with Columbus Day, on Sunday, Oct. 13 at 11:30 a.m., followed by reception in the Social Hall with an international food tasting. At 2 p.m., a wreath-laying ceremony will take place at the Columbus statue at Carmel Town Hall on McAlpine Avenue.

Open House

The Brewster Fire Department will hold an open house Oct. 13 from noon to 4 p.m. Bouncy house, live burn and vehicle rescue demos, fire safety house, fire truck rides, pumpkin painting, car seat safety.

AotL Fundraiser

Arts on the Lake will hold a fall fundraiser with Jim Dale on Sunday, Oct. 13 from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Sedgewood Boathouse in Kent, featuring drinks, appetizers, and auction and performance. Tickets are \$50 and available at artsonthelake.org.

Pet Blessing

A Blessing of the Animals is scheduled Sunday, Oct. 13 at 9:30 a.m., at Patterson Community Church, 1062 Route 311. All are welcome. For information, email info@pattersoncommunitychurch.org or call 845-878-3961.

Tuesday, Oct. 15

Kent Town Board

The Kent Town Board will meet at 7 p.m. at Town Hall on the following Tuesdays: Oct. 15, Nov. 12 and 19, and Dec. 3 and 17.

IDA Meeting

The Putnam County IDA will meet Tuesday, Oct. 15 at 6 p.m., at 2 Route 164, Patterson. View the meeting at www.facebook.com/putnamida, and the minutes and a recording will be posted to www.putnamida.com as soon as possible after the meeting has been adjourned.

Library Boards Meet

The Kent Public Library Board of Trustees will meet the following Tuesdays at 7 p.m. in the library: Oct. 15 and Nov. 19. The Patterson Library Board of Trustees will meet Tuesday, Oct. 15 at 6:30 p.m.

CT Witch Trials

Reed Memorial Library in Carmel will host a program on the Connecticut Witch Trials on Oct. 15 at 5 p.m. Registration is required at carmellibrary.org/calendar.

Pumpkin Crafternoon

Children age 6 and older can paint a wooden pumpkin and have a spooky snack at Reed Memorial Library in Carmel on Oct. 15 at 4:30 p.m. Registration is required at 845-225-2439 or carmellibrary.org.

Wednesday, Oct. 16

Cell Phones in School

Carmel Central School District will host a Town Hall meeting Wednesday, Oct. 16, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Carmel High School library to talk about cell phones in schools. RSVP at www.parentsquare.com.

Reptile Program

Children of all ages and their families are invited to the Kent Public Library on Wednesday, Oct. 16 at 5:30 p.m. for a spooky and fun reptile show. Get an up-close look at real, live reptiles and reptile skeletons. All ages. Register online.

Thursday, Oct. 17

Battle of NYC

On Thursday, Oct. 17 at 6 p.m. at Mahopac Public Library, join Rob Buccheri as he gives a presentation in period dress on the Battle of NYC, focusing on Aug. 22, 1776, when New Yorkers heard the cannon blasts of the Battle of Long Island. Five days later, a force of over 32,000 British regulars, 10 ships of line, 20 frigates and 170 transports defeated Washington's troops at Kip's Bay and invaded Manhattan Island. Register at www.mahopaclibrary.org or call 845-628-2009, ext. 100.

Historical Society Presentation

Dr. James Merrell, the Lucy Maynard Salmon professor of history emeritus of Vassar College, will share stories of the Wappingers' battles against intruders, alliances with local farmers, arguments with local leaders, and a 1766 visit to London to defend their

independence before helping their colonial neighbors seek their own, Thursday, Oct. 17 at 6:30 p.m. at Patterson Library. Age 18 and older. To register, call 845-878-6121 or go to www.pattersonlibrary.org.

Friday, Oct. 18

'The Thanksgiving Play'

The Theatricals will present "The Thanksgiving Play," a comedy by Larissa FastHorse, on Fridays and Saturdays, Oct. 18 and 19, and 25 and 26, at 8 p.m. at Old Town Hall Theater, 67 Main St., Brewster. Watch what happens when four well-meaning white people attempt to create a children's play addressing the "wild mess" of Thanksgiving. Tickets are \$20 and available at www.ticketleap.events.

Dungeons & Dragons

Reed Memorial Library in Carmel will host a program on Dungeons and Dragons on Oct. 18 at 12:30 p.m. Registration is required at carmellibrary.org/calendar.

Author Event

Join Mahopac Public Library for an author event with Tony & Edgar Award winner Rupert Holmes on Friday, Oct. 18 at 5 p.m. He will discuss his funny mystery novel "Murder Your Employer: The McMasters Guide to Homicide," the first volume in his McMaster's Guide to Homicide Series, followed by a signing. Register at www.mahopaclibrary.org or call 845-628-2009, ext. 100.

Saturday, Oct. 19

Food & Coat Drive

The 16th annual Sgt. Joseph J. Morrissey Post 9257 VFW Auxiliary food drive and coat drive is scheduled Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 19 and 20 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Putnam Lake Market, 74 Fairfield Dr., Patterson. Men and women's coats (if possible, leave on the hanger). All donations benefit residents of the Putnam County's veterans' home in Carmel and Castle Point VA Hospital's outpatient food pantry.

CoveCare Scare

CoveCare Center will present CoveCare Scare on Saturday, Oct. 19 from 2 to 5:30 p.m. at 1808 Route 6, Carmel. Trunk-or-treat, haunted house, food trucks. Park at Paladin Center.

Magic & Rituals

Join Dr. Eugene Boesch for a presentation on art, artifacts, objects, and human remains that reflect beliefs expressed through rituals and by extension, magic and the occult whose origins can be traced as far back as one million years., Saturday, Oct. 19 at 1 p.m. at Mahopac Public Library. Register at www.mahopaclibrary.org or call 845-628-2009, ext. 100.

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Sophomore Dean Quinn defeats CHS Principal Brian Piazza in a final round of Rock, Paper, Scissors in front of a screaming pep rally crowd.

Spirit Week at CHS

Spirit Week started with a “Sleeping Beauties” pajama day and went on to celebrate something Disney-themed every day. By the time the traditional pep rally started Friday, students were pumped.

Senior Class President Jake Patino and Student Body President Jorja Tompuri led the event, tossing Mickey Mouse headbands to the crowd filling the bleachers in the school gymnasium.

“We have a little bit of a challenge for you,” said Patino. “Can you guess who the masked teacher is?”

Two mysterious teachers in Mike and Sulley costumes from the movie “Monsters, Inc.,” emerged. Once they started singing a karaoke version of “Love is an Open Door” from the movie “Frozen,” students quickly identified social studies teacher David Zupan and music teacher Bryan Lynch.

The pep rally tradition includes a homecoming video made by students in Tim Raney’s video production class and the Carmel Film Club. The Disney-themed short had the audience laughing out loud.

The varsity cheerleaders, dance team and rock club also performed to enthusiastic applause.

This year, a pep rally activity started as soon as students came to school Friday morning. Every student got a bead necklace and

challenged one another to the game Rock, Paper, Scissors, and the loser had to hand over their necklace to the winner. The challenge continued through the day until the final Rock, Paper, Scissors duel was held between Principal Brian Piazza and Sophomore Dean Quinn in front of a screaming pep rally crowd.

Quinn won and the crowd went wild.


“This is the first year we did Rock, Paper, Scissors and it was amazing,” said social studies teacher Kerry Hackert. “The kids put their phones down and talked to each other. It is nice to be back where we were before COVID.”

Fellow social studies teacher Jennifer Zupan saw the idea on social media and implemented it at Carmel.


To put together an event of this magnitude takes time.

“We started preparing back in June,” said Hackert, advisor to the Student Organization, which runs the pep rally. “It takes a lot of time, but it’s a lot of fun. The biggest thing about the pep rally is that it’s inclusive. It is about our entire CHS community.”

It also takes experience to pull off such a success. Hackert, who has taught at the school for 24 years, has been running the show since 2007, which is the year that the tradition of the homecoming video and class spirit shirts began.



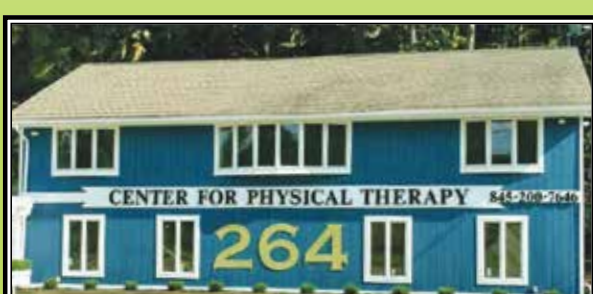
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Members of Tall Oaks Horse Club in Brewster took third place in hippology at the NYS Fair.

Horse Club Places at Fair

Three 4-H members from Tall Oaks Horse Club in Brewster participated in hippology and horse judging at the New York State Fair and, paired with members from Orange County, the team placed third.

The hippology contest provides an opportunity for youth participating in 4-H to demonstrate their knowledge of equine science and management. It consists of four phases.

The examination phase includes a multiple-choice exam, and a slide exam with questions

on projected photos of horses and horse-related objects.

The station phase consists of a series of interactive or reactive 10-question matching stations, asking for the identification of horse-related objects or pictures.

In the judging phase, youth are asked to place at least four conformation or performance classes and give oral reasons on the placing of those classes.

The team problems phase asks the team to give a presentation applying their knowledge to real-world situations.

Put Valley Girl Scout Promotes Lake Conservation

Putnam Valley Girl Scout Léafal DePrima, age 18, will be earning her Girl Scout Gold Award within the month. Her final project, "Lake Life," is an 8-foot-by-20-foot outdoor mural installed along the broadside of the popular Putnam Valley Market at the corner of Oscawana Lake Road and Sunset Road.

The mural depicts a split-view snapshot of Oscawana Lake and includes several of the many native species of plants, animals and insects that rely on the lake's health to maintain their own. In addition, it includes an interactive key listing the species to be found depicted within it.

Through this permanent installation, DePrima said she hopes to spread awareness of the importance of lake health and remind viewers of the individual and collective part we all play in protecting bodies of water.

In addition, DePrima is creating a website where those who want to learn more about lake conservation can find ap-

plicable information on many local and distant lakes, as well as other general tips on how to best protect water bodies.

The Girl Scout Gold Award is the highest award a Girl Scout can earn. It is reserved and awarded to senior and ambassador Scouts who develop and implement solutions to issues in their communities. The award recognizes recipients' dedication to improving themselves and the world, and considers them role models and change-makers.

This project is the culmination of months of planning and preparation and has been accomplished with the assistance of many individuals and businesses, including Troop Leader Bethany Sposato, project advisor Caitlin Kant, Putnam Valley Market owner Neno Santucci, technical advisor Kevin Clifford, Home Depot supervisor Dave Koos, as well as many painters, preppers, friends and family who donated their time and effort, and worked tirelessly under DePrima's direction.



Putnam Valley Girl Scout Léafal DePrima oversaw the painting of a mural on the side of Putnam Valley Market.

International Heritage Mass

St. John the Evangelist Church in Mahopac will offer an International Heritage Mass & Celebration in honor of Columbus Day, on Sunday, Oct. 13 at 11:30 a.m.

The celebrant will be Fr. Szymon Kurpios, and the liturgy, readings, homily and music will be in various languages celebrating the diversity and unity of the parish and greater community.

Following the Mass, a reception will be held in the social hall with an international food tasting.

At 2 p.m., a wreath-laying ceremony will take place at the Columbus statue at Carmel Town Hall on McAlpine Avenue.

For more information, contact Giulio Cefaloni at 845-745-2655 or Linda Cefaloni at 914-582-4373, or follow "SJTEMahopac" on Facebook.

Correction

A story in last week's issue regarding a fatal house fire in Lake Carmel incorrectly identified the department that discovered the trapped resident. It was the rescue engine and tanker crew from Carmel Fire Department that pulled the resident out of the fire.



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Elder Law Advice

Alan D. Feller, Esq.

Family, Family, Family

In my younger days, I made funny faces when I was photographed at family functions. It was nothing serious – a phase. I was 8, not 45 or 50. Was I being rebellious? No. I was being silly.

The problem was one of those ridiculous photos hung on the wall closest to the door of my grandparents' apartment. Every time I crossed their threshold, I would be greeted with a kiss on my head by my grandma and that stupid picture. It was even framed, which added to the embarrassment.

The picture showed my grandfather, dad, uncle and me. My expression imitated someone eating a bad clam. Everyone else wore their characteristic smiles. It should have been a really great picture. Three generations standing together. Instead, it was two generations and a kid in a corduroy sports coat looking like a clown.

That photo remained on the wall until the very end. By the

time it was removed, the frame had yellowed and the image had started to fade.

My image of family then, however, was clear. Prior to becoming an attorney, I believed parents and children, husbands and wives constituted one's family. Time and experience showed that "family" is truly just a descriptive term referring to the important people in your life. Nothing more. Nothing less.

When you're setting up your estate planning and long-term care planning, you're really defining your family. There are no wrong answers. A lifelong friend or close cousin may be the absolute best person to trust with your health and finances. For many of us, children, spouses, siblings, nieces and nephews can fulfill estate planning roles. A special grandchild may be the focal point of one client's trust, while another client wants to help an ageing aunt.

In other words, there are im-

portant people in your life who you want to help and who want to help you.

Cherry picking your favorite people for estate planning tasks is only one part of the equation. Defining one's family means coming to grips with complicated relationships. You may not be thrilled with how a son or daughter has related to you over the decades. Deciding how to proceed with those relationships requires serious thought. Estate planning sends a clear message: "I value our deep family connection," or "You have caused me great distress and I am unable to reconcile these feelings."

Estate planning professionals are not in the judgment business. They want you to feel secure in your decision making and enable positive outcomes when possible.

My own family has changed. Those wonderful people standing around me in that old photo are gone. The people I care about usually have a good idea about how I think of them.

Of course, today, when I take photos with my loved ones, I try to smile normally. Digital cameras can delete a funny face every time.

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Sheriff's Office Report

At about 2:50 p.m. Aug. 26, members of the Putnam County Sheriff's Office Narcotics Enforcement Unit were patrolling in the Town of Southeast when they saw a vehicle with a Virginia license plate that expired in 2016.

According to Putnam Coun-

ty Sheriff Kevin McConville, Ahmed Haider, 32, of East Haven, Conn., was seated in the driver's seat appearing to snort a white powdered substance believed to be cocaine. He was detained, and cocaine and buprenorphine were found in his car and on his person.

Haider was transported to the Putnam County Correctional Facility where he was charged with two counts of seventh-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance, a misdemeanor, and released with a future court date.

Adoptable Pet of the Week



Remy

The Putnam Humane Society has dozens of animal friends in need of homes. Remy is smart, active, loves to run on the treadmill, and would make a great hiking partner. To learn more, contact Putnam Humane Society, 68 Old Route 6, Carmel, at 845-225-7777.

Guest Column

Erika West
CCE-Putnam Master Gardener



From blazing star to goldenrod to aster, this trickster changes costume from one flower to the next. Image from birdsandblooms.com.

The Stealthy Shenanigans of the Camouflaged Looper

Fall is here! Maple trees are taking on shades of red and orange, *amsonia hubrichtii* is turning a golden hue, and the ever-important fall asters are blooming in shades of blue, purple and pink.

In dining rooms and craft rooms across the county, crafty neighbors are getting out their snips and sewing machines to bring little goblins, witches and Pooh Bears to life for Halloween.

It may seem like a uniquely human act to don a costume but, in fact, it is not! One of the tiniest members of our ecosystem is a master at the art of costume. Allow me to introduce you to the camouflaged looper.

The camouflaged looper, *Synchlora aerata*, known in its adult stage as the wavy-lined emerald moth, is a tiny inchworm that feeds on and camouflages itself with flower parts. As the looper visits a flower to eat, it chews off petals, ray flowers and, sometimes, entire flowers, and affixes them to its back to create a floral disguise.

The looper's gelatinous spit helps flower parts maintain turgor and adhere to spiky, raised spines on its back. If a flower part does wilt or fall off, it is quickly replaced.

Even more amazingly, the looper changes its costume entirely as it moves from one flower species to another, thus ensuring it always blends in with the flower on which it is feeding. This adaptation allows the camouflaged looper to eat from an extensive list of plants while avoiding detection

by predators.

For your best shot at seeing this disguise virtuoso in your own garden, plant asters. The camouflaged looper overwinters as larva and, like so many other beneficial insects, will need late-blooming members of the Asteraceae family to build up its reserves for winter. It has been observed feeding on more than a dozen plants in the Asteraceae family, including blazing star, goldenrod, aster, rudbeckia, coreopsis, fleabane and bonset.

If you want to see the looper after it has made its final costume change to wavy-lined emerald moth, keep an eye out from June to August – particularly at night. A nocturnal flier, the wavy-lined emerald is as elusive in wing as in its caterpillar stage.

Like other nocturnal moths, it is attracted to light and may be found clustered around lit entryways. While this may make the moth easier to spot, too much artificial light is disruptive to insect processes and increases vulnerability to predators.

Learn more about the importance of dark skies at an Oct. 12 presentation at Cold Spring Farmer's Market.

If you're in need of a costume idea this year, let the camouflaged looper inspire you. Wouldn't he make a fantastic – and educational – costume?

Erika West is a Master Gardener volunteer with Cornell Cooperative Extension-Putnam County.

Broadway's 'Thanksgiving Play' Debuts in Brewster

Don't miss the Putnam County premiere of "The Thanksgiving Play," which debuted on Broadway last year with the distinction of being the first Broadway play written by a Native American woman.

It will be presented Oct. 18 and 19, 25 and 26, at 8 p.m., at Old Town Hall, 67 Main St., Brewster.

Watch what happens when four well-meaning white people attempt to create a culturally-sensitive children's play addressing the "wild mess" of Thanksgiving.

One audience member commented after seeing the play: "We

need to laugh at ourselves in these troubling times, folks... Here's a chance!"

Presented by the Town of Southeast Cultural Arts Coalition, this play is directed by Stephanie Schleicher and stars Jill Paxton, Gabe Montanaro, Steve Zerilli and Laura Inzeo.

Enjoy refreshments and socializing in the historic Old Town Hall Theater after the show.

Tickets are \$20 and can be reserved at www.ticketleap.events/tickets/culturalartsco/the-thanksgiving-play.

Carmel Proposes No Hike to Tax Rate.

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the past years, at 12 to 14 percent, so I'm hoping that 9 to 10 percent is enough."

In addition, hikes to retirement benefits and pension costs are expected.

Under the police department budget, retirement and health insurance costs lead to a \$700,000 increase, totaling \$11.7 million. Police overtime increased to \$730,000, and funding for three police vehicle and two upfits total \$200,000.

The department obtained \$3 million in multiple grants awards in 2024, to go toward technology, vehicle purchases, and accreditation.

The town's highway and transportation budget reflects a 1.4 percent – or \$1.1 million – hike, due, in part, to those increased employee benefit costs. The "snow budget" is set at \$1.6 million, between materials and overtime, with a "snow reserve fund" balance available.

"If, for some reason, \$1.6 million is not enough and we have a substantial winter, we do have \$750,000 in a reserve that we can tap into," explained Maxwell.

A total of \$150,000 is budgeted for machinery, plus what is left in the highway capital reserve. In 2023, that number was \$1.5 million, but some was used for drainage and machinery this year. "So, we'll see where we end up at the end of 2024, but we will be able to use some of that money, as well, for machinery," said Maxwell.

The library budgets remain the same, at \$30,000 for Mahopac Public Library and \$20,000 for

Reed Memorial Library.

When it comes to special districts, ambulance and fire contracts increased between 3 and 5 percent. The town is also transferring debt from its operating funds to cover debt related to the ongoing dam capital projects at Lake Casse, Lake Mahopac, and Teakettle Spout Lake.

Water district capital projects are also ongoing, with related costs, and the sewer district expenses will increase due to sludge, chemicals, and other operational and maintenance expenses, according to Maxwell.

Grants have been received from the Office of Homeland Security to fund generators to keep the five water and sewer districts flowing when there's a power outage.

When it comes to revenue, \$850,000 in mortgage tax has been budgeted, as well as \$690,000 in building permit fees, and \$250,000 in interest earnings. Recreations revenue is expected to come in at about 22 percent more than this year, due to increased recreation fees.

According to Cazzari, the budget includes investments made to improve the quality of life for residents. For example, enhancing the town's website allows for better access to programs and services, "making sure vital information reaches the people who need it most – enhancing our overall communication efforts," he said.

The supervisor pointed out some projects that are supported by the proposed budget.

"We are making significant advancements on Swan Cove and enhancements to the downtown business district," he said. "We will be using the \$2 million received in congressional funding, along with \$1.5 million in ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds to commence construction at Swan Cove

in 2025."

In addition, the town is in the process of acquiring the school district property on East Lake Boulevard, as well as the adjacent lakefront parcel.

"My vision for this site includes construction of a new police station and court facility, as well as a new community room specifically for our senior residents," said Cazzari. "This space will not only serve as a gathering place for seniors, but also be available to a variety of programs and events hosted by the police department, recreation programs, and local civic organizations."

The town has engaged a new grant writer service to help it navigate the application process.

"Despite our previous success in securing funding, I am committed to pursuing additional resources for the revitalization of the hamlets of Carmel and Mahopac, particularly critical infrastructure projects like water and sewer systems," said Cazzari. "Our focus also remains on enhancing sidewalks, connecting neighborhoods to improve safety for pedestrians and cyclists. With this new partnership, we hope to secure even more funding to support these vital projects."

In addition, the Recreation Advisory Committee is expected to update the recreation master plan in 2025.

"The plans for the proposed town recreation center at Sycamore Park are over 15 years old and require revamping to strengthen our chances of receiving outside funding," said the supervisor.

Residents are invited to speak on the budget at a Nov. 6 public hearing, at 7 p.m., at Town Hall. To view the budget, visit www.ci.carmel.ny.us.

NAMI Presents 'Every Brilliant Thing' on World Mental Health Day

The National Alliance on Mental Illness Westchester, in conjunction with NAMI Putnam, the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, and Pace University Center for Wellbeing is sponsoring a performance of the funny, moving play "Every Brilliant Thing" by Duncan MacMillan, with Jonny Donahoe.

It will take place in honor of World Mental Health Day, on Thursday, Oct. 10 at 7 p.m., at Pace University, 861 Bedford Road, Pleasantville, in the Gottesman Room of the Kessel Student Center. Attendees should plan on arriving no later than 6:30 p.m.

The show is a powerful piece of theatre about depression and the lengths we will go to for those we love.

After being told her mother can't think of anything worth living for, a little girl begins a list of everything brilliant about the world – everything worth living for. At 7 years old, her list includes ice cream, being allowed to stay up past bedtime, and things with stripes. As the little girl grows up, the entries mature along with her and as the list grows, she learns the deep significance it has on her own life.

"Every Brilliant Thing" has been performed around the world and this local production is a fundraiser and awareness-raiser for NAMI Westchester, Putnam and Sullivan counties.

The show shines a hilarious and compassionate light in some

of the darker corners of the human condition. It's a reminder that hope is never truly lost and a testament to the healing power of storytelling. While it is a one-character show, audience members are given snippets of the list to help tell the story.

There are no bright lights, with the audience sitting in the dark. It's an immersive experience with lights up all the way through.

"Every Brilliant Thing" will be directed and performed by Lori Schneider who is both executive director of NAMI Sullivan County, and has been involved in local community theatre for more than four decades as an award-winning director and actress. She combines her passions for mental health advocacy and for theatre in bringing this important work to audiences.

"Everything about this production... is indeed brilliant... funny and poignant, heartbreaking, joy-filled and genuinely wonderful," wrote the Times Herald Record.


Seating for "Every Brilliant Thing" is limited and reservations are strongly suggested. There is a suggested donation of \$9.88 – a nod to the 988 Suicide & Crisis Life Line, nationwide – which will benefit NAMI Westchester, Putnam and Sullivan.

The production is not recommended for children under the age of 16.

For information and reservations, call 914-592-5458 or visit <https://namiwestchester.org/brilliant>.

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SUNDAY OCTOBER 13, 2024



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For more information contact Liz Oliveto at eaq9@westchestercountyny.gov.



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New Law Allows Future County Attorney Removal

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“The county executive is surely going to veto this,” she said. “Are we sure we want to spend our time on this? Because what you’re doing is just a power grab ... The county executive cannot proceed the way he needs to proceed if we continue to do this. If we deny him the ability to exercise all the powers granted to him as county executive, under the law. You’re just losing sight of the delicate balance of power.”

Further, Montgomery said the action impedes the county executive’s right to his own representation.

“You’re putting him in a position to appoint a new individual to the post in hopes that we, the Legislature, agree with his next choice,” she said. “And in the meantime the county attorney will feel pressure to continue to please the members of the Legislature.”

Legislator Paul Jonke, R-Brewster, said his colleagues were using the term “power grab” as a “tag line” to be contentious.

“Nothing changes for the county executive,” he said. “We’re not changing any of his authority. The county attorney works for us. We’re not a department ... We are a branch of government. We have the right to confirm the county executive’s choice of county attorney. We should have the right to remove that person.”

Further, he said it was the county attorney who retaliated by making an ethics complaint against a sitting legislator.

“You want to talk about personal and political?” Jonke asked. “It was personal and political when the county attorney filed an ethics complaint against a member of this Legislature after he was, in his words, ‘summoned’ to a Rules Committee meeting.”

Legislator Ginny Nacerino, R-Patterson, agreed that the Legislature should have the right to choose its own attorney.

“We are an equal branch of government,” she said. “And that’s all it was about from the beginning. To give the Legislature a voice that it deserves. It has no effect on the present county attorney ... This was brought to the forefront because it raised awareness of the situation. It was not because anyone was retaliating. If it was retaliation, then this present employee would not be exempt.”

Legislator Bill Gouldman, R-Putnam Valley, called the charter change a “bad law.”

“By passing this law, we will be changing the balance of power here in Putnam County,” he said. “Each branch has its own authority, and we must depend on each branch to make our government work. By passing this law we are chipping away at that authority of the executive branch. What’s next? ... What powers are we going to go after next?”

The charter change was approved by a 6-3 vote, with Legislators Addonizio, Joseph Castellano, R-Brewster; Greg Ellner, R-Carmel; Nacerino; Amy Sayegh, R-Mahopac Falls; and Jonke voting yes.



Brewster seniors show of a flag they designed in government class.

Brewster Students Design Fictional Countries

Seniors in Kayla Corvino’s 12th grade government class embarked on a comprehensive project to design their own fictional countries – naming them, designing national flags, and defining their geography, government structure, economic systems and major organizations.

Students then engaged in simulations of common national challenges such as social unrest, economic crises, and environmental disasters. This exercise culminated in a discussion about the complexities of maintaining adherence to original governmental guidelines and the necessity for

constitutional amendments.

A subsequent activity involved an interactive session with the 9/11 Memorial Education Center, where students explored the importance of preparedness for unforeseen disasters. They learned how pre-established organizations and contingency plans played a crucial role in managing the crisis.

Students also viewed excerpts from the latest presidential debate, which prompted them to reflect on how historical lessons inform current policymaking and future planning. Youth then analyzed the key issues of the ongoing presidential election and, using the framework of the U.S. Constitution, formulated individual responses on how they would address these issues if they were running for president.

Then students identified a key issue discussed during the debate, or one they personally considered significant. Each group assumed the role of a presidential candidate, tasked with identifying constitutional provisions that would guide their proposed solution to

the identified issue.

Their approach was strictly limited to utilizing evidence drawn from the Constitution.

This project is of significant importance for high school seniors as they prepare to transition into the “real world.” By engaging in the creation and management of a fictional country, students gain hands-on experience in critical thinking, problem solving and decision making – skills that are crucial in both civic life and professional environments.

Moreover, analyzing current political issues through the lens of the U.S. Constitution fosters a deeper appreciation for the principles of democracy and the responsibilities of leadership.

As students move forward into higher education and/or the workforce, these experiences provide a foundational understanding of the complexities and challenges they may encounter, encouraging informed and engaged citizenship in an increasingly interconnected world.

Carmel Man Celebrates Long Career as Soccer Ref

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the New York Metro Intercollegiate Soccer Officials Association, and Long Island Soccer Referee Association.

“Of all the referees here, there is only one teenager,” Sibiga said at the LISRA meeting last month. “Many new referees start off as assistant refs helping more experienced refs. I’ve seen refs in the middle allow a lot of dissent from coaches. That assistant ref has a choice, continue to ref and be yelled at or play video games with his friends. What do you think the new ref will select? The laws give us the power to curtail dissent from the touchline and we need to do it so we have enough refs.”

Sibiga, now 50, also explained how he is currently limited with what he can do, but focuses on coaching and mentoring officials at various levels.

“I work with U.S. Youth Soccer at many events,” he said. “I’m a ref-coach for PRO2, mentor for

CONCACAF officials from the Dominican Republic and Trinidad and Tobago. I’m happy I get to share my experience from my officiating days with younger officials who want to progress, as well with veterans, to keep them updated with current laws of the game.”

Additionally, Sibiga has returned to the fields in Putnam County where his referee career began 15 years ago, and is able to fulfill some Hudson Valley Soccer Referee Association assignments for the Hudson Valley Youth Soccer League.

“You can see me once in a while, when my schedule allows, run a line on an under-13 game for some young referee who’s just starting,” he said. “Most of the time, the young ref doesn’t know who I am and was.”

HVSRA President Brian Baer said Sibiga provides invaluable support to help the area’s referees become better officials.

“Whether it’s providing mentoring during tournaments or regular season games, or it’s leading an educational event for regional referees, or it’s ‘put me with a younger crew so we can work together,’ Robert always gives back to our officiating program here in the Hudson Valley and across Eastern New York,” he said.



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PUBLIC NOTICE

Carmel NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Carmel, Putnam County, New York, at a meeting held on the 2nd day of October 2024 duly adopted the resolution published herewith subject to permissive referendum.

Dated: Mahopac, New York
October 3, 2024

/s/ Alice Daly
Town Clerk

BOND RESOLUTION DATED OCTOBER 2, 2024

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING, SUBJECT TO PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM, THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,100,000 BONDS OF THE TOWN OF CARMEL, PUTNAM COUNTY, NEW YORK, TO PAY THE COST OF THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE TOWN HALL ROOF, IN AND FOR SAID TOWN.

WHEREAS, the capital project hereinafter described has been determined to be a Type II Action pursuant to the regulations of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation promulgated pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act, the implementation of which as proposed, such regulations provide will not result in any significant adverse environmental impact; and

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WHEREAS, it is now desired to authorize such capital project and the financing thereof;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds of the total voting strength of the Town Board of the Town of Carmel, Putnam County, New York, as follows:

Section 1. The reconstruction of the Town Hall roof, in and for the Town of Carmel, Putnam County, New York, including incidental improvements and expenses in connection therewith, is hereby authorized at a maximum estimated cost of \$1,100,000, subject to permissive referendum.

Section 2. It is hereby determined that the plan for the financing thereof is by the issuance of \$1,100,000 bonds of said Town hereby authorized to be issued therefor pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 3. It is hereby determined that the period of probable usefulness of the aforesaid specific object or purpose is twenty-five years, pursuant to subdivision 12(a) of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law. It is hereby further determined that the maximum maturity of the bonds herein authorized will exceed five years.

Section 4. The faith and credit of said Town of Carmel, Putnam County, New York, are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds as the same respectively become due and payable. An annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds becoming

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due and payable in such year. There shall annually be levied on all the taxable real property of said Town, a tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds as the same become due and payable.

Section 5. Subject to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, the power to authorize the issuance of and to sell bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance and sale of the bonds herein authorized, including renewals of such notes, is hereby delegated to the Supervisor of said Town, the chief fiscal officer. Such notes shall be of such terms, form and contents, and shall be sold in such manner, as may be prescribed by said Supervisor, consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 6. All other matters except as provided herein relating to the bonds herein authorized including the date, denominations, maturities and interest payment dates, within the limitations prescribed herein and the manner of execution of the same, including the consolidation with other issues, and also the ability to issue bonds with substantially level or declining annual debt service, shall be determined by the Supervisor, the chief fiscal officer of such Town. Such bonds shall contain substantially the recital of validity clause provided for in Section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law, and shall otherwise be in such form and contain such recitals, in addition to those required by Section 51.00 of the Local Finance Law, as the Supervisor shall determine consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 7. This resolution shall constitute a statement of official intent for purposes of Treasury Regulations Section 1.150-2. Other than as specified in this resolution, no monies are, or are reasonably expected to be, reserved, allocated on a long-term basis, or otherwise set aside with respect to the permanent funding of the object or purpose described herein.

Section 8. The validity of such bonds and bond anticipation notes may be contested only if

(1) Such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which said Town is not authorized to expend money, or

(2) The provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of publication of this resolution are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or

(3) Such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Section 9. Upon this resolution taking effect, the same shall be published in summary form in the official newspaper of said Town for such purpose, together with a notice of the Town Clerk in substantially the form provided in Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law.

Section 10. THIS RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED SUBJECT TO PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Kent

TOWN OF KENT NOTICE OF HEARING

OVERRIDE OF THE PROPERTY TAX LEVY FOR THE 2025 BUDGET

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that there has been introduced before the Town Board of the Town of Kent, New York, on October 1, 2024, Local Introductory Law No. ___ of the year

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2024, which Local Law will authorize the Town Board of the Town of Kent to exceed the property tax levy for the 2025 budget pursuant to General Municipal Law § 3 c;

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 Local Law at the Town Offices, 25 Sybil's Crossing, Kent Lake, New York, on October 15, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in the evening of that day, or as soon thereafter as may be held, 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: October 2, 2024

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN
BOARD OF THE
TOWN OF KENT

YOLANDA CAPPELLI,
TOWN CLERK

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Patterson

TOWN OF PATTERSON PLANNING & ZONING OFFICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY THE TOWN OF PATTERSON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS of a public hearing to be held on Wednesday, October 16, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at the Patterson Town Hall, 1142 Route 311, Patterson, Putnam County, New York to consider the following applications:

1. **Joseph Plaskett, Jr.: Case #11-24 – Special Use Permit – Accessory Residential Building & Area Variances (Held Over since September 18, 2024):** Applicant is requesting to obtain a special use permit and two area variances pursuant to §154-106 of the Patterson Town Code to legalize an existing accessory building with a three-car garage below. Patterson Town Code §154-106 requires applicants to obtain a special use permit in order to construct an accessory building for residential occupancy. Town Code §154-106(D) limits the garage space of accessory buildings to a maximum of 500 sq. ft. Existing garage is 972 sq. ft.; **variance requested is for 472 sq. ft.** Town Code §154-106(H) limits the height of accessory buildings to a maximum of 80% of the height of the principal dwelling. Existing principal dwelling is 26 ft. in height and existing garage is 21 ft. in height; **variance requested is for 5 ft. in height over the 20.5 ft. permitted.** This property is located at 938 Route 311. Tax Map 13.7-1-35 (R-1 Zoning District).

2. **Anjanette Carlon: Case #14-24 – Area Variances (Held Over since September 18, 2024):** Applicant is requesting three area variances pursuant to §154-7 of the Patterson Town Code to demolish an existing, nonconforming dwelling and construct a new, two-story dwelling on the existing foundation. Town Code §154-7 requires principal structures to meet a minimum front yard setback of 15 ft. Front porch will be 9.6 ft. from the front property line; **variance requested is for 5.5 ft.** Town Code also requires principal structures to meet a minimum side yard setback of 15 ft. House will be < 1 ft. from the north side property line and 11.8 ft. from the south side property line; **variances requested are for 15 ft. and 3.5 ft. respectively.** This property is located at 286 Lake Shore Drive. Tax Map 25.65-1-5 (RPL-10 Zoning District).

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3. **Brenda Vanecek: Case #15-24 – Area Variance (Held Over since September 18, 2024):** Applicant is requesting one area variance pursuant to §154-27A(12)(a) of the Patterson Town Code in order to construct a 24 ft. x 24 ft. two-car garage with unfinished storage above. Parcel is a through lot and has frontage on two streets; proposed garage will be forward of the dwelling on the side with frontage on Rutland Drive. Town Code §154-27A(12) (a) forbids accessory structures from being located in the front yard; **variance requested is to allow the garage to be located in the front yard.** This property is located at 5 Vesper Road. Tax Map 25.55-1-36. (RPL-10 Zoning District).

4. **William Finney (Antonio and Victoria Buetti): Case #16-24 – Area Variance:** Applicant is requesting one area variance pursuant to §154-27A(12)(a) of the Patterson Town Code in order to construct a 24 ft. x 26 ft. pole barn with two garage doors. Parcel is a through lot and has frontage on two streets; proposed garage will be forward of the dwelling on the side that functions as a backyard. Town Code §154-27A(12) (a) forbids accessory structures from being located in the front yard; **variance requested is to allow the garage to be located in the front yard.** This property is located at 135 Mountain View Road. Tax Map 23.11-1-22 (RPL-10 Zoning District).

By Order of the ZBA
Robert Schmitt, Chairman

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PUBLIC NOTICE

SE/Brewster Fire District

BREWSTER-SOUTHEAST JOINT FIRE DISTRICT

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Fire Commissioners of the Brewster-Southeast Joint Fire District will receive bids on the following until 5:00pm on October 10, 2024, at the Lt. Michael E. Neuner Fire Headquarters, 501 North Main Street, Brewster, New York 10509:

BID NOTICE FOR FIRE PREVENTION SAFETY TRAILER

All bids received pursuant to this notice will be read on Thursday, October 10th, at 7:00pm or as soon thereafter as possible at the Lt. Michael E. Neuner Fire Headquarters, 501 North Main Street, Brewster, New York 10509. It is intended that bids will be awarded that evening.

A copy of the bid specifications can be obtained by emailing Brendan Liberati, Esq. at bliberati@hrlawyers.com.

The Board of Fire Commissioners of the Brewster-Southeast Joint Fire District reserves the right to reject any and all bids offered.

Moe DeSantis, Secretary
Board of Fire Commissioners
Brewster-Southeast Joint Fire District
October 1st, 2024

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PUBLIC NOTICE


Southeast

The Town of Southeast Highway Department will receive sealed bids for one 15 ½ Foot

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LEGAL NOTICE

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

OCTOBER 17, 2024 – 7:30 P.M.

To hear the following applications:

HOLD OVER APPLICATIONS:

- Application of **TTSHR LLC** for a Variation of Section 156-15 seeking a Use Variance to permit the continuation of 12 residential rental units, 11 of which have existed since the sixties and the twelfth since 1970. Applicant further seeks the following area variances for existing conditions in place for over 50 years. The property is located at 27 Seminary Hill Road, Carmel NY and is known as Tax Map #55.6-1-70.

Code Requires/Allows	Provided	Variance Required
2 Story: Front Yard – 40'	38.7'	1.3'
3 Story: Front Yard – 40'	33.6'	6.4'
2 Story: Side – 25'	10.4'	14.6'
Garage: Rear – 20'	6.6'	13.4'
Garage: Side – 20'	4'	16'
2 family deck: Rear 40'	5'	35'

- Application of **ANTHONY NANETTI** for a Variation of Section 156-15 seeking a Use Variance to legalize a two-family structure in a single-family zone. The property is located at 7 Indian Avenue, Mahopac NY and is known as Tax Map #75.12-1-32.

Code Requires/Allows	Provided	Variance Required
Single Family Use	Two Family	To permit two-family in a single-family zone

- Application of **MARCEL CARRILLO** for a Variation of Section 156-15 seeking both Use & Area Variances for permission to convert office building into a 3-family house. The property is located at 1849 Route 6 Carmel NY and is known as Tax Map #55.10-1-16.

Code Requires/Allows	Provided	Variance Required
Frontage = 100'	85'	15'
Area = 40,000 sf	17,900 sf	22,100 sf
Width = 200'	85'	115'
Side = 25'	5.3'	19.7'
Floor Area = 5,000 sf	2,928 sf	2,072 sf

By Order of the Chairman,
John Maxwell

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DUMP BODY- SUPPLY AND INSTALL. Bid Specs can be picked up at Town Hall. Sealed bids will be accepted at Town Hall, 1360 Route 22, Brewster, NY 10509, until October 16th, 2024. All bids must be clearly marked on the exterior of the mailing envelope as follows: Southeast Highway 2024 DUMP BODY SUPPLY AND INSTALL. Bids will be opened by the Town Clerk, October 16, 2024 at 10am. The Town reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to accept any bid and or bids which it deems most favorable to the interest of the Town of Southeast.

Dated: 9/20/2024
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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Town of Southeast is seeking bids for Tonetta Lake Remediation located in Brewster, NY. The goal for the project is to remediate a designated part of the lakefront of approximately 150 linear feet. For full details on this project, go to the Town website at www.southeast-ny.gov.

The Town will accept proposals on or before 11:00 A.M. on Friday, October 18, 2024. Bids shall be delivered in person, USPS, FedEx, UPS or any ground delivery service in a sealed envelope with their company name and date to: Southeast Town Clerk, Kathleen Chiodina, 1360 Route 22, Brewster, New York 10509. Re: "Tonetta Lake Remediation." Bids will be opened at 11:01 A.M. or soon thereafter. Bidders will be notified of the results.

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

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) of the Town of Southeast shall hold a public meeting on Monday, October 23, 2024, at 7:30 P.M. at the Town Hall, 1360 Route 22, Brewster, NY, where the ZBA will conduct a work session to review potential applications and to deliberate on applications for which public hearings have been previously held. Thereafter, at or about 8:00 P.M., or as soon as interested parties may be heard, public hearings will be conducted on the following applications:

1. Thomas P. Gentile & Janet-Lyn Tallevi owners of premises located at 117-119 Tulip Road, Tax Map ID 69.-1-15 seeks variances from Sections 138-20 and 138-25 of the Zoning Code as the same requires set backs of structures from front and rear property lines to permit the applicants to construct a swimming pool which, as proposed, would be located 14' from the easterly front property line where a minimum of 100' setback is required and 43' from the southerly rear property line where a minimum of 100' setback is required in a R-160 zoning district.

By Order of the ZBA
Timothy Froessel, Chairman

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Supreme Court
SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF PUTNAM
MORTGAGE ASSETS MANAGEMENT, LLC,

-against-

PUBLIC NOTICE

SUSAN WILLIAMS, ET AL.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure and entered in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Putnam on May 30, 2024, wherein MORTGAGE ASSETS MANAGEMENT, LLC is the Plaintiff and SUSAN WILLIAMS, ET AL. are the Defendant(s). I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the PUTNAM COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 20 COUNTY CENTER, CARMEL, NY 10512, on October 21, 2024 at 2:30PM, premises known as 49 BREWSTER DRIVE, CARMEL, NY 10512; and the following tax map identification, 33.58-1-30.

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 THE STATE OF NEW YORK

Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No.: 500230/2023. Jack Elliot Schachner, Esq. - Referee. Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 310, Westbury, New York 11590, Attorneys for Plaintiff. **All foreclosure sales will be conducted in accordance with Covid-19 guidelines including, but not limited to, social distancing and mask wearing. *LOCATION OF SALE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DAY OF IN ACCORDANCE WITH COURT/CLERK DIRECTIVES.**
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PUBLIC NOTICE

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF PUTNAM

SPECIALIZED LOAN SERVICING LLC,

-against-

MARY E. MCGOUEY, ET AL.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Putnam on June 26, 2024, wherein SPECIALIZED LOAN SERVICING LLC is the Plaintiff and MARY E. MCGOUEY, ET AL. are the Defendant(s). I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the PUTNAM COUNTY SUPREME COURT, COURTROOM 209, 20 COUNTY CENTER, CARMEL, NY 10512, on October 28, 2024 at 11:30AM, premises known as 321 FOX RUN LANE, UNIT #7-C A/K/A UNIT 321, PATTERSON, NY 10512; and the following tax map identification: 34-3-17.-320.

ALL THAT CERTAIN PLOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE CONDOMINIUM UNIT (THE "UNIT") KNOWN AS UNIT NO. 7C BLDG. NO. 3 IN THE PREMISES KNOWN AS THE FOX RUN CONDOMINIUM AND KNOWN AS BULLET HOLE ROAD, TOWN OF PATTERSON, IN THE COUNTY OF PUTNAM AND STATE OF NEW YORK,

TOGETHER WITH AN UNDIVIDED .46 PERCENT INTEREST IN THE COMMON ELEMENTS OF THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN SAID DECLARATION (HEREIN-

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AFTER CALLED THE "COMMON ELEMENTS").

Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No.: 500824/2021. Ralph L. Puglielle, Jr., Esq. - Referee. Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 310, Westbury, New York 11590, Attorneys for Plaintiff. **All foreclosure sales will be conducted in accordance with Covid-19 guidelines including, but not limited to, social distancing and mask wearing. *LOCATION OF SALE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DAY OF IN ACCORDANCE WITH COURT/CLERK DIRECTIVES.**

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF PUTNAM U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for MASTR Asset Backed Securities Trust 2006-NC1, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-NC1, Plaintiff AGAINST Richard E. Hasselbach a/k/a Richard E. Hasselbach; Carla Quinlan a/k/a Carla A. Quinlan; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered March 15, 2024, and Amended April 16, 2024, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at Courtroom 209 of the Putnam Supreme Court, 20 County Center, Carmel, NY 10512 on November 4, 2024 at 11:30AM, premises known as 133-137 Bullet Hole Road, 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 Patterson, County of Putnam, State of NY, Section 34.13 Block 1 Lot 71. Approximate amount of judgment \$1,015,019.35 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 501905/2019. The auction will be conducted pursuant to the COVID-19 Policies Concerning Public Auctions of Foreclosed Property established by the 9th Judicial District. Michael J. Khader, Esq., Referee LOGS Legal Group LLP f/k/a Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 430-4792 Dated: September 4, 2024 82459

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COMMERCE RE HOLDING LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 8/23/24. Office in Putnam Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 84 Commerce Dr., Carmel, NY 10512, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.
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PUBLIC NOTICE

SHARK BITES MAN LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/26/2024. Office loc: Putnam County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Noah Lang, 6 Railroad Ave., Cold Spring, NY 10516. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

CRITICAL MASS JAMS LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/28/2023. 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, 147 Simpson Rd, Carmel, NY 10512. Reg Agent: Matthew McCarthy, 147 Simpson Rd, Carmel, NY 10512. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

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DONI 144 LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 9/10/24. Office in Dutchess Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 792 Main St., Ste. B, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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4 HILL LANE, LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 9/10/24. Office in Putnam Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 2297 Route 6, Brewster, NY 10509, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of formation of **Versatility Travel LLC.** Articles of Org. filed with the SSNY on 5/24/2024. Office location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: VERSATILITY TRAVEL LLC, 35 Stone Hollow Dr, Brewster, NY 10509. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Formation of **Supperpower Intel LLC** filed with SSNY on 9/17/24.

Office location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Kathy Conforti, Supperpower Intel LLC, 72 Woodbine Drive, Mahopac, NY 10541.

Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Formation of **JUSTIVIDE LLC.** Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 09/05/24. Office location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: THE LLC, 12 Main Street, Unit #2317, Brewster, NY 10509. The registered agent upon whom process may be served: HARBOR COMPLIANCE, 418 Broadway, STE R, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful activities.

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Brewster Life Skills Class Hosts Free Shopping Event



Max Michinko, Joseph Lala, Christian Pinel and Nicholas Stafford are members of the Brewster Life Skills class.



Extended Families from Somers donated decorated bags of food for families to take home from the recent free shopping event.

At Brewster Central School District, civic responsibility is more than just a phrase. It incorporates action and engages with the larger community in many ways.

One recent example is the free shopping event at the First Baptist Church in Brewster, when students from Donna Schneider, Sarah Barnes and Denise Galgano's Life Skills class, along with Maider Solores, the district's community

outreach specialist, helped more than 150 registered customers from the school district – as well as many walk-ins – do their shopping.

Customers arrived between 3 and 6 p.m., to "shop" from an assortment of clothes that had been washed, folded, and sorted by size by the students and teachers.

There were 12 carloads of bags filled with hundreds of pieces of clothing, including winter coats

and snow pants, hats and mittens – all up for grabs.

The clothes were either donated by local families, the parent-teacher association, outside groups or from the lost and found. Students and teachers spent the entire summer at their school business, Bubbly Bears, washing clothing collected from the lost and found bins at each school at the end of the year.

The core four of students from the life skills class include Max Michinko, Joseph Lala, Christian Pinel and Nicholas Stafford.

"We decided we would give all the clothes to people in need to help the community," said Michinko. "Everything anyone needs is right here."

"It was a lot of work," added Lala. "We separated each piece of clothing by size. We looked at the

tags. But it feels really great to give back to the community."

"I already knew how to fold," said Pinel. "I agree, it feels great to help out."

This is the second year Brewster schools hosted the free shopping event. The school also collaborated with Extended Families from Somers, which donated 86 decorated bags of food packed by students for families to take home.

Mahopac Schools Capital Project Update

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done this on a lot of historic buildings," he said. "It will have the look of slate but is not made of stone."

Although Lakeview Elementary is not on the state's register of historic places, due to its age, the district will still have to undergo a regulatory review by the state's Office of Historic Preservation for work to be completed.

Since the roof replacement project will come in at a cost greater than what is left over from the capital project budget, at a total of about \$2.2 million, Glaubitz explained they are looking at ways to keep the scope of the project manageable.

Therefore, replacement of dormers and the wood on cupola, peeling paint, and rot are all things that were talked about early on in the project that won't be included in the initial project.

"There's definitely more work that could be done," said Glaubitz. "We've made an effort to try and bring that cost down into a range we think is doable for this project."

Added insulation, walkways and ladders to improve safety

when accessing the roof are all things that will be bumped to future projects.

In addition, the district's finance department will have to look at ways to fund the \$700,000 difference between the cost of the project and the leftover funds.

Glaubitz said architects are already in the planning and preparation stage of the roof replacement project. Design would take a few months, and if the project requires approval by the State Education Department, that could take up to 30 weeks. This means, the project wouldn't be ready to go out to bid before this coming summer, so construction would likely take place in the summer of 2026 – if it moves forward.

Youth Voter Registration Drive

The Westchester-Putnam Workforce Development Board is hosting a Youth Voter Registration Drive on Oct. 10 from 2 to 5 p.m. at seven locations throughout Westchester County; Putnam residents are welcome.

Carver Center, 400 Westchester Ave., Port Chester; Guidance Center, 256 Washington St., and Mount Vernon Youth Bureau, 1 Roosevelt Square North, both in Mount Vernon; Ossining Youth Bureau, Joseph G. Caputo Community Center,

95 Broadway, Ossining; Peekskill Youth Bureau, 840 Main St., Peekskill; Slater Center, 2 Fisher Court, White Plains; and White Plains Career Center, 120 Bloomingdale Road, White Plains.

To register, individuals must be a U.S. citizen, 18 years old (or pre-register at 16-17), a resident of New York State and their county, city or town for at least 30 days prior to the election, and not claim the right to vote elsewhere.

Mahopac Students Visit 9/11 Mobile Exhibit



Mahopac High School students visit the 9/11 Never Forget Mobile Exhibit on Sept. 26 at the Mahopac Fire Department headquarters.



A group of Mahopac High School students had a memorable experience when they walked through a multimedia exhibit to view artifacts from the site of the World Trade Center in New York City and to listen to stories about some of the men and women who lost their lives in the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

Through a partnership with the Town of Carmel, on Sept. 26, the students visited the emotional 9/11 Never Forget Mobile Exhibit, which serves to pay tribute and to educate people about the tragic events of that day.

The 83-foot tractor-trailer, which transforms into a 1,100-square-foot exhibit, includes artifacts, documentary videos, and recordings from a harrowing day in American history.

The students listened intently as volunteer speaker Bill Puckett shared the famous "Tunnel to Towers" story of Stephen Siller, the firefighter who strapped 60 pounds of firefighting equipment to his back and ran through the closed Brooklyn Battery Tunnel in his effort to get to the Twin Towers, where he lost his life while helping others to safety.

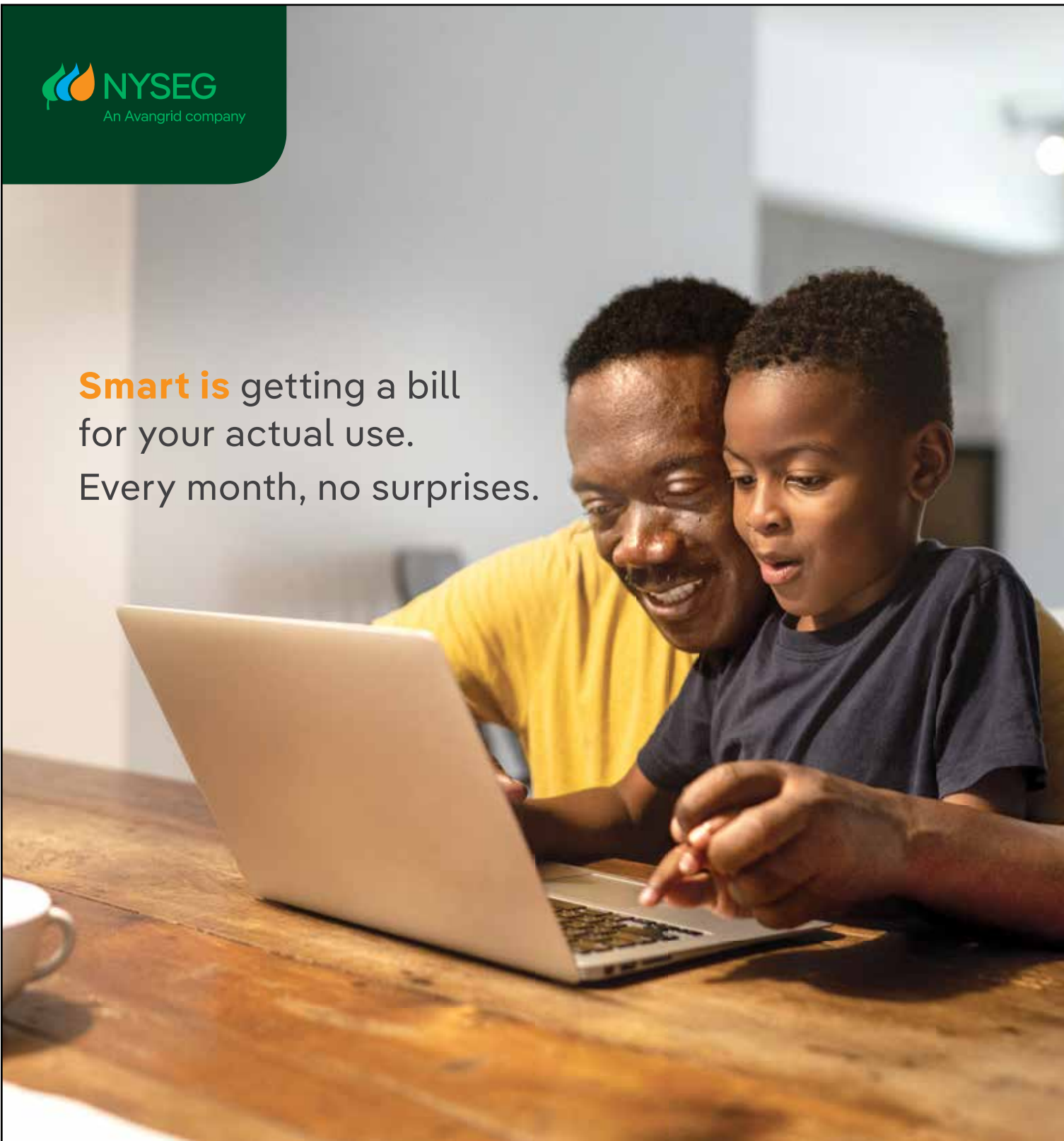
"I appreciate having the opportunity to visit this museum," said student Adam Geller. "It was shocking to hear the dispatch from firefighters on that day suddenly go silent and knowing that was when the first tower fell. But it's heartwarming to know (the emergency responders) put their lives at risk to protect the community."

Mahopac public policy teacher Mike Douma explained how the visit to the 9/11 Never Forget Mobile Exhibit fit into his current class curriculum.

"We spend a week studying 9/11 and the legacy of policy that was a direct result of the attacks on that day," he said. "The Patriot Act, TSA, and the Department of Homeland Security were all established in the wake of the events Sept. 11. This experience helps bring those tragic events to life and reinforces to our students why those policies were put in place."



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