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Green Chimneys' annual Birds of Prey Day returned June 2 to the Brewster campus, where raptors and other animals were on display. There were free-flying demonstrations, live animal presentations and other programs by wildlife experts.

High-Flying Fun at Green Chimneys' Birds of Prey Day



Families also enjoyed hayrides, a zip line, children's activities, live music and more.



Additional photos are on page 10. Photos by Green Chimneys.

New County Director Of Tourism Named

Tara Keegan has been appointed the new director of tourism for Putnam County, by County Executive Kevin Byrne, following the retirement of Tracy Walsh. The appointment will go before the County Legislature for a vote this month.



Tara Keegan

According to Byrne, Keegan is a Putnam resident with a long history of both public service and community event organization and promotion.

"Putnam County has so much to offer visitors, be it world-class restaurants, beautiful walking trails, waterfront, museums, local shopping and more," he said. "Few in this community are more respected than Tara Keegan. I've known Tara for a very long time and I am confident she will bring passion and her own level of expertise to this job."

Keegan previously worked at a local law firm and in the New York State Assembly, while volunteering with a number of local organizations and committees, including the Northern Westchester/Putnam St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee as the publicity secretary. In addition, her work with the Emerald Association of Putnam County to plan the annual Putnam County Feis at Veterans Memorial Park in Carmel/Kent has consistently at-

tracted thousands of individuals to the area year after year.

Putnam County Legislature Chairman Paul Jonke expressed his enthusiasm for the appointment.

"Tara Keegan has always demonstrated a profound dedication to our commu-

nity," he said. "Her vision and commitment to promoting Putnam County's rich cultural offerings make her an excellent choice for director of tourism. I look forward to seeing how her leadership will enhance our county's appeal to visitors."

Patrick O'Malley, retired captain with the Putnam County Sheriff's Office and chairman of the Northern Westchester/Putnam St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee, also praised Keegan's appointment.

"Tara Keegan is one of the most valued committee members," he said. "Serving as publicity secretary and volunteering for many years, Tara is enthusiastic, smart and hard working. She has a skillset that is very needed, and is a team player. I cannot thank her enough for the work she's put in for the parade and I'm honored to call her a friend. She's exactly what the county needs to elevate our tourism initiatives. I have no doubt she will excel in this new role."

Albany Announces Statewide Solar For All Program

The New York State Public Service Commission has adopted a Statewide Solar for All program that is expected to spur the development of more solar and retail energy storage projects in New York. Going forward, Statewide Solar for All will be administered by each of the investor-owned utilities that serve electric energy affordability program customers.

In addition, PSC has taken action to improve New York's opt-in Community Distributed Generation program.

"The Statewide Solar for All program will reduce costs to install solar power, increase operational efficiencies and provide equitable access to community solar," said PSC Chairperson Rory Christian.

"The initiative's focus on

energy affordability fits within a balanced community solar policy by prioritizing benefits for low-income households and driving the growth of community solar. This initiative will also allow CDG storage projects to participate in the program – creating a simple offtake strategy that provides bill savings to low-income customers – all while providing meaningful benefits to the grid."

Statewide Solar for All's streamlined and cost-effective model will combine two successful state programs – the utility-managed Energy Affordability Program and market-based community solar – to deliver clean energy savings to low-income households.

The new program will begin
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Letters to the Editor

Thanks for Supporting Putnam Pride

Dear Editor:

I just wanted to take a moment and thank the police for making all of us feel safe at Putnam Pride last Saturday. It was an amazing day that far exceeded our expectations. It was a really magical mo-

ment for me when we started our car caravan to Veterans' Park and two police cars pulled up to block traffic for us. It is an unbelievable feeling to know we are protected in our town from those who preach hate.

Happy Pride month, everyone!
*Stephanie Schleicher
Brewster*

Mahopac Library Budget Approved

The Mahopac Public Library's 2024-25 operating budget was approved June 4 by a tally of 280 to 68.

In addition, voters elected three candidates to the library's Board of Trustees: incumbent John Battista received 270 votes,

Wayne Heady received 234 votes and Marie Stahl received 258 votes. Each will serve a three-year term beginning July 1.

Library Director Michele Capozzella expressed her appreciation to all of the community members who participated in this year's vote.

"Our community is at the heart of everything we do at the library," she said. "We look forward to an exciting year ahead, and hope to see many of you at our events and programs this summer."

For more information about the budget vote and trustee election, contact Capozzella at 845-628-2009, ext. 107.

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Elks Honors Student-Writers

Third-quarter student-writer honorees were celebrated by the Brewster Elks Lodge on May 21 with a dinner and ceremony. The students were presented with a certificate for their outstanding achievements, writing skills, effort, commitment to education, attitude and other attributes. From left are (back row) Elks Youth Activities Chairman Peter Priolo, Secretary Rose Lavelle, Chase O'Connell, Nathan Meyer, Frankie Reyes, Dominick Misiano, Jacen Reyes, Exalted Ruler Chris Kelly, Tiler Chris Currieri, (front row) Sophie Mennella, Gia DiBenedetto, Sky Corradino and Fallon Richardson.

Brewster Students Raise Funds for Wells in Sudan



Brewster High School students participate in We Walk For Water.

Brewster High School students are changing the world. For the sixth year, students have raised money and walked in the footsteps of the people of South Sudan who have to make a daily walk for water – one and a half hours to “the pond” and one and a half hours back to their village.

So far, the students have raised \$5,758 this year, with their goal to reach \$6,000. Since 2017, the students have raised \$32,000 for five wells in South Sudan.

Eighty English students who read “Running For My Life,” “They Poured Fire on Us” or “A Long Walk to Water” circled the track to see what it's like for those who do not have easy access to water, and as a way to raise more money for more wells in South Sudan.

Monaco Pillai, who has been involved in We Walk For Water for the past four years, said he's learned about empathy by taking only one full school day to experience what young kids in South Sudan do every day.

“They give up their education to walk miles for water – something we simply turn on the



faucet to receive,” said Pillai. “It's a truly unimaginable situation for these kids. Not only this, but I feel as though BHS students learn about the importance of becoming devoted to something greater than themselves. After

my first time taking part, I started becoming more involved in my community in hopes of creating a positive impact.”

To learn more about We Walk For Water, or to donate, visit <https://tinyurl.com/2wfmucje>.



FrOGS board members with honoree Maggie Faloon and Patterson Library staff in front of FrOGS' commemorative quilt at the library.

Quilt Depicting Great Swamp on Display at Patterson Library

Friends, family, and community members gathered at the Patterson Library on June 5 for a reception to celebrate the hanging of a commemorative quilt donated by Friends of the Great Swamp.

This quilt depicts 12 native species found in the Great Swamp – a unique natural treasure that stretches 20 miles from Southeast to Dover and is one of the largest freshwater wetlands in New York. The Great Swamp contains more than 6,700 acres of critical wetlands and provides habitat for diverse flora and fauna, clean drinking water, flood control, recharging of aquifers, a wildlife travel corridor, and many recreational opportunities.

FrOGS' mission is to preserve and protect the health of the Great Swamp watershed through research, education and conservation.

"We are happy the quilt has found a permanent home in the Patterson Library and hope viewers will be inspired to help protect the Great Swamp

watershed and all the plants and animals that call it home," said FrOGS' Chairman Ken Luhman.

In 2015, FrOGS' board members Edie Keasbey, Nancy Clark, Beth Herr and Judy Kelley-Moberg led the design and creation of the quilt to celebrate FrOGS' 25th anniversary. Clark, Herr and Kelley-Moberg were present at the reception and fondly reminisced about creating the quilt.

Clark and Kelley-Moberg also recently shared their memories in a podcast available on the library's website.

Keasbey passed away in 2020, and this year FrOGS established an annual award in her name for graduating high school seniors with aspirations toward environmental causes.

The first awardee, Maggie Faloon, was also present at the ceremony.

The quilt has welcomed guests to the Great Swamp Celebration & Art Show and has traveled to many FrOGS' events at schools, parks, senior centers

and libraries over the last 10 years. It was also the inspiration for the "Friends of the Great Swamp Coloring Book."

"The library was honored and thrilled to display this amazing quilt in its new public space," said Patterson Library Director Stephanie Harrison. "We hope that generations of our patrons will cherish not only this unique quilt, but the Great Swamp itself that we see right in our backyard."

The library invites all to stop by and appreciate the quilt by the front door.

Fatal Accident in Carmel

A motorcyclist was killed May 31 in an accident on Route 301 near Gypsy Trail Road in Carmel.

According to Putnam County Sheriff Kevin McConville, at about 2:10 p.m., several calls to Putnam County 911 reported that a motorcycle had struck another vehicle head-on. Sheriff's deputies and Carmel police, along with emergency personnel from Carmel Fire Department responded to the scene.

The motorcycle operator, identified as Peter Leist, 62, of Denville, NJ, was traveling westbound on Route 301 and had passed a few vehicles by crossing over the double-yellow lines when it struck a small bus driven by Lauren Hoffman, 23, of Carmel, which was traveling in the opposite direction, according to McConville.

Leist was pronounced deceased at the scene, and the roadway was closed between Dixon Road and Gypsy Trail Road for approximately three hours while an investigation was conducted with sheriff's personnel and members of the New York State Police Troop K Collision Reconstruction Unit.

Also according to McConville, just before 7 p.m. May 31, deputies were dispatched to Route 22 just north of Sodom Road in

the Town of Southeast for a motor vehicle accident involving a car and a motorcycle.

Preliminary investigation determined that a vehicle being operated by Christine Bueti, 52, of Katonah, turned left out of a restaurant driveway to head southbound on Route 22, when it was struck by a northbound motorcycle operated by Marvin Espanavventura, age 22.

Bueti was arrested at the scene and charged with driving while intoxicated and issued a ticket for failing to yield the right of way when making a left turn. She was processed at the Putnam County Correctional Facility and issued an appearance ticket for a future court date.

Espanavventura was transported to Danbury Hospital in serious condition by Brewster Ambulance. He was issued tickets for operating a motorcycle without the proper license, operating without insurance, operating an unregistered vehicle and operating without an inspection certificate.

Members of the Brewster Volunteer Fire Department assisted at the scene.

Investigation is ongoing with sheriff's personnel, along with the New York State Police Troop K Collision Reconstruction Unit.

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John P. Covais Jr., 70, May 28, Balsamo-Cordovano Funeral Home, Carmel, (845) 225-2144.

Nancy S. Alfonso, 76, June 3, Joseph J. Smith Funeral Home, Mahopac, (845) 621-1992.

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Ronald H. Karow, 82, May 29, Cargain Funeral Homes Inc., Mahopac, (845) 225-5655.

Putnam Valley

Gerard D. Buter, 74, May 19, Cargain Funeral Home, Carmel, (845) 225-3672.

Peter Goetz, 89, May 31, Clinton Inc Funeral Homes, Cold Spring, (845) 265-3333.

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Garden Club Delivers Bouquets

Brewster-Carmel Garden Club members recently made and delivered bouquets to local libraries and town and county offices, in thanks for their contributions to the community. Here, Christine Woolley and Joan Newman deliver bouquets to Kent Town Hall.

Nutrition Corner

By Allison J. Stowell
MS, RD, CDN



Vegetarian Barbecue

As we shift toward more outdoor gatherings and meals made on the grill, we also tend to move toward more burgers, grilled chicken, steak, and other animal-based proteins as our main dish. This leaves the vegetarians with a plethora of unsatisfying sides, usually along with a previously frozen veggie burger. While today's market offers some decent plant-based burgers, there are many other ways to develop vegetarian menus.

Make your own plant-based burger. Visit GuidingStars.com for a variety of satisfying and easy to prepare plant-based burger recipes. These make-ahead recipes come together with ingredients you may already have on hand like black beans and quinoa.

Find ways to make your sides more satisfying. Add edamame, nuts, or seeds to add protein to simple salads. Likewise, elevate the protein in your grain-based dishes by replacing simple carbohydrates with quinoa, bean-based pasta, and other options that significantly increase the protein in your dish.

Make vegetables an integral part of the menu, rather than a secondary side reserved for vegetarian guests. Flavorful recipes like the one below pair perfectly with fish and other animal-based proteins, as well as grilled extra-firm tofu, tempeh or even halloumi cheese.

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.

Grilled Spring Vegetables with Garlic-Herb Marinade (2 Guiding Stars) Hannaford.com

Use any spring and summer veggies you have on hand for a big batch you can add to meals all week long. Serve alongside desired protein, with pasta, or top a platter of hummus.

Ingredients:
1/2 cup olive oil, plus more

Shrimp, Broccoli and Potato Skewers with Lemon and Thyme

(Family Features)
Shrimp, Broccoli and Potato Skewers with Lemon and Thyme



Ingredients:
1 pound bagged Little Potatoes
1 bunch broccoli
12 large shrimp, peeled and deveined

1 1/2 lemons, juice only
3 tablespoons fresh thyme, chopped
2 tablespoons olive oil
salt, to taste
pepper, to taste

Directions:
In large, microwave-safe bowl, microwave potatoes on high 5 minutes.
Chop broccoli into large pieces.

Add broccoli and shrimp to bowl once potatoes are steamed.
Add lemon juice, thyme and olive oil; evenly coat potatoes, shrimp and broccoli. Season with salt and pepper, to taste.
Build skewers and grill 10-15 minutes on medium-high heat, until shrimp is cooked through.
Servings: 4
Source: The Little Potato Company

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The Brewster Summer Music Series kicks off June 26.

Brewster Summer Music Series Announces Lineup

The Town of Southeast Cultural Arts Coalition has announced the lineup for its Brewster Summer Music Series, taking place from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday nights from June 26 to July 31, at Southeast Veterans' Park, at the corner of Railroad and Morningthorpe avenues in the village.

The North County Band kicks off the series with its signature upbeat country sound June 26, followed by Cuboricua on July 3, playing the music of Cuba

and Puerto Rico; Artie Tobia on July 10, featuring roots, rock and Americana; The M80s New York on July 17, with party music of the 1980s; Genevieve Faivre Brings Jazz on July 24, playing jazz and Bossa Nova; and Jay Prince and Friends on July 31, featuring classic rock and funk.

Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, picnic dinners and beverages. Note that everyone attending the concert is required to carry out everything they bring in, including their own trash.

There will not be trash containers on site.

For more information, email bsms@culturalartsco.com or visit www.culturalartsco.com/brewster-summer-music-series1.html.

TOSCAC is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to developing an accessible and affordable performing arts venue and cultural center for the Village of Brewster, the Town of Southeast, and surrounding communities in Putnam, Westchester, Dutchess and Fairfield counties.



Deputy Kevin Osika, left, and Sergeant Edward Kennedy, right, receive certificates from Albany County Sheriff Craig Apple Sr.

Putnam Deputies Complete Statewide Training Program

Sgt. Edward Kennedy and Deputy Kevin Osika of the Putnam County Sheriff's Office were among the 72 deputies and civilian staff who attended the first week of the New York State Sheriff's Institute civil school in April, and among the 56 who attended the second training session in May.

All sheriff's offices have civil law enforcement functions, including the service of process and enforcement of judgments and other court orders and mandates. The school provides participants

with training in the latest advances in civil law enforcement and a forum to discuss current civil law enforcement issues and share best practices.

Training took place in Albany and classes were taught by instructors from sheriff's offices across the state who have a vast amount of knowledge in civil enforcement procedures. PCSO Captain Michael Grossi, who has more than 27 years of civil experience and knowledge, instructed in both sessions.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

Pursuant to an Order of the Public Service Commission of the State of New York, issued on May 16, 2024 in Case 23-W-0111, Veolia Water New York Inc., has been granted an increase in rates for water service in the "levelized" amount of \$8.7 million or 6.7%, effective June 1, 2024.

The old and new rates are set forth below:

	Old Rates	New Rates
SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL		
Quantity Used in the Month		
	(Per Hundred Cubic Feet (ccf))	
First 5 ccf	\$ 5.8302	\$ 5.7202
Next 7 ccf	\$ 7.5630	\$ 7.5571
Over 12 ccf	\$ 12.0126	\$ 11.9662
Cost of Water (all usage)	\$ 1.6500	\$ 1.8975
	(Per Thousand Gallons (mg))	
First 3.74 mg	\$ 7.7943	\$ 7.6473
Next 5.24 mg	\$ 10.1110	\$ 10.1031
Over 8.98 mg	\$ 16.0597	\$ 15.9976
Cost of Water (all usage)	\$ 2.2059	\$ 2.5368

NON-RESIDENTIAL		
Quantity Used in the Month		
	(Per Hundred Cubic Feet (ccf))	
First 900 ccf	\$ 4.9050	\$ 6.1835
Over 900 ccf	\$ 6.3233	\$ 7.9715
Cost of Water (all usage)	\$ 1.6500	\$ 1.8975
	(Per Thousand Gallons (mg))	
First 673.2 mg	\$ 6.5575	\$ 8.2667
Over 673.2 mg	\$ 8.4536	\$ 10.6571
Cost of Water (all usage)	\$ 2.2059	\$ 2.5368
Flat Rate Customers		
Service Charge per Month	\$ 121.6794	\$ 137.3013

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Meter size per month (Single & Non-Residential)

Meter size	Old Rates	New Rates
5/8"	\$ 15.54	\$ 17.00
3/4"	\$ 19.39	\$ 21.45
1"	\$ 27.23	\$ 30.11
1 1/2"	\$ 38.91	\$ 43.03
2"	\$ 62.16	\$ 68.74
3"	\$ 116.62	\$ 128.96
4"	\$ 194.32	\$ 214.88
6"	\$ 388.51	\$ 429.63
8"	\$ 621.62	\$ 687.40

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

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

	MONTHLY WATER CONSUMPTION		
	4 ccf (2,992 gals)	9 ccf (6,732 gals)	15 ccf (11,220 gals)
Monthly			
Old	\$ 45.46	\$ 89.79	\$ 158.42
New	\$ 47.47	\$ 92.91	\$ 162.86
	4.4%	3.5%	2.8%
Annual			
Old	\$ 545.53	\$ 1,077.52	\$ 1,901.05
New	\$ 569.65	\$ 1,114.88	\$ 1,954.34
	4.4%	3.5%	2.8%

Antique Bottle Detection in Putnam Valley

Have you ever come across that lone bottle residing on your kitchen shelf or living room counter, just begging to tell a story? It is often forgotten how glass bottles were once a primary method of storing and transporting substances of all kinds.

Join Alex and Viktor Prizgintas on Friday, June 14 at 7 p.m. at Putnam Valley Library as they discuss the fundamentals behind dating and identifying antique bottles. Register for the program on the library's website.

Alex Prizgintas has been collecting bottles from the Hudson Valley for more than 10 years, served as president of the Hudson Valley Bottle Club from 2018 to 2020, and currently leads the Woodbury Historical Society in Highland Mills. His research on

local bottles and bottle history has been published in the Antique Bottle & Glass Collector magazine, Marist College's "Hudson River Valley Review," and the New York Archives Magazine.

The PowerPoint Program will be accompanied by more than 50 antique glass bottles, and the audience is encouraged to bring bottles in their homes for identification.

Following a program at Warner Library in Tarrytown, Francisco Miranda said Alex Prizgintas led an "informative and wonderful presentation" about the art of antique bottle detecting.

"The presentation was well-received by a very excited audience," he said. "We learned a lot of interesting facts about the art of bottle making and bottle detecting. Alex's collection of antique bottles was fascinating. I highly recommend Alex's presentation for anyone interested in antique bottles and local history in general. Alex has a wide array of lecture topics that are educational and fun for all."



Brewster High School seniors show off their awards.

Brewster Seniors Awarded the Seal of Biliteracy

Thirty-nine seniors at Brewster High School have received the New York State Seal of Biliteracy, which is an award given to high school graduates who have demonstrated a high level of proficiency in English and one or more world languages.

The NYSSB encourages the study of languages, affirms the value of diversity in a multilingual

society, and provides universities and future employers with additional information about applicants.

"We are very happy about this 2024 Seal of Biliteracy," said Alexander Gutiérrez and Maider Solares, NYSSB coordinators. "We have once again reached a record number of recipients, and Brewster Central School District has become

a reference in the Hudson Valley area, thanks to our successful program over the years."

"We have been working with CUNY on their process to determine if the Seal of Biliteracy will be accepted as college credit for the foreign language requirements," explained Gutiérrez. "After observing our work and analyzing some of our recipients' materials, they decided to accept the seal as credit for the new students. We will continue working to extend this to the whole SUNY system."

This year, the Brewster High School NYSSB program has been chosen to mentor a high school from New York City on its process to create its own seal program and received great feedback from colleagues in NYC. Because of all these achievements, the BCSD Seal of Biliteracy program has been highlighted in the New York State Education Department Guidelines for the Seal of Biliteracy.

"Biliteracy is a superpower you can develop," said BHS Principal Nicole Horler. "It will allow you to break down language barriers and make connections on a deeper level. It can boost your brain power and open up career opportunities."

Two Brewster students obtained the NYSSB in English and two more world languages.

"I feel proud that all my hard work and dedication has been worth it," said Alicia Oliveros, who obtained her seal in English, Spanish and Italian. "The ability to have learned two other languages is a privilege, and I'm very thankful I have the opportunity to do so. Learning two other languages makes me feel accomplished and proves to myself and others that with hard work you can accomplish anything."

Amanda Guo obtained her seal in English, Mandarin Chinese and Spanish.

"For me, being trilingual means the ability to be able to connect with more people around me, and the responsibility to continue speaking the language and continuously improve the languages that I know, in order to benefit my community, and those around me," she said.

"Chinese is a very important language in my life because all of my family members speak it, and my parents continuously emphasize the importance of maintaining the language with my family and relatives. Knowing Spanish is important to me, as well, because many people in my school, and in my town, speak Spanish. So being able to know Spanish, as well, gives me an opportunity to connect and help them and support them in different ways."

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Putnam County Community Events

Donations Sought

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

Tuesday, June 11

Father's Day Craft

Youth age 7 to 12 can honor and celebrate all the special men in their life – dads, grandpas, uncles or someone else – by creating a gift for them Tuesday, June 11 from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. at Brewster Public Library. Registration required.

Reservoir Systems

Reed Memorial Library of Carmel will host "The Untold Truth of the Reservoir Systems" on June 11 at 5 p.m. Registration is required at carmellibrary.org/calendar.

Wednesday, June 12

Carmel Town Board

The Carmel Town Board will meet at 7 p.m. at Town Hall on the following Wednesdays: June 12 and 19; July 3; Aug. 7; Sept. 4 and 18; Oct. 9 and 16; Nov. 6, 13 and 20; and Dec. 4 and 11. The March 6 and Oct. 9 meeting will be held at the Carmel firehouse.

Blood Drive

State Sen. Pete Harckham, in partnership with New York Blood Center, will host a blood drive from 1 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 12, at the Mahopac Fire Volunteer Fire Department on Route 6. To schedule an appointment, visit <https://tinyurl.com/sf3wpx5f> or call 800-933-2566.

Patterson Town Board

The Patterson Town Board will meet the following Wednesdays at 7 p.m. at Town Hall: June 12 and 26, July 10 and 24, Aug. 14 and 28, Sept. 11, Oct. 9 and 23, Nov. 6 and 20, and Dec. 4 and 18.

'Reading on the Go'

Mahopac Public Library will host "Reading on the Go" on June 12 at 12:30 p.m. In this mini-class, learn how to access eBooks, magazines and audiobooks with Libby and Hoopla for free. Register at www.mahopaclibrary.org or call 845-628-2009, ext. 100.

Anime Movie Night

Mahopac Public Library will screen "Revolutionary Girl Utena" on June 12 at 5 p.m. Celebrate Pride Month with this anime classic that has inspired many modern anime titles such as "Gundam" and "Revue Starlight." Age 18 and older or with parental consent. No registration is required.

Crafty Storytime

Kids age 3 to 5 may join Ms. Audra at Brewster Public Library on Wednesday, June 12 from 10 to 10:30 a.m. for a morning of stories and crafts for the spring season. Registration required.

Thursday, June 13

Blood Drive

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive Thursday, June 13 from 1 to 6 p.m. at Kent Volunteer Fire Department, 2490 Route 301, Carmel. Schedule an appointment at www.redcross-blood.org and use the sponsor code "Kent."

Southeast Town Board

The Southeast Town Board will meet at 7 p.m. at Town Hall on the following Thursdays: June 13 and 27, July 11 and 25, Aug. 8 and 29, Sept. 12 and 26, Oct. 10 and 24, Nov. 7 and 21, and Dec. 5 and 19.

Art Journaling

Reed Memorial Library of Carmel will host art journaling via Zoom on June 13 at 5:30 p.m. Registration is required at carmellibrary.org/calendar.

Container Gardening

Join Cornell Cooperative Extension Master Gardner volunteer Chris Bonura as he discusses container types, watering, fertilizing, size considerations, design and favorite combinations that will have your container garden thriving and looking great, June 13 at 1 p.m. at Mahopac Public Library. Register at www.mahopaclibrary.org or call 845-628-2009, ext. 100.

Open House

The Hastings Center will hold an open house June 13 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., at 21 Malcolm Gordon Road, Garrison. Free, RSVP appreciated by May 30 to Siofra Vizzi at vizzi@thehastingscenter.org. Visit the campus overlooking the Hudson for a conversation about AI, health and bioethics, with presenters Leigh Hafrey of the MIT Sloan School of Management, and Vardit Ravitsky of The Hastings Center. Wine and hors d'oeuvres reception to follow.

'One Life'

Patterson Library will show "One Life" on Thursday, June 13 at 1 p.m. Based on the true story of young British stockbroker Sir Nicholas Winton, "One Life" is told as a flashback to pre-WWII when he rescued 669 predominantly Jewish refugee children from Prague by arranging for trains to take them to England. Rated PG-13. Adults 18 and older. To register, call 845-878-6121 or go to www.pattersonlibrary.org and click the calendar.

Movie Matinee

The Brewster Public Library will host a movie matinee Friday, June 14 from 1 to 3 p.m. featuring "One Life," rated PG. Check the calendar for the lineup. Registration requested.

'Lisa Frankenstein'

Teens age 13 to 17 are invited to watch the newly released "Lisa Frankenstein" movie at Brewster Public Library on Thursday, June 13 from 4 to 5:45 p.m. Pizza and snacks will be provided. Rated PG-13. registration required.

Friday, June 14

Feast of

Three Franciscans

The Italian American Club of Mahopac is sponsoring a mass in Italian and English, celebrating The Feast of the Three Franciscans, St. Francis of Assisi, St.

Anthony of Padua, and St. Pio of Pietrelcina, on Friday, June 14 at 7:30 p.m. at St. John's The Evangelist Church, 221 East Lake Blvd., Mahopac. Celebrant will be Fr. Philip Caruso. All welcome. Followed by refreshments in the social hall.

Antique Bottle Detection

Join Alex and Viktor Prizgintas on Friday, June 14 at 7 p.m. at Putnam Valley Library as they discuss the fundamentals behind dating and identifying antique bottles. Register for the program on the library's website.

Monster Storytime

Babies and toddlers birth to 3 can explore the world of monsters Friday, June 14 from 9:30 to 10 a.m. at Brewster Public Library. A themed storytime featuring books and singing. Registration required.

Strength Class

Reed Memorial Library of Carmel will host "Strengthen, Stretch & Stabilize" on June 14 at 11 a.m. Registration is required at carmellibrary.org/calendar.

Saturday, June 15

Classical Concert

Classical and electric guitarist Oren Fader will perform music by Bach, Dowland, Milan, Bogdanovic and Albeniz at the Chapel Restoration, 45 Market St., Cold Spring, on Sunday, June 16 at 4 p.m. Free.

Insect Talk

Join Cornell Cooperative Extension-Putnam County to learn about beneficial insects Saturday, June 15 from 2 to 3 p.m. at Desmond-Fish Library, 472 Route 403, Garrison. Includes an explanation of bees (native vs. honey), addresses stings and bites, and features specific insects. The importance of spiders is also discussed. The talk will be followed by a 45-minute hands-on Bee House workshop, where participants will go home with their own nesting place for solitary bees. Family friendly; register each attendee, at desmondfishlibrary.org.

Nature Hike

Patterson Environmental Conservation Inspector and retired forester Ted Kozlowski will provide an educational walk in the Great Swamp on Saturday, June 15 at 10 a.m. The one-hour program will depart the Patterson Environmental Park parking lot near the Metro-North train tracks, and walk through the woods to the East Branch Croton River. Bring snacks and drinks. No dogs. Email Ken Luhman at frogspaddle22@gmail.com if you plan to attend. \$5 per person.

Family Art Saturdays

Family Pottery Pod one-day workshops for families and friends will take place from 12:30 to 3 p.m., June 15, July 20 and Aug. 25, at the Belle Levine Art Center, 521 Kennicut Hill Road, Mahopac. The cost is \$60 per person. All levels. Visit www.putnamartscouncil.com to register for a class.

Tag Sale

First Presbyterian Church of Mahopac will host a community tag sale in the church parking lot at 4-11 Route 6N (at Secor Road), Mahopac, on Saturday,

June 15 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., rain or shine. Accepting vendor applications; email Office@MahopacChurch.org.

Cookie Sale

First Presbyterian Church of Mahopac will hold a Father's Day cookie sale Saturday, June 15 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (or until cookies sell out) at 4-11 Route 6N (at Secor Road), Mahopac.

String Duo

Tompkins Corners Cultural Center will present Lisa Gutkin and Christina Crowder on Saturday, June 15 at 7:30 p.m., at 729 Peekskill Hollow Road, Putnam Valley. With Gutkin on fiddle, tenor guitar and voice, accompanied by Crowder on accordion and banjo, the duo will take the audience on a whimsical wander through tunes with humorous touring stories. Tickets are \$20 and may be purchased at Eventbrite.com or at the door.

Author Talk

Meet Jeff Golden, author of "Reclaiming the Sacred," at Kent Public Library on Saturday, June 15 at 10:30 a.m. The book is a grand prize winner of the Nautilus Book Awards and available to check out at the library. Explore materialism, nourish the soul, and what it really means to be happy.

Swim Safety

The Town of Carmel Recreation & Parks Department will host a safety program Saturday, June 15 from 3 to 4:30 p.m. at Wings Over Water Somers Commons. Learn about swimming and staying safe in and around water. Includes on-land safety program and family swim. Free. Registration required.

Summer Concert

Mahopac Public Library will present The Kenn Morr Band on June 15 at 1 p.m. Morr is described as a "masterful writer and soulful singer" whose songs have an elemental quality like the great songwriters who inspired him such as Bob Dylan, Paul Simon and Gordon Lightfoot. Register at www.mahopaclibrary.org or call 845-628-2009, ext. 100.

History Hike

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Putnam County Master Gardener volunteers will host a guided hike Saturday, June 15 at 9:30 a.m. at Big Woods/Charcoal burners \$10. Moderately strenuous; three and a half hours. Register at cceputnamcounty.org.

Monday, June 17

Drawing Program

Reed Memorial Library in Carmel will host an art program called "Drawing Texture: Smooth to Rough" on Mondays through July 8 at 11 a.m. Registration is required at carmellibrary.org/calendar.

'Booksmart'

Mahopac Public Library will show "Booksmart" on June 17 at 5 p.m. Celebrate Pride Month with a fresh, modern, coming-of-age comedy starring Beanie Feldstein and Kaitlyn Dever, two best friends who plan a wild adventure on the eve of their high school graduation. Rated R. No registration required.

Quit Smoking

The Putnam County Department of Health will offer "Freedom from Smoking," an evidence-based smoking cessation program, to individuals who live or work in Putnam. In-person are Mondays from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Department of Health, from June 17 through July 29, with an extra class Thursday, July 11. Free. Nicotine Replacement Therapy provided as long as supplies last. Pre-registration is required at <https://PCDOH-FreedomFromSmoking2024.eventbrite.com>.

Tuesday, June 18

Kent Town Board

The Kent Town Board will meet at 7 p.m. at Town Hall on the following Tuesdays: June 18, July 2 and 16, Aug. 6 and 20 (daytime), Sept. 3 and 17, Oct. 1 and 15, Nov. 12 and 19, and Dec. 3 and 17.

Jazz Music

Tompkins Corners Cultural Center will present The True North Jazz Project on Tuesday, June 18 at 6:30 p.m., at 729 Peekskill Hollow Road, Putnam Valley. The band will perform from a diverse music repertoire, taking the audience on a captivating journey through various musical styles and showcasing guest artists along the way. Tickets are \$20 and may be purchased at Eventbrite.com, or at the door. Students are admitted free.

Retirement Planning

Reed Memorial Library in Carmel will host a program on retirement income planning June 18 at 11 a.m. Registration is required at carmellibrary.org/calendar.

Library Board Meets

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

IDA Meeting

The Putnam County IDA will meet Tuesday, June 18 at 6 p.m. at 2 Route 164, Patterson. View the meeting at www.facebook.com/putnamida. The minutes and a recording of the meeting will be posted to www.putnamida.com as soon as possible after the meeting has been adjourned.

Patterson Library Board

The Patterson Library Board of Trustees will meet June 18 at 6:30 p.m. at the library.

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Strong Support for Mahopac Relay For Life



The 2024 Relay for Life of Mahopac took place June 1 at the high school, where friends, family, survivors and other advocates walked laps around the track to raise funds for the American Cancer Society's fight for a cure. The day included an opening and closing ceremony, survivor luncheon, silent auction, luminaria walk and more.

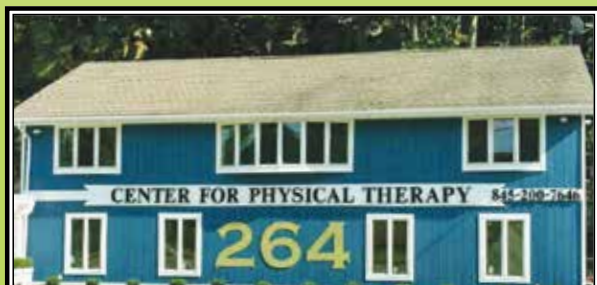


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Putnam Pride Returns With Enthusiasm!



Below: Local clergy, students and community leaders spoke during the Pride event.



State Sen. Pete Harckham was a guest speaker, and community members Abigail Lyons and Jim Wise were honored for being leaders in the LGBTQ+ community.

About 350 people gathered for the fifth annual Putnam Pride event June 1, beginning with a ceremony at Gilead Presbyterian Church in Brewster and continuing with a caravan to Veterans' Memorial Park in Carmel/Kent, where vendors, music and other festivities continued.



Brewster High School student Rebecca Loeffel presented a Progress Pride flag featuring the names of trans and gender expansive people who have been lost to violence over the last year.

Photos by Laurie Doppman and Stephanie Schleicher.



Hosts Angel Elektra and ShayD'Pines, who have emceed the event since 2020, celebrated their 25th anniversary as a couple with a cake donated by Pink Sugar Pastries,



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Green Chimneys Celebrates Birds of Prey



Green Chimneys' annual Birds of Prey Day returned June 2 to the Brewster campus, where raptors and other animals were on display. There were free-flying demonstrations, live animal presentations and other programs by wildlife experts. Families also enjoyed hayrides, a zip line, children's activities, live music and more. Photos by Green Chimneys.





Assemblyman Matt Slater with Putnam CAP at their partnered feminine hygiene drive.

Successful Feminine Hygiene Drive for CAP

Assemblyman Matt Slater, R-Yorktown, recently partnered with Putnam Community Action Partnership to collect much-needed feminine hygiene products for clients throughout Putnam County. A total of 267 items were collected, benefitting more than 200 women and teens.

Menstrual products are a modern-day necessity, as every woman from every economic background has a need for them, which is why Slater introduced a proposal that allows Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program benefits to be used to purchase menstrual products (A.10130).

"We appreciate the partnership of all the towns in the 94th Assembly District that provided drop-off locations, making it

quick and accessible for all residents to participate throughout the month of May," said Slater. "It really makes a difference when we come together to help our neighbors in need."

"We thank Assemblyman Slater and his team for recognizing that feminine hygiene products are a basic necessity, and for organizing this drive on Putnam CAP's behalf," said Marisa O'Leary, director of Putnam CAP. "We are overwhelmed by the generosity of our community. This donation will allow us to assist more than 200 women and teen girls with these much-needed items. We are grateful for the Assemblyman's partnership in working toward a healthier community for all."

Classical Guitarist Comes to Chapel Restoration

Classical and electric guitarist Oren Fader will perform music by Bach, Dowland, Milan, Bogdanovic and Albeniz at the Chapel Restoration, 45 Market St., Cold Spring, on Sunday, June 16 at 4 p.m. The concert is free and open to all.

"His scholarship, technique, and intelligent musicianship are plainly evident and the beauty of his tone is consistently compelling," wrote Guitar Review about the performer.

A New York City native, Fader is highly regarded as a performer of classical and electric guitar repertoire, from Bach to Babbitt. For the last 30 years, he has performed around the globe to critical acclaim, both as soloist and chamber musician. He has performed hundreds of concerts with a wide range of classical and new music groups, including the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center, Met Chamber Ensemble, New York City Opera, New York Philharmonic, New York City Ballet, Mark Morris Dance Group, Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra, New World Symphony and many others.

Fader directs the classical guitar programs at the Conservatory of Music, SUNY Purchase and Montclair State University. He also teaches guitar and chamber music at the Manhattan School of Music and the Borough of Manhattan Community College.

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Sara Baio leads sixth-graders at George Fischer Middle School through meditation.

Carmel Middle-Schoolers Learn Mindfulness

Sixth-graders in Carmel took deep breaths, closed their eyes and meditated on kind thoughts about a person close to them. Next came the hard part – they had to think kind thoughts about themselves.

"It's easier to say good things to other people," said Sara Baio, the mindfulness instructor and social and emotional learning coach at George Fischer Middle School. "But it's important to send thoughts of happiness to yourself. We spend too much time being hard on ourselves."

Baio runs a pilot program that teaches fifth- and sixth-grad-

ers self-awareness and strategies to regulate their emotions. She visits independent study classes once a week for 15-minute mini-lessons and invites students to come to her classes during recess.

After they meditated on self-care in the recent lesson, students wrote their thoughts on heart-shaped Post-it notes that Baio handed out.

"Don't compare yourself to others, you are enough," wrote Kamil.

"I am OK today, I tried my best," wrote Ryan.

"Try to love yourself," wrote Matthew.

"Our mistakes make us who we are," wrote Bella.

Baio asked if she could add to that: "Our mistakes make us the beautiful people we are."

Because the program is run during students' down time, they always have a choice to participate.

"She's made great strides with this class," said sixth-grade teacher Courtney Cooper. "This is their independent study and a lot of them want to do their homework while they are here, but even when they are on their computers, I can see they are listening and getting something out of it."

Adoptable Pet of the Week



Valentine

The Putnam Humane Society has dozens of animal friends in need of homes. Valentine is around 4 years old, fun loving and too smart for her own good – knowing all commands. She had a chaotic previous life and needs a calm and understanding owner, but once she comes around, she's a very loyal and sweet companion. To learn more, contact Putnam Humane Society, 68 Old Route 6, Carmel, at 845-225-7777.



Scholarship winners John Biondi, Joseph Biondi and Matthew Zeolla.

Italian American Club Awards Scholarships

Three high school seniors were each awarded \$500 scholarships by the Italian American Club of Mahopac on June 5, in recognition of their demonstrated academic achievement, extracurricular activities, and contributions to both the school and the greater community.

John Biondi and Joseph Biondi of Mahopac High School, who will be attending Pace University; and Matthew Zeolla from John Jay High School, who will be attending the State University at Binghamton, all received scholarships.

IAC President Giulio Cefaloni introduced the winners, and

each recipient read their essay on "How the Italian Language and Culture Have Affected My Life."

"Individuals like these fill us with pride and hope for a brighter future," said Cefaloni. "We wish them the best in their educational pursuits and challenge them to continue to study the Italian culture and language and learn more about the contributions Italians have made to civilization in the arts, government, science and in the founding of our nation."

Cefaloni also encouraged the students to stay engaged in both their school and communities at large.

Celebrate Father's Day Outdoors

(Family Features) A thoughtful card or personalized gift can go a long way on Father's Day, but what many dads (and grandpas) want on their special day is time spent with loved ones.

With ideas for celebrating just about every type of dad, these activities, which are perfect for the whole family to partake in, are like gifts in and of themselves and can show him just how much he means to you.

Backyard Barbecue

Fire up the grill and get ready for a feast of mouthwatering burgers, juicy steaks and sizzling hot dogs. Gather your family and friends, set up some outdoor games like cornhole or horseshoes, and enjoy the warm summer weather while bonding over delicious food. Don't forget to prepare some refreshing beverages and desserts to complete the experience.

Fishing Expedition

For dads who love nature and enjoy the thrill of the catch, a fishing expedition is a perfect Father's Day activity. Find a nearby lake, river or ocean to cast your lines and reel in some fish. Whether you're an experienced angler or a beginner, fishing provides an opportunity to relax, unwind and bond with your dad. Don't forget to pack some snacks, drinks and sunscreen to make sure you're prepared for a day on the water.

Hiking Adventure

Choose a scenic trail in a nearby national park or nature reserve and embark on a journey surrounded by breathtaking views and fresh air. Hiking provides a physical workout and allows



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you to connect with nature and spend quality time with family. Plan your route ahead of time and research any safety precautions you need to take. Remember to pack essential supplies such as water, snacks and a first aid kit. Take breaks along the way to rest and appreciate your surroundings.

Golfing Getaway

Find a local golf course and spend the day practicing your swings, perfecting your putts and enjoying the peaceful atmosphere of the greens. Make the getaway even more special by inviting other family members or friends to join in. Turn it into a friendly tournament or simply enjoy a leisurely game while bonding and creating lasting memories.

Camping Under the Stars

Camping under the stars can be an unforgettable Father's Day experience. Find a picturesque camping spot, set up your tent and immerse yourselves in the beauty of the great outdoors. Spend the evening roasting marshmallows around the campfire, telling stories and gazing at the starry sky. Research the area beforehand to ensure you have all the information you need about facilities, safety precautions and any permits required. Also be sure to pack necessary gear including tents, sleeping bags, cooking equipment and insect repellent.

Find more ideas for showing your dad how much he means to you at eLivingtoday.com.

ATTENTION; TOWN OF SOUTHEAST RESIDENTS

DO YOU WANT TO BE NEXT ON THE LIST OF LARGE LITHIUM ION STORAGE BATTERY 'FARMS?'

THERE COULD BE A LARGE, DANGEROUS "FARM" IN YOUR BACKYARD. IT IS BEING ATTEMPTED IN CARMEL, ONE OF THE LARGEST IN THE STATE: 800 CONTAINERS ON PRISTINE WOODED LAND; 200 YARDS FROM THE DECK OF THE NEAREST HOME.

TAKE ACTION: ATTEND JUNE 13TH TOWN BOARD MEETING AND TELL THE BOARD THAT YOU SUPPORT THE MORATORIUM AND OPPOSE ANY ATTEMPT TO LOCATE A "FARM" IN SOUTHEAST. WE HAVE A REAL FARM: TILLY FOSTER

TIME: 7 PM

WHEN: THURSDAY - JUNE 13, 2024

WHERE: TOWN HALL - 1360 RT. 22

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PUTNAM COUNTY AND TOWN NOTICES

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Putnam Valley Schools NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Putnam Valley Central School District, 171 Oscawana Lake Road, Putnam Valley, NY, Putnam County, (in accordance with Section 103 of Article 5-A of the General Municipal Law), hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for the following:

**ELECTRICAL SERVICES
TIME AND MATERIAL**

BID #2023-24-10
2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

**Bids will be received until
Wednesday, June 26, 2024 at
11:30 A.M. in the Business Office
located at:**

171 Oscawana Lake Road
Putnam Valley, NY 10579

at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read. Specifications and bid forms may be obtained from the same office. **For a copy of the bid, please go to http://pvcasd.org/district/bids_rfp.php or call the district office at (845)528-8143.** Vendors are requested to carefully review the Instructions to Bidders contained therein.

The PVCSD is not responsible for bids opened prior to the bid opening if bid title, bid number and opening date do not appear on the envelope.

The bidder assumes the risk of any delay in the mail or in the handling of the mail by employees of the PVCSD, as well as improper hand delivery.

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AS WELL AS TO ACCEPT ANY PART OF A BID OR ALTERNATIVE BID.

The PVCSD reserves the right to waive any informalities in the bids, or to reject all bids, or to accept any bid which in the opinion of the Board will be to their interest.

Maureen Bellino
District Clerk
Putnam Valley Central School District

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Carmel Schools

NOTICE

The resolution, a summary of which is published herewith, has been adopted on June 4, 2024, and the validity of the obligations authorized by such resolution may be hereafter contested only if such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which the CARMEL CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, in the Counties of Putnam and Dutchess, New York, is not authorized to expend money or if the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this Notice were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the publication of this Notice, or such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the constitution.

JOANNE STEVENS
District Clerk
BOND RESOLUTION OF THE CARMEL CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, NEW YORK, ADOPTED JUNE 4, 2024, AUTHORIZING THE

PUBLIC NOTICE

CONSTRUCTION OF SAFETY AND SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS TO DISTRICT BUILDINGS; STATING THE ESTIMATED TOTAL COST THEREOF IS \$11,800,280, APPROPRIATING SAID AMOUNT THEREFOR; AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$11,800,280 SERIAL BONDS OF SAID DISTRICT TO FINANCE SAID APPROPRIATION.

Objects or purposes: to construct safety and security improvements to District buildings.
Amount of Obligations to be Issued: \$11,800,280

Period of Probable Usefulness: thirty (30) years

A complete copy of the bond resolution summarized above shall be available for public inspection during normal business hours at the office of the District Clerk, Carmel Central School District, 81 South Street, Patterson, New York.

Dated: June 4, 2024
Patterson, New York

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Kent ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

25 Sybil's Crossing
Kent Lakes, NY 10512
Agenda June 17, 2024

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Kent will hold a Public Hearing on **June 17, 2024** at the Kent Town Hall, 25 Sybil's Crossing, Kent Lakes, NY at 7:30 p.m. to review the following applications

1. Victor Alacon
14 Little Fill Court
Carmel, NY 10512

ZBA-24-004 Replacing existing shed for a bigger shed (12x10) and move the location about four feet back from current position.
Tax Map 32.-1-52

2. Julian Paz
12 Harvard Drive
Carmel, NY 10512

ZBA-24-007 Variance to permit the continuation of a two family use, non-owner occupied.
Tax Map 22.74-1-72

3. Michael Corrado
221 Ressique Street
Carmel, NY 10512

ZBA-24-009 Variance for square footage and road frontage

4. Gary Meissner
745 Horsepound Road
Carmel, NY 10512

ZBA-24-010 Requesting 40 foot rear, 20 foot front, 10 foot side variance from property line for a pool, deck and shed.

5. Andrew Scopino
1152-1154 Peekskill Hollow Road
Carmel, NY 10512

ZBA-24-011 Requesting 10-20 foot variance from property line for chicken coop.

The Zoning Board of Appeals will entertain any other business, which is properly presented to the Board.

SITE INSPECTIONS ARE THE 2nd. SUNDAY OF THE MONTH. Between 9am & 10:00am
CC: Town Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE

Town Board
Zoning Board of Appeals Members
Planning Board Clerk
Wm. Walters, Building Inspector
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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, June 19, 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. **Wael Roezik (56 Fairfield Drive, LLC): Case #10-24 – Area Variances (Held Over since May 15, 2024):** Applicant is requesting two area variances pursuant to Patterson Town Code §154-68.1(B)(2), in order to install a 46 sq. ft. and a 21.2 sq. ft. free standing sign. Town Code §154-68.1(B)(2) allows for a maximum of 25 sq. ft. for freestanding signs. Applicant's 46 sq. ft. sign will require a **variance of 21 sq. ft. in sign area.** Town Code §154-68.1(B)(2) also states that only one freestanding sign advertising the use or uses of the premises on which it is located shall be permitted; **variance requested is to allow for two freestanding signs on the property.** This property is located at 56 Fairfield Drive. Tax Map 36.30-1-8 (GB Zoning District).

2. **Joseph Plaskett, Jr.: Case #11-24 – Special Use Permit – Accessory Residential Building & Area Variances (Held Over since May 15, 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).

3. **Samuel A Ramirez, Jr. (Ramirez Properties, LLC): Case #12-24 – Area Variances:** Applicant is requesting two area variances pursuant to §154-7 and §154-27A(12)(a) of the Patterson Town Code in order to construct a new single-family dwelling and a 20 ft. x 40 ft. inground swimming pool. Town Code §154-7 limits principal structures in the R-4 Zoning District to a maximum building height of 38 ft. Proposed dwelling will be 44 ft. in height; **variance requested is for 6 ft. in height over 38 ft. maximum permitted.** Town Code §154-27A(12)(a) forbids accessory structures from being located in the front yard. Applicant wishes to construct a 20 ft. x 40 ft. inground swimming pool forward of the proposed principal dwelling; **variance requested is to allow for the construction of an inground swimming pool in the front yard.** This property is located at 838 East Branch Road.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Tax Map 24.-2-45.1 (R-4 Zoning District).

By Order of the ZBA
Robert Schmitt, Chairman

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Putnam

PUBLIC NOTICE PUTNAM COUNTY DBE GOAL ANNOUNCEMENT

This notice is to inform interested parties that a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Participation Goal of 8.79% has been set for Federal Fiscal Years 2026, 2027, and 2028 for projects funded in part by Federal funds, with 5.98% expected to be achieved via race/gender neutral attainment and 2.81% expected to be achieved via race/gender conscious attainment. The proposed Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goal and methodology has been developed by Putnam County in accordance with the requirements set forth in 49 CFR Part 26. These projects primarily involve construction and construction inspection for Putnam Bikeway II Stage IV (also referred to as Putnam IV) from Putnam Avenue at Route 6 to North Main Street and any other projects funded under Section 5307, Section 5339, Surface Transportation Program (STP), and Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) funds. If you wish to comment on the proposed goal and its rationale, both may be inspected during normal business hours at the address below for 30 business days (excludes Saturday, Sunday, and holidays) from the date of this notice. Comments will be accepted on the goal and rationale for 45 days from the date of this notice. Comments may be sent to the address below:

ATTN: Sean Bennett, DBE Officer, Putnam County Department of Planning, Development and Public Transportation, 841 Fair Street, Carmel, NY 10512 (845) 878-3480
Dated: June 5, 2024

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT

PUTNAM COUNTY, UPDATED PROGRAM PLAN FOR DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES (DBE)

The County of Putnam, in accordance with 49 CFR PART 26.45 (f) of the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), has established a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program. The Program Plan, which outlines both the policies and procedures for executing the DBE program, has been updated to reflect current federal guidance and the DBE Triennial Participation Goal. Putnam County will accept comments on the Program Plan draft. The Program Plan is available for inspection and comments from the public for 45 days from June 15 through July 30, 2024 during normal business hours at the Putnam County Department of Planning, Development & Public Transportation office located at 841 Fair Street, Carmel, New York 10512. The Program Plan is also available for review and comment on the internet at www.putnamcountyny.com/civil-rights/. Individuals who do not have the use of a computer are encouraged to visit their local public library for access to the internet. If preferred, you may call 845-878-3480 to request a copy of the Program Plan. Written comments about the new DBE Program Plan should be directed to: Sean Bennett, DBE Program Officer, Putnam County Department of Planning, Development & Public Transportation, 841 Fair Street, Carmel, NY 10512 Planning@putnamcountyny.gov To ensure compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act

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(ADA), persons with disabilities that require aids or services to participate can contact the above to make an appointment/arrangements to come into the office. Written comments should be directed to the DBE Program Officer at the above address and must be received by July 30, 2024.
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PROGRAM OF PROJECTS Public Hearing Notice 49 USC §5307, §5340, and §5339

A Public Hearing will be held upon written request by any and all interested parties to provide for comment on Putnam County's Grant Application Projects to be funded by the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT), Federal Transit Administration (FTA) 49 USC §5307, §5340, and §5339. The applications are as follows: Total estimated project cost of \$750,000 to purchase transit rolling stock; \$100,000 of Project Administration; and, \$200,000 for a Cashless Fare Software Application.

Total amount of \$1,050,000 of which 80% (\$840,000) shall be Federal Fiscal Year 2021 and 2022 §5307/5340 and §5339 funds.

Applications can be reviewed by contacting:

Barbara Barosa
Putnam County Department of Planning, Development & Public Transportation
841 Fair Street, Carmel, NY 10512

(845) 878-3480
Barbara.barosa@putnam-countyny.gov

All interested parties should respond in writing, within 15 days of the date of this notice to the address above. Unless otherwise notified, this notice will serve as the Final Program of Projects.

Dated: 6/10/2024

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Supreme Court

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF PUTNAM MORTGAGE ASSETS MANAGEMENT, LLC, Plaintiff AGAINST ANTHONY TEETER AS HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF DIANNE C. TEETER, GINA TEETER PETRICEK AS HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF DIANNE C. TEETER IF LIVING, AND IF HE/SHE BE DEAD, ANY AND ALL PERSONS UNKNOWN TO PLAINTIFF, CLAIMING, OR WHO MAY CLAIM TO HAVE AN INTEREST IN, OR GENERAL OR SPECIFIC LIEN UPON THE REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THIS ACTION; UNKNOWN HEIRS OF MICHAEL TEETER IF LIVING, AND IF HE/SHE BE DEAD, ANY AND ALL PERSONS UNKNOWN TO PLAINTIFF, CLAIMING, OR WHO MAY CLAIM TO HAVE AN INTEREST IN, OR GENERAL OR SPECIFIC LIEN UPON THE REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THIS ACTION, ET AL., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered December 7, 2023, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Supreme Court in Courtroom 209 of the Putnam Supreme Court, 20 County Center, Carmel, NY 10512 on June 24, 2024 at 9:30AM, premises known as 102 Cornwall Meadows Lane, Patterson, NY 12563. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of Patterson, County of Putnam and State of New York, Section 13.8, Block 2, Lot 2. Approximate amount of judgment \$247,924.97 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index #501272/2021. The aforementioned auction will be conducted in accordance with the PUTNAM County COVID-19

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mitigation protocols and as such all persons must comply with social distancing, wearing masks and screening practices in effect at the time of this foreclosure sale. Joseph A. Charbonneau, Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC 1775 Wehrle Drive Williamsville, NY 14221 21-000541 80469

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PUBLIC NOTICE

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF PUTNAM

MCLPASSET COMPANY, INC.,

-against-

PAUL INNES, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF DOUGLAS INNES, 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 March 01, 2024, wherein MCLP ASSET COMPANY, INC. is the Plaintiff and PAUL INNES, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF DOUGLAS INNES, 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 June 24, 2024 at 10:30AM, premises known as 25 RIDGE STREET, BREWSTER, NY 10509; and the following tax map identification, 45.16-1-21.

ALL THAT CERTAIN PLOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND, WITH THE BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON ERECTED, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE TOWN OF SOUTHEAST, COUNTY OF PUTNAM AND STATE OF NEW YORK

Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No.: 501589/2021. Kevin Wright, Esq. - Referee. Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 310,

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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 Nationstar Mortgage LLC, Plaintiff AGAINST Sabrina Morrone; et al., Defendant(s)

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered November 30, 2016 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Putnam County Courthouse, Courtroom 209, 20 County Center, Carmel, NY 10512 on July 1, 2024 at 10:30AM, premises known as 5 Grove Street, Putnam Valley, NY 10579. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Roaring Brook area, of the Town of Putnam Valley, County of Putnam, State of NY, Section 41.14 Block 1 Lot 5. Approximate amount of judgment \$523,672.41 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 800067/2021 f/k/a 1678-2009. The auction will be conducted pursuant to the COVID-19 Policies Concerning Public Auctions of Foreclosed Property established by the 9th Judicial District.

Anthony Maccarini, 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: May 10, 2024

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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

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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF PUTNAM

NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING,

Plaintiff, Against

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

Defendant(s)

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale, duly entered 02/07/2024, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction,

PUBLIC NOTICE

Putnam Supreme Courthouse, 20 County Center, Carmel, NY 10512 on 7/8/2024 at 11:30AM, premises known as 77 Friendly Road, Mahopac, NY 10541, And Described As Follows:

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

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

Christopher York, Esq., Referee.

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

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

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF PUTNAM

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

Plaintiff,

Against

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

Defendant(s)

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale, duly entered 04/22/2024, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction, courtroom 209 in the Putnam Supreme Courthouse, 20 County Center, Carmel, NY 10512 on 7/15/2024 at 10:30AM, premises known as 24 James Court, Mahopac, NY 10541, And Described As Follows:

ALL that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Town Of Carmel, County Of Putnam And State Of New York. Section 53. Block 1 Lot 83

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

Maureen Fleming, Esq., Referee.

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

Dated: 5/16/2024 File Number: 16-303764 CA

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LLC-

Notice of Formation of PUGA'S PAINTING & SERVICES, LLC. Articles of Org filed with SSNY on 8/31/2021. Office Location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o PUGA'S PAINTING & SERVICES, LLC, 19 Eastview Ave, Brewster, NY 105609. Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Formation of Angell Landscape Architecture, PLLC. Articles of Org filed

PUBLIC NOTICE

with SSNY on 3/19/2024. Office Location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 801 Second Avenue, 15th Floor, New York, NY 10017. Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

CONYUGO LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/14/2024. Office loc: Putnam County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 33 Waring Dr, Carmel, NY 10512. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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

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PUBLIC NOTICE

PUTNAM COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

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

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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

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PUBLIC NOTICE

ADD MORE MAGIC, LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/21/2024. Office loc: Putnam County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 6 Garfield Drive, Patterson, NY 12563. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Qualification of THE GLOBAL DOG NEEDS, LLC. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 05/23/24. Office location: Putnam County. LLC formed in Wyoming (WY) on 01/22/24. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 3 Fischer Lane, Brewster, NY 10509, also the address of the principal office. Arts of Org. filed with the Secy. of State, 122 West 25th St., Suite 101, Cheyenne, WY 82002. Purpose: any lawful activities. P. 6/12, 6/19, 6/26, 7/3, 7/10, 7/17

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later for early vote by mail/absentee voting Tuesday and Thursday, June 18 and 20, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; and Saturday, June 22 from 9 a.m. to noon.

Primary Election Day is Tuesday, June 25 with polls open from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Academic Honors

Gregory Leonard of Patterson has graduated from Iowa State University with a bachelor of science degree in agricultural systems technology/industrial technology.

Damian Crea of Carmel has

been named to the Dean's List at the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Business; and Alexandra Jacobs of Putnam Valley has been named to the Dean's List at the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Education.

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Albany Announces Statewide Solar For All Program

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by delivering an electric bill credit to EAP customers who reside in a disadvantaged community, with the ultimate goal of delivering a minimum of \$40 in annual bill credits to more than 800,000 households once the program has fully matured.

The program pools credits associated with renewable generation and distributes those credits on the bills of EAP customers. A robust community solar market will offer low-income customers the

opportunity to participate in both their EAP Solar for All program and an opt-in CDG project, affording low-income customers additional community solar savings on top of their EAP bill discounts, according to the governor's office.

Additionally, PSC granted CDG developers the flexibility to offer up to three different savings rates to opt-in CDG subscribers. Within one year, the state's investor-owned utilities will be required to implement the capability to allow for multiple savings rates based on the cost of supply of the electricity for a CDG project.

This action will not only grow New York State's solar industry, but allow for a greater number of households, including low-income households, to benefit from community solar projects across the state, said the governor's office.

Lawmakers Renew Call for Restriction Fencing on Bridges

State Sen. Pete Harckham, D-Peeckskill, joined other Hudson Valley lawmakers, sending a letter to the New York State Bridge Authority recently to express their concern over the lack of concrete steps taken to install suicide prevention measures, like climb-deterrent fencing, on the five Mid-Hudson bridges under its jurisdiction.

NYSBA owns, operates and maintains the Rip Van Winkle, Kingston-Rhinecliff, Mid-Hudson, Newburgh-Beacon and Bear Mountain bridges.

So far this month, there have been four suicide attempts on these bridges, with two known fatalities, alarming many New Yorkers and accentuating the need for preventative safety measures to be installed as soon as possible.

Harckham and the other lawmakers have been in dialogue with NYSBA about the need for climb-deterrent fencing on the bridges for several years, and have introduced legislation and held two press conferences on the issue.

In the letter, the elected officials inform NYSBA they will pursue a legislative solution to this longstanding safety issue if the authority fails to make a public commitment to addressing it.

"The four recent suicide attempts, two from the Bear Mountain Bridge, attest to a heartbreaking problem: it is time to erect means restriction or climb-deterrent fencing on these five area bridges," said Harckham. "Over the years, I have met grieving family members who want this fencing to be erected, and it is confounding that it has not been. We have given the New

York State Bridge Authority ample opportunity to address this issue on its own, but we simply can't wait any longer. These are preventable deaths, and more families should not have to grieve."

Harckham introduced a bill (S.2708 / A.9248) that will mandate climb-deterrent fencing be installed on all bridges under NYSBA's jurisdiction. The bill is based on statistical research showing that bridge barriers are an effective deterrent against suicide attempts.

The five NYSBA bridges serve to connect communities and provide thoroughfare for commerce; however, they also provide lethal means for about 10 publicly reported suicides and attempts per year. Since at least 2007, NYSBA has been aware of the suicide problem on its bridges. In the 17 years that have elapsed from NYSBA's original consultation with the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, 103 completed suicides and 43 attempts have occurred, impacted by the absence of reasonable suicide prevention.

Bridge fencing is a universal solution, passively engaging with those that don't require it, and actively preventing those that do need it, inhibiting both suicide attempts and accidental falling deaths from the bridges. Countless studies have shown that bridge fencing works; it is unequivocally the most effective solution to bridge suicides.

Other public agencies have successfully reduced suicide attempts by deploying barriers. Notably, the Duke Ellington Bridge in Washington, DC, was the site

of one-half of all bridge suicides in the city until fencing was installed. Suicide attempts at this bridge reduced dramatically, while suicide rates at the nearby Taft Bridge, which was non-barrier-restricted, remained unchanged.

And there has also been no evidence found that barriers on bridges lead to "method substitution" for would-be victims of suicide, according to Harckham's office.

"Safety measures like climb-deterrent fencing must be part of New York State's multifaceted approach to preventing suicide in our communities, and there is no time to waste," said Assemblymember Dana Levenberg, D-Ossining. "The recent rash of suicide attempts on our Hudson Valley bridges underscores the urgent need to address this issue. Physical barriers need to be erected along these bridges to give people more time to think about their actions and, hopefully, find the support they need to improve their mental health."

Clare Redden, a suicide prevention advocate, said that witnessing a teenager jump 135 feet from the Newburgh-Beacon Bridge profoundly changed her life.

"He did not die on impact, and as the first to get to him, he kept repeating, 'I don't know what happened, I don't know what happened; I think I jumped,'" said Redden. "A fence would have provided what he needed - time. That day and the years after for the boy, for me, and for all the first responders could have gone very differently, had there just been a fence."

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