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The Italian American Club of Mahopac's "Ferragosto Evening in the Piazza" took place Aug. 17 at Mahopac Chamber Park. Here, Mahopac High School student Lola Lauro opens the event with a patriotic song.

## 'Evening in the Piazza' Celebrates Italian Heritage in Mahopac



Club member Carmine Cedrola leads a mozzarella-making demonstration.



Italian ices were popular at the event.

Mahopac Chamber Park was packed for the Italian American Club of Mahopac's annual "Ferragosto Evening in the Piazza" event April 17, when community members enjoyed traditional Italian and contemporary music, dancing, crafts and other enter-

tainment, as well as authentic and traditional foods.

Celebrating community spirit and Columbus Day holiday have been a tradition honored for more than 30 years by the club. The Columbus Day parade originally culminated with a social gather-

ing back at the clubhouse on Buckshollow Road, with sausage and peppers, and pasta and fagioli for all.

Once Chamber Park was completed, the parade route was reversed to culminate in the park

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## County Split on Charter Change Proposal Would Allow Removal of County Attorney

By Holly Crocco

The Putnam County Legislature is poised to make a change to the County Charter that would essentially allow it to fire the county attorney with a two-thirds vote, without the approval of the county executive. The matter was approved by the county's Rules Committee last week and will go before the full Legislature this week for a final vote.

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, 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.

Addonizio recused herself from last week's discussion.

"This is a request that I made because the county attorney has a unique relationship with the County Legislature," explained Legislator Paul Jonke, R-Brewster, at the Aug. 26 Rules Committee meeting. "It's a different relationship than the Legislature has with any of the other county departments or department heads."

The county executive is the one who appoints the position, 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.

"It makes perfect sense that the Legislature, who approves the appointment of the county attorney, should have the ability to remove the county attorney with a two-thirds vote," said Jonke.

Legislator Ginny Nacerino, R-Patterson, called the proposed change a simple safeguard. "There's not an intent to implement anything at this time, but it gives the Legislature a voice," she said.

However, Legislator Erin Crowley, R-Mahopac, was joined by Legislators Bill Gouldman, R-Putnam Valley, and Nancy Montgomery, D-Philipstown, in opposing the charter change. She asked why the vote was being "rushed" through, with the topic having been added to the meeting agenda five days prior.

"The county attorney has a pending ethics complaint on which the Ethics Board has not yet provided a decision," she said. "It appears the proposed change in law, allowing us to fire the county attorney, is being rushed before the aforementioned ethics decision."

Crowley said that making the charter change now will give the appearance that the Legislature is taking unlawful retaliatory action for the attorney's complaint to the Ethics Board.

"I'm uncomfortable with the matter in which the proposal was rushed onto the agenda," she said. "I find it troubling that it didn't go through the proper channels of review... It's being presented to us in a sloppy form without transparency about the language being changed and without a memo briefing us on the full history of the section of law. In its current form, I don't even

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## Putnam Gives Thumbs Down to Five Farms in Ag District Vote

By Rob Sample

A move to add five more properties to the Putnam County Agricultural District failed with a five-three vote (one legislator was absent) at the Legislature's special Aug. 20 meeting.

The properties include Pine View Farm in Philipstown, Big Red Barn in Putnam Valley, Goose Farm in the town of Kent, Ridge Ranch in Patterson, and Lobster Hill Farm, which straddles the towns of Patterson and Southeast.

All five properties had earlier been approved for inclusion by the Putnam County Agricultural & Farmland Protection Board.

During the meeting, legislators engaged in debate of the proposed agricultural designations, but one key provision kept coming up – a requirement in Resolution 139, passed in 2007, calling for parcels to have at least 50 percent prime farmland or "statewide important soils," as noted in the state's Agricultural & Markets Law.

Other key requirements include \$10,000 of farm revenue for the previous two years and, for horse farms, a minimum of 10 horses and sufficient boarding space.

In putting forth the resolution to include Big Red Barn in the

agricultural district, Legislator Bill Gouldman, R-Putnam Valley, noted that both the town supervisor and code enforcement officer supported the proposal.

Legislator Nancy Montgomery, D-Philipstown, backed Gouldman's resolution, describing resolutions as a "sentiment" and not a law.

"I spent so much time in town government, and I know the consequences of and the implications of what these projects can do to a town," she said. "So, while we have these state and county restrictions, I still will defer to a town."

Legislator Amy Sayegh, R-

Mahopac Falls, argued against the measure, noting that inclusion in the agricultural district comes with tax benefits and less stringent zoning requirements.

"The district was designed to form districts to counteract local government infringing on other farming operations," he said. "Its intent is to preserve farming and farmland in New York State, which we're all in favor of. To receive these benefits, you have to meet the eligibility requirements dictated by the Ag & Markets Law and Putnam County resolutions. We can't just pick and choose."

Legislator Ginny Nacerino,

R-Patterson, noted that with the increased popularity of agritourism, farming operations are no longer quiet enterprises, and these applications need review by neighbors.

However, Legislator Paul Jonke, R-Brewster, said most towns already have such notification requirements, especially for properties that fall within predominantly residential areas.

Montgomery introduced the resolution calling for the addition of Pine View Farm to the agricultural district, noting that the Philipstown town supervisor and town board are both in favor

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# Working Mom

By Holly Crocco

## Out of the Mouth of Babes

If you read my last column, you know that my 6-year-old likes to wait until we are in the car and I can't just run away when he asks me questions I simply don't want to answer.

Here's this week's anxiety-inducing interrogation:

"Hey, Mom?" Mikey's voice popped up from the back seat, over the sound of the wind blowing in through the windows.

"Yeah, buddy?"

"How many pounds do you weigh?"

..... Seriously, kid?!

"Mom?" he asked again.

"Yeah, I heard you. Uh, I don't know how much I weigh... How

much do you weigh?"

In the rearview, I could see him thinking it over. "I forgot." Silence, and then, "But, if I say I forgot, it means I did know, but now I don't remember. You said you don't know."

Keeping to myself the fact that I am purposely remaining ignorant as to the number on the scale, I told him, "Well, I probably should have said I forgot, because I'm sure I did know at one time, but now I don't remember."

More silence. More thinking.

"Well, how many pounds do you think you weigh? 'Cause I bet you weigh, like, 100 pounds. Do you think you weigh 100 pounds?"

"Yes. Yes, Mikey, I think I probably weigh 100 pounds."

More silence. More thinking. "Oh... That's a lot."

Oh, kid, if you only knew...

But the car ride isn't the only time the child likes to illicit brain games. Bedtime is another occasion.

The other night, from the living room, I heard his voice calling to me from his bedroom. "Mom" ... "Mom!" ... "Mooooooooommm!!!"

I stomped into his bedroom, noting the hour – well after an appropriate time for a child his age to be asleep. "What?!" I practically hissed from the door.

He shot straight up. "Did you know that George Washington is on the \$1 bill? The other guys are on the other money, but they are all dead."

I stood there stunned for a moment, wondering if his brain short-circuits at the end of the day and just starts rapid-firing useless knowledge around whatever lobe or cortex is responsible for intelligence, or if this was just a very

complex stall tactic.

"First of all," I began, "George Washington is also dead, so that doesn't make sense."

"But, Mom—"

"Nope!" I threw my hand in the air. "This is not a discussion we are having right now. Go to sleep."

"But Mom—"

"No. Go to sleep."

"Wait, just listen—"

"Go... to... sleep!"

He huffed. "Fine, but can you ask Dad to look at his money, and tomorrow morning he can tell me who is on his dollars."

"Yep, sure thing." I left, again keeping my thoughts to myself – that if either of us actually has any dollars in our wallets, it would be a miracle.

And then there are the times the kid just likes to call it as he sees it. This week it was as our very friendly, elder neighbor passed right by as Mikey was riding his scooter and I was walking alongside him.

"Hey, Mom."

"Yeah, buddy."

"Do you know what's illegal?"

"Illegal? ... Do you mean illegal?"

"Yeah. Illegal."

"No, I don't know what's illegal. What is it?"

"It's when you have hair that goes, like, around your head, but there's like a big space on the top where there's no hair. Like the man who lives in the gray house."

I swallowed. He would definitely be referring to the neighbor who was most certainly still within ear shot of us.

Luckily, I heard and saw the man chuckle, so I assume he took the insult in stride.

Mikey went back to riding his scooter.

And I texted by bestie to tell her I wanted to die.

School can't start back up soon enough!  
*Holly Crocco is editor of the Putnam County Times/Press and mother of a 6-year-old. She can be reached at editorial@putnampress-times.com.*

## Letters to the Editor

### Misunderstanding Antisemitism

Dear Editor:

I don't know if by ignorance

or by cynical intention the meaning of antisemitism is confounded with the legitimate opposition to the cruel and immoral prosecution of a war in which the civilian population

of Gaza is made to pay the dire cost.

This legitimate opposition in no way takes the side of Hamas or excuses the unspeakable violence of last October. Moral objections to the conduct of this war have absolutely nothing to do with anti-semitism or condoning Hamas. It is a shame to see this gross misrepresentation cultivated as a pretext for making political hay and smearing Jim Wise (Carmel School Board trustee).

A meaningful proportion of Israel's own people along with a great many American Jews and non-Jews oppose the horrendous conduct of this war. Are they also antisemites?

In the decades-long history of the slogan "From the river to the sea, Palestine will be free," it has meant different things to different groups of people – among which it is also understood to be a cry from the heart for justice, equality and freedom. Mr. Wise has said this is how he understands it and what he means by it.

Palestinians do not equal terrorists, and it is a dark equation which makes Jim Wise an anti-semitite.

Thank you, Jim Wise, for your courage and speaking out-loud your conviction of uncomfortable truths.

Thank you also to the Putnam County Times/Press for printing Mr. Wise's own words to weigh against the self-righteous bombast of (politicians) Slater and Lawler.

*Dave Buckner  
Brewster*

### Disputes MAGA Criticism

Dear Editor:

I must rebut the numerous misrepresentations and wide generalizations regarding President Trump, the MAGA movement and Republican Party made by Zach Disador in his letter to the editor that was published in the Aug. 21, 2024 issue of the Putnam County Times/Press.

I'm a proud Conservative who loves America and identifies with the MAGA movement because I believe our country has been moving in the wrong direction as a result of decisions made and policies enacted during the Obama and Biden administrations. I'm not a bully, nor a phony.

The MAGA movement is not "a hate machine," nor has it "infected the Republican Party," as Mr. Disador falsely claims. It

does not "act as if we own the flag," nor does it "cheer while our rights and benefits are stripped away." It believes, like I do, that the United States of America is going down the wrong path due to poor decisions made by politicians who are only concerned about getting reelected, and not what's best for the country.

We want to help "make America great again."

Contrary to Mr. Disador's claim, conservative, originalist judges were appointed to the Supreme Court to replace conservative and liberal justices, as is permitted by our Constitution when they die or retire. The Supreme Court was not "packed" by President Trump.

Hate speech has not been "normalized" by the MAGA movement; however, Congresswoman Maxine Waters, a Democrat in the House of Representatives, told her constituents to confront President Trump administration officials and supporters by saying, "If you see them anywhere, if you see them in a restaurant, if you see them in a department store, or even at a gas-line station, just tell them you're not welcome here or anywhere." That's pretty hateful speech, in my opinion.

U.S. Sen. Chuck Schumer, a Democrat, claimed that Supreme Court Justice Kavanaugh and Justice Gorsuch had "released the whirlwind," threatening they would "pay the price" and "won't know what hit (them)" for hearing a Louisiana abortion case in the Supreme Court. That's also pretty hateful and threatening speech, in my opinion.

The last time I looked, neither of those Democrats are part of the MAGA movement, nor are they MAGA proponents.

Vice President Kamala Harris, a Democrat, voiced support for "defund the police" in June 2020. Democratic members of "The Squad" (Alexandria-Ocasio Cortez, Cori Bush, Ilhan Omar, Ayanna Presley, Rashida Tlaib), as well as Jerry Nadler and other liberal New York House members spoke in favor of "defund the police" during and after what Democrats and the mainstream media ludicrously called "mostly peaceful protests" (actually, they were destructive riots) that occurred all over this country (more than 140 American cities) in 2020, resulting in numerous deaths and billions of dollars in damage.

MAGA proponents are not "bullies targeting the marginalized, minority communities and anyone who does not fit their definition of a loyal American." They do not "seek to divide us and make us hate our neighbors," as Mr. Disador claims. If anything, Obama and Biden did more damage to race relations during their administrations and created more division in American society than MAGA ever did.

MAGA proponents do not "tell people who to hate or who to fear, what book you can or cannot read, what choices you make about your body and, finally, what makes a proud American."

I've got news for Mr. Disador and all those who think like him: Many people now see and are sick of the divisive nonsense and lies from many on the left. We're done being told which liberal progressive doctrines we have to accept, or be labeled as a "racist," "sexist," "misogynist," "homophobe," "transphobe," "Islamophobe" – or whatever.

We're done with corrupt politicians who pad their own pockets and campaign coffers with money from Wall Street, special interests, lobbyists, millionaires, billionaires, foreign governments, etc.

We're through listening to the mainstream media acting like Pravda by providing propaganda for the Democratic Party while covering for their favorite Democrat politicians (e.g. Kamala Harris, Joe Biden, Barack Obama, etc.)

We all want hope, dignity, honor and honesty in our government again. That's one reason we need to elect a non-politician to be president of our constitutional republic, plus enact term limits for all administrators and politicians in our federal government (not the Supreme Court).

These are some ways we can help to "make America great again" – not by electing a border czar who failed miserably at her job of securing our border, failed to protect legal U.S. citizens, wants to tax unrealized capital gains and wants to enact Communist-style federal government price controls on food; nor a state governor who lies about his military service, allowed cities in Minnesota to burn during the 2020 George Floyd riots, and cost people their livelihoods with the tyrannical policies that he imposed on Minnesota state residents during and after COVID.

*Paul Manahan  
Mahopac*

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## Guest Column Cadet Chief Master Sgt. Sharik Bose

# CAP Cadet Leads Drone Team to National Championship



Cadet Chief Master Sgt. Sharik Bose, CAP NY-033 Putnam County Composite Squadron, who launched the Yorktown High School Corntographers, visited the Civil Air Patrol booth at the UAS4STEM Competition Air Venture in Oshkosh, Wisc., to learn about the Cessna caravan from cadets.



Bose holds up a trophy after the Corntographers' first-place win in the beginner division.

From building custom airplane Lego models to exploring the features of Microsoft Flight Simulator, aviation has been my passion since childhood. I discovered the fascinating world of unmanned aircraft systems in elementary school while building a voice-controllable Lego drone project for the Maker Faire in New York Hall of Science. It was a novel idea at that time, and the goal was to fly autonomously.

When I heard about Civil Air Patrol, I was excited because this was an opportunity for me to connect with like-minded cadets and learn more about the exciting field of aviation. I have truly enjoyed the orientation flights along the Hudson River, with beautiful views of the (former) Tappan Zee Bridge. During my summer weeks at CAP encampment, which is held at the Syracuse Hancock Field Air National Guard Base, I had the opportunity to observe the MQ-9 Reaper Mission Center.

Because I wanted to share my passion for aeronautics with my fellow high school students at Yorktown High School, as a sophomore, I founded the YHS

Corntographers with the aim of building and programming drones to complete different missions.

In our inaugural year, we competed in the UAS4STEM competition sponsored by the Academy of Model Aeronautics. Based on our regional scores, we were invited to compete at the national stage as part of the Experimental Aircraft Association Airventure in Oshkosh, Wisc.

This year, for the second consecutive year, we qualified for nationals at Oshkosh, and I am thrilled to share that we finished first in the beginner division. Founding the Corntographers and taking the team to the National UAS4STEM Championship for two consecutive years at the heart of the spirit of aviation is an amazing experience.

This year at Airventure, there were 686,000 attendees and more than 10,000 aircrafts.

After awards took place, I had the pleasure of meeting CAP's National Commander/CEO Maj. Gen. Aye. We talked about drones, my UAS training at Camp Smith, and a lot more. I am excited to be a part

of an organization that supports and develops youth aviation interests.

Reflecting on last year's performance, we made improvements in the design of the drone to account for various flying conditions. We worked as a cohesive team to come up with efficient approaches for the different missions.

This competition involves leveraging many different skills beyond just programming and flying the drone. Since most of the

missions are programmed to make the drone fly autonomously, the team had to master the skills of communication, time management, and arriving at resolutions in a collaborative environment.

CAP NY-033 Putnam County Composite Squadron Commander Maj. MacDermant always encourages cadets to learn from setbacks and focus on the opportunities that are ahead – a mindset that has guided me tremendously while preparing for this competition.

Sometimes, things didn't go exactly as we expected, but we stuck with it, learned from it, and didn't quit until we had the results we needed.

On the morning of the competition, the wind speed and gusts were higher than typical. However, we were surely prepared and ready to fly our missions. As an Eagle Scout, the "be prepared" motto helped me run through the various scenarios in my mind and formulate a series of solutions with the team.

My goal is to attend college in the field of aviation and UAS, and to be a mission pilot for the

Civil Air Patrol. I've obtained my FAA Part 107 remote pilot license and I'm currently pursuing my private pilot license. I plan to continue to share my passion for UAS with younger cadets and students, including coordinating the squadron's field day at the local flying club, where we build rockets and learn how to fly drones.

I'd encourage other teens looking to join CAP to attend one of our squadron meetings and meet a fun group of cadets. We meet at the Putnam County Bureau of Emergency Services in Carmel on Fridays at 7 p.m. From my own experience, I can express that they'll make new friends and explore exciting opportunities that aren't available elsewhere.

The UAS field is a growing career path with many pioneering opportunities. Innovation, increased commercial adoption and the rise of urban air mobility are just some factors propelling the industry forward.

*Cadet Chief Master Sgt. Sharik Bose is a member of the CAP NY-033 Putnam County Composite Squadron.*

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## Board of Elections Unveils Infrastructure Upgrades

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## Nutrition Corner

By Allison J. Stowell  
MS, RD, CDN



## Kid Friendly and Allergy-Safe

Finding fun foods for children with allergies or unique dietary needs can be quite challenging. Thankfully, it's become a bit easier. Food companies are creating more products that are free from common allergens and developing more allergy-safe versions of their products. There are also more resources that make it easier for you.

### Shopping tools

Today's supermarket offers tools for shopping for allergy-safe foods. At Hannaford Supermarket, for example, we make it easier to locate gluten free items by hanging "gluten free" tags on the shelf to highlight labeled products. When creating an online shopping list on our website, you can filter for an assortment of allergies, including gluten free. This tool helps you easily create a shopping list that matches your family's needs.

### FAQ

If you're looking for information on a particular product, then the company's website (and likely their FAQ section) is the best place to go. The website will be updated by the company and provide accurate information. If you're curious about a private brand product sold at your favorite market, then calling customer service to inquire is likely the best path.

### Recipes

If you're responsible for preparing food for an individual who must follow a strict allergy-safe diet, then you know it can be difficult to create dishes that taste the way they "should". Achieving the right texture and taste when using alternative flours, avoiding eggs, or removing other key ingredients is challenging. Lean on websites like Hannaford.com and GuidingStars.com for unique recipes and techniques. I also strongly recommend trying the recipes recommended on product websites, as those have likely been tested many times.

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

learn more about the Guiding Stars nutrition guidance program, visit [GuidingStars.com](http://GuidingStars.com).

### Gluten Free Mozzarella Sticks

String cheese makes this favorite snack so easy to prepare at home. A crispy coating of gluten-free breadcrumbs helps them be enjoyed by all.

### Ingredients:

- 1 (16-oz.) pkg. reduced-fat mozzarella string cheese
- 1/2 cup gluten-free cornstarch
- 2 large eggs
- 1 cup panko breadcrumbs
- 1 tsp. dried oregano
- 1 tsp. onion powder
- Marinara sauce, warmed, for serving

### Directions:

Unwrap the string cheese and cut each piece in half crosswise. Place pieces on a parchment-lined baking sheet and freeze for 5 minutes.

Meanwhile, in a medium shallow bowl, add the cornstarch. In a second shallow bowl, beat together the eggs and 1 tablespoon water. In a third shallow bowl, combine the breadcrumbs, oregano and onion powder. Season all three bowls with salt and pepper.

Remove mozzarella sticks from freezer, reserving baking sheet. Dip each mozzarella stick in cornstarch, making sure to coat all sides and ends completely. Shake off excess cornstarch, then dip into egg mixture. Let excess egg drip off, then dredge in bread crumb mixture, coating well (this helps keep melted cheese from leaking out). Place coated mozzarella sticks on prepared baking sheet and freeze for 30 minutes or until ready to cook.

When ready to cook, preheat oven to 400 degrees F. Bake frozen mozzarella sticks 7-10 minutes, turning halfway through. Serve with warm marinara sauce.

Tip: To cook in the air fryer, coat basket with cooking spray and bake mozzarella sticks at 370 degrees F for 6 minutes, flipping once halfway through.

## Southwest Pork Chops

(Family Features)  
Southwest Pork Chops

### Ingredients:

- 2 tablespoons Watkins 1868 Organic Grilling Chili Lime Seasoning
- 2 teaspoons Watkins Organic Black Pepper
- 2 teaspoons cooking oil of choice
- 1/2 teaspoon Watkins Fine Himalayan Pink Salt
- 8 pork loin chops (about 2 1/2 pounds)
- hot sauce (optional)

### Directions:

Combine chili lime seasoning, black pepper, cooking oil and pink salt. Spread mixture evenly



over pork chops. Cover and refrigerate at least 30 minutes.

Heat grill to medium heat. Grill pork chops 4-5 inches from heat source, turning frequently, until no longer pink when cut near bone. Serve with hot sauce, if desired.

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Oktoberfest returns Sept. 14 and 15 to the German-American Social Club of Peekskill.

## Celebrate Oktoberfest in Putnam Valley

The German-American Social Club of Peekskill will host its annual Oktoberfest on Sept. 14 and 15, under a big outdoor tent at 11 Kramers Pond Road, Putnam Valley. The event will take place from 3 to 10 p.m. Saturday, and noon to 7 p.m. Sunday – rain or shine.

Admission is \$10, with children younger than 14 admitted free, and includes live music by The Heimat Klange, and Red, White and Brews; as well as Ger-

man and American food, pretzels, imported Spaten beer and domestic drinks in bottles and on tap, among other goodies.

A Viennese café will be located inside the clubhouse, along with mixed drinks, and there will be children’s activities on-site.

A beer stein holding contest is scheduled Saturday at 7 p.m.

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The tables at last year’s book sale were stocked with great finds!

## Get Ready to Read! Patterson Book Sale is Sept. 21-29

The annual Patterson Book Sale returns for its sixth year Saturday, Sept. 21 through Sunday, Sept. 29, at the Patterson Fire Department grounds, 13 Burdick Road – across from the Patterson Library on Route 311.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, and noon to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. The sale will be held rain or shine in the pavilion and under two giant tents.

There has been a large number of donations from the community, and the fire department has been busy sorting books into more than 70 categories. In addition to many adult fiction and non-fiction reads, there is a large selection of children’s and young adult books, plus a large assortment of vinyl LPs, DVDs, blue ray discs and CDs.

New this year is a collection of vintage Time magazines (1920

to 1960).

Donors can still drop off books, etc., in a storage container located near the pavilion on the fire department grounds, at any time. Donations should be placed inside the container, and not left outside. If possible, place fiction,

non-fiction and children’s books in separate bags or boxes.

No magazines, textbooks, encyclopedias, damaged books, VHS or cassette tapes are being accepted.

Donations cannot be accepted after Sept. 12.

## Are You Owed Unclaimed Funds?

A recent report from the New York State Comptroller’s Office shows that residents and businesses in Assembly District 95 have approximately \$48 million in unclaimed funds waiting to be retrieved.

“I was shocked to learn just how much money is owed to people in my district,” said Assemblywoman Dana Levenberg, D-Ossining. “With affordability being such a huge concern right now, I strongly encourage people to reach out and see if any of this money is theirs.”

Staff from the comptroller’s office will be in attendance at Levenberg’s mobile office hours this fall to help residents start the process of claiming their funds. This includes a stop at the Desmond-Fish Public Library, 472 Route 403, Garrison, on Monday, Sept. 23 from 1 to 4 p.m.; as well as the Julia L. Butterfield Memorial Library, 10 Morris Ave., Cold Spring, on Monday, Oct. 21 from

1 to 4 p.m.

An in-person visit is not necessary to start the process; visit [www.osc.ny.gov/unclaimed-funds](http://www.osc.ny.gov/unclaimed-funds) to find unclaimed funds via the computer.

The comptroller’s office also has an Unclaimed Funds Hotline, 1-800-221-9311, which is staffed Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Residents of Assembly District 95 can also call Levenberg’s office at 914-941-1111 to see if they, a relative, or a current or past business of theirs are owed money.

Levenberg asked for the report after hearing about the efforts of Westchester County Legislator David Imamura, representing an area outside of her district, to help constituents reclaim funds.

“I was not expecting to see quite so much money, or so many people affected,” said Levenberg. “I urge people to reach out and start the process of claiming their funds as soon as possible.”

## We Will Miss

### Carmel

**Mary Ann Dorsey Smith**, 84, August 20, Cargain Funeral Home, Carmel, (845) 225-3672.

**Harriet T. M. Penney**, 73, August 21, Joseph J. Smith Funeral Home, Mahopac, (845)

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### Mahopac

**Charles Tracy Purdy, Jr.**, 67, August 11, Joseph J. Smith Funeral Home, Mahopac, (845) 621-1992.

**Louis S. Astorino**, 82, August 23, Joseph J. Smith Funeral Home, Mahopac, (845) 621-1992.

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# Bike Theft Leads to Grand Larceny Charge

A Dutchess County man was recently charged with grand larceny after allegedly stealing a bike in Putnam County.

According to Putnam County Sheriff Kevin McConville, on Aug. 19, a deputy was dispatched to the North Highlands Town Park in Philipstown for a larceny complaint. An interview with the juvenile victim and his father revealed that the youth rode his bicycle to the park to go fishing, during which time his

bicycle – a YT Jeffsy mountain bike valued at about \$2,900 – was stolen.

Investigators were brought in and able to quickly develop a possible suspect. The next day, they interviewed Roy Bishop, 61, of Fishkill, who allegedly admitted to stealing the bicycle and turned it over to the investigators. He was charged with one count of fourth-degree grand larceny, a class E felony, and scheduled to appear in Philipstown Town Court at a later date.

# Health Dept. Reminds Parents of Vaccination Scheduling

With the first day of school upon us, scheduling a check-up with a child's healthcare provider for any necessary vaccines is on top of many parents' to-do lists.

Proof of up-to-date vaccinations must be provided for all school-goers from pre-kindergarten through 12th grade within 14 days of the first day. Children who are unvaccinated at the start of school must receive at least the first dose of all the required vaccines within the first 14 days of school to attend. All follow-up vaccines in a series must be completed on time, also, with only a 14-day grace period.

This applies to all public, private and religious schools, unless a valid medical exemption exists – which is only granted if the child has a medical condition that prevents them from getting vaccinated.

"We want to maintain and enhance community-level protection against serious child-

hood diseases," said Dr. Michael Nesheiwat, Putnam County's interim health commissioner. "Children are exposed to viruses and other germs, likely thousands each day, through the toys they play with, the air they breathe and even the food they eat. Safe and effective vaccines have helped to ensure children avoid major complications from vaccine-preventable diseases."

Early childhood vaccination rates in Putnam County fluctuate from year to year. Since 2016, the rate has dipped and risen twice, ranging from a low of 59.7 percent in 2018 to a high of 70.8 percent in 2019. In 2022 – the most recent year with data – the rate rose by almost 5 percent from the previous year, to 67.8 percent.

Even with this increase, Putnam remains below the benchmark of 70.5 percent set by the guidelines of the New York State Prevention Agenda.

"A decline in vaccine rates

makes outbreaks of diseases like measles more likely," said Nesheiwat. "This is exactly what happened during the 2018-19 school year, when the largest U.S. outbreak in recent times happened here in the Hudson Valley. Fortunately, Putnam was largely protected because our vaccination rates were higher than the surrounding counties, where particular communities had lower percentages."

Putnam's less-than-optimal 2021 early childhood vaccination rate was noted in the last comprehensive community health assessment and steered the health department and its community partners to select early childhood vaccination as a top priority, and to plan an intervention to improve the numbers.

The health department's epidemiologist, Dr. Alison Kaufman, described the efforts taken by the health department partnering with pediatric practices.

"The intervention focuses on children between the ages of 2 and 5 years, prior to the initiation of vaccination requirements for school attendance," she said. "We are working with Putnam's pediatric practices to increase their use of tools available in the New York State Immunization Information System ... to let parents and caregivers know when vaccines are due. The intervention is ongoing, but we have already found the need to systematically check the data entered into NYSIIS to improve its quality so that the vaccination rates that result are more accurate. We have also discovered there is a measurable benefit to the regular use of reminder notifications. The long-term goal is for pediatric practices to incorporate these intervention protocols into their routine work."

Nesheiwat encouraged families to call and visit their personal health care providers soon to schedule their children's immunizations, since this is a busy time of year for many health care practices.

"No child will be refused vaccination because of an inability to pay," he said. "Through our Vaccines for Children program at the health department, we can provide all the vaccines that make up the early vaccination series."

Included in this program – which is celebrating its 30th anniversary this year – are the five vaccinations required for day care, pre-K and school attendance (diphtheria and tetanus, hepatitis B, polio, varicella or chickenpox, and measles, mumps and rubella), plus two additional vaccines required for day care and pre-K.

To learn more about childhood vaccines and eligibility at the health department, call 845-808-1332.

Nesheiwat also noted that flu vaccines will again be provided to children in their schools by the health department. The school-based vaccine schedule starts Sept. 25 and runs through Nov. 13, and the required parental consent forms are available from the schools. Residents can see when public health nurses will visit each school at [www.putnamcountyny.gov/fluclinic](http://www.putnamcountyny.gov/fluclinic) (scroll down to "School Information").

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# Putnam County Community Events

## Board Vacancy

The Carmel Town Board is looking for interested and qualified persons to fill a vacancy on the Board of Assessment Review. Send a letter of interest and resume to Supervisor Michael Cazzari, Carmel Town Hall, 60 McAlpin Ave., Carmel, NY 10541; or [kjk@ci.carmel.ny.us](mailto:kjk@ci.carmel.ny.us) before Oct. 1.

## Street Festival

The Greater Mahopac-Carmel Chamber of Commerce will present its Mahopac Street Festival on Sunday, Oct. 6 (rain date Oct. 5) from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. along Route 6. Food, vendors, entertainment. To reserve a space, call 845-628-5553 or visit [www.mahopaccarmelchamber.com](http://www.mahopaccarmelchamber.com).

## Tuesday, Sept. 3

### 'The Fall Guy'

Mahopac Public Library will show "The Fall Guy" on Tuesday, Sept. 3 at noon. After a near career-ending accident, stuntman Colt Seavers is sent to track down a famous movie star all while trying to win back the love of his life. Age 18 and older only. Register at [www.mahopaclibrary.org](http://www.mahopaclibrary.org) or call 845-628-2009, ext. 100.

### Sybil Ludington Program

Mahopac Public Library will present "Sybil Ludington: Patriot Hero of the Hudson Valley" on Tuesday, Sept. 3 at 6 p.m. Join local author and historian Vincent Dacquino as he traces the life of legendary Sybil Ludington from her birth and courageous Hudson Valley ride in the Revolutionary War, to her rise as an iconic hero. Register at [www.mahopaclibrary.org](http://www.mahopaclibrary.org) or call 845-628-2009, ext. 100.

### Kent Town Board

The Kent Town Board will meet at 7 p.m. at Town Hall on the following Tuesdays: Sept. 3 and 17, Oct. 1 and 15, Nov. 12 and 19, and Dec. 3 and 17.

### Garden Club

The Lake Mahopac Garden Club will meet Tuesday, Sept. 3 at Airport Park in Mahopac. Participants are asked to bring their own lunch. The meeting begins at 11:30 a.m. and the program presentation begins at 1 p.m. Master Gardener Lynne Berstein will present "Planning Native Landscapes: Issues and Ideas." For information, visit [www.lake-mahopacgc.com](http://www.lake-mahopacgc.com) or email [lakemahopacgarclub@gmail.com](mailto:lakemahopacgarclub@gmail.com).

## Wednesday, Sept. 4

### Carmel Town Board

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

## Thursday, Sept. 5

### Framed Found Art

A teen art series, "Framed Found Art," will begin Thursday, Sept. 5 at 4:30 p.m. at Mahopac Public Library. Teens will spend four weeks using old picture frames, recycled toys and crafting materials to create their own framed found art creation. When all the pieces are done, a small exhibit will be held. For grades six through 12. Register at [www.mahopaclibrary.org](http://www.mahopaclibrary.org) or call 845-628-2009, ext.100.

## Friday, Sept. 6

### Golf Tourney

Putnam Service Dogs will host a golf tournament fundraiser Friday, Sept. 6 at Centennial Golf Club in Carmel. Registration from 7:15 to 8:45 a.m. Full breakfast and free putting contest. Tee off at 9 a.m. Cocktail hour with free beer and wine. Gourmet lunch. Silent and live auction. Register by Sept. 3 at <https://putnamservicedogs.org>.

### Grandparents' Crafternoon

Reed Memorial Library in Carmel will host a Grandparents Day Crafternoons Weekend on Friday, Sept. 6 for ages 2 to 5, and Saturday, Sept. 7 for ages 2 to 12, when Grandparents and littles will enjoy bonding over crafts, stories and snacks. For more information and to register, visit [carmellibrary.org/calendar](http://carmellibrary.org/calendar).

## Saturday, Sept. 7

### Group Art Show

To commemorate the 20th Anniversary of the Mahopac Public Library building, the Third Floor Gallery is hosting a group art show for returning and new artists to exhibit art reflecting their love for the library, books and the local Mahopac/Hudson Valley area, Sept. 7 through 20. An opening reception is Sept. 8, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Meet local artists, see their work on display, and enjoy light refreshments.

### Defensive Driving.

Mahopac Public Library will host a defensive driving insurance reduction program Saturday, Sept. 7 at 9:30 a.m. Designed for licensed drivers, but those with permits may attend. Register at [www.mahopaclibrary.org](http://www.mahopaclibrary.org) or call 845-628-2009, ext.100. The cost is \$45 per person; \$35 for seniors 65 and older. Payment will be made on the day of the class. Cash or check payable to Jack Coxen; credit cards not accepted.

### Fall Festival

The Brewster Rotary Club will host this year's Brewster Fall Festival on Saturday, Sept. 7, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. along Main Street. Free. Food, music, vendors, 5K run/walk and more.

### Art Fair

An affordable art fair is scheduled Sept. 7 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Old Town Hall in Brewster, to take place during the Brewster Fall Festival. Stop by 67 Main St., and be inspired by the work of local artists. Browse or buy a piece of art you love at an affordable price. For information visit [www.culturalartsco.com](http://www.culturalartsco.com).

### Watershed

### Communities Legacies

The Sedgewood Club will welcome April Beisaw, renowned author and associate professor of anthropology at Vassar College, along with Kate McGloughlin, celebrated Hudson Valley artist specializing in landscape paintings of the Ashokan Reservoir, on Saturday, Sept. 7 from 2 to 4 p.m., at the Sedgewood Club Boathouse, 1024 Barrett Circle West, Kent. The program is free to attend, but RSVP is required by emailing [socialcommittee@thesedgewoodclub.com](mailto:socialcommittee@thesedgewoodclub.com).

## Ham Radio

On Sept. 7 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., the Metro-North Railroad Amateur Radio Association, with the Candlewood Amateur Radio Association, will commemorate the Danbury Railway Museum's 30th anniversary and First Responders Day, at 120 White St., Danbury. The clubs have two amateur radio stations active and will be showcasing what amateur radio can do. Get on the radio with experienced operators to make contact with other amateur stations in the U.S. and worldwide.

## Pet Blessing

A "blessing of the pets" will take place Saturday, Sept. 7 from noon to 2 p.m. at MCB Church, 76 Gleneida Ave., Carmel, by Pastor Andrew Columbia. Special guest speakers will be joining the event. Takes place outside behind the church if not raining; inside fellowship hall if raining. For more, visit [mcbchurch.online](http://mcbchurch.online).

## Jewelry & Mineral Show

The 72nd annual Gem, Jewelry & Mineral Show sponsored by the Danbury Mineralogical Society will be held Saturday, Sept. 7 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, Sept. 8 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at New Milford High School, 388 Danbury Road (Route 7), New Milford, Conn. Displays of minerals, fossils and jewelry; retail vendors; and free mineral identification. Door prizes. \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors and students with ID, free for kids younger than 12 and Scouts in uniform.

## Sunday, Sept. 8

### Backyard Habitats

Learn how to improve your backyard habitat by supporting biodiversity in whatever space you have, Sept. 8 at 2 p.m., at Studio Around the Corner, 67 Main St., Brewster. Janis Butler, Master Gardener volunteer with CCE, will discuss how to create a welcoming backyard for critters in all seasons, especially insects and birds. There is a fee of \$10 for this program. Register at [cceptutnam-county.org/events](http://cceptutnam-county.org/events).

### F.D. Open House

The Mahopac Falls Volunteer Fire Department will hold its annual open house Sunday, Sept. 8 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at its headquarters at 17 Luccaro Lane, Mahopac Falls. Meet local law enforcement, games, face painting, fire safety education, interactive displays, demonstrations, dog adoption. Blood drive from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

### String Quartet

The noted Balourdet String Quartet will perform as part of Arts on the Lake's 2024 Classical Music Series on Sunday, Sept. 8 at 4 p.m., at the Sedgewood Boathouse, 1026 Barrett Circle West, Kent (off Route 301). For tickets and more information, visit [artsonthelake.org](http://artsonthelake.org) or email [office@artsonthelake.org](mailto:office@artsonthelake.org).

## Monday, Sept. 9

### Excel Class

Mahopac Public Library will present an Excel series beginning Monday, Sept. 9 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Proficiency in Microsoft Excel is a high-demand skill in the job market. The class will meet Mondays for four weeks,

Register at [www.mahopaclibrary.org](http://www.mahopaclibrary.org) or call 845-628-2009, ext. 152.

## Tuesday, Sept. 10

### Preparedness Training

Mahopac Public Library will host a citizen preparedness training program Tuesday, Sept. 10 at 6 p.m. Make sure you have the tools and resources to prepare for any type of disaster, respond accordingly, and recover as quickly as possible to pre-disaster conditions. Register at [www.mahopaclibrary.org](http://www.mahopaclibrary.org) or call 845-628-2009, ext. 100.

### Trusts

Reed Memorial Library in Carmel will host a program called "The Nuts and Bolts About Trusts" on Sept. 10 at 5:30 p.m. Registration is required at [carmellibrary.org/calendar](http://carmellibrary.org/calendar).

### Seed Harvesting

Cornell Cooperative Extension Master Gardeners will be at Patterson Library on Tuesday, Sept. 10 at 1 p.m. to teach the techniques for harvesting and saving seeds. Snip seed heads from the vegetable garden and practice harvesting and preserving the seeds so you can plant them next year. Age 18 and older. For information or to register, contact the Patterson Library at 845-878-6121 or go to [www.pattersonlibrary.org](http://www.pattersonlibrary.org).

## Wednesday, Sept. 11

### Anime Movie Night

Mahopac Public Library will screen an anime movie Wednesday, Sept. 11 at 5 p.m. Snacks and drinks provided, but you're welcome to bring snacks from home. Ages 15 and older. No registration needed.

### Patterson Town Board

The Patterson Town Board will meet the following Wednesdays at 7 p.m. at Town Hall: Sept. 11, Oct. 9 and 23, Nov. 6 and 20, and Dec. 4 and 18.

### Memorial Ceremony

The Putnam County Youth Bureau invites the public to its annual 9/11 memorial ceremony at the Bureau of Emergency Services, 112 Old Route 6, Carmel, on Wednesday, Sept. 11 at 8:30 a.m.

## Thursday, Sept. 12

### Microsoft Word

Mahopac Public Library will present an advanced Microsoft Word series beginning Thursday, Sept. 12 at 10 a.m. This series will take you from getting started to creating polished documents. It will meet Thursdays for three weeks. Register at [www.mahopaclibrary.org](http://www.mahopaclibrary.org) or call 845-628-2009, ext. 152.

### Alzheimer's Program

Mahopac Public Library will present "Alzheimer's Association: Building Foundations of Caregiving" on Thursday, Sept. 12 at 6 p.m. Join the Alzheimer's Association as they explore the role of caregivers and the changes they may experience, building a support team, and managing caregiver stress. Register at [www.mahopaclibrary.org](http://www.mahopaclibrary.org) or call 845-628-2009, ext. 100.

### Southeast Town Board

The Southeast Town Board will meet at 7 p.m. at Town Hall on the following Thursdays: Sept. 12 and 26, Oct. 10 and 24, Nov. 7 and 21, and Dec. 5 and 19.

## 'Ezra'

Patterson Library will show "Ezra" on Wednesday, Sept. 12 at 1 p.m. Divorced stand-up comedian Max struggles to raise his autistic son, Ezra. Forced to confront difficult decisions about the boy's future, Max and Ezra embark on a cross-country road trip that has a transcendent impact on their lives. Adults 18 and older. Register at [www.pattersonlibrary.org](http://www.pattersonlibrary.org).

### Cornish Estate Lecture

Putnam History Museum will offer a hybrid lecture on The Cornish Estate on Thursday, Sept. 12 at 7 p.m., in person at 63 Chestnut St., Cold Spring; and via Zoom. Join expert Thom Johnson on a dive into the history of the ruins known as Northgate or the Cornish Estate. \$10. Register at [putnamhistorymuseum.org](http://putnamhistorymuseum.org).

### Thrive in Your Prime

Reed Memorial Library in Carmel will host a program called "Unleash Your Potential: Thriving in Your Prime" on Sept. 12 at noon. Registration is required at [carmellibrary.org/calendar](http://carmellibrary.org/calendar).

## Friday, Sept. 13

### Rakish

Tompkins Corners Cultural Center will welcome Rakish, the duo of world-class violinist Maura Shawn Scanlin and guitarist Conor Hearn, on Friday, Sept. 13 at 7:30 p.m. at 729 Peekskill Hollow Road, Putnam Valley. Tickets are \$25 and available at [Eventbrite.com](http://Eventbrite.com).

## Saturday, Sept. 14

### Passport Saturday

The Putnam County Clerk's Office will hold its next Passport Saturday on Sept. 14 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at 40 Gleneida Ave., Carmel. Make an appointment at [www.putnamcountyny.gov/county-clerk](http://www.putnamcountyny.gov/county-clerk).

### Tag Sale

St. John the Evangelist Church and the Catholic Daughters of America are sponsoring their annual tag sale Saturday, Sept. 14 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Sunday, Sept. 15 from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., at 221 E. Lake Blvd., Mahopac.

### Kids' Day

Kids' Day returns to Putnam Hospital in Carmel from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 14, at 670 Stoneleigh Ave. Health and safety exhibits, kids' crafts, a child identification program and a teddy bear clinic. Demonstrations on car seat safety, proper bicycle helmet use, and heart monitoring, as well as fire truck and ambulance tours. Inflatable bouncy attractions, hayrides, food trucks, raffles and a meet-and-greet with costumed characters.

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# Brewster Schools Ring in 2024-25



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Brewster Central School District's first "Back to the Den" back to school fair was a smashing success.

The recent event was an opportunity for families and students to meet new administrators, complete forms, get tech help and school information, join the parent-teacher association, purchase swag, find out about school offerings, and otherwise celebrate the upcoming school year with a bounce house inflatable obstacle course, food trucks, fire trucks, buses and a football toss.

Community partners included Brewster Rotary Club, Putnam County Department of Social Services, Putnam County Sheriff's Office, American Cancer Society's Relay For Life of Brewster, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Putnam County, Green Chimneys, Brewster Chamber of Commerce, Brewster Lacrosse, Putnam County Youth Bureau, Town of Southeast Cultural Arts Coalition, the Southeast Recreation Department, Brewster Cub Scouts and Brewster Fire Department.



Elizabeth Seewald Hill, pictured, will be joined by Alex Shundi in leading a new series of painting classes at AotL.

## Professional Artists Teach New Classes at AotL

Painters and teachers Alex Shundi and Elizabeth Seewald Hill are beginning a new series of painting classes in September at Arts on the Lake, 640 Route 52, Lake Carmel.

Both have long-term students who continue to learn from their teaching styles and understandings of art history. Professional artists, the two provide the backbone of art classes at AotL, with classes that

work for beginners to advanced painters.

All are welcome.

Shundi, an artist in multiple media, has shown his work throughout the world. He has taught in more than 15 art schools and founded three himself: The Arts Works Forum in Millerton, Conn.; Silvermine Lacoste School of Art in Lacoste, France; and the Santa Fe Intentional Academy of Art in New Mexico.

Shundi has bachelor of fine arts and master of fine arts degrees from Yale, and has studied in the Brera Academy in Milan, Italy, under artists Marini, Manzu, Borro and Pomodoro. He attended the Beaux Arts Académie in Paris following a three-year stint at the Silvermine College of Art in New Canaan, Conn., and has known and


studied with numerous important artists.

With a remarkable breadth of knowledge concerning art and culture, Shundi is presently a professor of art history at the New York Institute of Technology in Manhattan.


Hill's work has been featured in numerous publications and on album covers. She attended Bennington and Bard colleges and received an MFA from the Milton Avery Graduate School of the Arts.

Recently, she has been included in numerous exhibitions, including at the Edward Hopper House Museum and Study Center, the Berkshire Museum, and the Woodstock Artist Association and Museum.

For more information on these classes and other events at AotL, visit [artsonthelake.org](http://artsonthelake.org).



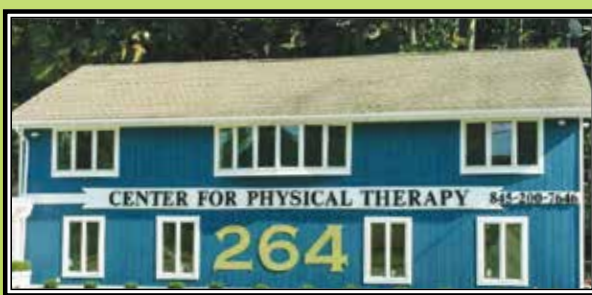
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# Mahopac Chamber Park Comes Alive With Italian Feast



The Italian American Club of Mahopac's "Ferragosto Evening in the Piazza" took place Aug. 17 at Mahopac Chamber Park.



DJMike, and Johnny Sal and Shiela provided live music.



Art vendors, games, face painting and other entertainment was offered.



Chung Ma's Tak Kwon Do performed a karate demonstration.



Attendees enjoyed brick oven pizza, sausage and peppers, zeppole, arancini, pastries, Italian ices and more.

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### 'Evening in the Piazza' Celebrates Italian Heritage in Mahopac

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— where an Italian festival open to the community took place, with music and free food for everyone. A few years later, the Greater Mahopac-Carmel Chamber of Commerce began hosting its street fair the same day, and the two organizations collaborated on what became one wildly successful occasion. However, to preserve the celebration of Italian heritage, a new event was created to once again single out the club's original offering. "Ferragosto Evening in the Piazza," now in its 18th year, celebrates the sunshine and refreshment felt with summer vacation. The objective has always been to spend a romantic evening under

the stars and celebrate ethnic richness of the county by celebrating Italian heritage. Utilizing the beauty of Lake Mahopac, the fountain, and seating and staging of the gazebo, Mahopac Carmel Chamber Park provides the perfect venue for the piazza. The goal is to recreate the ambiance of a European open-air meeting place where everyone can socialize, listen to music, dance, eat, shop among artisans, and just enjoy themselves. Families at the recent event enjoyed bounce houses, games, face painting and other entertainment. Local artist Regina Gelfer offered an art display and painting exhibit, and high school student-volunteers contributed to the festivities by making animal balloons for children through the Mahopac Library Balloon Club, and by setting up, decorating, assisting with activities and cleaning up. For more information about the Italian American Club of Mahopac, visit [italianamericanclubofmahopac.org](http://italianamericanclubofmahopac.org).





Rick and Nancy Brownell of Putnam County, along with Tim and Alicia Dean and Adrea Reynolds, will be celebrated at the event.

## Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley to Honor Philanthropists

The Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley will hold its annual garden party, celebrating exemplary community service and philanthropy, Sunday, Sept. 15 from 2 to 5 p.m., at Kirby Hill Farm in Pawling.

This year's honorees are three families from Putnam, Dutchess and Ulster counties who are being recognized for their exceptional contributions to the community. Among them are Rick and Nancy Brownell of Putnam.

The Brownells, being honored posthumously, were pivotal in shaping the community through civic and philanthropic leadership.

Nancy's extensive involvement with the Community Foundations – including roles as volunteer, committee member, board

chairperson and vice president for Putnam County – has left a lasting impact. Her presence in the community and within CFHV is a great loss.

Together with Rick and their children, Tyler and Justin, the family has been instrumental in various civic and nonprofit organizations.

"Each year, our garden party celebrates the remarkable contributions of individuals whose dedication strengthens our communities," said Laura Washington, CFHV president and CEO. "This year's honorees and their unwavering commitment inspires us all to continue supporting the crucial work of local nonprofits that are making a positive difference."

Tickets for the garden party

can be purchased at CommunityFoundationsHV.org. Net proceeds from the event will support nonprofit organizations through CFHV's community grants program.

Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley is a partner in philanthropy, empowering individuals, families, businesses and organizations to establish charitable funds that address the needs of Dutchess, Putnam, and Ulster counties. It offers expert planning that aligns charitable giving with both personal priorities and community needs.

Established in 1969, CFHV has grown to manage more than \$100 million in assets and administers nearly 600 charitable funds, distributing more than \$11.3 million in grants and scholarships in 2023 alone.

## Sexual Predator Pleads Guilty to Luring Teen

A Connecticut man was recently convicted of second-degree attempted rape and first-degree disseminating indecent material to a minor as a sexually motivated felony.

According to Putnam

County District Attorney Robert Tandy, Francisco Gomez, 21, of Norwalk, was enticing a 13-year-old Putnam child on social media to engage in sexual activity with him. After the child's mother discovered the messages, a collaborative effort involving the D.A.'s office, the Putnam County Sheriff's Office, Homeland Security and Rockland County District Attorney's Office investigators led to the apprehension of Gomez before he had the chance to meet and harm his victim.

On April 3, Gomez allegedly believed he was driving to Putnam County to engage in sexual



Francisco Gomez

intercourse with the 13-year-old, when instead he was surrounded by and captured by members of law enforcement.

Special Victims Chief Prosecutor Chana Krauss, who prosecuted the case, reminds

parents to be vigilant in monitoring their children's social media.

"There are predators lurking online, grooming young children in an attempt to engage in sexual activity with them or to threaten them into sending sexually explicit videos," she said. "It's better to have your son or daughter mad at you for being overprotective than risking the dangers sexual predators pose to your kids."

Gomez will be sentenced Nov. 11, and faces three years in state prison followed by five years of post-release supervision. He will also be a registered sex offender.

## Passport Saturday

The Putnam County Clerk's Office will hold its next Passport Saturday on Sept. 14 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at 40 Gleneida Ave., Carmel, to provide passport information to U.S. citizens and to accept passport applications.

Putnam County Clerk Michael Bartolotti is holding this event as a convenience to customers who need to obtain a passport. It is by appointment only.

Information on the cost and how to apply for a U.S. passport, as well as a link to make the necessary appointment, is available at [www.putnamcountyny.gov/county-clerk](http://www.putnamcountyny.gov/county-clerk). Only the applicant

and necessary parents/guardians will be permitted to enter the office for the appointment.

U.S. citizens must present a valid passport book when entering or re-entering the U.S. by air. Citizens entering the U.S. from Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean and Bermuda at land borders and sea ports of entry must present a passport book, passport card, or other travel documents approved by the U.S. government.

For more information regarding obtaining a U.S. passport or traveling abroad, call Bartolotti at 845-808-1142, ext. 49301.

## Putnam Gives Thumbs Down to Five Farms in Ag District Vote

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of its inclusion, and that it would simply add four parcels to an existing agricultural enterprise.

"I believe it was a farm for hundreds of years and they're just restoring it back to its original enterprise," said Montgomery.

But Legislator Greg Ellner, R-Carmel, said the four parcels fail the soil composition requirement. "Three of these parcels have 0 percent, the fourth parcel has 46 percent; therefore, this application is defective," he said. "The Ag Board did not get this right."

Erin Crowley, R-Carmel, called it unfair to impose the soil requirement on equine farms, which were first added to the agricultural district in 2011. "Looking at the actual viable farmland in Putnam County – which I understand this was meant to preserve – it just doesn't make sense," she said. "By rotating the animals, it makes the soil more protein rich and hearty."

Crowley added that the board should have revised this requirement, and that she had an issue with deciding the motion based on rules she called "antiquated."

"That just makes the argument that we really have to revisit this resolution before going further, to make our districts better," added Sayegh. "But the way it stands now, today, I don't see how we can go forward."

Discussion at the end of the meeting turned somewhat divided, as legislators sought to determine who, if anyone, should have known about the added requirements prior to the five applications being brought forth. They agreed, however, that they and county's Agricultural & Farmland Protection Board need to insist on the requirements from future applicants.

"We do recognize that things really need to move forward... and really analyze and look at all the restrictions, and reconsider some things," said Nacerino.

The next opportunity to apply for consideration for the agricultural district will be during the month of April. In the meantime, farm enterprises can operate in their usual manner. "What we do or don't do tonight will not impede the legal operation of any of the farms going forward," noted Jonke.



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Putnam Community Action Partnership Director Marisa O'Leary with Assemblyman Matt Slater.

## School Supply Drive Success!

### CAP Collects More than 300 Backpacks for Kids in Need

Through its 38th annual backpack drive, Putnam Community Action Partnership was able to provide more than 300 backpacks and additional school supplies to local families who have kids starting school this week.

With the skyrocketing costs of basic necessities, families around the community struggle to afford back to school supplies. However, with tremendous support from community members,

donors came to the rescue.

"The high cost of school supplies can contribute to educational inequities," said CAP Director Marisa O'Leary. "Putnam CAP aims to address this disparity by ensuring all Putnam County youth, regardless of socioeconomic status, arrive at school equipped with the necessary supplies. Educational success is a key component to breaking the cycle of poverty."

The initiative had the support of lawmakers, including Assemblyman Matt Slater, R-Yorktown.

"For nearly four decades, CAP has been a cornerstone of our community, ensuring that children in Putnam County have the tools they need to succeed in school," he said. "I'm thrilled to continue my support for this incredible cause year after year, and bring the community together to help our students get off to a strong start."

## Funding Available for Youth Programs

The Putnam County Youth Bureau is requesting proposals for youth development programs from municipalities and nonprofit, community-based organizations for the fiscal year Oct. 1, 2024, through Sept. 30, 2025.

Program funding will be awarded for youth development programs, the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act, youth sports and education opportunity, and team sports. Grants will be awarded to programs that provide direct services designed to improve youth and community outcomes, as outlined in the "life areas" funding priorities of the Youth Board.

The New York State Office of Children & Family Services "life areas" are physical and psychological safety, appropriate structure, supportive relationship, opportunities to belong, positive social norms, support for efficacy and mattering, opportunity for skill building, integration of family, school and community efforts, monitoring and evaluations methods.

This year, programs will be expected to demonstrate knowledge and/or have trained staff in positive youth development. Programs must serve Putnam residents up to 21 years of age for the fiscal year.

Eligible applicants should be either a municipality or 501(c)3 nonprofit, community-based organization with a federal identification number and charity registration, operating in Putnam, with the ability to meet the county's insurance requirements.

For an application form, visit [www.putnamcountyny.gov/youth-bureau](http://www.putnamcountyny.gov/youth-bureau). The deadline to apply is Sept. 6.

Documents required to apply include an OCFS-5001, OCFS-5002, OCFS-5003 and OCFS-5011. Additional forms required for awarded programs include notice of compliance with federal law enforcement, a certificate of liability and workers' compensation insurance, and a W-9.

For more information, contact Janeen Cunningham at 845-808-1600, ext. 46120, or [janeen.cunningham@putnamcountyny.gov](mailto:janeen.cunningham@putnamcountyny.gov); or Kimberly Realbuto at 845-808-1600, ext. 46138, or [kimberly.realbuto@putnamcountyny.gov](mailto:kimberly.realbuto@putnamcountyny.gov).

Funding is a reimbursement made available through the NYS Office of Children & Family Services, and the county. The amount of funding will be subject to the availability of annual state appropriations.

## Flute, Piano & Trombone Trio to Perform

The Doansburg Chamber Ensemble will continue its 2024 season with a live performance by its trio of flute, piano and trombone Saturday, Sept. 14 at 7 p.m., at St. Mary in the Highlands Church, 1 Chestnut St., Cold Spring; and Sunday, Sept. 15 at 3 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 2103 Route 6, Brewster.

The latter performance will be broadcast simultaneously with the live performance, and the access link can be found prior to the concert at <https://doansburgchamberensemble.org>.

The ensemble will perform works by Debussy, Poulenc, Blazhevich and D'Rivera in a concert that can be enjoyed by audiences of all ages.

The Doansburg Chamber Ensemble is led by Artistic Director and principle flutist Christine Smith,

who is a graduate of the Juilliard School of Music, Pre-College Division, and holds a master's degree in education. She has toured England with the Stony Brook Wind Ensemble, and has performed at Paul Hall, Lincoln Center, Carnegie Hall and the Saratoga Performing Arts Center.

Smith also regularly performs as a soloist with the Doansburg Chamber Ensemble, of which she is a charter member. In addition, she is currently conductor of the Putnam Symphony Orchestra.

Christine Johannsen is currently the organist at the First Reformed Church of Fishkill, as well as a piano teacher and accompanist at Little House Piano Studio in Carmel. She studied piano performance at SUNY Purchase and received her master's of music degree from

Aaron Copland School of Music, Queens College, where she studied musicology.

Johannsen is presently working on a PhD in musicology at City University of New York in Manhattan.

Trombonist Jacob Kayler is a recent graduate of Colorado

University at Boulder, where he studied with William Stanley and Dr. Sterling Tanner. Kayler has performed with the university jazz band, orchestra, symphonic band, and multiple chamber groups. He competed in the Colorado Brass Competition as a member of the University Trombone Quartet,

which placed in the top five of the competition ensembles.

Kayler also studied with Staff Sgt. Barry Cooper of the West Point Band.

Tickets for the upcoming concerts are \$17 for general admission, or \$14 for seniors and students, and are available at the door.

### County Split on Charter Change

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believe it's actionable... I don't believe this serves the best interest of Putnam County. I think it severs politics and personalities."

"It appears to me, and people who actually look at this, that this is political and a retaliation action to try to influence the Board of Ethics," added Gouldman. "It's not right... We must wait until the Ethics Board comes out with a decision before we make a decision on this."

Legislator Greg Ellner, R-Carmel, reminded his colleagues that they are talking about the office of the county attorney, and not the individual who currently holds the position.

County Executive Kevin Byrne, who appointed Spain at the start of his reign in 2023, said he would

have recommended that the change take place at the start of the next term, had he been consulted prior to the meeting. He also noted that this change has never been recommended by the county's Charter Review Commission, which meets every 10 years to review the document.

"The charter is a very important document," said Byrne. "It is essentially our governing document. So I wouldn't dismiss a change to the charter — particularly when it speaks to how a body can remove a public officer. That is significant."

He also called it "shocking" that the matter will now go to the full Legislature for a vote, and said it upends checks and balances.

"This is essentially trying to change the County Charter in a week and a half by putting it on the committee agenda right now, and then at lighting speed bringing it to the full Legislature next week for a subsequent change."

The full Legislature is scheduled to meet Tuesday, Sept. 3 at 7 p.m. at the Historic Courthouse in Carmel.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### Brewster Schools

#### RECEIVER OF TAXES LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF TAX ROLL AND WARRANT

TAKE NOTICE, that I, Mary DeLanoy, the undersigned Receiver of Taxes of the Town of Patterson, County of Putnam and State of New York, have duly received the tax roll and warrant for the collection of school taxes within the BREWSTER CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, Town of Patterson for the year July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. Taxes will be collected by the Tax Receiver at the PATTERSON TOWN HALL, 1142 ROUTE 311, PATTERSON, NEW YORK, Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that taxes may be paid on or before September 30, 2024 without charge of interest (SAT, SUN AND HOLIDAYS EXCLUDED). Add 2% (two percent) interest October 1 through October 31, 2024. Taxes may also be paid in installments if each total tax bill exceeds \$50.00. First half of the tax bill plus a 4% (four percent) service fee is payable to Receiver from September 1 through September 15. The second half plus a 4% (four percent) service fee is payable to the Putnam County Commissioner of Finance, 40 Gleneida Ave., Carmel, NY 10512, after November 1, 2024 but before March 15, 2025. After March 15, 2025 interest accrues at variable interest rate.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that pursuant to the provisions of the law, the tax roll of the BREWSTER CENTRAL SCHOOL will be returned to the Commissioner of Finance for collection or re-levy, with additional penalties, after November 1, 2024.

Mary DeLanoy  
Receiver of Taxes  
Brewster Central School District  
Town of Patterson  
Dated prepared August 14, 2024  
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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF TAX ROLL AND WARRANT

TAKE NOTICE that I, AnnMarie Milano, the undersigned Receiver of Taxes of the Town of Southeast, County of Putnam, and State of New York have duly received the tax roll and warrant for the collection of school taxes within the BREWSTER CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, Town of Carmel, Town of Southeast and Village of Brewster, for the year July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025. Taxes will be collected by the Tax Receiver at the SOUTHEAST TOWN HALL, 1360 ROUTE 22, BREWSTER, NEW YORK, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that taxes may be paid on or before September 30, 2024, without charge or interest (SAT, SUN, AND HOLIDAYS EXCLUDED). Add 2% (two percent) fee October 1, 2024, through October 31, 2024. When tax is in excess of \$50.00, first payment to be received by School Tax Collector not later than September 15, 2024, with 4% (four percent) service charge included in amount due. Second payment to be paid to Commissioner of Finance, County Office Building, 40 Gleneida Avenue, Carmel, New York 10512 with 4% (four percent) service charge included in amount due after November 1, 2024, but no later than March 15, 2025. After March 15, 2025, interest accrues at variable interest rate until relevy date. For correct amount due after March 15, 2025; contact the Commissioner of Finance, County Office Building, Carmel, New York 10512.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that pursuant to the provisions of the law, the tax rolls of the BREWSTER CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT will be returned to the Commissioner of Finance of the County of Putnam for collection or Relevy, with additional penalties, on the 2nd day of November 2024.

ANNMARIE MILANO  
RECEIVER OF TAXES  
BREWSTER CENTRAL  
SCHOOL DISTRICT SOUTH-  
EAST AND CARMEL  
August 15, 2024  
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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### Brewster

#### PUBLIC NOTICE VILLAGE OF BREWSTER RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR PARKING WORK SESSION

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Brewster will hold a Work Session on Wednesday, September 11, 2024, beginning at 7:00 P.M. at Village Hall - 50 Main Street, Brewster, NY. The work session is to evaluate and rework the Parking Rules and Regulations and no public comment will be taken during this time.

By order of the  
Board of Trustees of the  
Village of Brewster  
Michelle Diebold  
Village Clerk  
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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### Carmel

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Town Board of the Town of Carmel will conduct a Public Hearing at Town Hall, 60 McAlpin Avenue, Mahopac, New York 10541 on Wednesday, September 18, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter that evening as possible pursuant to New York Town Law §272-A and §272-A(6) on the Draft Amended Comprehensive Plan being proposed in and for the Town of Carmel.

Copies of the full text of the Draft Amended Comprehensive Plan are available in the lobby at Town Hall, from the Town Clerk's office during normal business hours as well as on the Town of Carmel website at www.ci.carmel.ny.us.

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

By Order of the Town Board  
of the Town of Carmel  
Alice Daly, Town Clerk  
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## PUBLIC NOTICE

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Town Board of the Town of Carmel will conduct a Public Hearing at Town Hall, 60 McAlpin Avenue, Mahopac, New York 10541 on Wednesday, September 18th, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter that evening as possible on a proposed Local Law amending Chapter 147 of the Code of the Town of Carmel entitled "Vehicles and Traffic" as follows:

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### TOWN OF CARMEL PROPOSED LOCAL LAW #OF THE YEAR 2024 A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 147 OF THE TOWN CODE OF THE TOWN OF CARMEL, ENTITLED "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC"

#### SECTION 1.

This Local Law shall be known as 2024 Amendments to Chapter 147 entitled "Vehicles and Traffic".

#### SECTION 2.

Chapter 147 of the Town Code of the Town of Carmel, §147-45, Schedule VI STOP INTERSECTIONS is hereby amended to add the following to the existing provisions of said section and schedule:

In accordance with the provisions of § 147-11, the following described intersections are hereby designated as stop intersections, and stop signs shall be installed as follows:

Road	Intersection
Wixon Pond Road East-bound	Cook Drive Wixon Pond Road
Wixon Pond Road West-bound	Cook Drive Wixon Pond Road
Buckshollow Road North-bound	Bloomer Road Buckshollow Road
Buckshollow Road South-bound	Bloomer Road Buckshollow Road

#### SECTION 3 - HOME RULE

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

#### SECTION 4 - SEVER- ABILITY

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

SECTION 5 - Effective Date  
This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing in the office of the Secretary of State in accordance with Section 27 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

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

By Order of the Town Board  
of the Town of Carmel  
Alice Daly, Town Clerk  
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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF THE TAX ROLL AND WARRANT

TAKE NOTICE that I, Kathleen S. Kraus, the undersigned

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Receiver of Taxes of the Town of Carmel, County of Putnam, State of New York, have duly received the tax roll and warrant for the collection of school taxes within the Town of Carmel, Mahopac Central School District, Carmel Central School District and North Salem Central School District for the year of July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 and that I will attend at the Carmel Town Hall, 60 McAlpin Avenue, Mahopac, New York from 8:30am to 4:30pm of each day, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays. Saturday hours will be available during the month of September 2024 only, beginning on September 7, 2024, from 9:00am to 12:00pm for the purpose of receiving the taxes listed on said roll.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the taxes may be paid on or before September 30, 2024, without charge or interest. If taxes are paid during the month of October, 2024 (from October 1, 2024 to October 31, 2024), a two percent (2%) fee will be added. Taxes may also be paid in two installments if the total tax exceeds \$50.00. If paying in installments, fifty percent (50%) of the tax bill, plus a four percent (4%) service charge is payable to the Receiver of Taxes during the period September 1, 2024 through September 15, 2024. The second half, plus a four percent (4%) service charge is payable to the Putnam County Commissioner of Finance, 40 Gleneida Avenue, Carmel, New York, 10512 after November 1, 2024 but before March 15, 2025. Payments after March 15, 2025, in addition to the four percent (4%) service charge, must add one percent (1%) interest per month or part thereof.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that pursuant to the provisions of law, the tax rolls of the school districts will be returned to the Commissioner of Finance of the County of Putnam on the 1st day of November, 2024.

Kathleen S. Kraus  
Receiver of Taxes  
Town of Carmel  
Mahopac Central School District  
Carmel Central School District  
North Salem Central School District  
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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Town Board of the Town of Carmel will conduct a Public Hearing at the Town Hall, 60 McAlpin Avenue, Mahopac, New York 10541 on Wednesday, September 18, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter that evening as possible on a proposed Local Law which is proposing multiple amendments to Chapter 156 of the Code of the Town of Carmel, entitled "Zoning".

Copies of the full text of the proposed Local Law are available in the lobby at Town Hall, from the Town Clerk's office during normal business hours as well as on the Town of Carmel website at www.ci.carmel.ny.us.

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

By Order of the Town Board  
of the Town of Carmel  
Alice Daly, Town Clerk  
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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### Putnam NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF THE TAX ROLL AND WARRANT

TAKE NOTICE that I, Michael J. Lewis, the undersigned Commissioner of Finance, as collecting agent of the Lakeland Central School District, for Towns in the County of Putnam, State of New York, have duly received the tax roll and warrant for the collection of school taxes within the Town of Carmel, Town of Philipstown, and Town of Putnam Valley for Lakeland Central School District for the year of July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 and that I will attend at the Putnam County Office Building, 40 Gleneida Avenue, Carmel, New York from September 3, 2024 to September 13, 2024, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, and, starting September 16, 2024 to September 30, 2024, Monday through Friday, from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays, for the purpose of receiving the taxes listed on said roll.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the taxes may be paid on or before September 30, 2024, without charge or interest. If taxes are paid during the month of October, 2024 (from October 1, 2024 to October 31, 2024), a two percent (2%) fee will be added. Taxes may also be paid in two installments if the total tax exceeds \$50.00. If paying in installments, fifty percent (50%) of the tax bill, plus a four percent (4%) service charge is payable to the Putnam County Commissioner of Finance during the period September 3, 2024 through September 16, 2024. The second half, plus a four percent (4%) service charge is payable to the Putnam County Commissioner of Finance, 40 Gleneida Avenue, Carmel, New York, 10512 after November 1, 2024 but before March 15, 2025. Payments after March 15, 2025, in addition to the four percent (4%) service charge, must add one percent (1%) interest per month or part thereof.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that pursuant to the provisions of law, the tax rolls of the Lakeland Central School District will be returned to the office of the Commissioner of Finance of the County of Putnam on the 1st day of November, 2024.

Michael J. Lewis  
Commissioner of Finance

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### C O U N T Y O F P U T N A M NOTICE FOR BID NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be received by the Director of Purchasing of Putnam County for the following commodities and/or service:

#### RFB 24-24 – ON CALL LINE STRIPING PAVEMENT MARKING (ARPA COMPLIANT)

Detailed specifications may be secured at the office of the Director of Purchasing, Putnam County Office Building, 40 Gleneida Avenue, Room 105, Carmel, New York 10512 between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M., Monday through Friday or you may download from the Empire State Bid System's website at www.empirestatebidsystem.com.

Sealed bids must be filed in the above office on or before **1:00 P.M., WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2024.**

**dated: Carmel, New York  
August 29, 2024  
Sgd/John Tully, Purchasing  
Director  
Putnam County Purchasing  
Department**

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# PUTNAM COUNTY AND TOWN NOTICES

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Southeast**

**SOUTHEAST ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) of the Town of Southeast shall hold a public meeting on September 16, 2024, at 7:30 PM 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, a public hearing will be conducted on the following application:

1. FOM Properties Inc., owner of property located at 3867 Danbury Road, Tax Map ID 69.13-1-23, seeks to vary the provisions of Section 138-75, as the same regulates the location and dimensions of signs, to permit the applicant to continue to maintain a pre-existing, non-conforming free standing sign which, as constructed, exceeds the height limitation by 9"; the existing sign is located on the front property line, where a 15' front set back is required; and has a sign area of 74.72 square feet, where only 32 square feet is permitted, in the SR-6 Zone.

2. Jacqueline Nastasi-Tamburino, owner of property located at 13 Elmhurst Avenue, Tax Map ID 56.11-1-7, seeks to vary the terms of Sections 138-20 and 138-25 of the Town Zoning Code to permit the construction of an addition to a pre-existing, non-conforming residential structure which, as proposed, would be set back from adjoining property line on the southerly side 14.3' where a minimum side yard setback of 20' is required; from the adjoining property line on the southerly side 11.3' where a minimum side yard setback of 20' is required; proposing a total side yard setback of 25.6 where a minimum total side set back of 50' is required in a R-20 zone.

3. Jacqueline Nastasi-Tamburino, owner of property located at 13 Elmhurst Avenue, Tax Map ID 56.11-1-7, seeks to vary the terms of Sections 138-20 and 138-25 of the Town Zoning Code to permit the construction of a free standing shed which, as proposed, would be set back from adjoining property line on the westerly rear side 5.4' where a minimum rear yard setback of 20' is required; and from the adjoining property line on the northerly side 3.4' where a minimum side yard setback of 20' is required in a R-20 zone.

By Order of the ZBA  
Timothy Froessel, Chairman

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**SOUTHEAST PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Planning Board/Architectural Review Board of the Town of Southeast, New York, in accordance with Chapters 78 and 138 of the Code of the Town of Southeast, and NYCRR Part 617 of the Environmental Conservation Law (as applicable), will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, September 9, 2024 at 7:00 p.m., at Southeast Town Offices, 1360 Route 22, Brewster, New York to consider the following:

PPPM LAND DEVELOPMENT - Application is being made by PPPM Land Development Co. for a Subdivision to divide a 21.7-acre property into two lots where Lot 2 will be 18

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acres and is currently developed with the Little Folk Green Chimneys School, and Lot 1 will be a 3.7-acre lot, located on Bradford Court, for a proposed single-family dwelling. The property is located at 301-315 Doansburg Road (Bradford Court), Brewster, NY, in the R-160 Zoning District, and identified as Tax Map Number 36.-1-1.

Thomas LaPerch, Chairman  
Town of Southeast Planning Board  
Dated: August 27, 2024

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**Supreme Court**

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF PUTNAM **Lima One Capital, LLC**, Plaintiff AGAINST **739 Holdings LLC**; Charles F. Thompson; Kindhee M. Koutouan, Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered June 21, 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 September 16, 2024 at 10:30AM, premises known as 4030 Old Route 22, Brewster, NY 10509. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of Patterson, County of Putnam and State of New York, Section: 35 Block: 5 Lot: 12. Approximate amount of judgment \$468,361.90 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index #500611/2023. The aforementioned auction will be conducted in accordance with the PUTNAM County COVID-19 Protocols located on the Office of Court Administration (OCA) website (<https://ww2.nycourts.gov/Admin/oca.shtml>) and as such all persons must comply with social distancing, wearing masks and screening practices in effect at the time of this foreclosure sale. Julie A. Cherico, Esq., Referee McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC 420 Lexington Avenue-Suite 840 New York, NY 10170 23-14268NY 81671

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK  
COUNTY OF PUTNAM  
INDEX NO. 500928/2023  
FILED: 06/25/2024  
SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS

Plaintiff designates PUTNAM County as the place of trial. The basis of venue is: The location of real property being foreclosed **MCLP ASSET COMPANY, INC.**, Plaintiff, against **BENJAMIN B. BOCHICCHIO**, if they be living and if they be dead, the respective heirs-at-law, next-of-kin, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, devisees, legatees, assignees, lienors, creditors and successors in interest and generally all persons having or claiming under, by or through said defendant(s) who may be deceased, by purchase, inheritance, lien or inheritance, any right, title or interest in or to the real property described in the Complaint; **CAPITAL ONE BANK (USA), N.A.**; **TD BANK USA, N.A.**; **UNITED STATES OF AMERICA INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE**; **NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE**; and "JOHN DOE No. 1" through "JOHN DOE No. 100" inclusive, the name of the last 100 defendants being fictitious, the true names of said defendants being unknown to plaintiff, it being intended to designate fee owners, tenants or oc-

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cupants of the lien premises and/or persons or parties having or claiming an interest in or a lien upon the lien premises, if the aforesaid individual defendants are living, and if any or all of said individual defendants be dead, their heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, committees, devisees, legatees, and assignees, lienors, creditors and successors in interest of them and generally all persons having or claiming under, by, through, or against the said defendants named as a class, of any right, title, or interest in or lien upon the premises described in the complaint herein, Defendant(s). To the above named Defendants: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the complaint is not served with this summons, to serve a notice of appearance on the plaintiff's attorney(s) within 20 days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after service is complete if this summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York); and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint. NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to the mortgage company will not stop the foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an order of the Honorable Gina C Capone, a Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, Putnam County, granted on the 24th day of June, 2024, and filed with the Complaint and other papers in the office of the County Clerk of Putnam County. The object of this action is to foreclose a mortgage upon the premises described below, executed by **MARIA MAURO** and **BENJAMIN B. BOCHICCHIO** to **MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. MERS, ACTING SOLELY AS A NOMINEE FOR WACHOVIA MORTGAGE CORPORATION**, bearing date May 6, 2003 and recorded in Book 3857, at Page 338 in the County of Putnam on November 3, 2003, which was assigned to **JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION** by instrument executed August 29, 2012 and recorded November 5, 2012, in Book 6077, at Page 264, which was modified by agreement effective August 1, 2013 and recorded on September 23, 2013, in Book 6294, at Page 127 creating a new principal amount of \$240,689.54, which was further assigned to **FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION** by instrument executed November 15, 2016 and recorded December 27, 2016, in Book 6670, at Page 310, which assignment was corrected by assignment executed April 27, 2017 and recorded July 19, 2017, in Book 6734, at Page 77, which was assigned to **MTGLQ INVESTORS, L.P.** by instrument executed March 12, 2018 and recorded April 5, 2018, in Book 6814, at Page 273, which was further modified by agreement dated March 13, 2018 and recorded August 2, 2018, in Official Record Book 6844, at Page 265 creating a new principal amount of

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\$256,878.14, which was further assigned to **U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY, BUT SOLELY AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE FOR LEGACY MORTGAGE ASSET TRUST 2019-GS4** by instrument executed June 28, 2021 and recorded September 10, 2021, in Book 7452, at Page 116, which was further assigned to **MCLP ASSET COMPANY, INC.** by instrument executed October 14, 2022 and recorded December 7, 2022, in Book 7734, at Page 244. Said premises being known as and by 172 Main Street, Cold Spring, NY 10516, bearing tax map designation Section: 48.8, Block: 5, Lot: 31, which is more fully described in the Schedule "A" attached to the Complaint. To the above named Defendants: YOU ARE HEREBY PUT ON NOTICE THAT WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. There is due and owing to plaintiff the sum of \$251,271.30 plus interest thereon from October 1, 2019, in addition to those accumulated late charges and those recoverable monies advanced by Plaintiff and/or Plaintiff's predecessor-in-interest on behalf of Maria Mauro and Benjamin B Bochicchio together with all costs, including but not limited to, attorneys' fees, disbursements, and further allowances provided pursuant to the underlying loan documents and applicable law in bringing any action to protect the Mortgagee's interest in the Subject Property. The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt described above. UNLESS YOU DISPUTE THE VALIDITY OF THE DEBT, OR ANY PORTION THEREOF, WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER YOUR RECEIPT HEREOF THAT THE DEBT, OR ANY PORTION THEREOF, IS DISPUTED, THE DEBTOR JUDGMENT AGAINST YOU AND A COPY OF SUCH VERIFICATION OR JUDGMENT WILL BE MAILED TO YOU BY THE HEREIN DEBT COLLECTOR. IF APPLICABLE, UPON YOUR WRITTEN REQUEST, WITHIN SAID THIRTY (30) DAY PERIOD, THE HEREIN DEBT COLLECTOR WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR. IF YOU HAVE RECEIVED A DISCHARGE FROM THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT, YOU ARE NOT PERSONALLY LIABLE FOR THE UNDERLYING INDEBTEDNESS OWED TO PLAINTIFF/CREDITOR AND THIS NOTICE/DISCLOSURE IS FOR COMPLIANCE AND INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY. HELP FOR HOMEOWNERS IN FORECLOSURE New York State requires that we send you this notice about the foreclosure process. Please read it carefully. SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT You are in danger of losing your home. If you fail to respond to the Summons and Complaint in this foreclosure action, you may lose your home. Please read the Summons and Complaint carefully. You should immediately contact an attorney or your local legal aid office to obtain advice on how to protect yourself. SOURCES OF INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE The State encourages you to become informed about your options in foreclosure. In addition to seeking assistance from an attorney or legal aid, there are government agencies, and non-profit organizations that you may contact for information about possible options, including trying to work with your lender during this process. To locate an entity near you, you may call the toll-free helpline maintained by New York State Department of Financial Services at 1-800-269-0990 or visit the Department's website at <http://www.dfs.ny.gov>

www.dfs.ny.gov Rights and Obligations YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO LEAVE YOUR HOME AT THIS TIME. You have the right to stay in your home during the foreclosure process. You are not required to leave your home unless and until your property is sold at auction pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale. Regardless of whether you choose to remain in your home, YOU ARE REQUIRED TO TAKE CARE OF YOUR PROPERTY and pay property taxes in accordance with state and local law. FORECLOSURE RESCUE SCAMS Be careful of people who approach you with offers to "save" your home. There are individuals who watch for notices of foreclosure actions in order to unfairly profit from a homeowner's distress. You should be extremely careful about any such promises and any suggestions that you pay them a fee or sign over your deed. State law requires anyone offering such services for profit to enter into a contract which fully describes the services they will perform and fees they will charge, and which prohibits them from taking any money from you until they have completed all such promised services. Aldridge Pite, LLP, Attorneys for the Plaintiff, 40 Marcus Drive, Suite 200, Melville, NY 11747 631-454-8059 File # 1092-12135B

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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF PUTNAM **WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, D/B/A CHRISTIANA TRUST, NOT INDIVIDUALLY BUT AS TRUSTEE FOR PRETIUM MORTGAGE ACQUISITION TRUST**, Plaintiff AGAINST **ABIR ALJARIRI** INDIVIDUALLY AND AS SURVIVING SPOUSE OF **HAMID ELJARIRI, ET AL.**, Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered July 26, 2022, 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 September 23, 2024 at 2:30PM, premises known as 9 JIM LANE, 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 Town of Putnam Valley, County of Putnam and State of New York, Section 84., Block 2, Lot 17. Approximate amount of judgment \$1,056,609.24 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index #501043/2021. 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. Jack Elliott Schachner, Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC 1775 Wehrle Drive Williamsville, NY 14221 18-001146 81776

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**NOTICE OF SALE**

SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF PUTNAM, **U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE OF THE LB-CABANA SERIES IV TRUST**, Plaintiff, vs. **CARLA TAYLOR; UNKNOWN HEIRS OF THE ESTATE OF MICHAEL TAYLOR, ET AL.**, Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered on July 17, 2024, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public



# PUTNAM COUNTY AND TOWN NOTICES

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auction at courtroom 209 of the Putnam Supreme Courthouse, 20 County Center, Carmel, NY 10512 on September 23, 2024 at 10:30 a.m., premises known as 15 Jackson Road f/k/a 226 Jackson Road, Mahopac, NY 10541. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of Carmel, County of Putnam and State of New York, Section 65.15 a/k/a 64.15, Block 1 and Lot 44. Approximate amount of judgment is \$230,678.37 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index #501284/2023.

Anthony J. Centone, Esq., Referee

Friedman Vartolo LLP, 85 Broad Street, Suite 501, New York, New York 10004, Attorneys for Plaintiff. Firm File No. 211436-6

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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT PUTNAM COUNTY

MORTGAGE ASSETS MANAGEMENT, LLC, Plaintiff against

LEONARD MAIETTA, ADMINISTRATOR AND HEIR-AT-LAW OF THE ESTATE OF SANDRA MORRISSEY, et al Defendant(s)

Attorney for Plaintiff(s) Stern & Eisenberg, P.C., 20 Commerce Drive, Suite 230, Cranford, NJ 07016 and 1131 Route 55, Suite 1, Lagrangeville, NY 12540.

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered July 12, 2024, I will sell at public

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auction to the highest bidder at the Putnam County Courthouse, Courtroom 209, 20 County Center, Carmel, NY 10512 on September 23, 2024 at 9:30 AM. Premises known as 41 Bear Hill Road, Patterson, NY 12563. Sec 23.13 Block 1 Lot 8. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of Patterson, County of Putnam and State of New York. Approximate Amount of Judgment is \$377,932.16 plus interest, fees, and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No 500902/2023.

During the COVID-19 health emergency, Bidders are required to comply with all governmental health requirements in effect at the time of the sale including but not limited to wearing face coverings and maintaining social distancing (at least 6-feet apart) during the auction, while tendering deposit and at any subsequent closing. Should a bidder fail to comply, the Referee may refuse to accept any bid, cancel the closing and hold the bidder in default. Bidders are also required to comply with the Foreclosure Auction Rules and COVID-19 Health Emergency Rules issued by the Supreme Court of this County in addition to the conditions set forth in the Terms of Sale.

Justin L. Sweet, Esq., Referee File#NY202300000232-1

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REFEREE'S NOTICE OF SALE IN FORECLOSURE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF PUTNAM CHASE MORTGAGE HOLDINGS, INC. S/B/M TO JPMC SPECIALTY MORTGAGE

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LLC, Plaintiff - against - OSCAR A. ARCE, et al Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on June 25, 2024. I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Putnam Supreme Courthouse located at 20 County Center, Carmel, NY 10512 on the 30th day of September, 2024 at 9:30 AM. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Town of Carmel, County of Putnam and State of New York.

Premises known as 100 Fair Street, Carmel, NY 10512.

(Section: 44.15, Block: 1, Lot: 30)

Approximate amount of lien \$770,961.16 plus interest and costs.

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

Index No. 501503/2022.

Raymond A. Cote, Esq., Referee.

McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC

Attorney(s) for Plaintiff

420 Lexington Avenue, Suite 840

New York, NY 10170

Tel. 347/286-7409

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Dated: July 23, 2024

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

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE IN FORECLOSURE STATE OF NEW YORK SUPREME COURT: COUNTY OF PUTNAM M&T BANK, Plaintiff, v. CAROL M. JENDRAS, ET AL, Defendants. PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT In pursuance of a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the Office of the County Clerk of Putnam County on August 5, 2024, I, Charles A. D'Agostino, Esq., the Referee named in said Judgment, will sell in one parcel at public auction on October 7, 2024 Courtroom 209 of the Putnam County Supreme Court, 20 County Center, Carmel, NY, at 10:30 AM the premises described as follows: 391 Gage Road Brewster, NY 10509 SBL No.: 47.-1-28 ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND situate in the Town of Southeast, County of Putnam, State of New York. The premises are sold subject to the provisions of the filed judgment, Index No. 501472/2023 in the amount of \$363,707.92 plus interest and costs. The aforementioned auction will be conducted in accordance with the Court System's 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. Woods Oviatt Gilman LLP Attorneys for Plaintiff 500 Bausch & Lomb Place Rochester, NY 14604 Tel.: 855-227-5072 106382-1 82061

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SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS Supreme Court of New York, Putnam County. U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT

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SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCAF ACQUISITION TRUST, Plaintiff, - against- PATRICK BERGIN A/K/A PATRICK J. BERGIN A/K/A PATRICK J. BERGI AS HEIR AT LAW AND DISTRIBUTE FOR THE ESTATE OF MARY CATHERINE BERGIN A/K/A M.C. BERGIN; RAYMOND BERGIN A/K/A RAYMOND T. BERGIN A/K/A RAY T. BERGIN A/K/A RAYMOND J. BERGIN AS HEIR AT LAW AND DISTRIBUTE FOR THE ESTATE OF MARY CATHERINE BERGIN A/K/A M.C. BERGIN; GRACE BERGIN A/K/A GRACE ANN BERGIN A/K/A GRACEANN A. BERGIN A/K/A GRACEANN BODT A/K/A GRACEANN BERGIN AS HEIR AT LAW AND DISTRIBUTE FOR THE ESTATE OF MARY CATHERINE BERGIN A/K/A M.C. BERGIN; UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF THE ESTATE OF MARY CATHERINE BERGIN A/K/A M.C. BERGIN; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA OBO INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; CLERK OF THE COUNTY OF PUTNAM; "JOHN DOES" and "JANE DOES", said names being fictitious, parties intended being possible tenants or occupants of premises, and corporations, other entities or persons who claim, or may claim, a lien against the premises, Defendants Index No. 500406/2023. Mortgaged Premises: 58 Hillside Drive Mahopac, NY 10541 Section: 53.16 Block: 1 Lot(s): 18. TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in the above captioned action and to serve a copy of your Answer on the Plaintiff's attorney within twenty (20) days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service, or within thirty (30) days after completion of service where service is made in any other manner than by personal delivery within the State. The United States of America, if designated as a Defendant in this action, may answer or appear within sixty (60) days of service hereof. In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT THE OBJECTIVE of the above captioned action is to foreclose on a Consolidated Mortgage to secure \$171,000.00 and interest, recorded in the Putnam County Clerk's Office on June 19, 2007 in Book 5111, Page 386, covering the premises known as 58 Hillside Drive, Mahopac, NY 10541. The relief sought herein is a final judgment directing sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the mortgage described above. Plaintiff designates Putnam County as the place of trial. Venue is based upon the County in which the mortgaged premises is located Notice YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. FRIEDMAN VARTOLO, LLP 1325 Franklin Avenue, Suite 160 Garden City, NY 11530, Attorneys for Plaintiff.

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### LLC

Notice of Formation of LITTLE HOUSE 9 LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 07/10/24. 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, 34 Sunnyside Place, Lake Peekskill, NY 10537. Purpose: any lawful activities.

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Notice of Qualification of i.Park Brewster LLC

Appl. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 07/23/24. Office location: Putnam County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 09/14/20. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207-2543. DE addr. of LLC: 251 Little Falls Dr., Wilmington, DE 19808. Cert. of Form. filed with Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., #4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

COXEN BOUARI LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 7/25/24. Office in Putnam Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 100 Dahlia Dr., Mahopac, NY 10541, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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THE JUNK REMOVAL COWBOY LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 7/25/24. Office in Putnam Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 34 Maple Ln., Mahopac, NY 10541, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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40 HUNTVILLE ROAD, LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 7/16/24. Office in Putnam Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 435 Union Valley Rd., Mahopac, NY 10541, which is also the principal business location. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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

Exam Title & No: Assistant Personnel Clerk 60-004-640 OC  
Exam Date: October 26, 2024  
Salary: \$47,124-\$57,128 (2023)  
Last Filing Date: September 10, 2024  
Exam Filing Fee: \$35

To apply and for information about minimum requirements, job duties, and subject of the exam, as well as the exam announcement, please visit: <https://putnam.munisselfservice.com/employmentopportunities/default.aspx> or call Putnam County Personnel Department (845) 808-1650 X46105. EEO/AA 9/4

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

Exam Title & No: Personnel Specialist (School) 88-537-010 OC  
Exam Date: October 26, 2024  
Salary: \$58,000-\$68,000 (Brewster Central School District)  
\$65,000-\$70,000 (Carmel Central School District)  
\$52,000-\$81,000 (Putnam Valley Central School District)  
Last Filing Date: September 10, 2024  
Exam Filing Fee: \$40

To apply and for information about minimum requirements, job duties, and subject of the exam, as well as the exam announcement, please visit: <https://putnam.munisselfservice.com/employmentopportunities/default.aspx> or call Putnam County Personnel Department (845) 808-1650 X46105. EEO/AA 9/4

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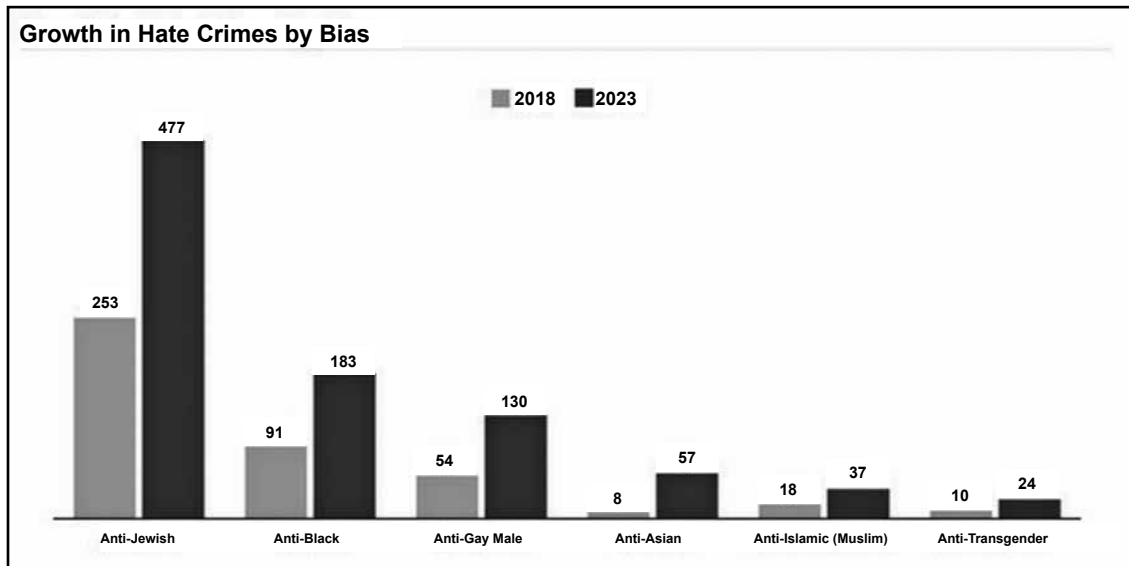
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Source: New York State Comptroller's Office.

# Hate Crimes Surged in NY Over Past 5 Years

New York State has seen a surge in hate crimes over the last five years, with 1,089 reported instances in 2023, marking the highest number since data collection and annual reporting were mandated by New York's Hates Crimes Act of 2000, according to a report by State Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli.

The number is 69 percent more than in 2019.

"New York is a diverse hub of cultures, beliefs and identities, whose strength has always been in the creation of community bonds that unite us," said DiNapoli. "Fighting hatred and bigotry demands that we communicate with, respect and accept our neighbors. It requires our spiritual, political, community and business leaders to take active roles in denouncing hate, investing in prevention and protection efforts, and increasing education that celebrates the value of New York's diversity."

A hate crime is an offense that is motivated by a perception or belief about the victim's race, ethnicity, gender, gender identity or expression, religion, age, disability, sexual orientation or another protected characteristic.

Hate crimes can be committed against a person or property.

Except for 2020, which may reflect artificially low reporting due to COVID, there has been a steady rise in hate crimes over the past five years, with the number of reported incidents more than doubling between 2018 and 2023, according to the report.

Moreover, the available data may not capture all relevant crimes, as underreporting may occur for several reasons: Victims may be hesitant to report incidents due to reasons that include language barriers, fear of retaliation, mistrust in law enforcement or lack of confidence that justice will be served.

A decade ago, New York

City and the rest of the state reported roughly equal shares of hate crime incidents. However, between 2013 and 2019, reported hate crime incidents in NYC increased by one-third, but declined by 25.8 percent in the rest of the state. Between 2019 and 2023, these incidents grew in NYC (59.3 percent) and more rapidly in the rest of the state (87.5 percent).

In 2023, NYPD reported 669 hate crimes, an increase of 12.6 percent from 2022. In the rest of the state, the Division of Criminal Justice Services reported 420 incidents in 2023, a 12.9 percent increase from the year before.

The report also found that the most common bias motivation reported in NYS in 2023 was for religion, with 543 incidents, or nearly half. Race, ethnicity and national origin constitutes approximately one-third, and sexual orientation/gender identity (LGBTQ+) almost 17 percent.

In 2023, 44 percent of all recorded hate crime incidents and 88 percent of religious-based hate crimes targeted Jewish victims – the largest share of all such crimes.

Hate crimes against Jewish and Muslim New Yorkers rose by 89 percent (253 to 477) and 106 percent (18 to 37), respectively, between 2018 and 2023.

The share of racially-motivated incidents in the state is now greater than it was five years ago. Nearly 17 percent of all recorded hate crime incidents and 52 percent of racially motivated hate crimes were anti-black.

Seventy-one percent of hate crimes based on an anti-LGBTQ+ bias targeted gay male victims – almost 12 percent of all incidents. Over the past five years, anti-gay male incidents have risen by 141 percent (54 to 130) and hate crimes against transgender New Yorkers have risen by 140 percent

(10 to 24).

During the pandemic, anti-Asian hate crimes spiked from five reported incidents in 2019 to 140 in 2021. In the last two years, the number of anti-Asian incidents has dropped by half, but remains 11 times the number of incidents reported in 2019.

Hate crimes targeting individuals and property both rose since 2018, but hate crimes involving assaults on people grew faster and were more common than property crimes starting in 2021. In 2018, crimes against persons were 41 percent of all hate crimes; in 2022, they rose to 52 percent. In that year, nearly half of all hate crime reports carried an assault charge, compared to 39 percent in 2018.

The 2023 data for areas outside of New York City detailing types of hate crime offenses has not yet been published by DCJS.

DiNapoli's report noted several initiatives that have been undertaken at the state and federal level to address the increase in hate crimes, and identified key policy areas, including education, mental health services, and online safety, where action could be taken to help prevent hate crimes.

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