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Schools across Putnam County – and the state – started the 2024-25 school year last week, with youngsters and teens returning to the classroom. Here, Carmel Superintendent of Schools Dr. Erin Meehan-Fairben greets youth on their first day.

Area Youth Return to School



Brewster students disembark the bus at school on their first day of learning.



Putnam County VSA Director Karl Rohde with the Top Performer Award from Major Gen. Chrystal, U.S. Army.

County's Veterans Service Agency 'Top Performer'

The Putnam County Veterans Service Agency has received national recognition from Maj. Gen. Edward Chrystal Jr., U.S. Army, for its exceptional work as a commemorative partner with the United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration.

The Department of Defense honored the county agency as a top performer, placing it in the top 15 percent of more than 13,000 organizations nationwide that have participated in this prestigious initiative since its inception in 2012.

"Being recognized as a top performer by the Department of Defense is an incredible honor," said Karl Rohde, director of the Putnam County VSA. "Our mission has always been to serve our veterans and their families with the utmost respect and gratitude. This recognition reflects the collective efforts of

our team, our community partners, and the people of Putnam County who have joined us in honoring our Vietnam veterans."

In a letter from Chrystal, the VSA was commended for its steadfast commitment to honoring Vietnam veterans and their families. The agency's dedication to hosting more than five events as part of the commemoration efforts has significantly contributed to a national tribute that has touched the lives of more than 4 million veterans and their families across the country.

"On behalf of a grateful nation and the entire staff of the United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration, we commend you for being a top performer commemorative partner," wrote Chrystal. "Your dedication and initiative contributed significantly

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Putnam's Medical Reserve Corps Volunteers Honored *Emergency Preparedness Month Kicks off in September*

As National Emergency Preparedness Month began, the Putnam County Legislature on Sept. 3 recognized the county's Medical Reserve Corps volunteers, while the organization celebrates its 20th anniversary.

For two decades, the MRC volunteers have served the county's residents. Members come from all walks of life and careers, and show a willingness and dedication to support the health department through a myriad of challenges – both large and small.

"They have served our community in times of its greatest need," said Putnam County Executive Kevin Byrne. "They have built our resilience and strengthened our county's public health emergency capabilities. As a volunteer organi-

zation, they provide an unmatched monetary and economic value to the county, and they achieve this by working seamlessly with staff at the health department, our Bureau of Emergency Services, law enforcement and other county agencies."

Dr. Michael Nesheiwat, the county's interim health commissioner, agreed.

"From the H1N1 flu pandemic in 2009 to the most consequential pandemic of our times, these volunteers are instrumental in our ability to respond to emergencies," he said. "This program and their efforts are most effective when individual residents also take the time and take actions to be prepared. When everyone's efforts come together, we are much safer and stronger than we would be otherwise."

To encourage individuals to make an emergency plan is the rationale behind the annual observance of National Preparedness Month, spearheaded each fall by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

"We want to raise individual and collective awareness – and action – toward thinking about and preparing for emergency situations," said Connie Bueti, the health department's emergency preparedness coordinator. "There is a lot of valuable information online, and the best, most comprehensive place to start is FEMA's user-friendly site Ready.gov."

From the Ready.gov landing page, there is access to targeted emergency information for spe-

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From left are Dr. Michael Nesheiwat, Putnam's interim commissioner of health; Legislator Amy Sayegh, who chairs the Health Committee and who presented a proclamation to Medical Reserve Corps volunteers; Connie Bueti, emergency preparedness coordinator at the health department who accepted the proclamation; Carla Taylor, program assistant; and Sue Moore, longtime MRC volunteer.

Harbor Freight's Carmel Store to Open Sept. 21

Harbor Freight Tools will officially open its new store in Carmel on Saturday, Sept. 21 at 8 a.m.

The store will stock a full selection of tools and equipment in categories including automotive, air and power tools, storage, outdoor power equipment, generators, welding supplies, shop equipment, hand tools and more.

Located at 1844 Route 6, the store will be open seven days a week, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday.

This new store is the 67th Harbor Freight Tools store in New York. The company, which hired locally, has brought between 25 and 30 new jobs to the surrounding community.

"Our team is ready to serve and deliver value to customers in Carmel and all of Putnam County," said District Manager Kevin Bahret. "At Harbor Freight, we recognize that now, more than

ever, our customers depend on us for the tools they need to get the job done at an affordable price."

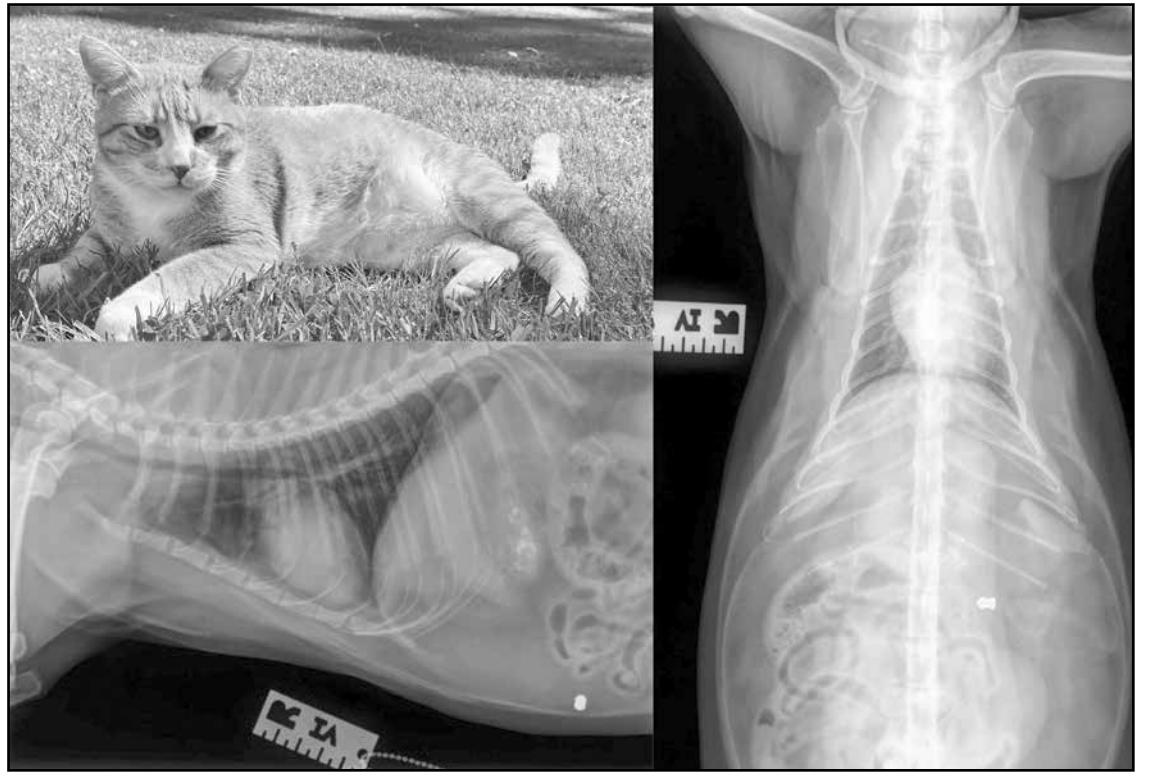
More than 75 million customers – from professional contractors and technicians to homeowners and hobbyists – find the tools and equipment they need to get the job done at Harbor Freight. The company has a team of engineers and experts in all tool categories to ensure its tools meet or exceed industry standards and deliver unsurpassed value.

The first Harbor Freight store opened in 1980, and the company has grown to more than 1,500 stores nationwide. It was recently certified as a "Great Place to Work" for the second year in a row. It has also been recognized by Forbes as one of the 20 best large companies to work for in retail for four years in a row, one of the nation's best employers for veterans, and one of 20 best large companies for women to work for in retail.

Correction

An article in the Aug. 28 issue of the Putnam County Times/Press, "Political Unrest Continues on Carmel School Board," incorrectly stated that a group of people supporting Trustee Jim Wise was

removed from the Aug. 13 school board meeting. One person who is an opponent of Wise was removed by security, while two of his supporters were later also asked to leave. We apologize for the error.



Additional medical treatment will be necessary to remove the projectile from Kiwi's abdomen.

Reward Issued After Cat Shot in Patterson

The Putnam County SPCA Law Enforcement Division is seeking the public's assistance with its investigation of the shooting of animal in the Patterson area.

A 3-year-old neutered, male cat, owned by a resident of Bullet Hole Road, was shot with a metal projectile, possibly an

Airgun pellet, on or about Aug. 20. Kiwi, an orange tabby cat, was examined by South Putnam Animal Hospital, where x-rays were taken.

The metal projectile was found in the ventral abdominal muscle wall, where it currently remains. There will likely be further necessary medical treat-

ment and surgery to remove the projectile.

Kiwi's owner is putting forth a \$500 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the individual(s) who shot their pet. Anyone with information is asked to call 845-520-6915. All information can remain confidential.

Putnam EDC Symposium to Highlight Downtown Revitalization

The Putnam County Economic Development Corporation will host a breakfast symposium Thursday, Oct. 3 from 7:30 to 10 a.m., at the Putnam County Golf Course, 187 Hill St., Mahopac.

The event will feature a keynote presentation, "Downtown Revitalization in the Hudson Valley," by Joseph Cotter, president of National Resources, Inc., which is a leading real estate development firm in Greenwich, Conn.

The program will also include a panel discussion by subject matter experts including Adam Bosch, president and CEO of Hudson Valley Pattern for Progress; Carla Castillo, executive director of Hudson Valley Regional Council; and Linda Malave, regional director of Empire State Development's Mid-Hudson Regional Office. The panel will be moderated by Alana Daly, chairwoman of the PCEDC Board of Directors and vice president of communications and public policy for Northeast Gas Association.

"The PCEDC is thrilled to host our third annual symposium with such outstanding speakers," said PCEDC President Kathleen Abels. "Our goal is to raise awareness of our organization with prospective and existing businesses in Putnam County, and to provide insight into economic trends and opportunities."

Registration, networking and breakfast begin at 7:30 a.m. Tickets for the event are \$45 per person. To purchase tickets, visit www.eventbrite.com.

As founder of National Resources, Inc., Cotter's focus is

on strategic aspects of growth and development of the business. National Resources is best known for its landmark Hudson River waterfront residences, its innovative i.Parks and state-of-the-art film studio complex in Yonkers. Cotter has been active in real estate investment and development for more than 30 years and has acquired and successfully developed more than \$2 billion of commercial and residential projects.

Hudson Valley Pattern for Progress is a policy, planning and research organization that was founded in 1965 and focuses its regional planning and studies on topics that are important to the growth and vitality of the region, including housing, downtown revitalization, infrastructure, transportation and community planning. While Bosch is president and CEO, he began his career in journalism, working at the Times Herald-Record, The New York Times and Scientific American. He also served as an adjunct professor of journalism at SUNY New Paltz.

As executive director of Hudson Valley Regional Council, Castillo oversees the delivery of technical assistance to Mid-Hudson Region counties and municipalities across HVRC's core programmatic areas. She serves on the boards of the Hudson River Valley Greenway Communities Council, and is an appointed member of the Orange County Municipal Planning Federation, the Orange County Climate Smart Communities Task Force, and the Cornwall Conservation Advisory Council.

As regional director of Empire State Development's Mid-Hudson regional office, Malave oversees state-led economic development efforts in Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Sullivan, Ulster and Westchester counties that contribute to job creation and economic growth throughout the region. Prior to joining ESD, she served as associate executive director for Hudson River Housing, a nonprofit housing and service provider in Dutchess County, overseeing residential services, programs and staff.

Prior to joining Northeast Gas Association, Daly spent 13 years at Central Hudson Gas & Electric, and was most recently director of public relations, responsible for corporate communications, community relations, media relations, government affairs and economic development. She is board chairwoman of the Putnam County Economic Development Corporation and previously served on the Poughkeepsie Business Alliance and as a trustee for the Archdiocese of New York-Dutchess County Regional School Board.

The Putnam County Economic Development Corporation is a 501(c)6 public-private corporation formed in 1996. Its mission is to promote the economic vitality of the county, retain and grow existing businesses, attract new businesses, broaden the county's tax base, and increase employment opportunities for residents. The PCEDC acts as a facilitator, bringing together businesses, government agencies and other stakeholders.

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Carmel Secures Aa1 Bond Rating from Moody's

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Moody's Investors Service has assigned an Aa1 rating to the Town of Carmel's approximately \$7.7 million public improvement (serial) bonds and a MIG 1 rating to the town's \$6.1 million bond anticipation notes for 2024.

Inclusive of the current issuances, the town will have approximately \$33.1 million in outstanding debt.

According to the town board, this top-tier Aa1 rating signifies the highest level of creditworthiness available for municipal issuers and reflects Carmel's exceptional fi-

ancial stability and management.

"We are honored to receive this prestigious Aa1 rating from Moody's," said Carmel Supervisor Michael Cazzari. "This rating is a testament to our town's effective financial management and the strong, stable community we serve."

The Aa1 rating highlights the town's consistent track record of balanced financial operations, robust reserves and strong liquidity. As of the end of fiscal year 2023, the town maintained a fund balance and cash reserves at 40 percent and 84 percent of revenue, respectively, underscoring its commitment to

fiscal responsibility and sound financial practices.

Additionally, Carmel's credit rating benefits from a strong residential housing market, bolstered by its proximity to New York City, and the town's conservative budgetary approach, said the town board. With a moderate leverage ratio of 244 percent and modest fixed costs at 13 percent of revenue, Carmel is well positioned financially.

The MIG 1 rating assigned to Carmel's bond anticipation notes reflects the town's strong underlying credit quality and reliable access to financial markets.



State Sen. Pete Harckham with Putnam County Executive Kevin Byrne at the site of the new Fire Training Center in Carmel. Photo by James Persons/Harckham's office.

State Funds Secured for New Putnam Fire Training Center

Grant funding in the amount of \$300,000 has been secured in the State Senate for Putnam County's new fire training center – an important infrastructure project now underway on Gypsy Trail Road in Carmel that will be utilized by fire departments from all municipalities within the county, as well as the surrounding region – thanks to advocacy from State Sen. Pete Harckham, D-Peekskill.

Along with County Executive Kevin Byrne, Harckham recently toured the site of the training center project and received a progress report. The demolition of the old center's burn building and fire training tower took place recently, and the entire project is expected to be completed this fall.

"Providing our first responders with the tools and resources they need is a top priority of mine," said Harckham. "Knowing exactly what to do in a fire emergency saves lives and property, and that's why holding real-life training opportunities at this center makes a difference for hundreds of first responders. This was a crucial investment, and I'm pleased I could provide needed support to Putnam County while also easing the burden on local taxpayers."

Byrne said the facility will be crucial in providing firefighters and first responders with the necessary resources to effectively train and protect their communities.

"It's a prime example of county government leading the way in shared services, strengthening our agencies and local volunteer efforts without adding to their budget," he said. "This investment underscores Putnam County's commitment to the safety and preparedness of those who protect us every day. We thank Sen. Harckham for his support of the project and acquiring part of the funding for it."

The new fire training center will cost more than \$1 million, and the funding Harckham helped secure – consisting of separate grants of \$200,000 and \$100,000 – is part of the Community Resiliency, Economic Sustainability & Technology program.

Initially, Putnam was set to renovate the old fire training cen-

ter, since its buildings unusable or offering only restricted use for more than 10 years because of safety conditions, which caused county firefighters and trainees to travel to other departments for essential training. But the old center's buildings and structures, training tower included, were exposed to many years of fire, smoke, water and extreme temperatures over its course of service, leaving them so deteriorated that new constructions were necessary.

The new fire training center will be constructed with modular units that will comprise a new burn simulator building and fire tower after a concrete foundation is poured. The mask confidence building and classroom/administration building onsite may receive additions, as well, in the future.

The CREST grants are administered by the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York to support community and economic development.

Suicide is the 10th leading cause of death in the U.S., even though it can be prevented. That's why volunteers from Carmel are joining the quarter of a million people who are walking in towns across the country to draw attention to the fight for suicide prevention.

The annual Putnam Out of the Darkness Community Walk, hosted by the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention Hudson Valley Chapter, will begin at 9 a.m. Sept. 15 at 110 Old Route 6, Carmel. The walk supports AFSP's education and support programs and its goal to reduce the annual U.S. rate of suicide 20 percent by 2025.

"Suicide touches one in five American families," said Maria Itoni, area director of AFSP's Hudson Valley chapter. "We hope that by walking we will draw attention to this issue and keep other families from experiencing a suicide loss. Our ultimate goal is to save lives and bring hope to those affected by suicide."

The Putnam Out of the Darkness Community Walk is one of more than 550 overnight, community and campus walks being

held nationwide this year. The events are expected to unite more than 300,000 walkers and raise millions for suicide prevention efforts. Last year, these walks raised more than \$21 million for suicide prevention, with the local walk raising more than \$20,000 and involving 150 participants.

"These walks are about turning hope into action," said AFSP CEO Robert Gebbia. "The research has shown us how to fight suicide, and if we keep up the fight, the science is only going to get better and our culture will get smarter about mental

health. With the efforts of our courageous volunteers, and a real investment from our nation's leaders, we hope to significantly reduce the suicide rate in the U.S."

The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention is dedicated to saving lives and bringing hope to those affected by suicide. AFSP creates a culture that's smart about mental health through education and community programs, develops suicide prevention through research and advocacy, and provides support for those affected by suicide.

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‘Putnam Falls for Dance’

Dance is growing in Putnam County, as evidenced by recent and upcoming performances hosted by Putnam County Dance Project. Sponsored by Arts on the Lake in Kent, PCDP has been presenting performances and events since its establishment in 2018, performing at various venues and working collaboratively with different artists and musicians.

In its Open Stage Series performances in March and June, various choreographers from Putnam, Dutchess, Westchester and New York City were presented, making clear this area is establishing a spot on the Hudson Valley dance arts map.

Audience member, prima ballerina and Balanchine repetiteur Maria Calageri commented on a “wonderful performance” June 15.

“I so enjoyed the creativity and the sisterhood,” she said. “Looking forward to Sept. 22 for more. Thank you for bringing ex-

cellent dance to Arts on the Lake and Putnam County.”

Another renowned member in the audience was Erick Hawkins Dance Company Director Katherine Duke.

“Who knew there were so many talented, diverse and unique dance artists performing right here in Putnam County led by the Putnam County Dance Project?” he asked.

The June performance was the second in the Open Stage Series, developed to encourage new and experimental stage work. A variety of regional choreographers were presented, followed by conversation, commentary and refreshments.

Putnam County Dance Project’s next production is scheduled Sept. 21 and 22, when “Putnam Falls for Dance” will conclude the series, at AotL, 640 Route 52, Kent Lakes.

On the first day of this family friendly festival, Saturday, Sept. 21 at 6 p.m., Hispanic Heritage

Month will be honored as the company dances – highlighting choreographic works by Hispanic performance artists Melisa Chilo of Argentina and Ivanova Aguilar of Mexico, as well as works from native New York artists Steven Jeltsch of El Salvador and Rosita Roldan of Puerto Rico/Spain.

The performance will be followed by a fundraising reception including costumed performers and photo-ops.

The Sunday, Sept. 22, 3 p.m. performance concludes the Artist Talkback Series, which invites choreographers to develop, show and discuss new works in progress. Choreographers include Leighann Kowalsky, Anna Mayta, Karina Mehta, Catherine Messina/roguewave and Bella O’Connell, in addition to PCDP’s Carstens and Jennings.

Tickets range from \$20 to \$40. For more information, or to purchase tickets, visit www.artsonthelake.org.

Nutrition Corner

By Allison J. Stowell
MS, RD, CDN



Back to School Meals

In these final “unofficial” days of summer, you’re likely thinking about back-to-school clothes, supplies and new schedules. I would add to the list quick breakfast ideas, easy to pack lunches, and dinners that match your family’s afternoon and evening. Let’s start with time-saving strategies that allow you to prep balanced meals with less time and effort. Use these days before schedules shift to consider what works best for your home.

Breakfast

A rushed morning calls for make ahead or easy to prep options that are quick and balanced. It’s tempting to give in to “it’s too early to eat” or “I’ll have something later”, but for many of us (and especially students) this turns into a long morning with little nourishment. Consider these simple (quick!) combinations: frozen waffle + nut butter + sliced banana, high protein granola + unsalted nuts + no added sugar Greek yogurt, or whole grain bread (toasted) + avocado + pan fried egg.

Lunch

Examine how your children are eating this summer and replicate it. Go for a bento box if they prefer a “Lunchables” style lunch that they can build themselves. Or follow this simple blueprint for a more traditional lunch: sandwich or salad, snack, fruit, and a no sugar added beverage. Quick tip: the fastest lunch comes together when it’s made with ingredients from the previous night- build it while you’re cleaning up dinner.

After school

This is an essential part of a student’s day that can really impact their overall nutrition. Too often students come home from school and consume the caloric equivalent of a meal, while calling it a snack. Depending on a child’s activity level, this can easily lead to excessive caloric intake. Set a plan with your child (or teen). Help them understand how to correctly build a balanced snack or maybe encourage a very early dinner (and then a balanced evening snack later on).

Dinner

While family dinner is a nice goal, the truth is that most of us can’t achieve this during the week. It’s very difficult to align schedules, hunger levels, and food preferences every evening. If I’m describing your family, then consider other ways to connect. Maybe it’s Friday night pizza or Sunday morning brunch. For a busy family I recommend embracing deconstructed meals and other streamlined strategies (visit GuidingStars.com for my blog posts devoted to these approaches).

Allison Stowell MS, RD, CDN is a registered dietitian for Hannaford Supermarket. For more information on free, virtual nutrition classes and more, email: astowell@hannaford.com. To learn more about the Guiding Stars nutrition guidance program, visit GuidingStars.com.

Basil-Artichoke Chicken Salad Wrap (2 Guiding Stars) Hannaford.com

Ingredients:

- 1/2 cup 2% plain Greek yogurt
- 3 Tbsp. minced fresh basil
- 1 small garlic clove, minced
- 2 tsp. lime juice
- 3 cooked boneless, skinless chicken breasts, cut into 1/2” pieces
- 1/2 cup artichoke hearts, drained and cut into 1/2” pieces
- Salt and pepper
- 4 fajita size whole wheat tortillas, warmed
- 2 cups baby spinach
- 2 red bell peppers, cored, seeded, and sliced, for serving

Directions:

1. Combine yogurt, basil, garlic, and lime juice in a medium bowl. Add chicken and mix until well coated, then fold in artichoke hearts; season with salt and pepper to taste.
2. Divide spinach evenly over tortillas and top with chicken salad. Roll into wraps and serve with pepper slices.

Blackened Spatchcock Chicken

(Family Features)

Blackened Spatchcock Chicken

Ingredients:

- 1 whole chicken
- 1 cup melted butter or ghee
- 2 tablespoons heat-and-sweet seasoning
- 1/2 tablespoon garlic powder
- salt, to taste
- pepper, to taste

Directions:

Heat grill to 375-400 F. Use kitchen shears or knife to remove backbone from chicken to lay flat. Remove rib cage, if desired, or push flat with hands. Mix butter, heat-and-sweet seasoning and garlic powder. Using meat injector, inject mixture into chicken. Rub remaining buttered seasoning over chicken



and season with salt and pepper, to taste.

Place spatchcock chicken breast-side up over indirect heat and cook 35-40 minutes.

When internal temperature reaches 145 F, flip chicken breast-side down over direct heat 5 minutes, or until internal temperature reaches 165 F.

Let rest 10 minutes before serving.

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Longtime Youth Soccer Supporter from Mahopac Remembered

By Randy Vogt
Director of Public Relations,
ENYYSA

The Eastern New York Youth Soccer Association is mourning the loss of longtime volunteer Jim Eleftherion, of Mahopac, who passed away Aug. 29 at the age of 70.

Eleftherion first became involved in youth soccer when he started coaching three decades ago. He also served as a referee for two years. Eleftherion then started volunteering with what is now the Hudson Valley Youth Soccer League in the mid-1990s, and did so for more than two decades. He moved up the ladder in many diverse roles, eventually becoming first vice president and games chairperson.

With his professional background in insurance as a guide, Eleftherion created the league's Risk Management Program, making it the benchmark in child protection throughout the state association. He also served as director of the Hudson Invitational Tournament for four years, improving the quality of the tournament and helping make it the premier HVYSL summer event it is today.

Eleftherion volunteered as president of the Mahopac Sports Association Soccer Club two decades ago. He oversaw the financial restructuring of Mahopac, grew registrations by 25 percent in only three years, created a TOP-Soccer program for the physically-challenged, renovated town fields and promoted a culture of coaching education where little had existed before him.

With Eleftherion again leading the way and agreeing to serve as president, the Greater Hudson Valley Soccer League served as a competition for Under-23 male



Photo of Jim Eleftherion, courtesy of his family, and female players from 2009 to 2013.

Eleftherion was an acknowledged leader in establishing programs to protect children, serving first as a founding member and then becoming chairperson 16 years ago of Eastern New York's Risk Management Program.

In his five years as treasurer, Eleftherion helped completely restructure ENYYSA's financial controls and reporting systems, moving to both a sound financial footing and also to iron-clad auditability. This required that he add to his already considerable volunteer workload, but he gladly did it for the good of the non-profit organization.

"Somehow, Jim always found the time to make a difference to soccer in so many ways," said ENYYSA President Richard Christiano.

For all this volunteering, Eleftherion was inducted into the HVYSL Hall of Fame in 2006 and the Eastern New York Hall of Fame in 2013.

A funeral for Eleftherion was held Sept. 5 at the Assumption Greek Orthodox Church in Danbury.



DEC forest rangers help young anglers on White Pond in the Town of Kent.

Forest Rangers Patrol White Pond

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation forest rangers conducted a boat patrol Aug. 30 at White Pond Multiple Use Area in Kent, where they cut down three illegal rope swings along the shoreline, checked boat registrations, and wrote two violations for not having personal flotation devices on board. They also helped a young angler remove a fish from her line.

Forest rangers respond to search-and-rescue incidents statewide. Working with other state agencies, local emergency response organizations and volunteer groups, they locate and extract lost, injured or distressed people from across the state.

"Whether they are leading complex search-and-rescue incidents, suppressing wildfires, enforcing laws on state lands and easements, inspiring the next generation of environmental

stewards, or encouraging responsible recreation, forest rangers stand ready to help when called," said DEC Interim Commissioner Sean Mahar. "Forest rangers' wide-ranging expertise and collaboration with local, state and federal partners are instrumental in protecting New York's public lands and the many visitors who

use them."

In 2023, forest rangers conducted 370 search-and-rescue missions, extinguished 146 wildfires covering nearly 1,400 acres, participated in 52 prescribed fires that served to rejuvenate more than 1,000 acres of land, and worked on cases that resulted in hundreds of tickets and arrests.

Welfare Fraud Charges

A former Kent resident was recently arrested after allegedly obtaining more than \$12,000 in welfare benefits by fraudulently submitting documents.

According to Putnam County Sheriff Kevin McConville, in March, a sheriff's investigator was advised by the Department of Social Services that a case involving one of its clients appeared to indicate that assistance funds were paid over a two-year period based on the filing of false documents. A lengthy investigation began and numerous documents were gathered, along with other evidence.

It is alleged that Ruby Guillen, 31, who currently lives in the Bronx, submitted false documents including sworn statements to DSS to obtain benefits she was not entitled to.

On Aug. 28, Guillen appeared at the sheriff's office and was charged with one count of third-degree welfare fraud, a class D felony; and 10 counts of first-degree offering a false instrument for filing, a class E felony. She was arraigned in Kent Town Court before the Hon. Judge Kevin Douchkoff and released on her own recognizance with a future court date.

79, August 27, Cargain Funeral Home, Carmel, (845) 225-3672.

MaryAnn Horman, 84, September 1, Cargain Funeral Home, Carmel, (845) 225-3672.

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Brewster Theater Company Presents Playwright Festival

The Brewster Theater Company will present its fourth annual Playwright Festival on Friday and Saturday, Sept. 13 and 14, at 7:30 p.m.; and Sunday, Sept. 15 at 2 p.m., at The Theater at Drew Methodist Church, 28 Gleneida

Ave., Carmel. Tickets are available at www.brewstertheater.org, and at the door. Selected from 112 international submissions, nine original one-act plays (20 minutes or less)

were voted upon by a panel of readers to be produced by the Brewster Theater Company. The works of these playwrights from Seattle to Westchester will be presented at the festival.

Each play is under the stage direction of a local director, including Philip Anderson of Brewster, Rob Ansbro and Pat Sebastian of Mahopac, Stacy Dumont of Patterson, and Chris Gillespie, Mario Riccobon, Vince Umbrino and Steve Zerilli of Carmel; as well as Keith Whalen of Westchester.

The festival also features more than 25 local cast and crew members, and is produced by Bob Dumont of Patterson.

The Brewster Theater Company is a 501(c)3 nonprofit community theater, entertaining audiences and bringing artists together in Putnam County and its surrounding areas since 2000.



Elder Law Advice Alan D. Feller, Esq.

Securing Your Estate for the Future

Is this what you thought the future would be?

I'm not talking about cars that drive themselves (badly). Think about your family. For some, family get-togethers are as vibrant and well attended as they were 40 years ago. For others, a once large and raucous group has been reduced to a scattered few.

What changed?

Illness? Divorce? Estrangement? Job relocation? A far away move?

Controlling events is not a realistic pursuit. Setting up an estate plan that strengthens a family is definitely within your control.

Lawyers do not have social engineering degrees. We cannot make a child love their parent nor a parent feel affection toward a child. We can only point out hard truths. To a parent, "Who else is going to advocate for you and manage your care as you age?" To a child, "Who else is going to provide financial support and regular free babysitting services?"

Pragmatism aside, there is an implied contract in these sentences: I am there for you and you are there for me. You are both weaker and poorer without each other.

This is where estate planning comes in. Setting up a trust to ensure financial protection and support for a family strengthens the entire family. Children who know there is a plan in place do not have to stress that their parents' decline will financially burden them.

Parents who plan ahead and communicate their plan to their children have a better chance of working together than families that do not plan.

There are two futures: One has a disconnected, offended parent who has been disappointed by their children (and their children's spouses) and goes it alone. The parent gets sick and relies on a flawed healthcare system, aging spouse and ambivalent children. An unwilling caregiver is like having no caregiver at all. The end result is money wasted and a dysfunctional long-term health care and estate plan.

The other future is this: The aging parent wakes up and realizes their children are not such bad people. They work to form a better relationship and include them on estate planning decision-making. Instead of putting up barriers, parents and children work harmoniously together. Money is saved and utilized by multiple generations.

Long-term health care planning goes smoothly with a home care solution that evolves with the parent's needs.

I know that some broken family relationships will remain broken. The wounds are too deep. In those cases, we look for siblings, nieces, nephews, cousins and good friends to pick up the slack. For the rest of us, when your child calls you to seek your help, think about how much they really mean to you and how strong your family can be if everyone works together.

Maybe they will do the same for you when you call them.

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Academic Honors

The following Putnam natives have graduated from Fairfield University: Daniela Casale and Paul Catalano of Brewster; Sofia Acerno, Daniel Caulfield, Austin Healy and Julian Toro of Carmel; Sydney Guss and Nicole Harris of Mahopac; and Thomas Elliott and Grace Foltin of Putnam Valley.

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October 5th, 2024

8:30am- 12:30pm



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- Have license or other proof of ID ready for proof of residency.
- Workers will remove contents and will be in PPE.
- Wait times may vary from 10-30 minutes depending on volume of waste.
- **Please plan accordingly. Come at your reserved appointment time. No Commercial Establishments.**

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- Non-latex driveway sealer
- Pool Chemicals
- Creosote
- Waste Fuels (Kerosene, Gasoline, oil mixtures, brake fluid, antifreeze, auto fluids)
- Flammable liquids (Lighter Fluids)
- Metal polish
- Drain/oven cleaners
- Rug/upholstery cleaners
- Wood Preservatives
- Turpentine
- Stains & Varnishes
- Paint Thinners & Strippers
- Wood Preservatives
- Mothballs
- Rodent poisons
- Flea powders & collars
- Bug spray
- Nail polish remover, hair dye & hair sprays
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- Chemical Fertilizers
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- Oil-based & Latex paints
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- Fluorescent light bulbs & tubes
- Hand sanitizer (methanol tainted)

NOT Acceptable

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- Plastic bags
- Tires
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Pre-Registration Required.

Please visit our website at:

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to schedule your appointment. Please bring your confirmation email with you to the event. For more information about waste disposal options, recycling and more, please call (845) 808-1390 ext. 43125 or visit our website above.

The household Hazardous Waste program is partially financed with a grant from the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation.



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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 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.

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.mahopac-library.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.

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.

Wednesday, Sept. 11

History Program

"Before the Lakes, Parks & Reservoirs: Kent in the mid-19th Century" will take place Sept. 11 at 6 p.m. at Kent Public Library. Local historian April Beisaw will discuss what the town was like before it became part of the massive reservoir system that provides water to NYC. Beisaw is author of "Taking our Water for the City: the archeology of New York City's watershed communities."

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.mahopac-library.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.mahopac-library.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.

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.

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.

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.

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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.

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. Inflation bouncy attractions, hayrides, food trucks, raffles and a meet-and-greet with costumed characters.

Repair Café

Sustainable Putnam's Repair Cafe is scheduled Saturday, Sept. 14 at the Mahopac Middle School from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Bring your broken but beloved item to be fixed by expert volunteers for free. If needed, parts are sold at cost. Volunteer "fixers" needed. Register at sustainableputnam/repair-cafe or call 646-598-6560.

Kent Community Day

The Kent Recreation & Parks Department will hold its annual Kent Community Day on Saturday, Sept. 14 from noon to 3 p.m. at Kent Town Center, 25 Sybil's Crossing, Kent Lakes. There will be inflatables, food trucks, a caricaturist, DJ, vendors, dog adoption and more. Free.

Oktoberfest

The German American Social Club at 11 Kramers Pond Road, Putnam Valley, will host its annual Oktoberfest Saturday, Sept. 14 from 3 to 10 p.m.; and Sunday, Sept. 15 from noon to 7 p.m. \$10 admission; children younger than 14 admitted free. Live music by The Heimat Klänge and Red, White and Brews. German and American food, pretzels, imported Spaten beer.

Blues & BBQ

Patterson Rotary will host its annual Blues & BBQ Festival on Sept. 14 from noon to 7 p.m. and Sept. 15 from noon to 6 p.m. at the Patterson Fire Department on Route 311. Artie Tobia Band, Not Tuna, Nite Train, Grapefruit Head, TNT Dyn-O-Mite Band, Dylan Doyle Band and North Country Band. Free.

Live Music

Reed Memorial Library in Carmel will welcome blues guitarist Gene Marbach on Sept. 14 at 11 a.m. Registration is required at carmellibrary.org/calendar.

Brewster F.D. Parade

The Brewster Fire Department parade is scheduled Saturday, Sept. 14 at 2 p.m. near the North Brewster Road/Route 312 station.

Chamber Trio

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

Sunday, Sept. 15

Classical Concert

Acclaimed clarinetist David Shifrin will present a recital with pianist Yalin Chi featuring Brahms' "Sonata Op. 120 No. 1," Debussy's "Première Rhapsodie" and Poulenc's "Clarinet Sonata" at the Chapel Restoration's Sunday Music Series on Sept. 15 at 4 p.m., at 45 Market St., Cold Spring. Free.

Garden Party

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. 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.

Woodland Walk

Cornell Cooperative Extension-Putnam will host a forest ecology woodland walk at Green Chimneys, 33 Clearpool Road, Carmel, on Sunday, Sept. 15 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Learn best management practices and land-use strategies used at Clearpool Model Forest to maintain a healthy working forest within the NYC watershed. Learn about CCE's Master Forst Owner program and how to request a free forest visit to help prioritize goals. \$10. Register at ccecolumbiagreene.org/events.

Poets' Corner

Tompkins Corners Cultural Center will host a Poets' Corner on Sunday, Sept. 15 at 3 p.m., at 729 Peekskill Hollow Road, Putnam Valley, featuring Anne Graue. Open mic will follow. Register on-site. Admission is \$10.

Out of the Darkness Walk

The annual Putnam Out of the Darkness Community Walk, hosted by the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention Hudson Valley Chapter, will begin at 9 a.m. Sept. 15 at 110 Old Route 6, Carmel.

Monday, Sept. 16

Fundraising Planning

Mahopac Public Library will present "Introduction to Fundraising Planning" on Monday, Sept. 16 at 10 a.m. Does your organization need help directing its fundraising efforts? Planning focuses your organization by setting fundraising priorities and helps give staff and board members a roadmap to success. Register at www.mahopac-library.org or call 845-628-2009, ext. 152.

Dungeons & Dragons

Reed Memorial Library in Carmel will host a Dungeons & Dragons program Sept. 16 at 1 p.m. Registration is required at carmellibrary.org/calendar.

Chess Club

Children ages 8 and older are invited to Kent Public Library on Monday, Sept. 16 from 4 to 5:30 p.m. to play Chess and socialize with other Chess enthusiasts. There is no instructional element. It is for beginning and advanced players to share the joy of the game. Chess sets will be available to use, but feel free to bring your own. Snacks will be served. Register at <https://kentlibrary.org>.

Tuesday, Sept. 17

IDA Meeting

The Putnam County Industrial Development Agency will meet Tuesday, Sept. 17 at 6 p.m., at 2 Route 164, Patterson. View the meeting at www.facebook.com/putnamida, and the minutes and a recording will be posted to www.putnamida.com as soon as possible after the meeting has been adjourned.

Kent Town Board

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

Sensory Playtime

Mahopac Public Library will host a drop-in sensory playtime Tuesdays, Sept. 17 and 24 from noon to 12:30 p.m. This program encourages children ages 2 to 4 and their caregivers to interact with materials to help them learn colors, shapes, letters, vocabulary, social skills, small motor skill, and other early learning concepts. No registration is necessary.

'Back in the Bronx'

Mahopac Public Library will present "Back in the Bronx" on Tuesday, Sept. 17 at 6 p.m. Join Steve Samtur, editor and publisher of Back in The Bronx magazine, as he offers a glimpse into the past of the Bronx with vintage photos, videos, and interviews with Bronx celebrities. Register at www.mahopac-library.org or call 845-628-2009, ext. 100.

Library Boards Meet

The Kent Public Library Board of Trustees will meet the following Tuesdays at 7 p.m. in the library: Sept. 17, Oct. 15 and Nov. 19. The Patterson Library Board of Trustees will meet Tuesday, Sept. 17 at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 18

Carmel Town Board

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

Free Your Phone Photos

Mahopac Public Library will present "Free Your Photos From Your Phone" on Wednesday, Sept. 18 at 12:30 p.m. Want to print your pictures but don't know where to start? Learn some ways you can get the photos on your phone printed. Register at www.mahopac-library.org or call 845-628-2009, ext. 152.

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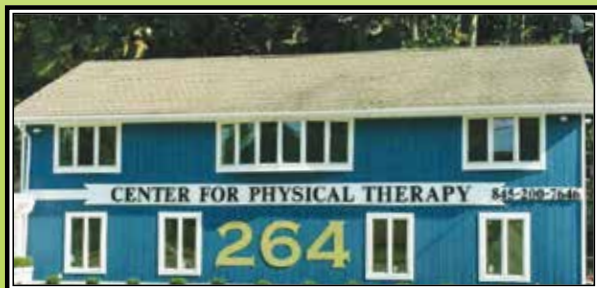


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ing rescheduled due to inclement weather, Carmel Police Department hosted its annual National Night Out event at Mahopac on Aug. 21. Activities included exploring police vehicles, learning more about volunteer and law enforcement services, families enjoyed bounce houses, food trucks, and more.



‘Ballet Shoes’ at Putnam Arts Council

A pointe shoe workshop hosted by the Putnam Arts Council, along with Maria Calegari and Bart Cook of Apollo Arts Initiative Foundation, is scheduled Saturday, Sept. 21 from 1 to 3:30 p.m., at PAC, 521 Kennicut Hill Road, Mahopac. Join this artistic and whimsical workshop and meet former principal dancers of the New York City Ballet.

Create your own decorative pointe shoes and magic Sugar Plum fairy wand using ribbons, glitter, jewels, paint, lace, flowers and more. This workshop is for the child in everyone and is designed for adults and children age 10 and older. Italian cookies and beverages will be served.

The cost is \$50 per person, with a portion of the proceeds to benefit UNICEF, and PAC – a 501(c)3 not-for-profit cultural organization. All materials are included.

Susan Stagnari Wylock, owner of Ms. Dancewear in Mohegan Lake, has donated pointe shoes for the workshop.

Register at www.putnam-artsCouncil.com, or call PAC at

845-803-8622.

Calegari was a prima ballerina with the New York City Ballet from 1974 to 1994, where she performed more than 50 soloist roles to high acclaim. Since 1997, she has taught the ballets of George Balanchine and Jerome Robbins to ballet companies worldwide.

Calegari is listed in “Who’s Who of America Women” and was honored with the Jerome Robbins Award in 2011 for her contributions to dance.

Cook is a former principal dancer and ballet master of the New York City Ballet (1971 to 1993) and has been a repetiteur for both the George Balanchine Trust and the Robbins Rights Trust since 1988, traveling worldwide to most major ballet companies. Balanchine assigned Cook the role of assistant ballet master to Robbins in 1980 – a post he held until his departure in 1993.

For the School of American Ballet, Balanchine urged Cook to begin to choreograph. He produced several ballets for SAB educational outreach programs and for the SAB annual workshop.



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- **Race:** African American men are at a higher risk and may develop the condition earlier.
- **Family history:** Men with a family history of prostate cancer, particularly if diagnosed before age 65, face a higher risk. This risk also extends to families with histories of breast, ovarian or pancreatic cancers.

Symptoms:

- Difficulty beginning to urinate
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- Frequent urination, especially at night
- Trouble emptying the bladder completely
- Pain or burning while urinating
- Blood in urine or semen
- Consistent back, hip or pelvis pain



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Board of Elections Renovations Completed



A before-and-after look at the Board of Elections building on Old Route 6 in Carmel.

Putnam County Board of Elections commissioners were recently joined by lawmakers and a team of county employees to celebrate the completion of significant renovations at the Board of Elections.

When officially “unveiling” the upgraded facility, County Executive Kevin Byrne highlighted the importance of the BOE’s mission, and the county’s commitment to ensuring it has the resources necessary to maintain secure and efficient elections.

“When I took office, I emphasized the need to professionalize and prioritize the core functions of our government,” he said. “Few functions are more central to our democracy than the work of the Board of Elections. These renovations ensure our BOE is equipped to protect the integrity of our elections, which is vital to the fabric of our constitutional republic.”

The renovations were part of a broader initiative funded by the \$2 million Facilities Improvement Fund created last year.

With this funding, the county has completed major improvements at the Koehler Senior Center and the Department of Public Works garage on Route 6N in Mahopac, and now, the Board of Elections.

Exterior improvements at the BOE include a new roof and siding, landscaping, and proper drainage to eliminate persistent flooding. An Americans with Disabilities Act-compliant sidewalk and ramp were also added, to ensure the facility is accessible to all residents.

Interior enhancements include a new training room, and upgraded security features – thanks to the county’s IT department.

In addition, the building boasts an updated, easy-to-read sign for the public that continues to honor and bear the name of former Commissioner Bob Bennett (whose widow and children attended the event).

“This is more than just a facelift – it’s a fundamental improvement to a critical component

of our local government,” said County Legislature Chairman Paul Jonke, R-Brewster. “The Legislature is proud to have supported this initiative, which not only enhances the functionality of the BOE, but also serves as a commitment to the voters of Putnam County. As we approach the next election, these upgrades ensure that our electoral process is both secure and accessible.”

Legislator Bill Gouldman, R-Putnam Valley, who chaired the Physical Services Committee last year, said the BOE plays an essential role in the democratic process.

“It’s imperative they have the tools and facilities they need to perform their duties effectively,” he said. “These renovations represent our collective commitment to election integrity and the trust our residents place in us to conduct free, fair and transparent elections. And for our employees in DPW and IT to get this project done before the November elections is quite a feat. They have

my thanks.”

Legislator Greg Ellner, R-Carmel, current chairman of the Physical Services Committee, said the upgrades are not just about brick and mortar – they’re about trust.

“Our community deserves to know their votes are protected, their voices will be heard and our election system is resilient against any challenges,” he said. “The completion of this project is a testament to the county’s commitment to these values. Thank you, County Executive Byrne, DPW Commissioner (Thomas) Feighery, and the hardworking men and women of DPW for completing this project.”

Legislator Nancy Montgomery, D-Philipstown, said the improvements are a crucial step in ensuring the electoral system is safeguarded.

“This project sends a clear message that we are dedicated to upholding the principles of democracy and ensuring every resident of Putnam County can have confidence in the election process,” she said. “Thank you to all the hardworking DPW crews and IT department employees who made this possible, and to the

county executive for prioritizing infrastructure investments. These efforts not only make our buildings more accessible to the public, but also provide a healthier work environment for county employees.”

Republican Elections Commissioner Kelly Primavera said improvements create an environment where staff can perform their duties with the utmost efficiency and security. “As we prepare for the upcoming elections, I’m confident these changes will enable us to meet the challenges ahead and continue to uphold the integrity of our election process,” she said.

Democratic Elections Commissioner Catherine Croft said it was special to have the Bennett family witness the unveiling of the upgrades.

“These renovations have truly transformed our workspace into a modern facility that reflects the seriousness and importance of the work we do,” she said. “With these upgrades, we’re better equipped to serve the voters of Putnam County and ensure every election is conducted with the highest standards of security and transparency.”

State Launches Veterans Mobile Outreach Centers

New York State launched its first Veterans Mobile Outreach Center last month, equipping the NYS Department of Veterans’ Services with a fleet of three vehicles uniquely outfitted to assist veterans, service members and military families at any location across the state.

The first center is located at The Great New York State Fair in Syracuse. An additional two mobile outreach centers will launch in the coming months.

The centers provide a unique and secure space for veterans, service members and military families to meet in confidence with a veterans benefits advisor accredited by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

At these locations, persons can file a claim or appeal for VA benefits, enroll in VA healthcare, receive guidance regarding the property tax exemption on their New York residence, obtain their annual allotment of Fresh Connect Checks for redemption at farmers’ markets, and complete any other task they would be able to fulfill inside a brick-and-mortar Department of Veterans’ Services office.

Additional engagements are booked for the mobile outreach centers, including participation in the New York State RV Show in Syracuse, and the Veterans Day parade in New York City – the largest single Veterans Day event in the U.S.

Individuals who would like to have a Veterans Mobile Outreach Center visit their community or take part in their event are encouraged to reach out to the Department of Veterans’ Services at 1-888-838-7697 for scheduling.

“My daily vow as the commissioner of this agency, and as a U.S. Marine Corps veteran myself, is to find and serve,” said Department of Veterans’ Services Commissioner Viviana DeCohen. “I know first-hand how valuable federal and state resources can be for a veteran at any point in their transition journey from military service to civilian life. The Veterans Mobile Outreach Centers will make a tremendous difference in the lives of many, providing a convenient place of contact and an easily accessible point of service.”

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A Hillside Food Outreach volunteer makes a delivery to a neighbor in need.

Become a Hunger Hero

Hillside Food Outreach Seeks Support

In recognition of Hunger Action Month, Hillside Food Outreach – a nonprofit dedicated to delivering high-quality, nutritious food to low-income and limited mobility families, seniors and the chronically ill in Putnam, Westchester and Fairfield counties – is rallying the community to combat food insecurity by joining its Hunger Heroes program.

As food insecurity continues to rise to alarming levels, Hillside serves more than 2,000 individuals across its service area.

The Hunger Heroes program is at the forefront of its efforts, offering community members the opportunity to make a lasting impact through a monthly donation. For \$10 per month, Hillside can provide enough nutritious food to feed a person for two weeks.

With the demand for its services steadily increasing, the nonprofit is seeking new donors to ensure that no one in the community goes hungry.

“Hunger Action Month is a critical time to reflect on the stark realities of food insecurity in our region and take meaningful action,” said Kathy Purdy, CEO and founder of Hillside Food Outreach. “Our Hunger Heroes enable us to provide consistent, reliable assistance to those who need it most. Whether through monthly donations or hands-on volunteer

work, Hillside supporters are making a tangible difference in the lives of our neighbors.”

Recent data from the New York State Department of Health highlights a troubling trend: nearly one in four adults (24.9 percent) are now facing food insecurity. As part of a nationwide crisis, this surge in need has placed additional strain on organizations like Hillside, which rely on community support to sustain their operations.

In addition to the Hunger Heroes program, there are several other impactful ways to get involved with the organization for Hunger Action Month. One-time donations play a vital role in ensuring it can continue serving those in need. Opportunities are also available to volunteer as a delivery driver or assist at the warehouse.

“Every contribution counts,” said Purdy. “Our supporters, who we consider true hunger heroes, ensure Hillside’s shelves are always stocked and our services remain uninterrupted. The difference we make together is profound – our clients consistently report improvements in their health and well-being as a result of our deliveries.”

Hillside Food Outreach is headquartered in Mount Kisco. To learn more about volunteer opportunities, call 914-747-0095 or visit hillsidefoodoutreach.org.

NYS Prioritizes Youth Mental & Physical Health

More than \$24 million to expand HealthySteps, an innovative program that supports young families across New York with high-quality care for mental and physical health development for children younger than 3, was recently announced. This funding will support up to 50 new HealthySteps sites as part of plans to grow the program to serve 350,000 children statewide by 2027.

“Expanding HealthySteps will partner more mental health practitioners with families in pediatricians’ offices to support the growth and development of young New Yorkers,” said Office of Mental Health Commissioner

Dr. Ann Sullivan. “The program helps families to address their child’s physical and emotional needs in a welcoming environment.”

The program is administered by the New York State Office of Mental Health, which now supports 97 HealthySteps sites at pediatric and family health practices across the state. It pairs pediatric physicians with child development specialists – referred to as HealthySteps specialists – to provide services for children up to the age of 3 and their families in a pediatric healthcare setting.

Because pediatricians are often the first point of contact that new caregivers have with the

health care system, this environment can be less stigmatizing and more conducive to identifying early childhood behavioral health issues.

Infants and their caregivers typically have seven pediatric visits within the first year of life, providing an early life opportunity to integrate mental health care for children at a critical time during their brain development. HealthySteps specialists serve as part of the primary care team and can offer families additional screenings and support for feeding, behavior, sleep, attachment, depression, social determinants of health, and adjusting to the complexities of a newborn child.

New Grant Awards for School Districts

As students across the region begin heading back to school, Assemblywoman Dana Levenberg, D-Ossining, is announcing new funds to support school districts and youth-serving organizations in Assembly District 95. The awards are in addition to the formula-based funding districts received as part of the fiscal year 2025 budget.

The Garrison Union Free School District is expected to receive \$125,000 for a roof reconstruction project, and \$25,000 is earmarked for Putnam-Northern Westchester BOCES for its green-


house expansion and community empowerment program.

“It is vitally important to ensure our students have access to top-notch educational and enrichment opportunities at the elementary and secondary school levels,” said Levenberg. “Such opportunities support the physical and mental health of our children, which promotes the economic, civic and cultural health of the region.”

The grants were secured through New York State’s Community Resiliency, Economic Sustainability & Technology

program and the fiscal year 2025 state budget, as part of the state’s ongoing efforts to support communities and their economic development.

Earlier this year, state lawmakers were successful in defeating a proposal by Gov. Kathy Hochul that would have resulted in cuts to state aid for many school districts, according to Levenberg. As a result, schools in Assembly District 95 received nearly \$247 million in state aid for the current fiscal year – an increase of more than 5 percent over last year’s distribution.



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Husband-and-wife Medical Reserve Corps volunteers Jose and Maria Rivera flank health department staffers Carla Taylor, left, MRC program assistant, and Connie Bueti, emergency preparedness coordinator, on the steps of the historic courthouse in Carmel after being issued a proclamation Sept. 3.

Putnam's Medical Reserve Corps Volunteers Honored

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cific challenges, including flooding, severe weather, hurricanes and extreme heat. There is a section for older adults and the special concerns they face, and a "build-a-kit" section that provides access to a simple emergency supply list in nearly a dozen languages.

For Putnam-specific information and alerts, NY Alert is a free service that provides critical information and emergency alerts for local situations. Being able to access information in real time, as it evolves, is key for individuals, as well as county staff, partners and emergency crews – and it's free for everyone.

When someone signs up, they

can decide what type of information to receive and whether by phone, email, text or fax.

Carla Taylor, who assists with the MRC program, said she is impressed by Putnam's volunteers,

"I have both been a volunteer and coordinated volunteers, and Putnam County's MRC volunteers immediately stood out for their commitment to continued growth and learning," she said. "They collaborate, train, keep their skills current and are eager to support the work of our health department at community education events, flu clinics and more."

Volunteers of all backgrounds are wanted and do not need to have any healthcare experience. The MRC needs interpreters/translators, clerical and data entry workers, computer support and logistical assistance, in addition to medical professionals.

For information on becoming a volunteer with the Medical Reserve Corps, visit www.putnamcountyny.gov/mrc.

Funding Available for Zero-Emission Buses

An additional \$200 million is now available to school districts and bus operators for zero-emission school buses through the second installment of funding from the historic \$4.2 billion Clean Water, Clean Air & Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act. The funding, distributed through the New York School Bus Incentive Program, provides support for the purchase of electric buses, charging infrastructure or fleet electrification planning, as public schools transition to zero-emission technologies that improve air quality and reduce pollution in communities.

Administered by the New York State Energy Research & Development Authority, the program provides incentives to eligible school districts and bus fleet operators purchasing electric buses. It also offers charging vouchers to school districts or bus operators and provides funding for these groups to develop fleet electrification plans.

This funding is available on a first-come, first-served basis, with incentive amounts covering up to 100 percent of the incremental cost of a new or repowered zero-emission school bus, depending on the type of vehicle, helping make the cost of an electric bus comparable to that of a gas or diesel bus.



Photo provided by governor.ny.gov.

Charging vouchers can offset the cost of installing level two or direct current fast chargers. All school districts in NYS also qualify for funding for fleet electrification plans, which provide each with a customized roadmap for electric bus adoption.

"NYSERDA is proud to help New York State public schools transition to clean, electric student transportation fleets with a robust funding available for buses, charging infrastructure and electrification plans," said NYSERDA President and CEO Doreen Harris. "We look forward to supporting more schools with this additional Bond Act funding so more students across

the state can enjoy healthy, quiet and comfortable rides to and from school each and every day."

The funding builds on the successful first round of Bond Act school bus awards, issued in November 2023. Since the program's launch, more than 75 school districts have applied for funds to purchase 350 buses, and almost half of the state's school districts are now working with NYSERDA to create fleet electrification plans.

To date, 250 districts have started developing these plans, and more than 100 additional districts are in the process of applying for fleet planning in coordination with their local BOCES districts.

Gas Prices Fall in New York

Average gasoline prices in New York fell 4.8 cents per gallon last week, averaging \$3.42 per gallon, according to GasBuddy's survey of 6,118 stations in New York. Prices in New York are 13.9 cents per gallon lower than a month

ago, and stand 42.8 cents per gallon lower than a year ago.

The national average price of diesel declined 0.2 cents in the last week, and stands at \$3.65 per gallon – a fresh multi-year low.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in New York was priced at \$2.69 per gallon last week, while the most expensive was \$4.79 per gallon.

The national average price of gasoline fell 4.6 cents per gallon, averaging \$3.28 per gallon. The national average was down 17.9 cents per gallon from a month ago, standing 48.9 cents per gallon lower than a year ago, according to GasBuddy data compiled from more than 11 million weekly price reports covering more than 150,000 gas stations across the country.

Five years ago, the average price for gas in the state was \$2.76, or \$2.56 nationwide. Ten years ago, the average price for gas in the state was \$3.86 per gallon, or \$3.43 nationwide.

"Motorists rejoice! The national average price of gasoline prices has continued to slump for the fifth straight week," said Patrick

De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy. "With the summer driving season now over, we have much to look forward to for the fall – more drops at the pump as demand drops seasonally, and the changeover to cheaper winter gasoline is just two weeks away."

As long as no major hurricanes head into the Gulf and the situation improves in the Middle East, the national average could fall below \$3 in the next two months, according to De Haan.

"GasBuddy is already tracking eight states at that level or lower," he said. "While diesel prices fell slightly last week, they may rise with winter growing closer and the economy's likely rebound ahead of the Fed's expected rate cut. So, while it's great news for gas prices, diesel will likely soon see its seasonal rise kick in."

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

County's Veterans Service Agency 'Top Performer'

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The recognition underscores the agency's unwavering commitment to ensuring the service and sacrifices of Vietnam veterans are never forgotten.

Putnam County Executive Kevin Byrne expressed his pride in the VSA's achievements.

"Our Veterans Service Agency has gone above and beyond in their mission to honor and support our Vietnam veterans," he said. "This recognition from the Department of Defense is a testament to their hard work, dedication, and the profound impact they've had on our veteran community. We are incredibly proud of their achievements and grateful for their service to those who have served our country."

to this national tribute, whereby over 4 million veterans and their families have been recognized for their service and sacrifice."

The Putnam County VSA's efforts are among the most impactful in the nation, with its work helping to facilitate healing and bestow honor on Vietnam veterans, their families, and the community.

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Patterson

TOWN OF PATTERSON
PLANNING & ZONING OFFICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY THE TOWN OF PATTERSON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS of a public hearing to be held on **Wednesday, September 18, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.** at the Patterson Town Hall, 1142 Route 311, Patterson, Putnam County, New York to consider the following applications:

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

2. **Anjanette Carlon: Case #14-24 – Area Variances (Held Over since August 21, 2024):** Applicant is requesting three area variances pursuant to §154-7 of the Patterson Town Code to demolish an existing, nonconforming dwelling and construct a new, two-story dwelling on the existing foundation. Town Code §154-7 requires principal structures to meet a minimum front yard setback of 15 ft. Front porch will be 12 ft. +/- from the front property line; **variance requested is for 3 ft.** Town code also requires principal structures to meet a minimum side yard setback of 15 ft. House will be < 1 ft. from the north side property line and 13 ft. +/- from the south side property line; **variances requested are for 15 ft. and 2 ft. respectively.** This property is located at 286 Lake Shore Drive. Tax Map 25.65-1-5 (RPL-10 Zoning District).

3. **Brenda Vanecsek: Case #15-24 – Area Variance (Held Over since August 21, 2024):** Applicant is requesting one area variance pursuant to §154-27A(12) (a) of the Patterson Town Code in order to construct a 20 ft. x 24 ft. two-car garage with unfinished storage above. Parcel is a through lot and has frontage on two streets; proposed garage will be forward of the dwelling on the side with frontage on Rutland Drive. Town Code §154-27A(12)(a) forbids accessory structures from being located in the front yard; **variance requested is to allow the garage to be located in the front yard.** This property is located at 5 Vesper Road. Tax Map 25.55-1-36. (RPL-10 Zoning District).

4. **Robert Keeler (Robert Del Bello): Case #16-24 – Area Variances (Held Over since August 21, 2024):** Applicant is requesting four area variances pursuant to §154-7 and §154-15(A) of the Patterson Town Code in order to expand an existing attached deck and construct a patio and retaining walls on a nonconforming lot. The retaining wall is over 6 ft. and must, therefore, meet the setbacks required of an accessory structure. Town Code §154-7 states that accessory

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structures must meet a minimum front yard setback of 40 ft. and a minimum side yard setback of 20 ft. The retaining wall will be located 16 ft. from the front property line and 5 ft. from the side property line; **variances requested are for 24 ft. and 15 ft. respectively.** Town Code §154-7 also limits impervious surface coverage levels to maximum of 10 %. Proposed alterations will result in an impervious surface coverage level of 15.8%; **variance requested is for 5.8%.** Town Code §154-15(A) forbids stone walls or masonry walls from exceeding 6 ft. in height. Proposed retaining wall is 12 ft. in height at its highest point; **variance requested is for 6 ft. in height from the 6 ft. maximum permitted.** This property is located 140 Apple Hill Road. Tax Map 35.-4-123 (R-4 Zoning District).

By Order of the ZBA
Robert Schmitt, Chairman

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Carmel

NOTICE OF RECEIPT
OF THE TAX ROLL
AND WARRANT

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

SOUTHEAST
PLANNING BOARD
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Planning Board/Architectural Review Board of the Town of Southeast, New York, in accordance with Chapters 78 and 138 of the Code of the Town of Southeast, and NYCRR Part 617 of the Environmental Conservation Law (as applicable), will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, September 23, 2024 at 7:00 p.m., at Southeast Town Offices, 1360 Route 22, Brewster, New York to consider the following:

25 INDEPENDENT WAY – Application is being made for Special Permit for Excavation & Grading per §69-15 and a Wetland Permit by 25 Independent Way, LLC, to construct a temporary access driveway on a 7.61-acre property located at 25 Independent Way, Brewster, NY, in the OP-2 Zoning District, and identified as Tax Map Number 56.-1-28.1. The project includes the installation of 1,200 cubic yards of fill, stormwater controls, and conveyance piping to redirect a watercourse across the driveway. The project would disturb approximately 0.54 acres, including 0.04 acres within the wetland buffer. The purpose of the project is to drill a water supply test well for a new commercial building to be built in the future.

Thomas LaPerch, Chairman
Town of Southeast Planning Board
Dated: September 4, 2024

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Supreme Court

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 COUN-

PUBLIC NOTICE

TY 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 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 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#NY20230000232-1

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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 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

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Dated: July 23, 2024

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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 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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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK INDEX NO. 501084/2017 COUNTY OF PUTNAM

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CMLTI ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-AMC3,

Plaintiff, vs.

TAMMI GIORDANO, AS

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HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF JACK GIORDANO, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE TO THE ESTATE OF RAMONA GIORDANO; RACHEL SALGADO, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF JACK GIORDANO, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE TO THE ESTATE OF RAMONA GIORDANO; GEORGE APONTE, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF JACK GIORDANO, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE TO THE ESTATE OF RAMONA GIORDANO; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DISTRIBUTES OF THE ESTATE OF JACK GIORDANO, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE TO THE ESTATE OF RAMONA GIORDANO, any and all persons unknown to plaintiff, claiming, or who may claim to have an interest in, or general or specific lien upon the real property described in this action; such unknown persons being herein generally described and intended to be included in the following designation, namely: the wife, widow, husband, widower, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors, and assignees of such deceased, any and all persons deriving interest in or lien upon, or title to said real property by, through or under them, or either of them, and their respective wives, widows, husbands, widowers, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors and assigns, all of whom and whose names, except as stated, are unknown to plaintiff; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DISTRIBUTES TO THE ESTATE OF RAMONA GIORDANO, if living, and if she/he be dead, any and all persons unknown to plaintiff, claiming, or who may claim to have an interest in, or general or specific lien upon the real property described in this action; such unknown persons being herein generally described and intended to be included in the following designation, namely: the wife, widow, husband, widower, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors, and assignees of such deceased, any and all persons deriving interest in or lien upon, or title to said real property by, though or un-

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der them, or either of them, and their respective wives, widows, husbands, widowers, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors and assigns, all of whom and whose names, except as stated, are unknown to plaintiff; ARGENT MORTGAGE COMPANY; THE CLERK OF THE COUNTY OF PUTNAM; THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK; THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; KORENE TINNEY; KAREN TINNY,

Defendants. Plaintiff designates PUTNAM as the place of trial situs of the real property

SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS

Mortgaged Premises:
130 DYKEMAN ROAD, CARMEL, NY 10512

Section: 44.5, Block: 1, Lot: 52

To the above named Defendants

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

NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT

THE OBJECT of the above caption action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure the sum of \$399,500.00 and interest, recorded on January 12, 2007, in Liber 5011 at Page 402, of the Public Records of PUTNAM County, New York., covering premises known as 130 DYKEMAN ROAD, CARMEL, NY 10512.

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

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

NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME

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

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

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

YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY)

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AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT.

Dated: September 3rd, 2024

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Orit Avraham, Esq.
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Westbury, NY 11590
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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.

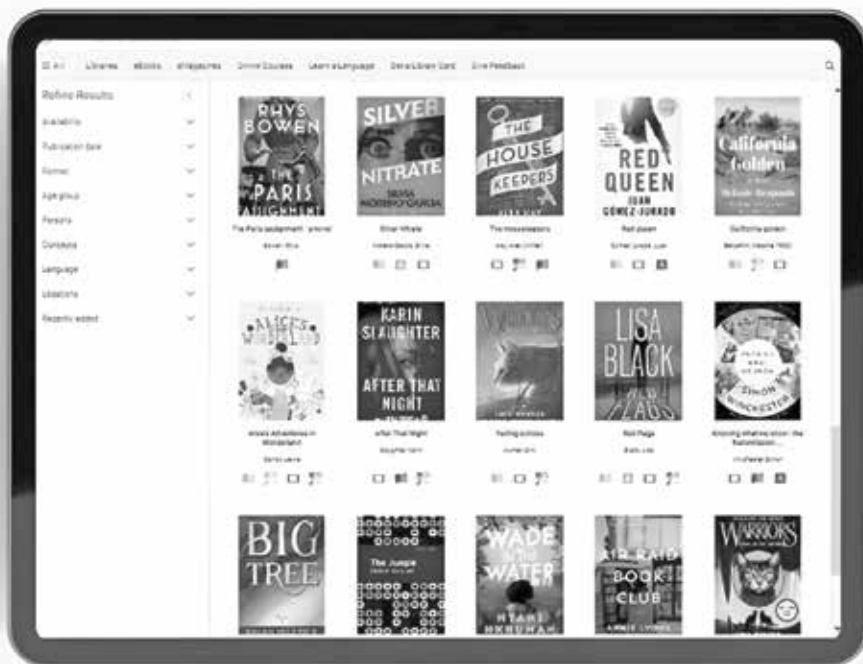
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CRITICAL MASS JAMS LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/28/2023. Office loc: Putnam County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 147 Simpson Rd, Carmel, NY 10512. Reg Agent: Matthew McCarthy, 147 Simpson Rd, Carmel, NY 10512. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

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Essential Skills Developed in Preschool

(Family Features) The skills young children need for success in elementary school and beyond are developed during the first five years of life. For families, it's critical to select the right preschool – one with thoroughly trained faculty and a curriculum designed to nurture foundational academic, social, emotional and physical skills – then extend learning to home.

Experts from The Goddard School's education team – Dr. Lauren Loquasto, senior vice president and chief academic officer; Dr. Maria Shaheen, director of early childhood research and innovation; and Karie Ann Middleton, director of early childhood education programs – share their guidance to help families prepare children for success in, and beyond, elementary school.

Core Skills to Prioritize in Preschool

Most families, when thinking about their child's preschool education, naturally default to focusing on academic skills, and those are certainly important. Children should develop a well-rounded foundation of literacy and mathematics skills. This includes building vocabulary, pairing sounds and letters and sounding out new words, as well as learning to count and connecting a number of objects to the corresponding numeral (such as three blocks to the number 3).

Just as important as the academic skills, however, are social and emotional skills. For example: Identifying feelings and emotions in themselves and oth-

ers, and responding appropriately; entering a new social situation, making friends and navigating conflict; basic self-help skills, such as knowing how to independently eat, use the bathroom and zip up their jackets; and the development of early physical skills, such as balance and learning to use a pencil and scissors.

Inquiry-Based Learning

The best educational approach supports all skill development – academic, social, emotional and physical – while children are engaged in play and exploration. In these supportive environments, teachers can actively observe children and listen carefully to understand their interests and curiosities, then guide the instruction accordingly.

This is the basis of inquiry-based learning, a framework that embraces the natural curiosity and sense of wonder children bring into the classroom. Researchers from leading universities found when children are interested in what they are learning, attention spans are maximized, and when they feel in control of their learning, engagement is higher.

At The Goddard School, inquiry-based learning is brought to life via its exclusive education program, Wonder of Learning. With teacher-guided inquiry topics, children learn about themselves and the world around them by exploring their interests, investigating concepts and asking questions. This ensures learning is not only relevant to skill-building, but also timely, contextual and meaningful – helping children

master the foundational skills before entering elementary school.

Inquiry-based learning is not limited to the classroom. In fact, to best support young children, families should practice the approach at home, too. Families can start by narrating what they and their children are doing and verbalizing the emotions that correspond with their experiences. For example, "I can see by your face you aren't sure if you like that new vegetable. I wonder if it's the flavor or the texture?"

Beyond listening to their responses, watch their faces for cues and respond accordingly. Through narration, children's vocabularies are expanded and they learn to apply words to their emotions and experiences.

Give children choices, when possible and safe, such as choosing their outfits or snacks. This helps them develop critical thinking skills and builds confidence and motivation.

Infuse open-ended questions throughout daily life. For example, ask "What makes you curious?" Going further, have children draw what they are curious about.

Source: *The Goddard School.*

Clarinetist Comes to Chapel Restoration

Acclaimed clarinetist David Shifrin will present a recital with pianist Yalin Chi featuring Brahms' "Sonata Op. 120 No. 1," Debussy's "Première Rhapsodie" and Poulenc's "Clarinet Sonata" at the Chapel Restoration's Sunday Music Series on Sept. 15 at 4 p.m., at 45 market St., Cold Spring. Admission is free.

Shifrin has appeared as soloist with the Philadelphia and Minnesota orchestras and the Dallas, Seattle, Houston, Milwaukee and Detroit symphonies, among many others in the U.S. and internationally. Much sought after as a chamber musician, he has collaborated with such distinguished ensembles and artists

as the Guarneri, Tokyo, Emerson, Orion, Dover and Miro string quartets; trumpeter and composer Wynton Marsalis; and pianists Emanuel Ax, Andre Previn and André Watts.

An artist member of the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center since 1989, Shifrin served as the organization's artistic director from 1992 to 2004. He concluded his tenure with Chamber Music Northwest in Portland, Ore., in summer 2020 after having been the festival's artistic director since 1981, and is currently artistic director of the Phoenix Chamber Music Festival.

In 2000, Shifrin received the Avery Fisher Prize.

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63-289-010 OC
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