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The Northern Westchester-Putnam St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee recently kicked off its 48th year of celebrating the Irish holiday, with an installation dinner Feb. 7 at Centennial Golf Course in Carmel. Here, 2025 parade Grand Marshal Richard Beyrer celebrates with friends and family.

St. Patrick's Day Parade Grand Marshal Gets 'Sashed'



Beyrer receives a proclamation from Carmel town dignitaries at the dinner.



Members of the parade committee with Beyrer. This year's St. Patrick's Day parade is scheduled Sunday, March 9 at 2 p.m. along Route 6 in Mahopac. Buses will run from the Lake Plaza Shopping Center to the Corner of Route 6 and Croton Falls Road beginning at 11:30 a.m. To participate, email MahopacStPatricks@aol.com.

County & CSEA Reach 5-Year Agreement

County government and the Civil Service Employees Association have reached a five-year contract agreement, marking the final collective bargaining agreement among the county's four major unions.

CSEA membership overwhelmingly approved the contract in a vote, solidifying a long-term agreement that Putnam County Executive Kevin Byrne said benefits both county employees and taxpayers.

The contract is retroactive to January 2024 and will expire in December of 2028. It includes a 2.75 percent or \$1,850 (whichever is higher) yearly salary increase for each step, with the final year increasing to 3 percent.

"This is a landmark moment for Putnam County," said Byrne. "This latest contract with CSEA is a win-win, ensuring stability for employees and continuity in the delivery of county services. It may have taken longer than we all wanted, but we have an

agreement that reflects our commitment to supporting the dedicated public servants who keep Putnam County running while also being fiscally responsible to our taxpayers.

CSEA President Linda Amicucci praised the contract's approval.

"This agreement ensures that our members receive the fair wages and benefits they deserve while maintaining the high level of service we provide to residents of Putnam County," she said. "We appreciate the county's willingness to engage in meaningful negotiations, and we are pleased to have a contract that protects our workforce and recognizes their dedication."

The contract was approved by the County Legislature's Personnel Committee last week, and once approved by the full Legislature in March, all Putnam employees will be working under contract at the same time.

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New State Protocols Protect Firefighters

The state's Office of Fire Prevention & Control aims to protect New York's firefighters and their families during Firefighter Cancer Awareness Month.

Studies have shown that firefighters are at a higher risk of cancer than the general public, largely due to their exposure to an increased level of toxins found in smoke at structure fires. Gov. Kathy Hochul has announced new legislation to ban the sale of firefighter gear containing emerging contaminant per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances in New York State to ensure firefighters have access to the highest quality and safest protective equipment available while mitigating the potential public health and environmental impact of these chemicals.

"New York's firefighters put their lives on the line to keep our communities and loved ones safe every day," said Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Services Commissioner Jackie Bray. "Helping them reduce their exposure to the carcinogens they confront while doing their jobs is critical. Our commitment to as-

sisting them mitigate their risk of exposure and ensuring they have the knowledge and resources they need to protect themselves will always be a top priority."

To ensure New York's firefighters are not only aware of this threat but also know how to limit their own risk, state fire officials developed basic protocols for decontaminating firefighting gear following an emergency response and are continuing to offer training and education statewide to promote their use by firefighters.

Since 2022, more than 3,200 students have undergone training across the state.

Research has shown that fire service members can take simple and inexpensive steps to reduce their exposure to toxins and other carcinogens by up to 85 percent through the turnout gear decontamination process, using sanitation wipes on the face and hands while on-scene at a fire, and showering after a fire. These measures also serve to protect their families by reducing unintentional exposure upon returning home from the sta-

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New Citizens Naturalized in Carmel



Twenty-nine new citizens from 18 countries took the oath of allegiance Feb. 5 at the Putnam County Historic Courthouse in Carmel, during a naturalization ceremony hosted by County Clerk Michael Bartolotti. The Hon. Anthony Molé served as the officiating judge. New citizens hail from Austria, Canada, Honduras, Iceland, Peru, Poland, and beyond. For more information and additional photos from the ceremony, visit www.putnamcountyny.com/county-clerk.

Letters to the Editor

Protect Medicaid

Dear Editor:

I write today to once again stress my great concerns for the disabled community under this new administration. With the confirmation of Vought, and Trump's proposed budget, massive cuts are coming to Medicaid – \$2.3 trillion in cuts over the next 10 years, to be exact. These cuts will destroy people's lives

and bring the field of disabled services back to the days of Wil- lowbrook.

For decades, the disabled and their advocates have fought for community integration, vocational opportunities, and for families to have respite, support, and basic human dignity. All of that is on the chopping block now.

One in five Americans benefit from Medicaid, it is one of

the most efficient and popular programs the federal government provides. As it is, Medicaid is underfunded, and we have high turnover in staffing. Many staff live just above the poverty line, working several jobs just to survive. Every day, staff are asked to do more with less, and now they face the biggest cuts to Medicaid since the start of the program.

The president and his hatch- et men Musk and Vought do not care about this. Tax cuts for the rich and the slashing of govern- ment programs will have massive consequences. Those with dis- abilities will suffer for this. This is not a red or blue issue... This knows no party affiliation.

Furthermore, the president's recent insulting comments toward the disabled only serves to further dehumanize them. The attacks on the disabled under- score the obvious fact that the president wants the disabled out of sight and out of mind. For the president and his cabinet, the disabled should rot in silence.

But we cannot let this hap- pen.

It's taken 50 years of prog- ress; administrations of both Republicans and Democrats have made meaningful advances for the disabled. But once Trump became president, the mocking and dehumanizing of the disabled has become normalized. With this second term it is abundantly clear it's not just words again; gutting Medicaid is the plan, and making the disabled second-class citizens is the objective. All of this so Elon Musk and other billionaire cronies can get a tax break at the expense of the disabled.

It's time for us to work to- gether and take action. Consider your neighbor or the most vulner- able person you know. Call Con- gressman Lawler and demand he fight against these cuts. If Lawler wants to say he is actually a moderate, he cannot march in lockstep with Trump – he must fight for the disabled. He must take a stand and not vote for any cuts to Medicaid and more than that, he must vocally denounce the vitriol directed at the disabled from the president and fight for Medicaid.

Make no mistake, disen- franchising the disabled does not make America great. We must do everything we can now to protect

Medicaid, and Congressman Mike Lawler has the opportunity to stop some of this hurt. The question is, will he?

*Zach Disador
Southeast*

Defund Congress

Dear Editor:

"The Vatican's charity voiced outrage Monday at what it called the 'reckless' and 'unhu- man' U.S. plans to gut USAID, with Pope Francis' point-man on development aid insisting the Trump administration remember Christian principles about caring for others as it begins govern- ing." (apnews.com, Feb. 10)

Reckless is the word for everything Trump and Musk are doing right now. And it feels like Congress has abdicated all power and responsibility, as Trump and Musk strip away all means of oversight and accountability. Fired inspectors general, CFPB gone overnight, FBI and justice (department) hollowed out.

An unaccountable billion- aire runs rampant without con- cern, tearing apart lives and institutions, operating in his own self-interest knowing that the courts are slow and that Trump will pardon any crime. And that he can mask it all by spreading misinformation on the social media platform he owns while Trump intimidates the legitimate press with lawsuits and ground- less enforcement actions.

This is all tragic and ir- responsible. By all means, go about the mission of reining in government spending and reduc- ing taxes, but do it with respect for the law and the impact of your actions on human beings as well as our institutions – whether government employees or aid recipients around the world. As well as our national security.

Our reputation and soft pow- er around the world is gone. Wel- come to the world of hard power, fear, and disregard for humanity.

And to Congressman Law- ler, I say: your smiling, business- as-usual video about your activ- ity in Washington this past week was surreal and disturbing. A meaningless symbolic budget, performative resolutions (yes, we're aware of antisemitism

and, yes, Iran shouldn't have nuclear weapons), the Keeping Drugs Out of Schools Act while shutting down the Department of Education and upending the entire public school model, re- naming a post office – all while our institutions are torn down...

I don't know why we're even funding Congress if it's just going to stop all oversight and cede its authority to Elon Musk.

Madness.

May the free press save us.

*Steve Budd
Brewster*

Are You Against Diversity?

Dear Editor:

I recently wrote a letter with suggestions for those looking to resist/push back on the many initiatives taken by the current presidential administration to actively harm black, brown, and LGBTQ+ people (and ultimately everyone who is not a multimil- lionaire or above). One of those suggestions was to write your school districts to ensure they're following state and civil rights laws rather than capitulating to this administration, including by eradicating DEI programs.

This paper spelled out DEI in full, which I should have done myself, but they got it wrong. DEI is not "dignity, equity and inclusion," it is "diversity, equity and inclusion," and I think it's important people get that right.

If you are "against" DEI, which of those words are you objecting to, precisely? We have come to use the acronym as a dirty word, when in reality it is merely about ensuring a diversity of views make it to the table, that they are considered on equal footing, and that once at the table they feel respected and included rather than being cast out or forced to hide.

This president can try all he likes to walk back diversity efforts, but he isn't the king, and those of us who appreciate that DEI programs are very much still needed in workplaces, schools, and beyond to achieve a balance of perspectives and voices must continue to resist policies shaped by blatant bigotry.

*Eileen McDermott
Brewster*

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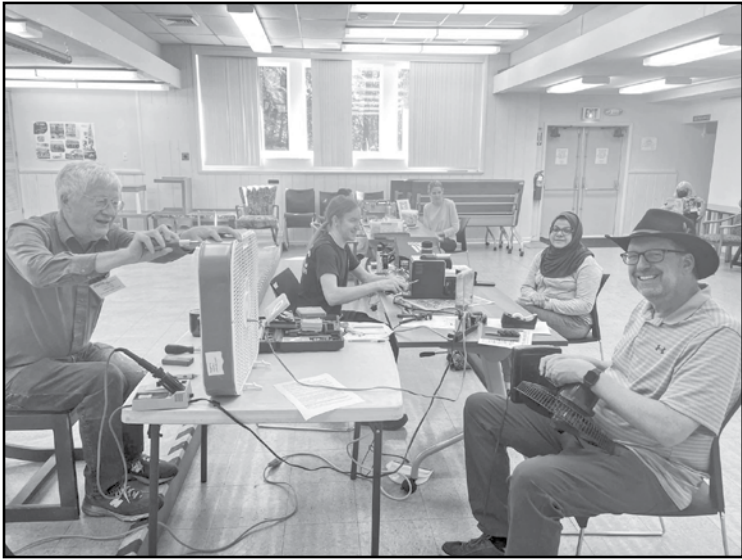
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**Looking For Something to Do?
Check Out Our Community Events on Page 7**



Volunteers work to restore various items at a recent Repair Café at Putnam Valley Library.

Put Valley Library Repair Café Gains Momentum Expands to Quarterly Schedule

The Putnam Valley Library's Repair Café is growing, with quarterly events bringing the community together to restore beloved items and reduce waste. This hands-on initiative has already helped dozens of people repair their belongings, saving jewelry, appliances, clothing, books, clocks, and more from being discarded.

The Repair Café not only helps community members breathe new life into their items, but also supports sustainability by keeping usable goods out of landfills. Instead of throwing away a broken lamp or a torn jacket, attendees work with skilled volunteers to restore their objects to working condition.

"The turnout and enthusiasm have been incredible," said Cole Caulfield, programs and outreach coordinator at Putnam Valley Library. "People come in with items that hold sentimental value – family heirlooms, gifts, and everyday essentials. Seeing these things repaired instead of thrown away is deeply rewarding."

The library is currently seeking volunteers with repair skills

– including sewing, carpentry, and general tinkering – to help expand this initiative. Anyone interested in lending their expertise can reach out to the library.

The next Repair Café is scheduled May 10. Community members are encouraged to sign up to bring an item for repair or volunteer to help. For details, visit www.putnamvalleylibrary.org, or contact Caulfield at Programs@putnamvalleylibrary.org.

The Putnam Valley Library Repair Café is part of a growing movement in the Hudson Valley and beyond. Repair Café Hudson Valley (www.repaircafehv.org) connects communities across the region, providing a network of events where people can learn repair skills, share knowledge, and keep items out of landfills.

The Putnam Valley Library is dedicated to fostering community connections through educational programs, cultural events, and hands-on initiatives like the Repair Café. Located at 30 Oscawana Lake Road, it serves as a hub for lifelong learning and sustainability efforts.



A puppy is recovering after allegedly being neglected by his Mahopac owner.

Mahopac Man Accused of Neglecting Puppy

A Mahopac man has been arrested after allegedly neglecting his puppy.

According to Putnam County SPCA Chief Ken Ross, on Jan. 29, his office received a call from the East Fishkill Police Department and the East Fishkill animal control officer reporting that Jose Monroy, 33, brought his Havanese mix-breed male puppy to a veterinary office showing signs of severe neglect to its ears and body.

The dog, named Max, had not walked for days due to swelling caused by abscesses all over its body. His ears were infected and neglected, causing the ear canal to become so small that when the veterinarian attempted to put a scope inside, the animal screamed in pain. Blood was seen inside the canal, as well.

Max was transported by East Fishkill P.D. to Hudson Valley Animal Rescue & Sanctuary in Arlington, where two additional

veterinarians examined him and blood tests were performed. An elevated white blood cell count was found, as well as bruising and swelling to the dog's neck.

Putnam County SPCA detectives opened a criminal investigation. They interviewed Monroy at his Mahopac residence on Jan.

30 and subsequently placed him under arrest, transporting him to the Carmel Police Department for processing.

Monroy was charged with one count of alleged animal cruelty, a class A misdemeanor, and will be arraigned in Carmel Town Court later this month.

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MHA Scholarship

The Mental Health Association in Putnam County has announced the availability of its annual \$500 Joan Connelly Memorial Scholarship, awarded to a Putnam County high school graduate who is planning a career in the human services field.

Applications are available at www.mhaputnam.org, by email to info@mhaputnam.org, or by calling 845-278-7600, ext. 204. The deadline to apply is Thursday, April 17.

MHA Putnam is a non-profit agency whose mission is to promote recovery for individuals and families coping with mental health issues. Through community-based programs, it works with adults, children, and families providing support and opportunities for learning, understanding, and growth.

MHA also serves as an educator and advocate for the community at large.

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New York State to Audit Utility Company Salaries

The New York State Public Service Commission has initiated a review of utility management compensation, after Gov. Kathy Hochul last week directed the Department of Public Service to move forward with the audit – following years of work by DPS to examine utility management structures and seeking to align utility priorities with state objectives, including affordability, reliability, safety, and a cleaner environment.

The audit will focus on compensation for non-union utility management employees statewide and the results will inform future rate cases to protect New Yorkers from unfair rate hikes, according to Hochul.

Numerous recent management and operations audits of large, investor-owned electric

and gas utilities have highlighted meaningful concerns with how utilities administer their programs, she said.

In a recent audit of Central Hudson, the auditor concluded their bonus structure rewarded financial performance, but only set reliability and service quality metrics at the bare minimum. In the case of New York State Electric & Gas and Rochester Gas & Electric, auditors had to recommend that the companies set performance standards that encourage service improvements.

In other recent audits, including of Con Edison, Orange & Rockland and National Grid, auditors found that companies should update their compensation structures to focus on ratepayer-centric goals.

“This audit is about accountability,” said PSC Chairperson Rory Christian. “Management compensation is a reflection of a company’s values, and we expect utility values to mirror our own and be focused on providing quality, affordable service to ratepayers.”

The audit will examine compensation practices at 13 major utilities, including Con Edison, National Grid, Central Hudson, NYSEG, and Veolia Water New York.

Investor-owned electric and gas utilities have a total of 12.4 million customers in New York. Findings from the audit will influence future rate cases, providing PSC with insights into best practices and potential cost-saving measures.

Nutrition Corner

By Allison J. Stowell
MS, RD, CDN



Easy Changes to Familiar Dishes

It can be overwhelming when we need to modify our diet for a new diagnosis, sensitivity or allergy, or for other reasons. This is usually because we are focused on what we will be missing and don’t know how to modify or how to change our familiar grocery list and recipes. While it may be challenging at first, you will soon see that there are many products and tools available to you to make these dietary changes easier to adopt.

For allergies/sensitivities: Begin by focusing on the foods that are naturally “free from” the attributes you need to avoid. For example, if you must avoid gluten, rely on whole foods (fruits, vegetables, meat/fish/poultry, dairy) that are innately gluten-free. Likewise, rely on rice, bean-based noodles, GF oats, and similar products that won’t be made with added ingredients that you may be trying to limit (like sugar and salt).

To lower blood sugar or cholesterol: People sometimes ask if the store has “food for diabetics”. The short answer is that many foods are suitable for diabetics when the correct approach is applied. It’s important to read food labels to avoid foods with added sugar. However, most other foods can be safely consumed when eaten in the correct amounts and combinations. To reduce risk of heart disease (lower LDL cholesterol) avoid foods, including coconut milk/oil, that are high in saturated fat. I highly recommend taking the FREE nutrition classes our Hannaford Dietitian offers, which include classes on diabetes, heart health, nutritious shopping on a budget, and more (see link below). Visit our website for downloadable materials, videos, and other resources.

Allison J Stowell MS RD CDN serves as the online dietitian for Hannaford Supermarket. For more information on free, virtual nutrition classes and more, visit Hannaford.com/dietitians. For more on the Guiding Stars nutrition

guidance program, visit Guiding-Stars.com.

Southwestern Sweet Potato Tofu Scramble (3 Guiding Stars)
Hannaford.com
Prep time: 5 minutes
Cook time: 20 minutes

Protein-rich tofu stands in for eggs in this hearty scramble- a great option for vegans or individuals who must avoid eggs. Try leftovers wrapped in a tortilla or over microwave-ready brown rice.

- Ingredients:
- 1 (14-oz.) package extra firm tofu
 - 2 medium sweet potatoes, peeled and cut into 1/2” pieces
 - 1/2 tsp. ground turmeric
 - 2 Tbsp. olive oil
 - 1/2 red bell pepper, sliced
 - 1 (15.5-oz.) can low sodium black beans, drained and rinsed
 - 1 cup frozen corn, thawed
 - 1 tsp. chili powder
 - Lime wedges and chopped cilantro, to garnish (optional)

Directions:
Drain tofu and pat dry with a paper towel. Using your hands, crumble tofu into pieces. Place in a strainer and press out excess moisture with the back of a spoon. Meanwhile, to a 12” nonstick skillet on medium-high, add sweet potatoes and 1 cup water. Bring water to a boil, then reduce heat to a simmer, stirring occasionally. Cover and cook 8 to 10 minutes, until sweet potatoes are mostly tender, and liquid has evaporated. To skillet, add tofu, sprinkling turmeric on tofu and stirring to combine. Season with salt and pepper.

To skillet, add oil and stir in bell pepper, beans, corn and chili powder. Cook 6 to 8 minutes, until peppers are tender and tofu is browned, adding 1/4 cup water if too dry. Serve immediately with a squeeze of lime and chopped cilantro, if desired.

Quinoa Breakfast Bowls

(Family Features)
Southwestern Quinoa and Egg Breakfast Bowls

- Ingredients:
- 1/4 cup uncooked quinoa, rinsed and drained
 - 2 medium tomatoes (about 2 cups), chopped
 - 1 cup no-salt-added frozen corn, thawed
 - 1/2 medium avocado, pitted and diced
 - 1/4 cup chopped green onions
 - 1/2 cup chopped fresh cilantro (optional)
 - nonstick cooking spray
 - 4 large eggs
 - 1/8 teaspoon salt
 - 1/4 teaspoon pepper
 - red hot pepper sauce, to taste (optional)

Directions:
Cook quinoa according to package directions. Remove from heat.



Spoon quinoa into four bowls. Top each with even amounts of tomatoes, corn, avocado, green onions and cilantro, if desired.

Lightly spray large skillet with nonstick cooking spray and set over medium-high heat. Crack eggs into skillet. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Cook, uncovered, 3-4 minutes, or until egg whites are set but yolks are still runny. Using spatula, carefully transfer one egg, sunny side up, into each bowl. Sprinkle with hot sauce, to taste, if desired.

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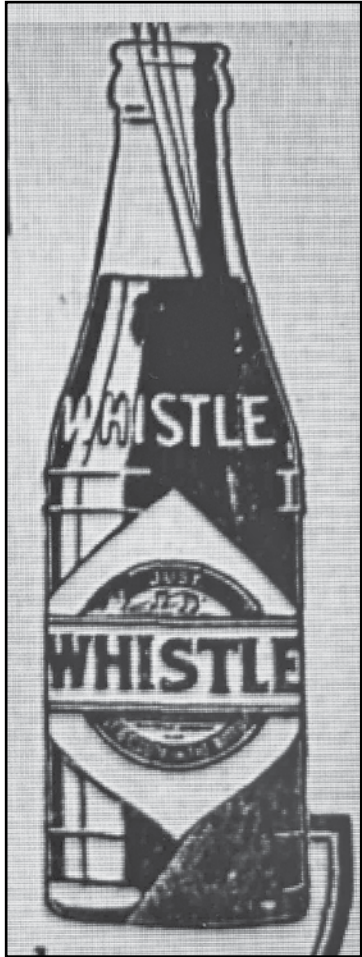
Jack Alcott, Southeast Historian

Brewster's Whistle Bottling Co., Circa 1922



An antique Merritt bottle with "Brewster" embossed on the glass, from sometime between 1888 and 1901.

Right: Whistle soda was apparently bottled in Brewster in the 1920s.



I never heard of Whistle soda until recently, but Brewster has at least one other bottler in its past.

From the internet on Whistle: "The company was founded in 1916 by Sylvester Jones, who arrived at the Vess brand name from his nickname. Charles Leiper Grigg, who would later invent 7UP, invented and marketed his first soft drink called 'Whistle,' an orange soda which is still sold by Vess."

Whistle soda was also apparently bottled and/or distributed from other New York towns and cities besides Brewster in the 1920s, including Syracuse. Decades earlier, F.H. Merritt was already bottling in Brewster.

Here's an earlier post about an antique Merritt bottle (see photo): "Pretty cool find while digging near my Brewster home: An intact F.H. Merritt 'Brewster' blob-top bottle, apparently a soda bottle from somewhere between 1888 and 1901."

Great to see "Brewster" clearly embossed on the aqua glass. There was a soda bottling plant in the village, I think on Oak Street, about that time.

I found some information on Frank H. Merritt.

The Aug. 3, 1888, Brewster Standard had a legal notice that read: "Be it known that Clarence H. Wood and Frank H. Merritt of Brewster, N.Y., are engaged on the manufacture, bottling and selling of soda waters, mineral or aerated waters, ginger ale, small beer, lager beer, porter, cider and other similar beverages in bottles and boxes with our names or other names..."

The notice says the bottling plant is in the village, but doesn't give an address; Oak Street is still the best bet.

F.H. Merritt was involved in other business ventures in the

late 19th century in Brewster, including harvesting ice on the Middle Branch Reservoir for his ice house, and he owned a hotel in town. (I haven't figured out which one, yet.)

He was also in real estate, and the paper reports him buying – and moving to – the miners' cottages at the Tilly Foster iron mine. There were about 40 cottages there at one time, occupied for the most part by mine workers (many Irish, Welsh, and Italian immigrants) and their families.

Tilly Foster also had its own school and church.

The flooding of farmland for the Middle Branch Reservoir also flooded the Tilly Foster mine-area and the cottages were moved to higher ground and sold. Their foundations remain under the reservoir, likely not far from the rail trail bridge across from Route 6 and Simpson Road.

Merritt and business partner Myron Howes (the Brewster photographer who shot the locally famous "Blizzard of 1888" postcard picture on Main Street) were buying the homes for \$100 to \$150 apiece, the paper reports. It would be interesting to learn if any of those cottages still exist somewhere in town.

Merritt died at his home in Brewster in 1941 when he was 87. A civic-minded businessman, he was a member of the Mutual Vigilance Society – evidently an armed neighborhood watch-type group here in the early 1900s charged with helping round up outlaws.

Merritt also belonged to the local Odd Fellows lodge

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

Home-Based Crisis Intervention Program Expands to Putnam

Home-based crisis intervention through Astor Services, a provider of mental and behavioral health and education services for children, young adults and their families, is now available in Putnam, Westchester, Rockland, Columbia and Greene counties.

HBCI is a clinical service funded by the New York State Office of Mental Health focused on preventing unnecessary psychiatric hospitalizations for youth age 5 to 20. Astor Services has been providing these services for more than 30 years, initially in Dutchess County and then in Ulster and, with the addition of these five counties served, has become the largest provider of HBCI services in the state.

"HBCI services are an intensive form of treatment that allows children who are at risk of psychiatric hospitalization to receive high-quality mental health care at home instead," said Astor Services CEO Yvette Bairan. "Through the services of HBCI, Astor aims to reduce the trauma of a child being separated from their family and provide the structure and resources for treatment to be successful where they live."

These services are offered free, thanks to funding from the Office of Mental Health and local county partners.

HBCI services are primarily provided in-person in the client's home, school, and community to

address challenges where they are occurring. During four to six weeks of treatment, services provided include individual counseling, family therapy, parental coaching, and care coordination. Additionally, 24/7 crisis support is offered to address safety concerns, including suicidal and self-harming behaviors, as well impulse control and physical aggression challenges.

Astor's teams typically prevent hospitalization for at least 90 percent of youth served, with client satisfaction rates that exceed 90 percent.

For more information about Astor Services, visit www.astorservices.org or follow the organization on Facebook and Instagram.

Byrne Testifies at NYS Budget Hearing on Transit

Putnam County Executive Kevin Byrne was recently selected to provide testimony at the New York State joint legislative public hearing on the executive budget on transportation. These hearings allow state legislators to review and discuss the governor's proposed budget while gathering input from local officials, experts, and residents across New York.

In his testimony, Byrne continued his advocacy for infrastructure investment, urging state legislators to restore and expand critical funding programs like the Consolidated Local Street & Highway Improvement Program, Bridge-NY, Extreme Winter Recovery, Pavement-NY, and Pave Our Potholes.

"Putnam County received

over \$1.2 million in CHIPS funding last year," said Byrne. "That money is vital to keeping our tax levy down. If we had not received it, it would have severely impacted our ability to maintain and improve our local roads. The need for infrastructure repairs never ceases, and I urge our state legislators to fight for these critical funding sources during budget negotiations."

Byrne also emphasized the need for additional state investment in local transportation projects, citing specific areas in the county in dire need of repaving, including portions of Route 301, Route 311, Route 164, Route 312, and Route 6. Additionally, he called on the state to improve funding flexibility for counties,

and to tie CHIPS funding to the Consumer Price Index to account for inflation.

He also reiterated his criticism of the governor's congestion tax in Manhattan, noting it's having direct consequences on small and larger-sized businesses in Putnam, as well as first responders and public sector workers who need to commute into the city via personal vehicles.

"Transportation and infrastructure investment are among the most fundamental responsibilities of government," said Byrne. "With strategic state support, we can ensure our roads, bridges, and transit systems remain safe and reliable for the residents of Putnam County and all New Yorkers."

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This opportunity is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Currently, 200 spots are available and customers are encouraged to act

quickly to secure their participation.

“Participating in this community solar project is one of the easiest ways for NYSEG customers to access the benefits of solar energy without installing rooftop panels or incurring upfront costs,” noted Leo Wiegman, director of solar programs at Sustainable Westchester. “Community solar makes it possible for individuals, families, and businesses – regardless of homeownership status – to reduce their carbon footprint while saving on their energy bills.”

By signing up, participants can connect their electricity account to a nearby community solar project, which injects energy into the grid on their behalf while they continue to receive electricity from their utility. Each month, participants enjoy guaranteed savings while supporting clean energy development in New York State.

For more information and to sign up, visit <https://sustainablewestchester.org/Solar>, email solar@sustainablewestchester.org, or call 914-242-4725, ext. 112.



From left are Putnam County Mental Health Director Paul Tang, Commissioner of Mental Health, Social Services & Youth Bureau Sara Servadio, Adult Mental Health Coordinator Renee Prato, and Dual Recovery Coordinator Lauren Johnson.

Support Family Displaced by Fire

The Putnam Valley community is joining together to support a family that lost its home in a fire Feb. 10, at 165 Peekskill Hollow Road.

“As many of you know, one of our own, Fire Police Officer Juan Garcia, and his family have suffered a devastating loss with the destruction of their home,” Putnam Valley Volunteer Fire Department President James

Apostolico posted on social media. “We are deeply touched by the outpouring of support from the community during this difficult time.”

To assist the Garcia family, a clothing drop-off location has been set up at the Putnam Valley Parks & Recreation Department, 265 Oscanawana Lake Road. Donations of men’s clothing in size large and extra-large, women’s

clothing in size extra-large, as well as gift cards are being accepted Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

“The strength of our community continues to shine brightly, and we are truly thankful for your kindness during this time of need,” said Apostolico. “Please keep the Garcia family, and all members of our department, in your thoughts and prayers.”

Putnam Reveals New Harm-Reduction Tool

Putnam County Department of Mental Health, Social Services & Youth Bureau recently announced the installation of a harm-reduction vending machine outside the Department of Social Services building at 110 Old Route 6, Carmel.

The machine – stocked with free harm-reduction supplies in-

cluding naloxone (Narcan), drug testing kits, and safe disposal kits – is part of a growing effort to address ongoing opioid overdose fatalities. Harm-reduction vending machines are automated dispensers that provide free, 24/7 access to life-saving supplies. They are designed to expand access to harm-reduction resources, reduce stigma, and save lives.

Putnam County Executive Kevin Byrne emphasized the county’s commitment to adding and exploring new ways to prevent overdose deaths.

“This is another tool for the toolbox, and we’re trying to make it even easier to access these resources,” he said. “Our priority has to be keeping people alive, so by increasing access to naloxone and other critical resources, we are empowering residents to take action and save lives.”

Studies have shown that harm-reduction vending machines are effective in potentially lowering overdose fatality rates, and Putnam joins at least 12 other municipalities throughout the state in offering this resource, including Kingston, Hudson, and Poughkeepsie in the Hudson Valley.

While the county continues to see a dramatic decrease in overdose and substance-involved deaths, the number of non-fatal overdoses has stayed steady over the past three years, which necessitates the increased access to naloxone and other harm-reduction supplies.

“I am very excited for not only the increased access to these supplies, but also for the opportunity to address stigma around people who struggle with substance use,” said Lauren Johnson, dual recovery coordinator with the Department of Mental Health. “I hope this vending machine will continue to spread the message that everyone can benefit from having a naloxone kit.”

The installation of this harm-reduction vending machine is made possible through a grant-funded partnership between People USA.

We Will Miss

Brewster

Robert Franklin Bingham, 78, Feb. 8. Beecher Funeral Home, Brewster, NY, (845) 279-3615.

Eileen Charest, 89, Feb. 9. Beecher Funeral Home, Brewster, NY, (845) 279-36 15.

Carmel

Morlene C. Butera, 88, Feb. 11. Balsamo-Cordovano Funeral Home, Carmel, (845) 225-2144.

Robert D. Kerr, 73, Feb. 8. Cargain Funeral Home, Carmel, (845) 225-3672.

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Putnam County Community Events

Carmel United Soccer Club

Registration is now open for spring recreational soccer. Boys and girls age 3 through 13 may join. Birth years currently registering are 2011-22 (if they are 3 by April). The season begins in April and runs through mid-June. Games are Saturdays at GFMS. For information, go to www.carmelsoccer.com and click Recreational Program. Register by March 15 to avoid late fee.

Plant Sale

The Brewster Carmel Garden is taking orders for its plant sale through Feb. 21. The club has plugs (2 and 3 inches), pots and roots, and tubers of perennials. They will arrive in the last week of April. If interested you will be notified of the exact delivery date once available. Pay by cash or check on the day of pick up. View and order plants at <https://forms.gle/R6KSqcsZcm2v8bPg6>.

Shelter & Warming Station

Starting at 8:30 p.m. daily through March, those who find themselves without housing may stay at the Brewster Cares shelter, or call 845-279-6146. The daytime warming center is also open at the same location, from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. Hot meals, a safe space to sleep, a place to bathe and launder clothes, and a communal atmosphere are offered.

Trustees Sought

The Kent Public Library is seeking candidates to fill an opening on its board of trustees. Must be town residents, at least 18 years of age, and have held a library card for at least one year prior to appointment. Board members attend monthly meetings (currently the third Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m.). If interested, send a resume and letter of interest to Donna Perolli, Kent Public Library, 17 Sybil's Crossing, Kent Lakes, NY 10512.

Tuesday, Feb. 18

'Brownies & Bingo'

Reed Memorial Library will present "Brownies & Bingo" on Tuesday, Feb. 18 at 11 a.m. for children age 6 and older. Registration is required at 845-225-2439 or carmellibrary.org.

Kent Town Board

The Kent Town Board will meet the following Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at Town Hall: Feb. 18, March 4 and 18, April 1 and 15, May 6 and 20, June 3 and 17, July 1 and 15, Aug. 5 and 19 (daytimes), Sept. 2 and 16, Oct. 7 and 21, Nov. 18 and 25, and Dec. 2 and 16.

Kent Library Meetings

The Kent Public Library Board of Trustees will meet at 7 p.m. in the library on the following Tuesdays: Feb. 18, March 18, April 15, May 20, June 17, July 15, Aug. 19, Sept. 16, Oct. 21, Nov. 18 and Dec. 16.

Find Your Files

Learn to find your files Tuesday, Feb. 18 at 2 p.m. at Mahopac Public Library. This class will cover the basics of file management on computers, including how to navigate the file explorer, find downloaded items, and organize files so you can find them. Register at www.mahopaclibrary.org or call 845-628-2009, ext. 100.

Minimize Stress

Join life coach Lourdes Laifer in partnership with the American

Cancer Society for a workshop focused on simple and accessible practices to mindfully manage and minimize stress Tuesday, Feb. 18 at 6 p.m. via Zoom. \$10, or free for cancer survivors. RSVP by emailing katecorsitto@cancer.org.

Wednesday, Feb. 19

Teen Writers

A writer's workshop for teens will take place Wednesdays, Feb. 19 and 26 at 4 p.m. at Mahopac Public Library. Release your creativity through writing and even learn some new skills along the way. Talk out your ideas and get personalized advice and attention. For grades six and older. Register at www.mahopaclibrary.org or call 845-628-2009, ext. 115.

Babies & Books

Join Brewster Public Library for a baby storytime filled with tales, songs, and bubbles Wednesday, Feb. 19 from 9:15 to 9:45 a.m. For birth to 3 years and their caregivers. Registration required.

Carmel Town Board

The Carmel Town Board will meet at 7 p.m. the following Wednesdays at Town Hall: Feb. 19; March 5, 12 and 19; April 2, 9 and 16; May 7, 14 and 21; June 4, 11 and 18; July 2 and 9; Aug. 6 and 13; Sept. 3, 10 and 17; Oct. 1, 8 and 15; Nov. 5, 12 and 19; and Dec. 3 and 10.

Yoga

Mahopac Public Library will host an afternoon yoga program beginning Wednesday, Feb. 19 at 12:30 pm. Join Julia Harrer as she guides you in an "all levels," Hatha Yoga practice designed to help participants connect with body, breath, and spirit. Register at www.mahopaclibrary.org or call 845-628-2009, ext. 100.

Run for Library Board

Mahopac Central School District residents interested in serving on the Mahopac Public Library Board of Trustees are invited to an information session Feb. 19 at 7 p.m., or March 8 at 10 a.m. Meet current board members and get to know Executive Director Michele Capozzella. Virtual and in-person. For those attending in person at the library, a light dinner will be served. Register at <https://mahopaclibrary.org> or call 845-628-2009, ext. 100.

Library Board

Candidacy

Are you a Mahopac Central School District resident who might be interested in serving on Mahopac Public Library's board of trustees? Library Director Michele Capozzella will provide more information on becoming a trustee Wednesday, Feb. 19 at 7 p.m. Register at www.mahopaclibrary.org or call 845-628-2009, ext. 100.

Tilly Foster Mine in the Gilded Age

Adults 18 and older may join local historian Amy Campanaro and explore the history of the Tilly Foster Iron Mine in the Gilded Age, on Wednesday, Feb. 19 from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. at Brewster Public Library. Registration is required at brewsterlibrary.org.

Thursday, Feb. 20

Southeast Town Board

The Southeast Town Board will meet at 7 p.m. the following Thursdays at Town Hall: Feb. 20,

March 6 and 20, April 3 and 17, May 1 and 15, June 5 and 26, July 10 and 24, Aug. 7 and 21, Sept. 11 and 25, Oct. 9 and 23, Nov. 6 and 20, and Dec. 4 and 18.

Winter Coffeehouse

The Town of Southeast Cultural Arts Coalition will present a "winter coffeehouse" at The Studio Around the Corner, 67 Main St., Brewster, on Thursday, Feb. 20. Open mic signups start at 7 p.m. There is a \$5 suggested donation and refreshments will be sold. For information, visit www.CulturalArtsCo.com.

Mummies and More

Marisa will bring her traveling museum of artifacts to Mahopac Public Library on Thursday, Feb. 20 at 2 p.m. to teach participants all about ancient Egypt. For children in grades two through six and their families. Register at www.mahopaclibrary.org or call 845-628-2009, ext. 139.

Candle Painting

Ages 13 to 17 may join Brewster Public Library on Thursday, Feb. 20 from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. for a teen candle painting event. All supplies provided, and no experience is necessary. Registration is required at brewsterlibrary.org.

STEAM Challenge

Reed Memorial Library of Carmel will hold a marshmallow STEAM challenge Thursday, Feb. 20 at 11 a.m. for children age 6 and older. Registration is required at carmellibrary.org.

Friday, Feb. 21

Toddler Program

Brewster Public Library will present "Shake Your Sillies Out" for toddlers from 18 months to 4 years old and their caregivers Friday, Feb. 21 from 9:30 to 10 a.m. Sing, dance and enhance social skills. Registration required.

'Spelling Bee'

The Brewster Theater Company will present "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" on Fridays and Saturdays from Feb. 21 through March 8 at 7:30 p.m., and Sundays, Feb. 23 and March 2 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, although reservations are encouraged.

Adult Craft

Reed Memorial Library in Carmel welcomes adults to make snowy mason jars Feb. 21. Registration is required at carmellibrary.org/calendar.

'The Invisible Raptor'

Brewster Public Library will show "The Invisible Raptor" on Feb. 21 at 1 p.m. Rated R. An invisible raptor embarks on a deadly rampage following a high-stakes experiment gone wrong. Now, it's the responsibility of a disgraced paleontologist, his former girlfriend, a security guard, and a chicken farmer to protect their small town from the creature's insatiable fury. Registration recommended.

Film Night

Mahopac Public Library will show "Rebel Without a Cause" (1955, 111 minutes, rated R) on Friday, Feb. 21 at 6 p.m. Register at www.mahopaclibrary.org or call 845-628-2009, ext. 100.

Saturday, Feb. 22

Defensive Driving

Kent Public Library will host a defensive driving class Feb. 22 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Receive up to a 10 percent discount on your motor vehicle collision and liability insurance premium for up to three years, and up to a four-point reduction on your driving record. Registration is required at kentpl.librarycalendar.com. \$40.

Sunday, Feb. 23

FrOGS Hike

Friends of the Great Swamp will host a 1 1/2-mile hike at Gordon Douglas Nature Reserve-East, located at 1143 Route 22, on Sunday, Feb. 23 at 9:30 a.m. Hikers should arrive early for registration, and bring snacks and drinks, as well as binoculars and cameras. No dogs. Email Ken Luhman at frogspaddle22@gmail.com if you plan to attend. There is a suggested donation of \$5 per person, which can be made at <https://friends-of-the-great-swamp.square.site>.

Monday, Feb. 24

Snowflakes & Stories

Parents with kids age 3 to 5 may join Brewster Public Library for a winter preschool storytime and craft Monday, Feb. 24 from 9:15 to 9:45 a.m. Dive into tales that celebrate the wonders of winter, followed by a craft inspired by the stories. Registration is required at brewsterlibrary.org.

'Groundhog Day'

Reed Memorial Library in Carmel will screen "Groundhog Day" on Feb. 24 at 1 p.m. No registration required.

Space Talks

Kent Public Library will present "Space Talks with Dr. Zeilnhof: The Dawn Space Mission Part II - A Story of Rock and Ice with Asteroid (1) Ceres," on Feb. 24 at 6 p.m. Discuss the largest asteroid in the main asteroid belt. Registrants have the option to attend this lecture in person or via Zoom. Age 10 and older. Registration is required at kentpl.librarycalendar.com.

Tuesday, Feb. 25

'Fly Me To The Moon'

Patterson Library will show "Fly Me To The Moon" on Tuesday, Feb. 25 at 1 p.m. A sharp comedy-drama set during NASA's historic Apollo 11 mission. When marketing expert Kelly Jones is brought in to repair NASA's public image, her bold tactics clash with launch director Cole Davis's already tense operation. As pressure mounts, the White House orders a backup plan: a staged moon landing. Rated PG-13. Adults. To register, call 845-878-6121 or go to www.pattersonlibrary.org.

IDA Meeting

The Putnam County Industrial Development Agency will meet Tuesday, Feb. 25 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.

Kids Craft Club

Kids in kindergarten through grade four are invited to the Kent Public Library on Tuesdays, Feb. 25, March 18 and April 22 at 4:30 p.m.

to read a book and make a seasonal craft. Registration is required.

Wednesday, Feb. 26

FDR Program

Kent Public Library will present "History Talks with Jeffrey Urbin of the FDR Presidential Library and Museum" on Feb. 26 at 6 p.m. via Zoom. Delve into the rich legacy of Franklin D. Roosevelt, exploring a range of topics that shaped the course of history. Adult program. Register at kentpl.librarycalendar.com to receive the Zoom link.

Thursday, Feb. 27

Mahopac

Library Meetings

The Mahopac Public Library Board of Trustees will meet at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 27, March 27, April 24 and May 22. The annual meeting is June 2 (7 p.m.), with the reorganizational meeting July 10.

Recognizing

Scams & Fraud

Adults age 18 and older are invited to Patterson Library on Thursday, Feb. 27 at 1 p.m. to hear from Deputy Claire Pierson from the Putnam County Sheriff's Department as she explains how to recognize the latest scams and fraud attempts, how to safeguard yourself from them, and what to do if you fall victim to one. Registration is required at 845-878-6121 or www.pattersonlibrary.org.

Relay Kick Off

A kickoff event for Relay For Life of Mahopac is scheduled Thursday, Feb. 27 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the American Legion Hall at 333 Buckshollow Road, Mahopac. Theme announcement, top teams of 2024, meet the event committee. RSVP to Erica at ericam0309@gmail.com.

Friday, Feb. 28

Single Parents Workshop

A single parents workshop and forum is scheduled Friday, Feb. 28 from 6:30 to 9 p.m., and Saturday, March 1 from 9 a.m. to noon at First Baptist Church Brewster. Free, for single parents/caregivers who feel alone or isolated. Refreshments served and childcare available for school-age children. Registration at brewsterchurch.com. Available in Spanish. For information, call 845 279 2636.

Dungeons & Dragons

Reed Memorial Library in Carmel will host a Dungeons & Dragons program Feb. 28 at 12:30 p.m. Registration is required at carmellibrary.org/calendar.

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Let everyone in Putnam County know about your upcoming Community Events and Events Online

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Youngsters Send Troops a Little TLC

The fifth-grade classes at Geoge Fischer Middle School in Carmel created valentines for deployed military, and families donated essential items to United for the Troops' Operation Cupid, to be included in care packages being sent to men and women deployed overseas.



Carmel Students Bake Dog Treats for Humane Society



PACE students at Carmel High School make dog biscuits to donate to Putnam Humane Society.

Students in the Personal Academic & Community Experience program at Carmel High School have been busy making healthy dog biscuits and collecting items for the Putnam Humane Society.

Speech-language pathologist Laura Blaha said teaching pre-vocational skills helps PACE

students prepare for life after high school.

"We are always looking for ways for our students to learn vocational skills," she said. "Making dog biscuits teaches skills like following a recipe and directions, identifying items in a kitchen, working with others, and vital

communication skills."

Occupational therapist April DeFrancesco also pitched in and helped the students learn dough-rolling, measuring, pouring, and cutting skills. The students rolled out the biscuit dough and cut it into shapes like bowties and hearts using cookie cutters. Unlike

cookie dough, however, the dog biscuit dough was kind of tough.

"Mrs. D, you're strong," said Brianna. "This dough is hard."

Supplies for the biscuits were purchased through a grant from the Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley. The biscuit recipe came from Tilly Foster

Farm and used all natural ingredients.

"We taste-tested them with the teachers' dogs and nine out of 10 dogs liked them," said Blaha.

In addition to the biscuits, the class collected donations such as cat food and cat toys to donate to the Putnam Humane Society.

Lakeview Third-Graders Celebrate Lunar New Year



Mahopac elementary school youngsters use chopsticks, make lanterns, and learn about Chinese traditions.

Third-graders at Lakeview Elementary School in Mahopac are currently learning all about China, exploring the country's geography, economy, government, and rich cultural heritage.

As part of the lesson, the students have enjoyed reading traditional Chinese literature that highlights the nation's history.

In an activity that celebrated the Lunar New Year, the third-graders created colorful lanterns and crafted hats to wear during the celebration. They learned about the 12 animals of the Chinese zodiac and discovered that 2025 is the Year of the Snake.

Students also enjoyed tradi-

tional Chinese foods, using chopsticks to sample rice, and tasting fortune cookies.

During the event, the students discussed customs associated with the Lunar New Year, including the tradition of removing bad luck and ushering in good fortune for the year ahead, and one third-grader shared a blessing for good luck with the entire class.

The third-grade team expressed its thanks to Mahopac restaurant Ming Hing for its donation of chopsticks and fortune cookies, and the Lakeview Elementary School Parent-Teacher Organization for providing rice for all of the students.



A previous coffeehouse event hosted by TOSAC drew a crowd to the Studio Around the Corner.

Share Your Talent at Winter Coffeehouse

The Town of Southeast Cultural Arts Coalition will present a "winter coffeehouse" at the Studio Around the Corner, 67 Main St., Brewster, on Thursday, Feb. 20. Open mic signups start at 7 p.m.

There is a \$5 suggested donation, and refreshments will be sold.

Share your talents or enjoy the talents of others at this unique event hosted by poet and DJ Brit-

tany Carrasco. Bring your poetry, music, performance art, storytelling, etc. – this is your chance to perform in an inclusive, supportive atmosphere where everyone is welcome.

Future coffeehouses will be held April 10, June 26, Aug. 21 and Nov. 20.

For more information, visit www.CulturalArtsCo.com, email info@CulturalArtsCo.com, or call 845-363-8330.

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FrOGS Hikes

Friends Of the Great Swamp will host a 1½-mile winter hike Sunday, Feb. 23 at 10 a.m., at the Gordon Douglas Reserve-East, 1143 Route 22. Hikers should arrive early for registration, and bring snacks and drinks, as well as binoculars and cameras. No dogs.

Email Ken Luhman at frogspaddle22@gmail.com if you plan to attend. There is a suggested donation of \$5 per person, which

can be made at <https://friends-of-the-great-swamp.square.site>.

Additional hikes are scheduled at 10 a.m. Sundays, March 9 at the Michael Ciaiola Conservation Area, March 23 at Pawling Nature Preserve, and April 6 at Laurel Ledges.

On Sunday, April 27 at 9 a.m., there will be a hike and trail cam class at the Gordon Douglas Reserve-West.

New State Protocols Protect Firefighters

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tion after a shift or response.

State fire officials partner with county fire coordinators across the state to schedule firefighter contamination reduction and cancer prevention classes. During these training programs, state fire instructors distribute firefighter decontamination kits to attendees. At each session, firefighters view a live demonstration of the decontamination protocols, an educational video that details the risks facing firefighters, and have an opportunity for a question-and-answer session with OFPC personnel.

The kits contain information on decontamination immediately after incident response, and items such as a 5-gallon bucket, post-fire wipes, hose, detergent, brush and spray bottle.

Since 2023, more than 1,100

New York fire stations have received decontamination kits. Additionally, OFPC is expanding its entire roster of firefighting classes and trainings to include a section on cancer awareness and prevention education.

“This training is intended to raise awareness of the cancer risks faced by firefighters and provide simple steps firefighters can take to reduce those risks to themselves and their families,” said State Fire Administrator James Cable. “Our goal is to provide a decontamination kit for every fire station in the state.”

According to two studies conducted by the National Institute for Occupational Safety & Health, firefighters are currently being diagnosed with cancer at a nearly 10 percent higher rate than the general public and experiencing cancer-related deaths at a nearly 15 percent higher rate.

Firefighters interested in attending or hosting an educational session can view the State Office of Fire Prevention & Control’s training calendar at www.dhss.ny.gov/fire-prevention-and-control-training, or contact their county’s fire coordinator.

Brewster Students Strike a Pose With Shakespeare



Brewster high-schoolers re-enact moments from “Hamlet.”



Peek into Kimberly Perillo’s Manhattanville English 12 class at Brewster High School, and you might see students “frozen” in place, capturing a moment in time from Shakespeare’s “Hamlet.”

The exercise has students tapping into characters’ emotions and deepening their understanding of the play.

When it comes to choosing a scene, the possibilities are endless. They are up to Act 3, Scene 2, which is jam-packed with intrigue, drama, spies, a possible ghost, and a play within a play. As a way to mix up the reading and check comprehension, students are asked to strike a pose on a single moment in the scene: Hamlet versus Ophelia, Claudius’ reaction to the play, Polonius with Rosencrantz and Guildenstern, Hamlet versus Horatio, etc.

In groups of three and four, students have minutes to pick a moment in time from the scene for the challenge. They are allowed to use props from the room and immediately get to work, cutting out and stapling crowns out of printer paper and assembling staffs out of markers. There is no speaking allowed, so poses need to be exaggerated and clear.

“I’ll be Hamlet sitting behind the action to symbolize my authority,” said Jayron Sandoval.

With a background of the inside of Shakespeare’s Globe Theater, students freeze in their scene.

Recently, one group froze the part where Gertrude and Claudius are concerned about Hamlet’s behavior and send Rosencrantz and Guildenstern to spy on him. Hamlet suspects they are spying, and they are frozen – looking suspicious, angry, and paired together in camps.

Another group froze the play within a play, which is considered a key moment in the plot as it allows Hamlet to gather evidence against Claudius without directly confronting him. One student was frozen on a beanbag playing dead, while another was Claudius frozen with a guilty expression.

After each scene, the groups are asked to explain the emotions of their character and a key line from the scene.

“Gertrude feels a mix of guilt and discomfort when watching the play,” said one student.

“Hamlet feels frustration by his own inaction in the face of his father’s murder,” said another.

Clearly, students are comprehending the plot twists of “Hamlet.”

“It’s been difficult reading ‘Hamlet,’” said Will Dignan. “It’s like learning a whole new language, but there’s never a dull moment.”



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Maximize Your Ice Fishing Experience

Reservoirs and lakes across Putnam County are covered in a layer of ice, and many have probably noticed the scores of winter-clad fishermen and women enduring cold temperatures while ice fishing.

Fishing, of any kind, requires skill, knowledge, and patience, but with a little research, anyone can ice fish. It's important, however, to take precautions if you want to enjoy a day on the ice. Wearing proper clothing, having the right equipment, and being safe are crucial.

"The possibilities of affordable outdoor adventures are endless across New York's abundant natural areas, and winter is no exception," said Interim New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Commissioner Sean Mahar. "I encourage those recreating on ice to exercise caution by routinely checking ice thickness when navigating around water bodies. Understanding ice thickness safety is essential, so be sure to 'know before you go' and adapt to conditions as necessary."

The DEC offers the following advice:

- **Where to Fish**

Most ponds and lakes offer ice fishing potential. Regardless of the fish species you are seeking, concentrations of anglers or the presence of many old holes will provide an indication of areas where good catches have recently occurred.

Check out these places to ice fish in Putnam County: Bog Brook Reservoir, Diverting Reservoir, East Branch Reservoir (Sodom), Middle Branch Reservoir (Tilly Foster) and Putnam Lake, all in or around Brewster; Boyd Corners Reservoir, Croton Falls Reservoir, Lake Gilead, Lake Gleneida, West Branch Reservoir, White Pond and Lake Carmel, all in or around Carmel; Canopus Lake off Route 301 West of the Taconic State Parkway; Lake Mahopac; and Oscawana Lake in Putnam Valley.

Special or statewide regulations may apply. A free New York City public access permit is required for waters owned by NYC – visit www.nyc.gov for information.

- **What to Wear**

It's important to dress in layers. Start with a layer of material that can wick moisture from your skin. Avoid cotton clothing, which loses its insulating ability when wet. Many wind- and water-resistant clothing options are available. Gore-Tex and wool are two good material choices. Bring extra gloves, as they tend to get wet. Wear warm, waterproof boots, and add cleats to your boots to help prevent falls.

- **Ice Safety**

Safe ice should be your number one consideration when ice fishing. A minimum of 3 to 4 inches of solid ice is the general rule for safety. Ice thickness, however, is not uniform on any body of water. These guidelines are based on new, clear ice on non-running waters. Since ice thickness can vary on a lake, check the ice periodically to stay safe. Stay off of ice that is 2 inches or less in thickness.

It should be noted that slush ice is about 50 percent weaker, and clear ice over running water is about 20 percent weaker. Double the recommendations



Provided photo.

for white ice. Many ice anglers do not like to fish on less than 5 inches of ice.

Be cautious in areas where "bubblers" are used to protect docks, as they can produce thin, unsafe ice some distance away. Be especially alert in areas near shore, over moving bodies of water, and where streams enter and exit lakes and ponds.

Carry ice safety picks (two handles with spike points) to help you get out of the water should you break through the ice. And remember, use the buddy system while ice fishing – it saves lives.

- **Cutting the Ice**

After you have your gear, you'll need to make a hole in the ice. There are a variety of tools available that make this task simple. Old-fashioned spud bars are often the cheapest way to cut a hole in the ice and work reasonably well on ice up to about a foot thick. Spud bars are also useful in testing the thickness and safety of the ice.

Hand-powered augers, which are more expensive than spud bars, are easy to operate and offer the best all-around compromise for moderate ice conditions. Purchase an auger appropriate to the species of fish you are seeking. Remember, cutting an 8-inch hole requires the removal of almost twice as much ice as a 6-inch hole, so don't buy an ice auger much bigger than you will need.

Some hand augers can be outfitted with an adapter that connects the auger blade to a cordless drill for hole drilling.

- **Ice Fishing Methods**

Ice fishing methods include "jigging" with short, light fishing rods and using tip-ups. Jigging involves the use of a jigging rod or hand line and a small jigging spoon or lure that is often "sweetened" with a piece of bait. The jig is designed to dart around in different directions when it is jerked up and down by the angler. The tip-up is basically a spool on a stick holding a baited line suspended through a hole in the ice. When the bait – usually a minnow – is taken by a fish, the pull on the line releases a signal, usually a red flag.

- **Sleds & Shelters**

Getting gear to your fishing spot is easier with the use of a sled. A child's plastic sled works well, but there are sleds made specifically for ice fishing, often with compartments for storing gear and sometimes with an attached shelter. Shelters block the wind, making ice fishing

more comfortable. Many types are available, from simple wind breakers to portable fish houses.

Those interested in trying ice fishing for the first time should mark the weekend of Feb. 15 and 16 on their calendars. As a designated free freshwater fishing weekend, the freshwater fishing license requirement is waived during these days. Free fishing days are also a great opportunity for experienced anglers to introduce someone new to fishing.

Any other time, DEC reminds anglers to make sure they have a valid fishing license before heading out on the ice. Fishing licenses are valid for 365 days from the date of purchase.

Information comes from the DEC website and was adapted by Rachael Paradise, operations coordinator at Cornell Cooperative Extension-Putnam County.

Slater to Lead Policy Committee

Assemblyman Matt Slater, R-Yorktown, has been elected chairman of the Assembly Republican Policy Committee by the New York State Assembly Republican Conference. In this role, he will lead efforts to establish and advance key policy positions for the conference.

The committee focuses on developing and approving legislative priorities that address critical issues facing New Yorkers. For 2025, these priorities include addressing the state's affordability crisis, enhancing public safety, and creating new opportunities

for all residents.

"The Assembly Republican Conference has a long history of proposing common-sense solutions to New York's challenges," said Slater. "I'm honored to take on this leadership role and help craft policies that reflect the needs and values of New Yorkers all across the state. Thank you to my colleagues for entrusting me with this responsibility."

He said the conference will continue to be the voice of reason and offer policies that will transform state government into one that delivers for everyone.

County & CSEA Reach 5-Year Agreement

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The administration had previously reached agreements with the Putnam County Sheriff's Office Police Benevolent Association, the Putnam County Sheriff's Employees Association, and the Putnam Management Association.


"Upon taking office, we inherited four contracts that were either expiring or expired, and in two years we resolved them all," said Byrne. "Our county employees are now fully under contract, providing a sense of certainty and fair-

ness for our workforce. When I first announced my decision to run for county executive, many doubted we'd ever be able to get contracts for all of our unions in a such short time, but we were committed to making it a reality and got it done."

Personnel Director Paul Eldridge emphasized the significance of the agreement.

"Negotiating four successful labor agreements over the past 18 months required an ongoing commitment from all parties involved," he said. "The dedication and professionalism demonstrated by each of the union negotiating teams and the county team led to reaching fair agreements for our county employees. Having County Executive Byrne involved throughout the process set a clear signal to our employees of the importance of achieving equitable agreements."

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of the month
10 - 2pm**

Hardcovers - Paperbacks -
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Children's & Young Adult Books

Kent Library, 17 Sybil's Crossing, Kent Lakes, NY 10512

State Commits to Helping Small Businesses

Gov. Kathy Hochul last month unveiled proposals to support small businesses, grow New York State's economy, and invest in the workforce as part of her 2025 State of the State.

Thriving Small Businesses

- **Low Interest Capital (LINC):** High interest rates can incapacitate small businesses, which often pay higher borrowing rates due to their reduced collateral and higher risk profiles as compared to larger firms. The successful Linked Deposit Program, which helps small businesses borrow at more affordable rates, has lowered the interest rate for nearly 6,000 businesses, resulting in \$2 billion in bank lending, and leveraging more than \$4 billion in new capital investments by NYS businesses.

In response to demand that far exceeds supply, Hochul said the state will launch LINC, an expansion of the Linked Deposit Program, to support hundreds of additional small businesses across the state.

- **Turbocharge Hiring:** The state is advancing the Companies Attracting Talent to Advance Leading Innovations & Scale Technologies in New York program, which will allow small businesses that have completed a NYS incubator program to be eligible for personal income tax benefits to reduce the cost of hiring.

- **AI Technical Assistance:** Large companies can afford to spend millions tracking, researching, and implementing artificial intelligence develop-

ments, but the rapid progression of AI applications makes it difficult for smaller firms to keep up. To assist small businesses with AI education and adoption, Empire State Development will partner with New York's network of Entrepreneurship Assistance Centers to provide training to small businesses across the state.

- **Increase Capital Access for Underrepresented Startups:** Less than 25 percent of AI employees identify as racial or ethnic minorities, and one study found that female-founded companies account for less than 3 percent of AI deals in the past decade. This lack of diversity is particularly problematic in AI, as models tend to reflect the biases of their creators.

Hochul said the state will launch a public-private partnership with leading technology firms to invest \$20 million into AI start-ups.

Advanced Manufacturing

- **Shovel-Ready Sites:** Hochul established the Focused Attraction of Shovel-Ready Tracts New York program to build shovel-ready sites across New York and ensure the state is prepared to capitalize on high-value opportunities. Since its launch in 2022, FAST NY has committed more than \$175 million to 20 projects, transforming nearly 3,000 acres of previously underutilized land into future economic engines of the state.

This year's budget proposes a new round of FAST NY that prioritizes semiconductor manufacturing and supply chain

projects, as well as cleantech and green economy projects. This new round of funding will include a focus on equipping sites with utility access, including renewable and clean energy.

- **Build Clean Energy Zones:** To unlock economic growth and lower the cost of clean energy transition, New York will encourage the development of regional concentrations of clean electric generation paired with transmission, by expanding its coordinated grid planning process to identify Clean Energy Zones. Generation and transmission projects in a CEZ will be proactively coordinated to reduce developers' interconnection risks and costs, thereby lowering costs paid by electric customers.

Promoting Economic Growth

- **High-Impact Projects:** Regional Economic Development Councils have driven significant progress across New York, but their current funding limits make it difficult to support large-scale, game-changing projects. To address this, Hochul said the state will refocus the REDC initiative on transformative projects that serve as high-impact economic anchors such as cultural venues, waterfront revitalization efforts, and mixed-use development projects.

The AI Revolution

- **Diversify the AI Pipeline With Prep:** To equalize access to AI careers, Empire State Development Corporation will launch AI Prep – a workforce development initiative focused

on the training and placement of disadvantaged college students into AI jobs. This free training will focus on applied problem solving and include mentorship support from leading technology companies.

- **Support Workers Displaced by AI:** The Department of Labor will require businesses submitting notices of worker layoffs to its Worker Adjustment & Retraining Notification system to convey whether a layoff is related to a businesses' use of AI. Any impacted worker will be able to access the broad array of workforce training programs and supports offered by DOL or local partners.

Strengthening the Workforce

- **Expand the Health, Behavioral & Social Care Workforce:** As part of the state's federal Medicaid 1115 waiver, New York is implementing two workforce programs. The Career Pathways Training program is funding educational and career support services for new and advancing health, behavioral health, and social care workers. Through three regional workforce investment organizations, the program covers tuition, textbooks, and educational and career supports, and places individuals in high-demand titles. Participants will make a three-year service commitment to work at providers that serve at least 30 percent Medicaid or uninsured members.

New York is also launching the Student Loan Repayment Program, which will provide loan payments for psychiatrists, primary care physicians, dentists, nurse practitioners, and pediatric clinical nurse specialists who make a four-year commitment to work at providers that serve at least 30 percent Medicaid or uninsured members.

- **Support Health Care Training Programs:** Hochul said the state will expand support for health care training programs under the Increasing Training Capacity in Statewide Healthcare Facilities grant program, with a distinct focus on nursing training programs. The state will provide grants for regional programs that

prepare and support healthcare students through the Healthcare Training & Life-skills Program, covering costs like child care, transportation, and tutoring.

- **Enforcement Following Unpaid Wage Theft Judgments:** To ensure New Yorkers are paid every cent they earn, while respecting the due process rights of employers, Hochul said the state will advance legislation to expand DOL's enforcement power to include the authority to levy liens, seize financial assets, and issue a stop work order following an unpaid wage theft judgement.

Strengthening Protections

- **Child Labor Law Penalties:** Hochul said the state will advance legislation to raise the maximum civil penalties, include felony-level charges for violations that result in serious injury to children, and define knowingly employing a minor in a dangerous occupation resulting in their death as a classification of homicide. When violations do not risk a child's safety and health, Hochul will direct DOL to offer businesses reduced penalties if they participate in a child labor prevention program.

- **Expand Access to Medical Care via Workers' Comp:** To expand the pool of workers' compensation providers, Hochul said the state will advance legislation to automatically authorize all medical providers licensed in New York and allow medical and surgical residents and fellows to treat claimants. To ensure regular and automatic updates, the state will increase the fee schedule and tie it to the Medicare fee schedule.

In 2006, the Department of Financial Services issued legal guidance directing health insurers to cover medical treatment for injured workers while the workers' compensation claim is being contested. To ensure injured workers do not have a gap in payment of medical bills, the state will advance legislation codifying this guidance and permitting workers' compensation insurers to temporarily pay medical bills without admitting responsibility for the claim.

ASSEMBLYMAN MATT SLATER

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HELP DONATE DIAPERS & WIPES TO BABIES IN NEED
All sizes needed, especially larger size (i.e. 5, 6 and pull-ups)

DROP-OFF LOCATIONS:

PUTNAM CAP
121 Main Street, Brewster
TOWN OF CARMEL TOWN HALL
60 McAlpin Ave, Mahopac
TOWN OF PUTNAM VALLEY TOWN HALL
265 Oscawana Lake Rd, Putnam Valley
TOWN OF SOUTHEAST TOWN HALL
1360 NY-22, Brewster
TOWN OF KENT TOWN HALL
25 Sybils Crossing, Carmel Hamlet
PATTERSON RECREATION
65 Front St, Patterson
TOWN OF YORKTOWN TOWN HALL
363 Underhill Ave, Yorktown Heights
TOWN OF SOMERS TOWN HALL
335 US-202, Somers

COLLECTION DATES:
FEBRUARY 1ST-28TH



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

Exam Title & No: Custodian 25-600 OC
Exam Date: April 26, 2025
Salary: \$59,680-\$62,609 Mahopac Central School District
\$75,792-\$78,555 Carmel Central School District
Last Filing Date: March 1, 2025
Exam Filing Fee: \$35

To apply and for information about minimum requirements, job duties, and subject of the exam, as well as the exam announcement, please visit: <https://putnam.munisselfservice.com/employmentopportunities/default.aspx> or call Putnam County Personnel Department (845) 808-1650 X46105. EEO/AA 2/12, 2/19, 2/26

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Carmel NOTICE OF RE-SCHEDULING OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Town Board of the Town of Carmel will conduct a Public Hearing at the Town Hall, 60 McAlpin Avenue, Mahopac, New York 10541 on Wednesday, March 5, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter that evening as possible on a proposed Local Law amending Chapter 156 of the Code of the Town of Carmel, entitled "Zoning".

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

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

By Order of the Town Board of the Town of Carmel
Alice Daly, Town Clerk

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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS 25 Sybil's Crossing Kent Lakes, NY 10512 Agenda February 24, 2025

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Zoning Board of

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Appeals of the Town of Kent will hold a Public Hearing on **February 24, 2025** at the Kent Town Hall, 25 Sybil's Crossing, Kent Lakes, NY at 7:00 p.m. to review the following application

1. Jose Gutierrez
22 Ponderosa Road
Kent, NY 10512

ZBA-25-001: Requesting a variance for 7,524.8 sq. ft. to build a house. Vacant lot currently has 72,745 sq. ft. (1.67 acres). Requirement is 80,000 sf. TM# 20.8-1-49

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

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

CC: Town Clerk
Town Board
Zoning Board of Appeals Members
Planning Board Clerk
Wm. Walters, Building Inspector

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Patterson TOWN OF PATTERSON PLANNING & ZONING OFFICE Notice of Public Hearing

NOTICE IS HEREBY

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GIVEN by the Town of Patterson Planning Board of a public hearing to be held on March 6, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as may be heard, at the Patterson Town Hall, 1142 Route 311, Patterson, Putnam County, New York to consider an application entitled "**John D'Alessandro Wetlands/Watercourse Permit Application**" for the construction of a **three-bedroom, single-family residence and associated improvements**. The property is Lot #10 of the Stone Hedge Estates Subdivision. The proposed construction will create 0.5 acres of disturbance, with about 0.27 acres of that disturbance being within the Town regulated 100' wetland buffer. A section of the house and a large portion of the driveway are proposed within the wetland buffer. The currently vacant 2.40± acre property is located on Tammany Hall Road (R-4 Zoning District); the road from which access to the property will be gained from. All interested parties and citizens will be given an opportunity to be heard in respect to such application.

By Order of the Planning Board
Ron Taylor, Chairman

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Town of Patterson Advertisement for Bids

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the Town of Patterson (the Owner), for the Emergency Medical Service (EMS) Building Project. Bids will be received at the office of the Town Clerk, Town of Patterson, P.O. Box 470, 1142 Route 311, Patterson, NY 12563 until Friday, March 7, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. for the Building Construction work contracts (24-001H, 24-001P, & 24-001E). Bids properly received and identified will be opened publicly and read aloud shortly after the time due.

Contract(s) Being Bid

Separate bids, which will comply with the Bidding Documents, will be received for the following Scopes of Work:

- Contract No. 24-001H: Patterson EMS Building – HVAC Construction Contract
- Contract No. 24-001P: Patterson EMS Building - Plumbing Construction Contract
- Contract No. 24-001E: Patterson EMS Building - Electrical Construction Contract

The Town of Patterson invites the submission of separate sealed bid proposals for the Emergency Medical Service (EMS) Building Construction Project.

Time is of the Essence:

Each contract shall be completed by the following date: Contracts 24-001H, 24-001P, & 24-001E: by December 31, 2025.

Bidding Documents

Bidding documents for the proposed work were prepared by the engineering firm, Renna Engineering Design, PLLC, Dover Plains, NY 12522. The Bidding and Contract Documents for this Project are available for viewing and downloading by contacting the Town Clerk, Town of Patterson, (845) 878-6500, upon providing a valid email address, name, address, and telephone number of Company, and name of individual making request..

Site Inspection

Each contractor is strongly encouraged to visit the site to assess existing conditions and scope of work prior to the Bid opening date, as scheduled. Each Contractor shall submit an affidavit stating that the existing site has been examined to accompany the Bid submission. All contractor questions shall be directed to the office of the Engineer, in writing.

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Manner of Bids Submitted:

Bids shall be made on standard proposal forms furnished in the bid documents in the manner designated there, and required by the specifications, shall be enclosed in sealed envelopes, clearly marked on the outside with the following information:

1. Bid Proposal for Patterson EMS Building Construction, Contract No. _____
2. The name and address of the bidder;

The Contract Number(s) and Branch(es) of Work, as identified above for which the Bid is submitted, must be accompanied by the following in duplicate: (one original/one copy).

1. Bid Form.
2. A Non-Collusion Affidavit.
3. Bid Bond
4. Statement of Site Visit.
5. Certificate of Registration by the NYS DOL for the prime contractor.

Upon submission of Bid, it is understood that the Bidder has read, fully understands, and will comply with the requirements of the Bid Documents.

Applicable Law Governing Public Building Construction

The requirements of New York State Labor Law, Article 8 (Section 220-223) and Article 9 (Section 230-239).

No bid may be withdrawn for a period of forty-five (45) days after the date set for the opening except with the express written approval of the Owner.

PROJECT FUNDING

Bidder is advised that part of the financing for this contract will be provided by the American Rescue Plan Act ("ARPA Funds"). A copy of the ARPA document, "ARPA Contract Requirements", is included in the project documents. This document contains terms and conditions that the contractor or vendor, as a contractor of Town of Patterson, shall comply with. Requirements for Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) and Minority & Women Business Enterprise (MWBE) Programs; Requirements of the Federal Davis Bacon Related Acts (DBRA); Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (CWHSSA); Clean Air Act and Federal Water Pollution Control Act; Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment; Domestic Preferences for Procurements; and Required Forms.

Bidder is advised that part of the financing for this contract will be provided by the State and Municipal Facilities Program (SAM). Pursuant to New York State Executive Law Article 15-A and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, NYS is required to promote opportunities for the maximum feasible participation of New York State-certified Minority and Women-owned Business Enterprises ("MWBEs") and the employment of minority group members and women in the performance of NYS funded contracts. All bidders are expected to make "good faith efforts" to promote and assist in the participation of MWBEs on the Contract for the provision of services and materials.

Owner's Disclaimer/Owner's Discretion to Accept or Reject Bids:

The Owner assumes no responsibility, whatsoever, in connection with any defects arising out of the Bidding Documents or

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the receipt or failure to receive Bids, including those which may arise from delay for any reason, in obtaining or submitting the Bidding Documents, including but not limited to, traffic delay, messengering, mis-labeling, mis-directions from any source, mis-delivery, or otherwise.

Any Bid, which does not fulfill the material requirements of the Bidding Documents will be rejected. When it is in its best interest to do so, the Owner may award the Contract in whole or in part, select any combination of Bids, or may waive any informalities in or reject any or all Bids.

Statement of Equality

The Town of Patterson hereby notifies all Bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in regards to any Contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit Bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award.

By Order of the Town Board
Town of Patterson

Donna Ramos, Town Clerk

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Southeast

The Town of Southeast is seeking a Request for Proposal for Civil Engineering Services. Copies of the RFP may be obtained from the office of the Town Clerk and are available on the Town website at www.southeast-ny.gov under the Town Clerk's page as well as on Bidnet.

Proposals must be received by the Town Clerk of the Town of Southeast by 11:00 A.M. on Friday, March 7, 2025.

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Brewster Schools

INVITATION TO BID

Sealed Proposals for the:
BREWSTER HS, JFK ES,
CV STARR IS & HH WELLS MS
INFRASTRUCTURE UP-
GRADES & RELATED WORK

WILL BE RECEIVED BY:
BREWSTER CENTRAL
SCHOOL DISTRICT
30 Farm to Market Road
Brewster, New York, 10509

Proposals must be received on or before 2:00 PM, local time on 03/18/2025 and must be in accordance with the requirements of the Bidding Documents to receive consideration.

Bidding Documents, including drawings and specifications, will be available beginning on 02/18/2025

at the Offices:
REV PLANS
330 ROUTE 17A, SUITE 2
GOSHEN, N.Y.
(845) 651-3845
WWW.REVPLANS.COM

The Contract Documents may be examined at the Office of the Architect, Fuller & D'Angelo Architects and Planners, P.C., 45 Knollwood Road, Elmsford, NY (914) 592-4444; however, complete digital sets of Bidding Documents, drawings and specifications, may be obtained online (with a free user account) as a download for a non-refundable fee of One-Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars at the following website: https://revplans.biddyhq.com

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LEGAL NOTICE

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

FEBRUARY 27, 2025 - 7:30 P.M.

To hear the following applications:

NEW APPLICATIONS:

- Application of **ELLEN MAZZEI as EXECUTRIX for the ESTATE of BARBARA E. LAGATELLA** for a Variation of Section 156-15 seeking a Variance to retain pool with pool deck. The property is located at 10 Parker Drive, Mahopac NY and is known as Tax Map #75.17-1-31.

Code Requires/Allows	Provided	Variance Required
10'	4'	6'

- Application of **EDWARD BATISTA** for a Variation of Section 156-15 seeking a Variance for permission to allow 3rd sign facing Shopping Center on Dunkin Donuts building. The property is located at 969 Route 6, Mahopac NY and is known as Tax Map #65.10-1-49.2.

Code Requires/Allows	Provided	Variance Required
1 sign facing Road (Route 6)	1 sign facing back (Shopping Center)	1 additional Sign

- Application of **ADAM & CHRISTINE GRAHAME** for a Variation of Section 156-15 seeking a Variance to retain garage that existed before purchase. The property is located at 95 Cherry Hill Road, Carmel NY and is known as Tax Map #66.17-1-12.

Code Requires/Allows	Provided	Variance Required
20' Side	8.8'	11.2'
20' Side	12.8'	7.2'

- Application of **MESSNER DEVELOPMENT LLC** for a Variation of Section 156-15 seeking a Variance to raise roof and extend deck. The property is located at 46 Sycamore Road, Mahopac NY and is known as Tax Map #76.5-1-26.

Code Requires/Allows	Provided	Variance Required
15' Side	6.8'	8.2'

By order of the Chairman,
John Maxwell

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Please note REVplans (https://revplans.biddyhq.com) is the designated location and means for distributing and obtaining all bid package information. Only those Contract Documents obtained in this manner will enable a prospective bidder to be identified as an official plan holder of record. The Provider takes no responsibility for the completeness of Contract Documents obtained from other sources. Contract Documents obtained from other sources may not be accurate or may not contain addenda that may have been issued

All bid addenda will be transmitted to registered plan holders via email and will be available at https://revplans.biddyhq.com. Plan holders who have paid for hard copies of the bid documents will need to make the determination if hard copies of the addenda are required for their use, and coordinate directly with the printer for hard copies of addenda to be issued. There will be no charge for registered plan holders to obtain hard copies of the bid addenda.

The bids will be opened and read aloud immediately following the bid receipt at the BREWSTER CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, Business Office Board Room, 30 Farm to Market Road, Brewster, New York, 10509.

Proposals must be submitted on the Form provided by the Architect with all blanks appropriately filled in. They must be submitted in a sealed envelope bearing on the outside the name and address of the bidder and title of the Project as noted above.

All bid prices shall be filled in, both in words and figures. Signatures shall be in ink and in longhand. Proposals which are incomplete, conditional, or obscure may be rejected as informal. Additional copies of the Proposal Form will be furnished by the Architect upon request.

No oral or telephonic proposals or modifications of proposals will be considered.

A non-mandatory pre-bid conference will be held on 02/25/2025, at 2:30 PM. Bidders are requested to meet at the front entrance of Brewster High School located at 50 Foggintown Road, Brewster, NY 10509.

Lump Sum Bids will be received for five (5) Prime Contracts:

- Contract #1 General Construction.
- Contract #2 Plumbing
- Contract #3 HVAC
- Contract #4 Electrical
- Contract #5 Roofing

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Supreme Court

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF PUTNAM
In the matter of the foreclosure of tax liens
Index No. 502068/2024
by proceeding in rem pursuant to Article Eleven Consolidating Index No.: 584 / 2018 of Real Property Tax Law by the County of Putnam affecting parcels located in the Towns of Carmel, Kent, Patterson, Philipstown, Putnam Valley and Southeast

NOTICE OF PETITION AND NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

TO THE PARTY TO WHOM THE ENCLOSED IS ADDRESSED:
You are presumed

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to have, own, or have a legal interest in one or more the parcels of real property described in the attached PETITION AND NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE, and the relevant pages of the List of Delinquent Taxes (In Rem List) attached as Schedule A. A proceeding to foreclose on such property based upon the failure to pay real property taxes has been commenced. Foreclosure will result in the loss of ownership of such property and all rights in that property. To avoid loss of ownership or any other rights in the property, all unpaid taxes and other legal charges must be PAID ON OR BEFORE MARCH 12, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. or you must interpose a duly verified Answer in the proceeding. You must make payment by sending a certified check, cashier's check or money order (no personal checks will be accepted) to: Putnam County Department of Finance, 40 Gleneida Avenue, Carmel, New York 10512. Checks should be made payable to the Putnam County Commissioner of Finance. You may wish to contact an attorney to protect your rights. After MARCH 12, 2025 the Court will enter judgment authorizing the transfer of the property to the County of Putnam. Should you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact the undersigned. Dated: November 18, 2024, Mahopac, New York. JENNIFER M. HERODES, ESQUIRE Herodes Law, P.C. Attorney for Tax District 888 Route Six, Mahopac, New York 10541, 845) 628-1100

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PETITION AND NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

The above-captioned proceeding is hereby commenced to enforce the payment of delinquent taxes or other lawful charges, which have accumulated and become liens against certain property. The parcels to which this proceeding applies are identified on the attached List of Delinquent Taxes (hereinafter referred to as the "In Rem List"), which is annexed hereto and made a part hereof as Schedule A. This document serves both as a Petition of Foreclosure and a Notice of Foreclosure for purposes of this proceeding.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT ON THE 25th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2024, THE PUTNAM COUNTY COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE (SOMETIMES HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE "ENFORCEMENT OFFICER") OF THE COUNTY OF PUTNAM (HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE "TAX DISTRICT"), PURSUANT TO LAW, FILED THIS PETITION OF FORECLOSURE WITH THE CLERK OF THE COUNTY OF PUTNAM.

Effect of Filing: All persons having or claiming to have an interest in the real property described on the In Rem List, attached hereto as Schedule A, are hereby notified that the filing of this Petition constitutes the commencement by the Tax District of a proceeding in the Court specified in the caption above to foreclose each of the tax liens therein described by a foreclosure proceeding in rem.

Nature of Proceeding: This proceeding is brought against the real property only and is to foreclose the tax liens described on the In Rem List, at-

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tached hereto as Schedule A. No personal judgment will be entered herein for such taxes or other legal charges or any party thereof.

Persons Affected: This notice is directed to all persons owning or having or claiming to have an interest in the real property described on the In Rem List, attached hereto as Schedule A. Such persons are hereby notified further that a duplicate of this Petition has been filed in the office of the Enforcement Officer of the Tax District and will remain open for public inspection up to and including the date specified below as the last day for redemption.

Right of Redemption: Any person having or claiming to have an interest in any such real property, and the legal right thereto, may on or before March 3, 2025 redeem the same by paying the amount of all such unpaid tax liens thereon, including all interest and penalties, and other legal charges which are included in the lien against such real property, computed to and including the date of redemption. Such payments should be made payable to the Putnam County Commissioner of Finance and mailed to: Putnam County Department of Finance 40 Gleneida Avenue Carmel, New York 10512 Payment must be made by certified check, cashier's check or money order. Personal checks will not be accepted. In the event that such taxes are paid by a person other than the record owner of such real property, the person so paying shall be entitled to have the tax liens affected thereby satisfied of record.

Last Day for Redemption: The last day for redemption is hereby fixed as the 12TH day of March, 2025.

Service of Answer: Every person having any right, title or interest in or lien upon any parcel of real property described on the attached In Rem List may serve a duly verified Answer upon the Putnam County Attorney, the attorney for the Tax District, setting forth in detail the nature and amount of his or her interest and any defense or objection to the foreclosure. Such Answer must be filed in the Office of the Putnam County Clerk and served upon the attorney for the Tax District on or before the date above mentioned as the last day for redemption.

Failure to Redeem or Answer: In the event of failure to redeem or answer by any person having the right to redeem or answer, such person shall be forever barred or foreclosed of all his or her right, title and interest and equity of redemption in and to the parcels described on the In Rem List, attached hereto as Schedule A, and a judgment in foreclosure may be taken by default.

Dated: November 18, 2024 Mahopac, New York Enforcement Officer: Michael Lewis Putnam County Commissioner of Finance

- Carmel
- 44.11 - 1 - 11
The Kathall Corp.
Carmel
- 44.14 - 1 - 108
Michaels Glen Homeowners Association, Inc.
Carmel
- 44.19 - 2 - 22
United Cerebral Palsy Association of Putnam and Southern Dutchess Counties, Inc. d/b/a Hudson Valley Cerebral Palsy Association
Carmel
- 54.16 - 1 - 19
Maselli, John L.
Maselli, Gertrude
Carmel
- 64.13 - 1 - 6
McMahon, Kenneth M.
McMahon, Laura
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- 65.10 - 1 - 11

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- Prelvukic, Redzep
Prelvukic, Rusa
Carmel
- 65.11 - 2 - 28
Miraglia, Gina
Carmel
- 65.14 - 1 - 24
McHugh, Gerard J.
McHugh, Kathryn V.
Carmel
- 74.12 - 2 - 44
Materasso, Michael
Materasso, Dora a/k/a Teodora
Carmel
- 74.15 - 1 - 15
Estate of Frank Beyer
Carmel
- 75.51 - 1 - 24
Baron, Lee M.
Carmel
- 75.65 - 1 - 17
Keegan, Mary
Carmel
- 75.65 - 1 - 18
Keegan, Mary
Carmel
- 77.17 - 1 - 10
United Cerebral Palsy Association of Putnam and Southern Dutchess Counties, Inc.
- Kent
- 9. - 1 - 42
Perrin, Pamela
- Kent
- 11.17 - 1 - 5
Broschart, Viola M., Estate of
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- 12. - 3 - 52
Korangy, Amir
Kent
- 22.75 - 1 - 46
Scarpone, Thomas
Kent
- 22.80 - 1 - 57
Reed, Elizabeth
Borden, Christine
Kent
- 22.83 - 1 - 50
Scarpone, Thomas
Kent
- 22.84 - 1 - 10
Dumitrescu, Stefan
Kent
- 30.20 - 1 - 14
DeVida Eterna, Manatial
- Kent
- 33.32 - 1 - 1
Lopez, Ernesto
Lopez, Alejandrina
Kent
- 33.32 - 1 - 67
Reed, Elizabeth
Borden, Christine
Kent
- 33.34 - 1 - 24
Life Line Childrens Outreach, Inc.
Kent
- 33.36 - 1 - 9
Treulieb, Henry S.
Kent
- 33.58 - 1 - 34
Ogden, Theodore M., Estate of
Patterson
- 25.38 - 1 - 10
Abbondola, Carmine
Patterson

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- 25.40 - 1 - 34
Gilmore, Daniel R.
Gilmore, Lori M.
Patterson
- 25.54 - 1 - 24
Locascio, Vilar
Patterson
- 25.55 - 1 - 28
Flynn, Edward J.
Patterson
- 25.55 - 2 - 8
Patricola, Joanne
Patterson
- 25.71 - 1 - 47
Medina, Andrew
- Philipstown
60. - 2 - 45
Gex, Evекyn A.
Putnam Valley
- 41. - 2 - 30
Schoenfeld, William G., Estate of
Putnam Valley
- 41.10 - 2 - 54
DiFalco, Catherine
Putnam Valley
- 73.5 - 2 - 70
Swirz, Linda
Putnam Valley
- 83.73 - 1 - 15
Urbina, Grace
Putnam Valley
- 85.13 - 1 - 27
Felizardo, Manuel
Putnam Valley
- 83.57 - 1 - 21
Purcell, Linda
- Southeast
- 45.84 - 2 - 36
Bayer, Albert L.
Bayer, Margie, P.
Southeast
- 47. - 2 - 19
Evans, Barbara L.
Southeast
- 56.12 - 2 - 46
Willis, Patricia A.
Southeast
- 56.19 - 1 - 3
Venuti, Lisa Ann
Southeast
- 56.28 - 1 - 13
Perez, Berlin C.
Southeast
- 57.18 - 1 - 11
Hunt, Michele
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NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF PUTNAM, WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY IN ITS CAPACITY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR CASCADE FUNDING MORTGAGE TRUST HB13, Plaintiff, vs. ANY AND ALL KNOWN OR UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING AN INTEREST BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE ESTATE OF HELEN FORCINA, DECEASED, ET AL., Defendant(s).

Pursuant to an Order Confirming Referee Report, Amend the Caption, and Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered on November 18, 2024, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at court room 209 of the Putnam Supreme Courthouse, 20 County Center, Carmel, NY 10512 on March 10, 2025 at 9:30 a.m., premises known as 87 Hewitt Street, Lake Peekskill AKA Putnam Valley, NY 10537. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of Putnam Valley, County

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of Putnam and State of New York, Section 83.74, Block 2 and Lot 55. Approximate amount of judgment is \$290,966.26 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index #501717/2021.

Niki Pagones Quinn, Esq., Referee
Greenspoon Marder, 1345 Avenue of the Americas, Suite 2200, New York, NY 10105, Attorneys for Plaintiff

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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT PUTNAM COUNTY

PHH MORTGAGE CORPORATION, Plaintiff against **JOANN P. BRUGGER**, EXECUTOR OF THE ESTATE OF DONALD F. BRUGGER, 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 December 4, 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 March 10, 2025 at 2:30 PM. Premises known as 14 Nova Lane, Brewster, NY 10509. Sec 69.13 Block 1 Lot 28. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Town of Southeast, County of Putnam and State of New York. Approximate Amount of Judgment is \$389,286.65 plus interest, fees, and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No 501704/2023.

The foreclosure sale will be conducted in accordance with 9th Judicial District's Covid-19 Policies and foreclosure auction rules. The Referee shall enforce any rules in place regarding facial coverings and social distancing.
Juliana Lobiondo, Esq., Referee

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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT PUTNAM COUNTY

M&T BANK, Plaintiff against

ALEXIS C. DEVLIN, et al Defendant(s) Attorney for Plaintiff(s) McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC, 420 Lexington Avenue, Suite 840, New York, NY 10170.

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered December 16, 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 March 10, 2025 at 11:30 AM. Premises known as 169 Seminary Hill Road, Carmel, NY 10512. Sec 55.18 Block 1 Lot 12. 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, State of New York. Approximate Amount of Judgment is \$396,771.27 plus interest, fees, and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No 500586/2022.

The foreclosure sale will be conducted in accordance with 9th Judicial District's Covid-19 Policies and foreclosure auction rules. The Referee shall enforce any rules in place regarding facial coverings and social distancing.

For sale information, please contact XOME at www.Xome.com or call (844)400-9633.

Cirino M Bruno, Esq.,

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF PUTNAM

MORTGAGE ASSETS MANAGEMENT, LLC,

-against-

VINCENT DIBENEDETTO, HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF DONATA DIBENEDETTO, ET AL.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure and entered in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Putnam on December 19, 2024, wherein MORTGAGE ASSETS MANAGEMENT, LLC is the Plaintiff and VINCENT DIBENEDETTO, HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF DONATA DIBENEDETTO, ET AL. are the Defendant(s). I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the PUTNAM COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 20 COUNTY CENTER, CARMEL, NY 10512, on March 17, 2025 at 9:30AM, premises known as 2102 MARTINGALE DRIVE, UNIT 2102 A/K/A UNIT 136 IN BUILDING NO. 21, CARMEL, NY 10512; and the following tax map identification, 44-1-14.2102.

THE UNIT KNOWN AS UNIT NO. 136 IN BUILDING NO. 21 AS SHOWN ON THE SITE PLAN FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE COUNTY OF PUTNAM AS MAP NO. 1875-U IN THE TOWN OF SOUTHEAST, PUTNAM COUNTY, NEW YORK

Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No.: 500413/2022. Niki Pagones Quinn, Esq. - Referee. Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 310, Westbury, New York 11590, Attorneys for Plaintiff. **All foreclosure sales will be conducted in accordance with Covid-19 guidelines including, but not limited to, social distancing and mask wearing. *LOCATION OF SALE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DAY OF IN ACCORDANCE WITH COURT/CLERK DIRECTIVES.**

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PUBLIC AUCTION NOTICE OF SALE OF COOPERATIVE APARTMENT SECURITY BY VIRTUE OF DEFAULT in a security agreement executed on December 17, 2007 by Susan C. Broadway, and in accordance with its rights as holder of the security, **Nationstar Mortgage LLC**, by Kim Carrino, Auctioneer, will conduct a public sale of the security consisting of 417 shares of common stock in **Woodcrest Gardens, Inc** and all rights title and interest in and to a proprietary lease between corporation and debtor for UNIT C10 in a building known as and by the street address, 675 Route 6, Woodcrest Gardens, C10, Mahopac, NY 10541 together with fixtures and articles of personal property now or hereafter affixed to or used in connection with UNIT C10 on March 06, 2025 at 12:00PM front entrance of the Historic Courthouse at 44 Gleneida Ave, Carmel, NY, in satisfaction of an indebtedness in the principal amount of \$71,672.36 plus interest from July 01, 2024 and costs, subject to open maintenance charges. The secured party reserves the right to bid. Ten percent (10%) deposit by bank or certified funds required at Auction, payable to the attorneys

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for the secured party. Closing within 30 days. Such sale shall be subject to the terms of sale. **GROSS POLOWY LLC** 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 (716) 204-1700 ATTORNEYS FOR SECURED CREDITOR 83995

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SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF PUTNAM, U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCF 2 ACQUISITION TRUST C/O U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff, vs. ROSA ENGLAND, ET AL., Defendant(s).

Pursuant to an Order Confirming Referee's Report and Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered on December 5, 2024, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at court room 209 of the Putnam Supreme Courthouse, 20 County Center, Carmel, NY 10512 on March 17, 2025 at 11:30 a.m., premises known as 64 Hillside View 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 52, Block 1 and Lot 2. Approximate amount of judgment is \$750,256.15 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index #500420/2023. Cash will not be accepted.

Jonathan Victor, Esq., Referee

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

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SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF PUTNAM, **WILMINGTON TRUST, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION**, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY, BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE OF MFRA TRUST 2014-2, Plaintiff, vs. **GARY KNOWLES, ET AL.**, Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered on November 25, 2024, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Putnam Supreme Courthouse, courtroom 209, 20 County Center, Carmel, NY 10512 on March 17, 2025 at 10:30 a.m., premises known as 219 Elm 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 63.82, Block 1 and Lot 47. Approximate amount of judgment is \$488,056.17 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index #501931/2023.

Anthony Carlos Carlini, Jr., Esq., Referee

Law Offices of Matthew W. Lizotte, 1 Blue Hill Plaza - Lobby Level, Suite 1509, Pearl River, NY 10965, Attorneys for Plaintiff

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SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF PUTNAM. THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS

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TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF THE CWABS INC., ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-BC2, Plaintiff -against- **BIBIANA HALAGA**; PETER HALAGA, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale dated January 6, 2025 and entered on January 7, 2025, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction will sell at public auction in the courtroom 209 of the Putnam Supreme Courthouse located at 20 County Center, Carmel, NY on March 24, 2025 at 2:30 p.m. premises situate, lying and being in the Town of Carmel, County of Putnam and State of New York; known and designated as Section 86.40 Block 1 Lot 1.

Said premises known as 18 SUMMIT DRIVE, MAHOPAC, NY 10541

Approximate amount of lien \$780,515.32 plus interest & costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment and Terms of Sale.

Index Number 500826/2022. CHRISTOPHER A. MONTALTO, ESQ., Referee Pincus Law Group, PLLC Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 425 RXR Plaza, Uniondale, NY 11556

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LLC

Notice of Formation of **Gentabue Design Studio LLC**. Articles of Org filed with SSNY on 1/3/2025. Office Location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Gentabue Design Studio LLC, 3701 Buttonwood Lane, Carmel, New York 10512. Purpose: Any lawful purpose or activity.

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Notice of Qualification of **Lion Mountain Analytics, LLC**. Authority filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/12/24. Office location: Putnam County. LLC formed in Connecticut (CT) on 07/21/24. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Paracorp Incorporated, 2804 Gateway Oaks Dr. #100, Sacramento, CA 95833. Address of the principal office: 54 Danbury Road, Suite 265, Ridgefield, CT 06877. Arts of Org. filed with the CT Secy. of State, 165 Capitol Avenue, Suite 1000, Hartford, CT 06115-0470. Purpose: any lawful activities.

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Notice of Formation of **DREAM LASER WORKS LLC**.

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Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/10/2025. Office location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Chad Andrews 16 Beverly Warren Road Garrison, NY 10524 Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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Notice of Formation of **Upstate Animation, LLC**. Articles of Org filed with SSNY on 11/27/24. Office Location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Upstate Animation, LLC, 226 Logan Ln, Mahopac, 10541. Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity.

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Notice of Formation of **Healing Minds Therapy LLC**. Articles of Org filed with SSNY on 12/07/2024. Office Location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o Healing Minds Therapy LLC, 113 Old Road, Brewster, NY 10509. Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity.

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Notice of Formation of **36 KLD LLC**. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/14/2025. Office location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 44 Gramercy Park N, Apt. 4B, New York, NY 10010. Purpose: any lawful activities.

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Notice of Formation of **DAV Properties, LLC**. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on January 23, 2025. Office location: Putnam County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 3402 Danbury Road, Brewster, New York 10509. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

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