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Area lawmakers joined parents at a rally Feb. 27 in Carmel to call for full-time in-person learning.

Hearing Parent Demands, Mahopac Plans Return to In-Person Learning

By Holly Crocco

Parents of the Mahopac Central School District recently voiced frustration over the fact that students remain subject to remote learning while surrounding districts have found ways to bring pupils back into school buildings.

But that will change beginning next week.

During a special Mahopac School Board meeting March 3, Superintendent of Schools Anthony DiCarlo outlined the district's re-entry plan.

The targeted date for full in-person instruction for students with individualized education plans in

kindergarten through grade 12 is Wednesday, March 17. The district plans to have all students in grades six through 12 return the week of April 5, those in kindergarten and grade one return April 8 and 9, grades two and three on April 12 and 13, and grades four and five return April 14 and 15.

According to DiCarlo, students in the secondary schools are being brought in before the elementary students because their learning space can be more easily accommodated. While many high-schoolers are finding it easier to participate in remote learning than their younger counterparts, they are

also more amenable to face shields and keeping their distance.

For the K-5 classrooms, trifold polycarbonate desk barriers will be attached to desks to maintain safety.

DiCarlo noted that there may be some adjustments to class start times, as well as transportation routes and schedules, depending on how many students will take a bus to school, how many will be dropped off by parents, and how many will drive themselves. Class locations may also be changed as space dictates, according to the superintendent.

Food service will be "grab-
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Heart Walk Becomes a Digital Experience

With the COVID-19 pandemic still keeping many Americans at home, the American Heart Association remains committed to funding groundbreaking research and helping people live healthier lives by walking together. The AHA's Putnam and Westchester Heart Walks are being transformed into a new Heart Walk Experience, providing a way for people to get active, celebrate heart and stroke survivors, and raise life-saving funds.

"Now, more than ever, we're all looking for ways to connect with others, stay active and stay encouraged," said Howard Klein, chairman of AHA's Westchester Board of Directors. "Our week-long digital experience allows everyone to continue to have fun and support our lifesaving mission while spending more time at home. We are grateful for the support from our community and can't wait to see how everyone makes the Heart Walk their own."

From Friday, March 26 to Thursday, April 1, Putnam and Westchester Heart Walk participants and teams will not physically meet, but are invited to get moving at home or around their neighborhoods. Consider taking a walk outside, having an indoor dance party, trying out a few strengthening exercises like

push-ups or squats, or create a circuit workout.

"This year, we will walk together as one because so much is at stake," said Klein. "COVID-19 has only strengthened our resolve because 40 percent of those hospitalized due to COVID-19 are stroke survivors or people with heart disease. With our help, the American Heart Association is investing in new research and training frontline workers while they continue the fight against heart disease and stroke."

To register for the Putnam Heart Walk, visit www.putnamheartwalk.org. From there, *Continued on Page 12*



Putnam Promised to Receive Increased Vaccine Doses

The Putnam County Department of Health has been promised an increase in its vaccine supply, but not as large an increase as it asked for from the state, according to Putnam County Executive MaryEllen Odell.

New York State Health Commissioner Dr. Howard Zucker, and Larry Schwartz, who is leading the state's vaccination efforts, recently told county executives statewide to make formal requests for a supply of Pfizer vaccine that local health departments could use to vaccinate seniors without comorbidities.

The county executives were told they could request as much vaccine they could store at sub-zero temperatures and administer to seniors within seven days.

Putnam County requested 3,000 Pfizer vaccine doses, but was told it would receive 1,170.

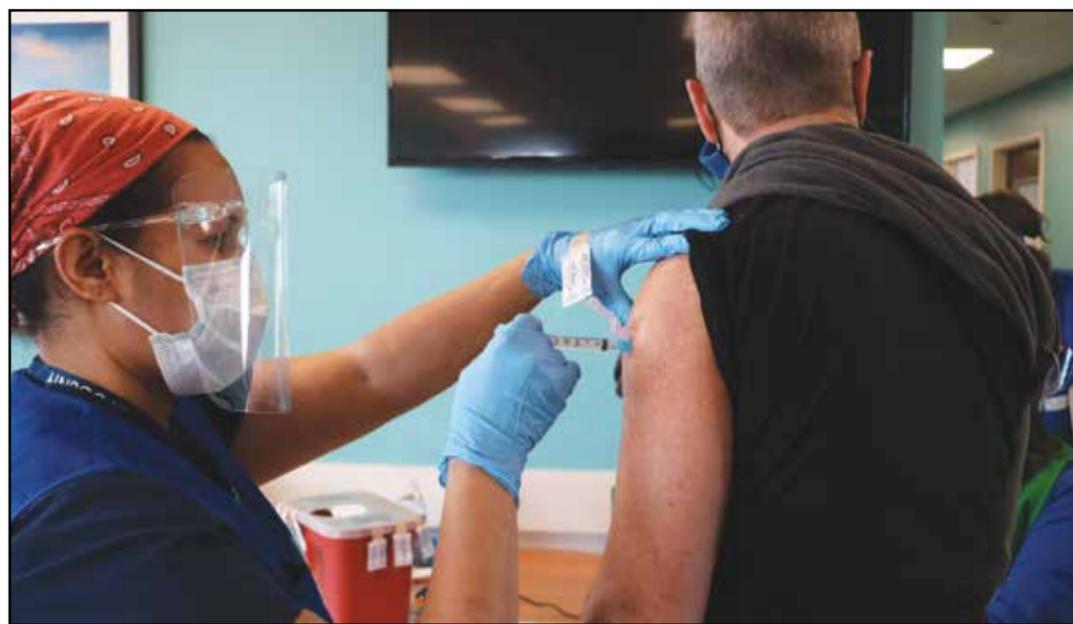
"We hoped for more, but this is still a big increase over the amount we had been getting (300 doses a week)," said Odell. "Plus, now we will be able to

vaccinate seniors who have no comorbidities. That is what we've been asking to do all along. We are so glad the state made this important change."

As of last week, the county had not yet received the Pfizer vaccine and had not yet scheduled a point-of-dispensing for senior vaccinations. When the shipment arrives, the health department will set up a link for appointments on its website, at putnamcountyny.com/covid-19-vaccine-information.

Until now, the state had allowed local health departments to vaccinate only essential workers, group home residents, the disabled, and seniors with comorbidities — and the vaccine supplied was Moderna, which does not require sub-zero refrigeration.

Also last week, New York State launched a pilot program to begin administering the Johnson & Johnson single-dose vaccine to eligible New Yorkers at mass vaccination sites across the state, including a short-term site at



A Putnam County Department of Health staff member administers a vaccine.

Marist College in Poughkeepsie. The site opened Friday and remains open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Wednesday, with 3,500 total available Johnson & Johnson vaccines.

Counties, pharmacies and federally qualified health centers also began receiving Johnson & Johnson allocations last week.

Eligible New Yorkers are able to schedule appointments by uti-

lizing New York's "Am I Eligible" website or by calling 1-833-NYS-4-VAX (1-833-697-4829).

New York expects its next allocation of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine next week.

Harassment Claims Against Cuomo Pile Up

Gov. Andrew Cuomo has now been accused of sexual harassment by three women, including two former aides.

Former stop staffer Lindsey Boylan lodged an accusation at the end of February, describing her uncomfortable experiences with the governor dating back to 2016. She claims he said he had a crush on her, suggested they play strip poker, and that in 2018 he gave her an awkward kiss on the lips.

Another former aide, Charlotte Bennett, age 25, said that in June the governor asked her a number of questions about her personal life, including whether she had ever been intimate with other men.

In a statement following Bennett's allegations, Cuomo said he may have made jokes to Bennett that were in poor taste.

"I never intended to offend anyone or cause any harm," he said. "At work sometimes I think I am being playful and make jokes that I think are funny. I do, on occasion, tease people in what I think is a good-natured way. I do it in public and in private. You have seen me do it at briefings hundreds of times... I mean no offense and only attempt to add some levity and banter to what is a very serious business.

"I now understand that my interactions may have been insensitive or too personal and that some of my comments, given my position, made others feel in ways I never intended," continued Cuomo.

Anna Ruch lodged her accusations against Cuomo last week, saying she had never met him before he placed his hand on her bare lower back at a wedding in September 2019, and when she removed it, he placed his hands on her face and asked if he could kiss her.

"I acknowledge some of



Lindsey Boylan is a former aide of New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo, and has accused him of sexual harassment. Photo courtesy of CNN.

the things I have said have been misinterpreted as an unwanted flirtation," the governor said in his response to these claims. "To the extent anyone felt that way, I am truly sorry about that."

The governor said he never "inappropriately touched anybody and I never propositioned anybody and I never intended to make anyone feel uncomfortable, but these are allegations that New Yorkers deserve answers to."

The governor's office initially requested former Federal Judge Barbara Jones lead the review of the accusations. However, Jones is allegedly a previous law firm partner with one of the governor's confidants.

Now, New York State Attorney General Letitia James and Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals Janet DiFiore have been asked to select an independent and qualified lawyer in private practice without political affiliation to conduct a thorough review of the sexual harassment claims made against the governor and issue a public report.

Assemblyman Kevin Byrne, R-Mahopac, said the allegations against the governor are serious and warrant an independent investigation, and the idea that the governor wanted to appoint "his

own reviewer" into the claims was "an insane proposal."

"The governor was shamed by the public and members of the Legislature and has since reportedly reversed course," said Byrne. "If the governor does not provide this referral as requested by AG James, then the Legislature should amend the law, override any potential veto, and empower the AG to appropriately carry out the duties of her elected office."

Byrne said the public still needs a full investigations by the Legislature utilizing subpoena powers to reveal the truth about how controversial state policies for the handling of COVID-19 in nursing homes were crafted and why information was hidden from the Legislature and the public for months.

"Remember, it was Assemblyman Ron Kim's bravery speaking up about Gov. Cuomo's bullish tactics and alleged coercion that inspired others like Ms. Boylan to publish her essay, which reportedly inspired Ms. Bennett to share her story," said Byrne. "All of this must be thoroughly investigated so that victims are heard, justice is sought, and violators of the law are held accountable."

Byrne said that if legislators

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Guest Columnist

Attack on Sheriff Unwarranted

By Eileen McDermott

Members of the Putnam County Legislature's Protective Services Committee perpetuated a number of inaccuracies — and some blatant fictions — during their Feb. 18 committee meeting. Their statements were an obvious attempt to shift responsibility for the poor management of the Putnam police review process from County Executive MaryEllen Odell and her panel of elected officials to the sheriff's department.

While these entities play the blame game, it is the community that loses out.

Legislators Neal Sullivan, Ginny Nacerino and Amy Sayegh repeatedly accused Sheriff Robert Langley Jr. of failing to provide them, as members of the police panel, with updated sheriff's department policies. But the county executive is supposed to first submit a plan recommending policy changes to the Legislature, which must then approve the plan before submitting it to the sheriff to implement.

As Legislator Nancy Montgomery noted in the meeting, the draft plan has not yet been finalized or fully vetted by the public, so it is confusing that the legislators are asking the sheriff to produce updated policies. We don't even know which recommendations the panel is asking him to make, yet.

The Police Policy Review Panel held one public comment meeting on the draft plan, which includes no clear official proposals, but instead just lists and comments on all of the stakeholder recommendations. The full Legislature still has to review the final plan and allow the broader public to comment on it before considering and ratifying.

The Feb. 18 meeting made it clear that the Protective Services Committee members simply do not understand Executive Order 203. The order expressly requires that the chief executive — MaryEllen Odell — direct the process, and yet she has been wholly absent from nearly all meetings and activities related to police reform. We know this because many of our members have participated as subcommittee members in the police panel stakeholder groups.

As the person mandated to lead the police reform process, Ms. Odell's first priority should have been to request and obtain all of the sheriff's policies, then provide them to all of the panel members. This never happened, making a "comprehensive review" of Putnam's police policies impossible — and many stakeholder participants complained.

However, the Draft Reform Plan explains on page 19 that, although the public stakeholder members of the panel were purportedly not allowed to review the policies due to prohibitions under the NYS Public Officers Law, the non-stakeholder members of the Police Policy Review Panel — which includes Legislators Sullivan, Nacerino and Sayegh — have reviewed all of the sheriff's department procedures.

But the statements made during the Feb. 18 meeting do not indicate this is the case.

Sullivan, Nacerino and Sayegh claimed the sheriff refused to share any policies, which the sheriff squarely denied. In any case, it seems the chief goal of the order — for the executive to organize and conduct a comprehensive review of the sheriff's policies and procedures — has not been accomplished. Why was this not a priority for the designated leader of the process, MaryEllen Odell?

Further, in an op-ed for the Southeast-Brewster Patch on Aug. 26, Legislator Sullivan wrote, in part: "Sheriff Langley can review as many policies as he would like, however, such a review has been rendered moot by Gov. Cuomo's Executive Order 203... Once the policies are finalized, Executive Order 203 then vests the Legislature with the authority to adopt the revised policies and procedures. It will then be incumbent upon the sheriff's department to comply with and adhere to those policies."

This quote makes it clear that Legislator Sullivan considered the sheriff not to have any autonomy regarding revisions to policies, and that he felt it was up to the county executive to lead the process of policy revision up to the Legislature to adopt the revisions, and up to the sheriff to implement the revisions as adopted.

As a result, it is difficult to give credence to Sullivan's statement to the sheriff in the meeting that, "These are your policies — we need an action plan from the sheriff."

Legislators Sayegh and Sullivan stressed repeatedly that the community's comments made in the first and only public hearing of the Police Policy Review Panel showed "the public is really crying for transparency from law enforcement." This is not a false statement, but it disguises the fact that the vast majority of comments made at the Feb. 17 hearing focused their criticism squarely on the county's lack of transparency, gross mismanagement and lack of collaboration.

Nacerino also disingenuously accused the sheriff of not including reforms like body cameras in his department plan when it is widely known that she and her colleagues have consistently withheld the budget for such cameras.

The police review process in Putnam has been obstructive to participation from disenfranchised communities and very poorly run. As the leader of this process, the county executive had a chance to work with the sheriff to create real change in Putnam, but she has barely been involved, instead delegating her responsibility to an unelected deputy county executive — a position she created out of thin air, in the midst of a pandemic — and she and her friends on the Legislature are now attempting to create a false narrative strictly to prop up their preferred candidate for sheriff.

Eileen McDermott is a Brewster resident and submitted this op-ed on behalf of Putnam Progressives.

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Putnam Hospital in Carmel

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For more information, visit

www.putnamcountyny.com/covid-19-vaccine-information.



Gil "Crying Hawk" Tarbox, pictured with his wife, Penny, at the 2017 Daniel Nimham Pow Wow.

Nimham Pow Wow Will Be Gil Tarbox' Legacy

Putnam County mourns the loss of someone who kept the county's Native American history alive with the passing of Gil "Crying Hawk" Tarbox, drummer of the Nimham Mountain Singers and coordinator of the Daniel Nimham Pow Wow.

"Gil put Putnam County on the map with the annual Daniel Nimham Pow Wow, and he taught us all so much about our county's history," said County Executive MaryEllen Odell. "We will all miss Gil. There is no replacing his enthusiasm, his spirit and his vast knowledge of the Native Americans who called our county home."

Tarbox helped establish the intertribal pow wow every August at the Putnam County Veterans Memorial Park in Kent/Carmel. With singing, dancing, drumming and storytelling, the event helped educate young people about the 8,000 Wappinger Indians who lived in this area and their last chief, Daniel Nimham.

"Our hearts will always cry for him, but we take comfort that he is with our ancestors at the Great Council Fire and that we shall see him again when it is our turn to join the spirit world," commented the Nimham Mountain Singers on social media. "The Daniel Nimham Pow Wow was created from Gil's vision of what a pow wow should be: a place where people gathered, celebrated/nurtured/learned about Native Americans and became family."

Since the Daniel Nimham Pow Wow was Tarbox' creation, it will pass along with him.

"Thank you, Gil, for all the years of dedication, hard work, creative vision and love," wrote the Nimham Mountain Singers. "There never would have been and never will be a Daniel Nimham Pow Wow without you. It, along with the Nimham monu-

ment, are your legacy."

Tarbox, 73, who lived in Kent, was a Vietnam veteran.

"I will always be grateful to Gil not only for his valuable contributions to Putnam County, but also for his honorable service to his country," said Putnam County Legislator Toni Adonizio, R-Kent.

According to Art Hanley, deputy director of the Putnam County Veterans' Service Agency, Tarbox enlisted in the U.S. Army on Oct. 29, 1965. "He trained as a construction machine operator at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.," said Hanley. "He served three years total, with nearly two years overseas on a tour of duty in Germany and a tour of duty in Vietnam."

Tarbox was active with veteran causes, and was a member of the Putnam County Veterans' Memorial Park Advisory Board, where he served for many years.

"He was instrumental in expanding and refurbishing the Daniel Nimham Memorial at the entrance to the county park," said Christopher Ruthven, deputy commissioner of Putnam County Parks. "Every year he personally decorated the memorial for Memorial Day and Veterans' Day. And, of course, his group the Nimham Mountain Singers performed at many functions throughout the county, including the pow wow and the 4-H fair."

Tarbox' fundraising efforts at the pow wow went to support several veterans' organizations, including Honor Our Military Heroes Fund, Semper Fi Odyssey, Tower of Hope Foundation, Wounded Warriors, the Service Dog Project and Final Salute.

"Gil gave so much of himself to the county," said Odell. "We are grateful for his service. My thoughts and prayers go out to his wife, Penny, his family and friends. May he rest in peace."

Free Virtual Tax Filing Assistance

Registration for free virtual tax filing assistance sessions is now open through the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance.

If your federal adjusted gross income in 2020 was \$72,000 or less, you qualify to receive free virtual tax assistance from the tax department, which can guide you through the process of electronically preparing and filing your 2020 federal and state income tax returns.

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"This online tax software is a safe, convenient and secure way to file — and it's free," said New York State Commissioner of Taxation and Finance Michael Schmidt. "I highly encourage all eligible New Yorkers, especially those with simple returns, to take advantage of this free tax assistance service to avoid fees charged by tax software vendors and tax preparers."

Register for a session at www.tax.ny.gov/fsa/calendars/default.htm. Once you register, you will receive an email with a link to the webinar session. You will also receive a link to the free tax software and an intake

questionnaire. Review and fill out the questionnaire to ensure you have all the documents needed to complete your return during the session.

Plan to spend up to two hours in the webinar session. To ensure a quick and easy filing experience, have all tax documents and personal information for each person on the return available for the webinar session, use the software link to set up an account in the free software, and follow up by checking your email within 48 hours once you submit your return.

Review the documents to have on hand and an explanation of how to create an account to use the free software at www.tax.ny.gov/fsa.

Additionally, if you're confident enough to file on your own, you can use your own computer, tablet or mobile device to prepare and e-file your income tax returns whenever and wherever you want using the same secure software at no cost.

To learn more and determine if you qualify for Free File, visit

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The Department of Taxation and Finance also reminds taxpayers they can receive the refunds they're owed up to two weeks sooner by e-filing their return and choosing direct deposit.

E-filing is safer, faster and more efficient than sending paper returns through the mail, according to the department — and you'll receive your refund faster if it's directly deposited into your bank account rather than mailed as a paper check.

"Combining the power of electronic filing and direct deposit is the most secure and efficient way to submit your tax return and receive any refund due," said Schmidt. "We strive to issue refunds as quickly as possible, and you can help by filing an accurate return and choosing to have your refund directly deposited into your bank account."

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Grants Available to Protect Estuary

About \$750,000 in new competitive grant funding is available to help communities in the Hudson River Estuary watershed increase resiliency to flooding; protect water quality, fish and wildlife habitat; and improve recreational access and education for all, including people with disabilities and New Yorkers living in environmental justice communities.

The grants are administered by New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's Hudson River Estuary program.

"This funding supports the state's initiatives to improve and expand Hudson River recreation opportunities for people of all abilities and will increase access to New York's natural resources in environmental justice communities," said DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos.

Three types of grant opportunities are available through three requests for applications: local stewardship planning, river access and river education. The deadline

for all applications is 3 p.m. June 2.

Approximately \$200,000 is available in amounts between \$10,500 and \$50,000 for projects to provide new or improved accessibility at new or existing access sites for boating, fishing, swimming and/or wildlife-dependent recreation along the shores of the estuary. This funding may be used to develop plans, purchase equipment, and/or the construction of physical improvements.

Approximately \$200,000 is available in amounts between \$10,500 and \$40,000 to support projects to enhance education about the estuary along the tidal waters of the Hudson and to make opportunities to learn about the estuary more accessible. The funding may be used to design, equip and/or construct educational facilities, support development of plans or curriculum, purchase equipment, and/or develop websites or mobile phone apps.

Approximately \$350,000 is available in amounts between

\$10,500 and \$50,000 in four categories of local projects and programs to support planning for: shoreline communities to adapt land uses and decision-making to factor in climate change, flooding, heat, drought and sea-level rise projections; making water infrastructure more resilient to flooding and/or sea-level rise; watershed and source water management planning; and conservation of natural resources by creating a natural resources inventory, open space inventory/index, open space plan, conservation overlay zone, open space funding feasibility study or connectivity plan.

All grant applicants, including government agencies and not-for-profit corporations, must be registered in the NYS Grants Gateway to be eligible to apply for any state grant opportunity. Not-for-profit applicants are required to "prequalify" in the system. For more information about Grants Gateway, visit <https://grantsmanagement.ny.gov> or email grantsgateway@its.ny.gov.

Nutrition Corner



By Allison J. Stowell
MS, RD, CDN

National Nutrition Month

This March marks many things, including National Nutrition Month (NNM), our yearly reminder that nutrition should be top-of-mind for us all. After a year marked by discussions on health, immunity, and the impact diet-related conditions (like obesity) have on our ability to stay healthy, there is no better time to consider the role of diet in your daily living. The goal of NNM 2021 is to remind you to "personalize your plate", which means remembering that your diet is just that, your diet. A diet isn't something we're "on" or "doing", but rather a personal approach to enhancing our overall wellness through sensible food choices that sustain our health. Your diet is very personal and can't be determined by a book, website, or other commercial program.

Possibly you're thinking that while that sounds good, it doesn't help you because you believe you need those books, websites, and apps to tell you how to follow a diet because, after all, you don't already have that knowledge. I appreciate that; however, I also challenge you to view your nutrition education slightly differently.

Begin by committing to using more than one source and exploring different dietary approaches (I highly recommend the Mediterranean and DASH diets). Seek the guidance of trustworthy websites that are relevant to you. For example, if you have diabetes, then the American Diabetic Association is an essential resource to understand your ideal servings, which won't be addressed on a website that is for the general population. Use this broad research to challenge ideas that are "too good to be true", as there is no quick fix when it comes to making changes to your health through diet.

Your personalized plate may reflect dietary advice you've picked up from several trustwor-

thy sources, and as you change, it will likely need to change too. Understanding that it's not a one-size-fits-all approach will help you stay on track to make sustainable, true changes.

I'm available to host complementary, virtual nutrition classes for your group or organization! Email me to arrange your private class: astowell@hannaford.com

Baked Potato Shakshuka (2 Guiding Stars)

www.guidingstars.com

Servings: 2

This variation on a classic middle east breakfast is simple, hearty, and filling. Broiling the eggs tends to lead to a soft set. If you like having more control over how firm your eggs are, heat the sauce to simmering in a small pan and poach the eggs directly in the sauce to desired texture before topping hot potatoes with eggs and sauce alike. This recipe is likely to be loved by even the most "non-breakfast" eating individuals.

Ingredients:

- 1 large russet potato, baked and halved
- ½ cup Guiding Star-worthy marinara sauce
- 2 large eggs
- Pinch of paprika

Directions:

Place warm potato halves on a parchment-lined baking sheet. If you're using refrigerated potatoes, heat in the microwave for a minute or so to warm. Use a fork to fluff the inside of the potato without breaking the skin.

Divide the marinara sauce between the potato halves and mix a bit. Make a well in the center of the sauce and crack an egg into it.

Broil 3 – 4 minutes or until the egg whites are set. Yolks will be runny: broil longer for more fully cooked egg.

Sprinkle with the pinch of paprika and serve.

Bacon Banana Bread

(Family Features)

Ingredients:

- Nonstick cooking spray
- 1 ¼ cups all-purpose flour, divided
- 1 tsp baking soda
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 1 cup sugar
- 3 med bananas, mashed
- ½ cup canola oil
- 2 eggs
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 8 slices Coleman Natural Bacon, cooked and cut into ¼-½-inch pieces

Directions:

Preheat oven to 325 F. Lightly grease 9-by-5-inch loaf pan with nonstick cooking spray.

In large bowl, combine 1 cup flour, baking soda, baking powder and sugar. In separate bowl, combine mashed bananas, canola oil, eggs and vanilla extract. Add banana mixture to dry ingredients, stirring until just combined.



In small bowl, toss bacon and remaining flour until bacon is lightly coated. Fold flour-coated bacon into batter. Pour batter into prepared loaf pan.

Bake 70-80 minutes, or until toothpick inserted near center comes out clean.

Cool in pan on wire rack 20 minutes before inverting bread onto wire rack to cool completely.

Cut and serve.

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Brewster fifth-graders watch "Harriet Tubman and the Underground Railroad."

Brewster Students Learn History Through Live Performance

Fifth-graders at CV Starr Intermediate School sat quietly in their classrooms, eyes glued to a recording of the play "Harriet Tubman and the Underground Railroad." They were so engrossed in the performance that fifth grade teacher Amy Butera said you could hear a pin drop.

The Brewster students watched the 50-minute play as part of their celebration of Black History Month.

"The play is part of the Arts in Education Program through Ridgefield Playhouse," said Butera. "It's a video of a live performance and, although we can't actually go to the theater, students watched it 'movie-style' on their classroom smartboards."

The play also connected to fourth and fifth grade curriculum, which investigates the role of the African slave trade in early American history and takes a look at powerful leaders in the Western Hemisphere and their influence on people's rights and freedom.

"The play became a springboard for a deep conversation afterward," said Butera. "Students made connections to examples of racism today and discussed the amazing courage, bravery and selflessness of Harriet Tubman and her importance as a role model."

Students learned quite a bit about Tubman, including that she became a spy for the U.S. government, that she couldn't read or write, and that an injury she sustained from a beating left her narcoleptic.

The premise of the play is that someone is writing a book about Tubman's life. It weaves back and forth between scenes from Tubman's life and someone who is trying to tell her story.

"The sets, lighting, rich dialogue and songs were both entertaining and informative — perfect for our fifth-graders," said Butera.

Afterward, students were adamant about Tubman's importance in history.

"She played an important role in Black history," said Alana.

Spencer agreed. "It's important to learn about Harriet Tubman to show how slavery can hurt people," he said.

Teachers Celebrate Black History Month

In celebration of Black History Month, seventh-graders at Henry H. Wells Middle School learned about a different black American in social studies every day.

Brewster's seventh grade social studies teachers collect all of their information and resources into something they call a "Brain Dump," which gives students access to everything that is covered in the day's lesson. Throughout the month of February, an important black American who has contributed to America's history and legacy was highlighted in each day's work.

"Because our curriculum deals with the beginnings of American history, we want our students to see that all people, no matter race or gender, have contributed to our history and that sometimes not all voices are given their due respect," said teacher Susan Barbato.

Some of the important people highlighted include well-known names like Frederick Douglass and Thurgood Marshall, as well as lesser-known figures like Bessie Coleman (the first Black licensed pilot in the U.S.) and Benjamin Banneker (who called out Thomas Jefferson on the injustice of slavery).

"A lot of truths are washed away in history," said seventh-grader Caylie Constantine. "It is important to learn about the stories of African-Americans since they impact our nation's history so much."

To close out the month, all seventh-graders watched the movie "Ruby Bridges."

"In the fall, students in seventh grade social studies studied the Enlightenment Movement and how the work of philosopher John Locke influenced colonists to question and eventually rise up against Great Britain's constraints on their natural rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness," said teacher Marisa Gargano. "We tied in the story of Ruby Bridges and how her natural rights were violated in 1960 when she was the first black child integrated into an all-white elementary school in

New Orleans."

One student was shocked by how poorly Ruby Bridges was treated.

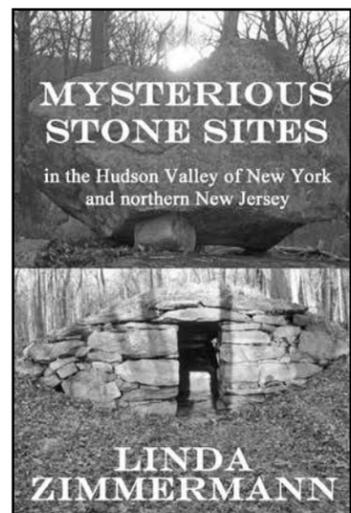
"I can't believe that just because of her skin color she was treated so terribly," said Xavier Arana. "It was really shocking to me, especially because she was a little girl."

In March, the trio of teachers, which also includes Bridget Potusek, will highlight important women in our country's history in celebration of Women's History Month.

Who Built the Stone Chambers?

The Roaring Brook Lake Garden Club, in collaboration with Tompkins Corners Cultural Center, will present a program by Linda Zimmermann, author of "Mysterious Stone Sites in the Hudson Valley of New York and Northern New Jersey," on Sunday, March 21 at 11 a.m., via Zoom.

There are mysteries in the woods of the Hudson Valley — stone sites that are assumed to be the work of colonial farmers. Zimmermann has found compelling evidence that challenges and disputes those misconceptions,



Stone chambers around Putnam will be the topic of discussion March 21.

which leaves the questions: Who did build them, and why? Could they be the work of Native Americans or pre-Columbian voyagers?

Zimmermann is the award-winning author of more than 30 books on science, history, the paranormal and fiction, and was named "Best Author in the Hudson Valley" by Hudson

Valley Magazine in 2017 and 2019, and "Best Radio Personality" in 2020.

To join the lively Zoom program, visit <https://tinyurl.com/MysteriousStoneSites>.

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Girls participate in the new T3 Developmental Program through East Hudson Youth Soccer League. Photo by Rene Rivera.

New Developmental Soccer Program Kicks Off

By Randy Vogt
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Longtime East Hudson Youth Soccer League coach Rene Rivera has come up with a new program to help young athletes become better soccer players, with the T3 Developmental Program.

"The idea for the program started from a conversation with a parent about her daughter not playing this winter with her team," said Rivera. "I began phoning venues to see what was available and 4 p.m. was all that I could find. Thinking there was no way for parents to have their daughters arrive at a session at 4 p.m., I threw it out there anyway. I received responses from 17 total players in a matter of days."

The five-week training program began Feb. 16 at Taconic Sports and Racquet in Beekman and will conclude March 16.

The three stages are: T1, which is the technical aspect of the game

and learning to feel comfortable with the ball at your feet, leading to confidence in all other areas of the game; T2, which is tactical understanding, such as where and why to use these skills in game-related play; and T3, which is thought — adding a cognitive component to training to make players focus on other variables while trying to play the game.

A good example is requiring a player to call out the color of the pinnie of the third player on a passing line prior to passing a ball to the player in front of that same line. This forces a player to look further down the field prior to passing while trying to make an accurate pass while dribbling.

Due to limited field availability, the pilot program this winter is being offered to girls in the under-10 and under-11 age groups. Plans are afoot to expand the program this spring with more locations, adding male players and other coaches.

The target age groups are U-8 and 9, U-10 and 11, and U-12 and 13.

The T3 Development Program is also looking to add position-specific training in the near future.

"There is a need in our soccer community for affordable soccer training," said Rivera. "East Hudson can and will provide that for the community as we are looking to develop players and challenge them while doing it."

For more information, contact Rivera at xtremerene@gmail.com or 845-309-0259.

With approximately 100,000 youth soccer players, boys and girls age 5 to 19, and more than 25,000 volunteers, the non-profit Eastern New York Youth Soccer Association stretches from Montauk Point, L.I., to the Canadian border. Members are affiliated with nine leagues throughout the association, which covers the entire state of New York east of Route 81. For more information, visit www.ensoccer.com.



Elder Law Advice Alan D. Feller, Esq.

NY's New Power of Attorney Law

Over a decade ago, New York introduced an updated Power of Attorney form with two parts to replace the simple three-to four-page standard form that was used for many years.

The first section listed the chosen agents and the specific tasks (banking, real estate, taxes) to be handled. Part two was a Statutory Gift Rider that controlled gifting and asset transfers for both estate and long-term care planning. This longer form was supposed to lessen the risk of fraud and provide greater structure and clarity to all the people and financial institutions working with the power of attorney.

In a surprise to no one, the updated two-part POA was overly complex and tricky to properly execute. However, another development was more disturbing: The new form was widely dishonored by financial institutions.

So what happened?

More than a few financial institutions insisted on having their clients utilize the company's own POA form and did not accept the New York Statutory POA form. The problem was and is that Powers of Attorney tend to be prepared for people with health issues. A POA form's creation is tied to the principal's competency.

For example, an unrevoked, executed POA from 2015 remains valid and if the principal (the person creating the POA) has lost competency they may not be able to make a new one. Banks compelling a disabled or incompetent client to make a new POA with their company-specific form is a huge problem. Without an accepted POA in place, basic banking functions may not take place and a guardianship

proceeding may be necessary to obtain a court appointment.

Starting July 13, the new Power of Attorney Law will try to re-introduce some common sense to the preparation, execution and acceptance of this very important form. The major development is the requirement of a time-sensitive, written document from any party refusing to honor the POA with reasons listed for the refusal.

Added to this is a damages provision for legal actions to compel acceptance of a POA. The expectation is that banks will not routinely reject Powers of Attorney because it will be costly to do so.

Also under the new law, existing Powers of Attorney would still be effective, but new Powers of Attorney will have simpler execution rules. For principals who are unable to sign the form, they can more easily direct another person to sign on their behalf. This is a very helpful development for individuals who cannot physically sign the form due to illness or other circumstance.

The document itself will be simpler. The two-part form will be replaced by a single, unified document.

Annual gifting amounts will be raised from the \$500 limit to \$5,000. Health care financial matters will be covered more completely with the new POA. A recordkeeping requirement for agents is also built into the law. We will see how the new POA form works in practice and, hopefully, simpler equals better.

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United Way Gala

United Way of Westchester and Putnam will host its annual Imagine Gala virtually Thursday, March 25 from 6 to 7 p.m., presented by PepsiCo.

The Imagine Gala is United Way's premiere event of the year and is free to attend. The organization is relying solely on income via sponsorship, digital journal ad sales, and donations to raise funds. Every donation to the event will help United Way continue to provide critical services to families and children affected by the ongoing COVID-19 public health and economic crisis.

United Way has distributed

more than \$9 million worth of essential goods, administered \$1.7 million in grants to nonprofits in Westchester and Putnam, and answered more than 114,000 calls for help through its 211 Helpline, and more than 725,000 families have benefitted from its COVID-19 response and recovery efforts.

For more information, to become a sponsor, donate or to register, visit www.UWWP.org/2021gala or contact Rebecca Snyder, director of special events and development, at 914-997-6700, ext. 740, or rsnyder@uwwp.org.

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Putnam County Community Events

Heart Walk

From Friday, March 26 to Thursday, April 1, Putnam and Westchester Heart Walk participants and teams are invited to get moving at home or around their neighborhoods. To register, visit www.putnamheart-walk.org.

Art Show & Sale

"This Show is For the Birds," an art show featuring reasonably-priced, handcrafted art by Hudson Valley artists, will take place weekends through March 28 at Live 4 Art Gallery, 20 Charles Colman Blvd., Pawling. Glass art, birdhouses, photography, painting, jewelry and more. Test your local bird knowledge with a scavenger hunt. Hours are 4 to 7 p.m. Thursdays, 1 to 6 p.m. Fridays, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturdays and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sundays. Masks required. Socially distancing enforced. 646-628-0292.

Kindness Kits

Mahopac Public Library's Kindness Club invites first- through fifth-graders to pick up a special "kindness kit" at the Youth Services Desk through March 31. Included is a note of kindness from the Youth Services staff, a scratch card to create a note for someone else, a friendship bracelet to make, a kindness card and a Bingo board — every time you complete an act of kindness, color in a square. When you have colored five in a row, bring it to the library for a prize.

Basketball Challenge

The 14th annual Carmel Rotary Club's Community Basketball Challenge will be held April 24 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the parking lot at the ShopRite/Carmel Cinemas plaza on Route 52. The rain date is April 25. To sign up, access pledge forms, donate, and for additional information, visit www.carmelrotary.org.

Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration for the Brewster High School Class of 2034 takes place the week of May 3 to 7. Children who will be 5 years old on or before Dec. 1, are eligible to register for September classes. Families residing in the district are asked to call John F. Kennedy Elementary School at 845-279-2087, ext. 4111, for English or 845-279-2087, ext. 4143 or 4144 for Spanish for more information.

Vendors Wanted

Vendors are wanted for the Carmel Farmers' Market at Lake Mahopac, taking place Sundays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. from May 4 to Oct. 24 at 953 S. Lake Boulevard, Mahopac. Artisan food producers, farmers, ranchers and food trucks welcome. Call 845-628-7888.

Scholarship Available

A \$500 Mental Health Association in Putnam County scholarship is available to a local high school graduate that is planning a career in the human services field. Applications for the annual Joan Connelly Memorial Scholarship are available at www.mhaputnam.org, by emailing aherde@mhaputnam.org or by calling 845-278-7600, ext. 204.

Senior Exercise

Brewster Public Library presents "Move to Live: Longer-Stronger-Younger" on Tuesdays at 11 a.m. Taught by Agi Kadar, this 60-minute exercise class is for seniors to improve endurance, strength, flex-

ibility and balance. All ages and abilities. All you need is a sturdy chair and resistance band. If you need a band, Agi can send you one. Register at brewsterlibrary.org.

Monday, March 8

Join Girl Scouts

Mahopac Girl Scouts will host a week of recruitment activities March 8 through 12 for kids in kindergarten through third grade. Each day do an activity on your own, and with MGS in a virtual meeting, including a craft, scavenger hunt, games and virtual camp fire. Sign up at www.signupgenius.com/go/9040D4FA8A82BaFD0-wanna1. For more information, email mahopacgssum@gmail.com. RSVP by March 4.

Wednesday, March 10

Reading Help

Putnam Valley Library will host "Sit, Roll Over & Read" on Wednesday, March 10 from 4 to 5 p.m. One 15-minute session per child is available by appointment only. Any reading level. Help your child build confidence and improve their reading skills by signing them up to read aloud to Sunny Boy, a certified reading dog. Register at www.putnamvalleylibrary.org.

Speed Cube

Mahopac Public Library will host a speed cube for beginners class for kids in grades six through 12 on March 10 at 4:30 p.m. via Zoom. Learn the basics of solving 3-by-3 puzzle cubes with the pros. Each person registered will be able to pick up one puzzle cube beginning March 3. Register at www.mahopac-library.org, or call 845-628-2009, ext. 100.

Cancer Support Services

Support Connection, Inc., will host an ovarian cancer support group Wednesday, March 10 at 8 p.m.; a breast cancer support group Monday, March 15 at 7 p.m.; breast and ovarian cancer support groups Wednesdays, March 17 and 24 at 7 p.m., and Tuesday, March 23 and Thursday, March 25 at 7 p.m.; and an advanced stage or metastatic breast and ovarian cancer support group Friday, March 19 at 12:30 p.m. Advance registration is required by calling 914-962-6402 or 800-532-4290.

Poetry Workshop

Mahopac Public Library will host a virtual poetry writing workshop with John Kaprielian on March 10 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. Create and share new poems each month. New members welcome; register at www.mahopac-library.org.

Thursday, March 11

Book Club

The Putnam Valley Library will host a book club event to discuss "The Tenth Muse" by Catherine Chung on Thursday, March 11 at 7 p.m. Sign up at www.putnamvalleylibrary.org.

Baseball & the Presidency

Jeff Urbin, education specialist at the FDR Presidential Library and Museum, returns to Patterson Library to discuss baseball and the presidency Thursday, March 11 at 7 p.m. via Zoom. In the aftermath of the Pearl Harbor attack, FDR received a letter from baseball commissioner Judge Kenesaw

Landis concerning the propriety of proceeding with the 1942 baseball season. FDR promptly responded to Landis's inquiry expressing the value of baseball in time of war. This session highlights the relationship of various presidents and America's favorite pastime. To register, call 845-878-6121, ext. 10, or go to www.pattersonlibrary.org.

History of Food

Join Mahopac Public Library and food historian Sarah Wassberg Johnson for a virtual journey through America's cuisine as told by cookbooks Thursday, March 11 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. Along the way, meet celebrity chefs obscure and familiar from all over the country and across the decades. Register at www.mahopac-library.org or call 845-628-2009, ext. 100.

Friday, March 12

Teen Trivia Party

Teens and young adults are invited to test their knowledge on movies, pop culture and more during a virtual trivia party Friday, Marcy 12 at 7 p.m. with Patterson Library. Play for gift cards as prizes. For ages 14 years and older. Register at www.pattersonlibrary.org.

Saturday, March 13

Outdoor Survival

Join 4-H volunteers for a survival skills outdoor program Saturday, March 13, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Learn about outdoor skills such as using a compass, map and orienteering; basic first aid; shelter building; fire building; knot tying; and tracking. Limited to 10 individuals. Masks required. The cost is \$80 for non-Putnam 4-H member and \$45 for members. Pre-registration is required at <http://putnam.cce.cornell.edu/events>.

Monday, March 15

'The Power of Stillness'

Join Patterson Library Gabrielle Semel of Inner Balance Studio and Pawling Yoga and Wellness for a six-week virtual meditation series to help you establish a regular practice of your own, 11 a.m. Mondays through March 29. Starting with the fundamental principles of establishing a seat and connecting to your breath, gradually build a simple structure to which you can return daily to anchor your attention, pacify your mind, and soothe your soul. To register, call 845-878-6121.

Tuesday, March 16

Employment Assistance

The New York State Department of Labor is offering free Coursera access for those out-of-work who would like to learn new skills for high-growth industries such as data science, business and technology. Join a virtual presentation March 16 at 6 p.m. to learn who is eligible and how to sign up; what to expect when you sign into your account; how to browse, search for and enroll in courses; and how to access resources that can help determine what skills you need to learn. This is part of a series of workshops hosted by area libraries. Registration is required at www.mahopac-library.org, or

845-628-2009, ext. 100.

Cancer Support

Support Connection, Inc., will host a free program, "For Men Only, Let's Talk: An Open Discussion For Men With a Spouse or Partner Going Through Cancer," on Tuesday, March 16 from 7 to 8 p.m. via Zoom. To register, call 914-962-6402 or 800-532-4290 by 5 p.m. March 15. The open discussion format provides a supportive venue to talk with others coping with similar challenges.

Business Networking

The Professional Women of Putnam will host a virtual Women's History Month event, "Beating the Odds — How Four Women Business Owners Took the Challenge of COVID Head-On," on March 16 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., featuring moderator Lisa Kaslyn of Prosper Communications, as well as Karen Herrero, Stacey Tompkins, Colin Sandler and Anne Cunningham. \$10. Register via paypal at professionalwomenofputnam.com and a Zoom link will be emailed to you.

Art Talk

The Putnam Valley Library, in association with the Field Library in Peekskill, will present a virtual Art talk Tuesday, March 16 at 7 p.m. exploring the work and life of Berthe Marie Pauline Morisot. Local museums, such as the Newark Museum of Art, the Philadelphia Museum of Art and the Metropolitan Museum of Art, will help tell her story in art. Register at www.putnamvalleylibrary.org.

'Circle of Song'

Tompkins Corners Cultural Center will resume its monthly "Circle of Song" Zoom sessions Tuesday, March 16 at 7 p.m., and continue the third Tuesday of each month. All are welcome to perform or just enjoy a wide variety of musical talent and styles. In March, celebrate Irish music. Anything goes — play a tune, sing acapella or with accompaniment, perform alone or with a partner. Registration is required at <https://tinyurl.com/TC3CircleOfSong>. For information, email linda@tompskinscorners.org.

Mandala Art

Join Patterson Library and professional artist Jeanette Rodriguez as she describes how to create a mandala dot painting Tuesday, March 16 at 1 p.m. via online platform. Mandala is a geometric design that is made through uniform divisions or patterns that represent the cosmos. Supplies will be available for curbside pickup at the library. To register, call 845-878-6121 or go to www.pattersonlibrary.org.

Thursday, March 18

Improving Water Quality

The Town of Kent Lakes Association is presenting a series of educational Zoom forums focusing on improving the water quality and enjoyment of the lakes, at 7 p.m. the following Thursdays: March 18, invasive plant management; April 15, shoreline and buffer landscaping techniques; and May 20, septic system maintenance.

Friday, March 19

Virtual Paint Night

Join the Kent Primary School Parent-Teacher Organization for a virtual paint night with Dynamic

Paint Parties on Friday, March 19 at 6 p.m. The cost is \$30 per person. To register, email kpsptopresident@gmail.com by March 3.

Saturday, March 20

Egg Hunt

Join Patterson Library for an outdoors middle school egg hunt Saturday, March 20 at noon, weather permitting. For grades five through eight. Search over the library grounds for tons of eggs that will have prizes from candy to cash. Registration is required at pattersonlibrary.org.

Rabies Vaccine Clinic

Putnam residents can bring their dogs, cats and ferrets to a free rabies vaccination clinic Saturday, March 20 from 10 a.m. to noon at Putnam County Veterans Memorial Park (Upper Park), 201 Gypsy Trail Road, Carmel. Bring photo ID as proof of residency, as well as proof of prior rabies vaccination. Tags are not acceptable. If you do not have proof of prior vaccination, your pet will receive a one-year vaccine. All dogs must be leashed; cats and ferrets must be in carriers. For information, call 845-808-1390, ext. 43160.

Spring Market

A spring market is scheduled Saturday, March 20 (rain date Sunday, March 21) from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Camp Herrlich, 101 Deacon Smith Hill Road, Patterson. Local craft and food vendors, selfies with the Easter Bunny, and more. Reservations required at <http://bit.ly/2MaENFC>. Health checks will be done on arrival; masks required at all times.

History Trivia

Putnam History Museum will host a virtual trivia night Saturday, March 20 at 7 p.m. Are you a history buff or new to the community and want to learn more? Test your knowledge. Topics will include Putnam County, the Hudson Valley, New York State and American history. Register at Eventbrite.com.

Sunday, March 21

Author Talk

The Patterson Library, along with the Putnam County Library Association and the Field Library, will promote a community read of "Just Us" by Claudine Rankine on Sunday, March 21 at 4 p.m. via Crowdcast. Register at your local library so enough copies of the book can be ordered, or purchase the book at a discounted price of \$24 at Split Rock Books in Cold Spring. Rankine, interviewed by Hamilton Fish, will join the conversation. To register, call 845-878-6121, ext. 10, or go to www.pattersonlibrary.org.

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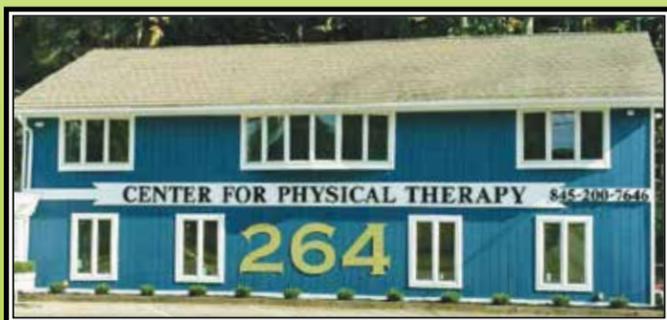
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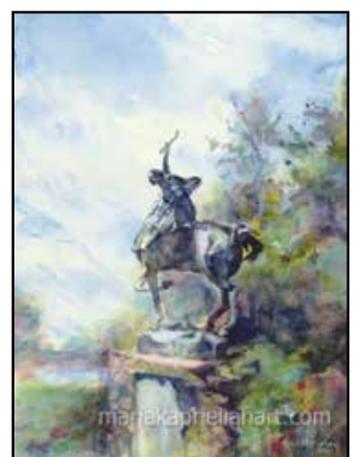
Putnam artist Maria Kaprielian has 11 watercolors on display at Tilly's Table Restaurant at Tilly Foster Farm on Route 312 in Brewster. Art may be viewed throughout the restaurant's bistro area, as well as within the entryway.

The exhibit is made possible through the Putnam Arts Council's Art in Public Places Program with cooperation from Putnam County and Tilly's Table Restaurant.

Kaprielian is a Mahopac artist who graduated with a bachelor of fine arts degree from SUNY Purchase. Her work frequently depicts local nature preserves and other protected areas in Putnam, Dutchess and Westchester counties. She also paints endangered wildlife and pet portraits.

Kaprielian's artwork has been featured at the Mahopac Public Library and she has participated in many group shows with PAC and Friends of the Great Swamp. In 2020, she won the #PaintPutnam contest with her painting depicting the Sibyl Ludington statue in Carmel, titled "A Woman on a Mission."

"I've always been curious about the natural world, even from a very young age," said Kaprielian. "I'll see something interesting and then immediately want to paint it. It's only when it's down on paper that I'll



"A Woman on a Mission," watercolor, by Maria Kaprielian.

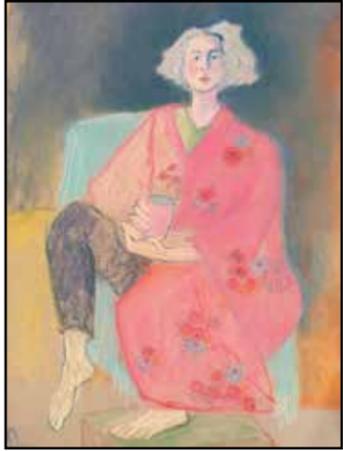
know if I captured that impulse and truly 'understood' what I've seen."

Kaprielian has worked almost exclusively in watercolor for the past 10 years and said she is still enthusiastic about the medium, despite — or maybe because of — being constantly challenged by its quirky properties. "It forces me to recognize the times when patience or spontaneity might work better for a given piece of artwork," she said.

All art is on temporary loan through PAC and is available for purchase through the arts council or the artist directly.

For more information about Kaprielian, visit www.mariakaprielianart.com.

Local Artist Featured in Kent Library Online Exhibit



“Vicki,” pastel on paper.

Paintings by local artist Ginger Manning will be featured by Kent Public Library throughout the month of March at Kentlibrary.org and <http://friendsofkentlibrary.blogspot.com>.

“The goal of my work is to capture the essence of a person or subject at a moment in time such that the gesture and atmosphere invite the viewer into that moment for a shared intimate encounter,” said the artist.

Manning grew up in a home full of art and art materials. She said



Ginger Manning at her solo show last November at the Live4Art Gallery in Pawling.

she was encouraged to experiment with papier mâché, paints and fabric to draw and to design and make her own clothes. She was encouraged to travel and won a Rotary scholarship to spend a year in Japan, where she studied, among other things, calligraphy and kimono making at a Japanese high school.

In college, Manning spent a semester in Florence, Italy, studying art appreciation, history and philosophy, and then another year in Japan.

After college, she worked in

midtown Manhattan and in the evenings, after work, Manning attended art classes at several of the art schools there. At the Art Student League, she found the teacher under whom she would study portraiture every Thursday night for years — Hananiah Harari.

Manning has taught drawing at Carmel Continuing Education, Brewster Continuing Education, the Putnam Arts Council, and at Trinity Pawling School as a substitute teacher. She has also volunteered at the Holmes Whaley Lake Civic Association to coordinate models

for her drawing and painting group.

“These models were patient, creative, and worthy to be captured in a moment that will last for all time,” said Manning. “I am also grateful to have drawn with a dedicated, talented and generous group of artists.”

In November, her dream to exhibit portraits that she painted or drew of local folks over the years came true with the exhibit “People of Pawling” at the Live4Art Gallery in Pawling.

More of Manning’s work can be seen at GingerManning.com.



“Barred Owl” by Michael Garland, who will be a juror for this year’s Great Hollow Photographers Club juried art show.

Art Sought for Great Hollow Juried Show

The Great Hollow Photographers Club is gearing up for its fourth annual juried art show, which will be held virtually again this year.

Artists are invited to submit up to four digital images of two-dimensional work of nature found within the Great Hollow Nature Preserve and the surrounding area, such as photographs, paintings, collage and drawings. There is no cost to submit work.

All work must be for sale, with 25 percent commission going to the Great Hollow Photographers Club to support its mission of environmental education, research and conservation. The hanging fee for the virtual show continues to be \$10 for each accepted piece.

The deadline for submissions is midnight April 15. Applicants will be notified of which works are accepted by April 25, and application fees are due May 5. The show will be online May 20 to June 30.

For an application and more information, visit the event/art programs page at www.greathollow.org or the Great Hollow Photographers Club Facebook page at www.facebook.com/GHPClub.

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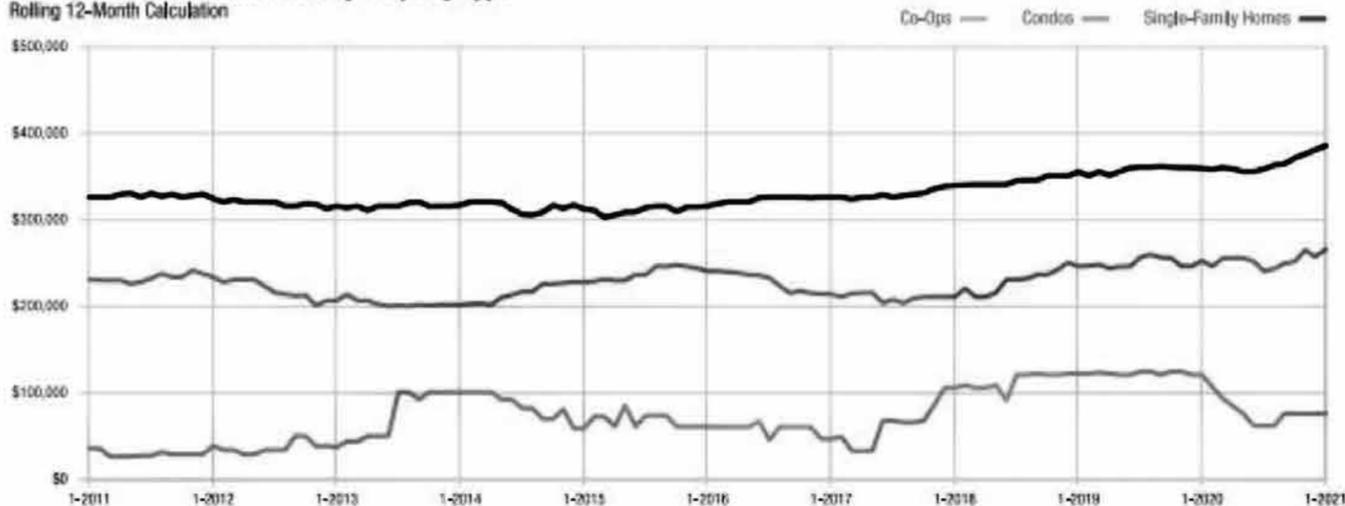
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Closed Sales	78	147	+ 88.5%	1,056	1,327	+ 25.7%
Days on Market Until Sale	74	58	- 21.6%	76	77	+ 1.3%
Median Sales Price*	\$337,500	\$389,000	+ 15.3%	\$358,500	\$385,000	+ 7.4%
Percent of Original List Price Received*	94.5%	98.4%	+ 4.1%	94.9%	96.3%	+ 1.5%
Inventory of Homes for Sale	538	274	- 49.1%	577	463	- 19.8%

Condos	January			Last 12 Months		
Key Metrics	2020	2021	% Change	Thru 1-2020	Thru 1-2021	% Change
New Listings	22	16	- 27.3%	199	231	+ 16.1%
Closed Sales	12	15	+ 25.0%	131	177	+ 35.1%
Days on Market Until Sale	65	96	+ 50.8%	62	84	+ 35.5%
Median Sales Price*	\$245,000	\$287,000	+ 17.1%	\$252,000	\$265,000	+ 5.2%
Percent of Original List Price Received*	94.3%	97.3%	+ 3.2%	96.7%	96.6%	- 0.1%
Inventory of Homes for Sale	64	36	- 43.8%	54	53	- 1.9%

Co-Ops	January			Last 12 Months		
Key Metrics	2020	2021	% Change	Thru 1-2020	Thru 1-2021	% Change
New Listings	0	0	0.0%	5	3	- 40.0%
Closed Sales	0	0	0.0%	3	3	0.0%
Days on Market Until Sale	—	—	—	65	27	- 58.5%
Median Sales Price*	—	—	—	\$120,000	\$75,000	- 37.5%
Percent of Original List Price Received*	—	—	—	93.9%	93.5%	- 0.4%
Inventory of Homes for Sale	0	0	0.0%	1	0	- 100.0%

* Does not account for sale concessions and/or downpayment assistance. | Percent changes are calculated using rounded figures and can sometimes look extreme due to small sample size.

Historical Median Sales Price by Property Type
 Rolling 12-Month Calculation



A rolling 12-month calculation represents the current month and the 11 months prior in a single data point. If no activity occurred during a month, the line extends to the next available data point.

Data above compliments of HGAR/One Key MLS.



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More SNAP Benefits for March

All New Yorkers enrolled in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program through the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance will receive the maximum allowable level of food benefits for March, it was announced last week.

Roughly half of all households participating in SNAP will receive the supplemental allotment later this month, which will result in an infusion of roughly \$100 million into the state's economy, according to OTDA Commissioner Mike Hein.

"Supplemental SNAP benefits have provided crucial support for families and individuals around New York State as they struggle through the global pandemic," he said. "This infusion of federal dollars will help New Yorkers avoid food insecurity and bring welcome business to local

retailers as our state embarks on the road to economic recovery."

Additionally, all SNAP recipients will continue to receive a 15 percent increase to benefits for March, which will be reflected in their normal monthly allotment. With the increase included, the maximum benefit level for an individual is \$234, and \$782 for a family of four. Federal legislation adopted in December provides for this increase to continue each month through June.

The emergency assistance supplement is provided to those SNAP households that do not ordinarily receive the maximum allowable benefit per month. The additional food benefits will be distributed starting in the second week of March and continue through the end of the month.

As with prior months, the payments will be delivered di-

rectly to recipients' existing Electronic Benefit Transfer accounts and can be accessed with their existing EBT cards. Like regular SNAP benefits, the supplemental benefits can be used to purchase food at authorized retail food stores.

Any unused SNAP benefits will be automatically carried over to the following month.

Struggling New Yorkers continue to rely heavily on SNAP as the COVID-19 pandemic continues. As of December, there were more than 2.7 million SNAP recipients throughout the state — a 6.7-percent increase from the same month in 2019.

A recent federal study quantifying the impact of SNAP on the U.S. economy found that every dollar invested in food benefits can generate up to \$1.54 in economic activity.

school districts understand the ever-changing guidance coming from the state regarding the reopening of schools, the department does not make the decision as to when districts will reopen.

"We want to be clear: The school districts in Putnam County make their own decisions based on guidance issued by the New York State Department of Health," she said.

The NYS American Academy of Pediatrics issued a statement last week noting that too many students have fallen behind and urged a statewide approach to school reopening. It called for immediate school reopening based on scientific and epidemiological evidence, with frequent rapid testing of students and staff, and appropriate mitigation.

Scholarship Available

A \$500 Mental Health Association in Putnam County scholarship is available to a local high school graduate that is planning a career in the human services field.

Applications for the annual Joan Connelly Memorial Scholarship are available at www.mhaputnam.org, by emailing aherde@mhaputnam.org, or by calling 845-278-7600, ext. 204.

The MHA in Putnam County is a nonprofit 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.

Illegal Dumping Leads to Arrest

A Beacon man was arrested last month after allegedly littering on New York State parklands in Philipstown.

According to Putnam County Sheriff Robert Langley Jr., the Putnam County 911 Center received a call Feb. 28 from a resident who said a person was seen dumping debris over an embankment along Indian Brook Road in the area of the Route 9D

overpass. Deputies located the vehicle described by the caller and the driver was arrested and charged with littering under town law.

The New York State Park Police and the NYS Environmental Conservation Police assisted in the case, each of whom charged the defendant with violations under NYS Parks Law and NYS Conservation Law.

Hearing Parent Demands, Mahopac Plans Return to In-Person Learning

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and-go," he said.

Board member Lawrence Keane said he's glad to see the kids with IEPs returning to in-person learning first, but said he would like to see all students back in the building sooner than planned.

"I'm more than a little disappointed in the space of time between the IEP students returning and the elementary students in fourth and fifth grades returning," he said. "It's a month's difference in time. That's significant."

Assistant Superintendent for Business Sandra Clohessy explained that the district needs time to get furniture out of storage and reassembled.

"It took us all summer to dismantle the classrooms and then set them up as we needed to, and that was without barriers," she said. "So we're going to be doing classrooms in each building on a continual basis as we await supplies to come in, but it's going to take us a significant amount of time to return all classrooms to some sort of order."

Announcement of the district's re-entry plan should be welcome news to parents who pleaded with the Mahopac School Board during its Feb. 25 meeting to get students back into the buildings.

Christopher Cooper said he appreciated a survey the district sent out earlier in the week, but said it should have been sent out months ago.

"I think that, and starting to look into solutions, is the beginning of an important conversation," he said. "It really is a start. It's a start nearly six months into the school year. I'm a bit disappointed that the district waited so long to begin looking into things."

Further, he criticized the district for prioritizing athletics.

"Still, high school students have been able to participate in wrestling or basketball games," said Cooper. "You found a way to make that work despite COVID-19 restrictions. What about academics? Surely, you can find a way to make our schools work if you can find a way for competitive sports."

Dawn Gazick said her home has turned into a battleground while she feels ill-equipped to lead her

children in remote learning, and also criticized the reintroduction of athletics before in-person learning.

"When we can spend 45 minutes of a board meeting discussing the hashtag 'let them play,' we can certainly spend 45 minutes discussing CDC recommendations and how other schools have navigated the grey area of social distancing," she said.

Janice Nesbeth said her two elementary school children hate days they have remote learning.

"The reality is the other schools around us are figuring out ways to get these kids back, and if we don't get them back, if we don't try to get them back, they won't get back," she said. "As a family, we can't do this for another year."

Board member Lucy Massafra assured parents that in-person learning is a priority for the entire board.

"I just want to let you know, this board has always been committed to bringing our children back," she said. "That has always been our passion and always our question, and we work very diligently to always ask when are we bringing back our children."

Ally Mueller said it's not enough for district leaders to say they want kids back in the classrooms — parents want action. "We pay a lot of taxes to live in a lovely neighborhood with beautiful schools and excellent teachers, and I want my kids in front of those teachers and not in front of a screen," she said.

Over at the Carmel Central School District, in-person instruction for K-12 returned Wednesdays beginning last week, alternating cohort groups, which is the model the district operated under in the fall when it first opened after fully remote instruction.

Students with disabilities in co-taught special education classes and English language learners in K-6 will move to a fully in-person schedule five days a week beginning March 8; those in grades seven and eight will begin March 15.

"We are still exploring our options to bring students with disabilities in co-taught special education classes and English language learners in grades nine through 12 back fully in-person at this time," stated the district on its website.

The Brewster Central School District is operating on a hybrid model, with students in the buildings two days a week.

Putnam County Executive MaryEllen Odell explained last week that while the county health department has worked to help

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While prior Putnam Heart Walks involved the community walking together at the same time and place, this year's event will take place across the county, as participants get active on their own.

Heart Walk Becomes a Digital Experience

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participants can stay up to date by downloading the Heart Walk

mobile app and encouraging friends and family to join in via e-mail or on social media.

Everyone is encouraged to wear red and post pictures on the event's Facebook page.

For more information about the Heart Walk, visit www.westchesterheartwalk.org or www.putnamheartwalk.org, or contact Megan Lucas at megan.lucas@heart.org.

Grants Available for Senior Services Programs

More than \$235,000 in new grants is available through the Field House Foundation in Cortlandt Manor, whose mission is to improve the lives of older adults and their caregivers in Dutchess, Putnam and Westchester counties.

More than \$211,500 has been awarded through the winter 2020/21 grant cycle and will be used to pilot, support or expand programs in the areas of mental health, domestic violence, safety, transportation and food insecurity.

CoveCare Center in Carmel

has been awarded \$35,000 to expand its mobile therapy program, which provides assistance to seniors who are unable to access traditional services for mental health or substance abuse issues.

The Food Bank of the Hudson Valley has been awarded \$25,000 to expand its senior food delivery program in Dutchess and launch the program in Putnam.

The Putnam County Housing Corporation was awarded \$15,000 to provide minor home repairs and accessibility modifications to senior homeowners.

In addition, more than

\$25,000 in COVID-19 emergency relief grants were awarded at the end of 2020 to address senior food insecurity, and the foundation has awarded a total of \$125,000 through its COVID-19 Emergency Relief Fund.

Letters of inquiry are being accepted for the summer 2021 grant cycle; the deadline for submittals is April 12. For grant guidelines and eligibility, visit www.fieldhallfoundation.org. To discuss a potential submittal, contact Program Officer Patti Lavan Horvath at 914-813-9103 or phorvath@fieldhallfdn.org.

Open Enrollment Extended to May 15

New York's health insurance open enrollment period has been further extended to May 15, aligning with states across the country, announced Gov. Andrew Cuomo recently.

With this extension, New York joins the federal Marketplace and other state-based Marketplaces, giving consumers even more time to enroll for 2021. New Yorkers can apply

for coverage through NY State of Health or directly through insurers.

For those who enroll by March 15, coverage starts April 1; for those who enroll by April 15, coverage starts May 1; and for those who enroll by May 15, coverage starts June 1.

Most marketplace enrollees qualify for financial assistance to lower the cost of their coverage. This extension allows individuals eligible for Qualified Health Plan insurance additional time to enroll for coverage in 2021. Enrollment remains open for all NY State of Health programs.

Individuals who are eligible for other NY State of Health programs — Medicaid, Essential Plan and Child Health Plus — can enroll year-round. Consumers can apply for coverage through NY State of Health online at nystateofhealth.ny.gov or by phone at 1-855-355-5777.

Where Can I Get Tested for COVID-19?

Pulse-MD Urgent Care

572 Route 6, Mahopac

Testing is available after a virtual visit with a provider. To schedule an appointment, visit <https://pulse-mdurgentcare.com> or call 845-621-3100 or 845-204-9260.

CareMount Medical

Southeast Executive Park, 185 Route 312, Brewster; 2050 Route 22, Brewster; or 672, Stoneleigh Ave., Carmel

Testing is available after a primary care or urgent care virtual visit, which can be scheduled at www.caremountmedical.com/patient-resources/virtual-visits, or by calling 845-278-7000 or 845-278-6625 for the Brewster locations, or 845-279-2000 for the Carmel office.

Nuvance Health/Putnam Hospital

Camarda Care Center, 672 Stoneleigh Ave., Carmel

Testing is offered for new and existing patients at primary care practices, as well as at urgent care centers. Visit <https://patients.healthquest.org/services/urgent-care> or call 845-279-2000.

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Northwell Health Urgent Care

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Westchester Medical Center

Call 914-202-4530 for pre-screening and an appointment. You can also request an appointment at <https://wmchealthnetwork.tfaforms.net/256>.

CVS

Select CVS pharmacies with drive-thru windows are offering rapid testing. Visit <https://cvshealth.com/covid-19/testing-locations> to find your closest location.

PhysicianOne Urgent Care

Cortlandt Town Center, 3085 E. Main St., Suite 12 A, Mohegan Lake; 80 Route 6, Somers

Testing is available for walk-ins or by appointment. Visit <https://physicianoneurgent-care.com>, or call 914-743-1881 for the Mohegan Lake location or 914-358-9612 for the Somers location.

Harassment Claims Against Cuomo Pile Up

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believe Cuomo should resign, they should join him in supporting an Assembly resolution to immediately commence an impeachment commission that would further investigate allegations of "willful and corrupt misconduct" for the purpose of recommending potential counts of impeachment.

In his first public appearance since the complaints were lodged, Cuomo said he would not be resigning from office, despite calls for him to do so.

State lawmakers were scheduled to vote Friday to revoke the governor's emergency powers.

Got Something to Say?

Write to putnampress@aol.com to be considered for our Letters to the Editor page. Please put "Letter to the Editor" in the subject line — and be sure to include your contact information in your email.

Nursing Students Assist in Contact Tracing, Vaccination

Mount Saint Mary College nursing students and faculty have been helping local communities fight against COVID-19 through contact tracing and, recently, by administering COVID-19 vaccines.

Over the summer, about a dozen Mount nursing majors assisted with COVID-19 contact tracing in Putnam, Dutchess and Orange counties.

The students, part of Antonia Brewer's community health nursing class, prepared for the task by completing training offered by John Hopkins University. Upon completion, they conducted tracing through local health departments as part of their clinical hours.

Brewer noted that this firsthand experience in public health gave her students the opportunity "to educate clients, families and the public about mitigation strategies critical to stopping the spread of COVID," including quarantining, testing, social distancing and the use of facial masks.

Fellow instructor Carol Wanyo will be leading the next iteration of the college's community health nursing course, and has already

confirmed clinical placements at the Putnam and Orange County departments of health, where students will be helping with additional contact tracing and administering COVID vaccines.

"The crux of the college's clinical work is to serve the community," said Wanyo. "Whatever the need is for the community is what our nursing students are working on."

Dozens of Mount Nursing students have administered COVID-19 vaccinations to doctors, nurses, and other staff at Putnam Hospital, Vassar Brothers Medical Center, Northern Dutchess Hospital and Montefiore St. Luke's Cornwall, as well as to other essential workers in the community.

"This gives me a chance to help our healthcare workers and do something on my part to make it a little easier for them," said student Jillian Smith. "I'm very happy to be doing this and seeing what it's like to work in a hospital during this pandemic."

The students underwent Centers for Disease Control and Prevention training to become certified vaccinators.

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COUNTY OF PUTNAM NOTICE FOR BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be received by the Director of Purchasing of Putnam County for the following commodities and/or service:

RFB 07-21 – AUTOMOTIVE TOWING SERVICES
RFB 08-21 – LABORATORY SERVICES

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

Sealed bids must be filed in the above office on or before 1:00 P.M. TUESDAY, MARCH 23, 2021 or online at <https://putnamcountyny.bonfirehub.com/portal/?tab=openOpportunities>.

dated: Carmel, New York March 4, 2021
 Sgd/Alessandro Mazzotta,
 Purchasing Director
 Putnam County Purchasing Department

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS TOWN OF SOUTHEAST BULK CONTAINER REFUSE COLLECTION & REMOVAL SERVICE FROM MUNICIPAL FACILITIES

The Town Board of the Town of Southeast invites sealed proposals for furnishing all equipment and labor necessary for bulk container service and the removal of garbage and rubbish materials from specified locations in the Town of Southeast, Putnam County, New York.

Receipt of Proposals: The Town will receive proposals until 11:00 a.m. on March 17, 2021, by the Town Clerk of the Town of Southeast at Town Hall, 1360 Route 22, Brewster, NY.

Proposal Packages for the service contract will be available in the Office of the Town Clerk, located at 1360 Route 22, Brewster, New York, between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. from March 1, 2021 to March 16, 2021.

Proposals shall be delivered in sealed envelopes, addressed to the TOWN CLERK of the Town of Southeast, 1360 Route 22, Brewster, New York 10509 and shall bear on the face thereof, the name and address of the Contractor and the appropriate contract

title: "Town of Southeast, Bulk Container Refuse Collection Proposal".

Terms of the Contract: The contract commences on April 1, 2021 and ends on March 31, 2024. A standard Town Services Agreement and the Town of Southeast's Local Law No. 3, requiring companies doing business with the Town to certify compliance with Federal law with respect to lawful hiring of employees, are included with the RFP documents for review by the Contractor.

The contract shall be awarded to the lowest responsible contractor whose proposal has been filed in accordance with this notice.

The Contractor must hold valid licenses and permits by the State of New York, County of Putnam and Town of Southeast as a refuse hauler, and all refuse must be removed to a fully licensed and permitted transfer station, landfill or incineration facility.

Contractors are required to execute the Non-Collusive-Bidding Certificate presented within the Proposal Specifications, pursuant to Section 103d of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York.

By Order of the Southeast Town Clerk
 Michele Stancati, Town Clerk
 1360 Route 22
 Brewster, New York 10509

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Academic Honors

The following students have been named to the Dean's List for the fall 2020 semester at Western Connecticut State University in Danbury:

Brewster — Jonathan Amatulli, Einy Barrios, Claudia Bisantz, Rachel Bonatto, Matthew Caven, Rebecca Collins, Steven DaCosta, Justin Day, John Delgado, Nico Dellavalle, Joseph Desanctis, Matthew Eskenazi, Leo Faitakes, Zachary Fimmano, Ryan Gallagher, Daniel Giron, May Goodman, Shari Jackson, Austin Kaelin, Brittany Lyon, Sean Lyon, Christina Mead, Theresa Peppe, Anthony Primavera, Keren Rosales, Brian Sangalli, Nicholas Santucci, Alex Souza, Alanna Walsh and Sabrina Zanetti.

Carmel — Cerena Akutsu, Anna Bargamian, Samantha Blenis, Fallon Campbell, Jessica Halvorsen, George Kane, Sia Kassoh, Madeline Labanowski, William Launzinger, Sarah Lynch, Gordon Moccio, Megan O'Connell, Luis Quinde, Rebecca Rendich, Devin Rivalsi, Jacob Rock, Daniel Ryer, Luke Scirtino, Kelsey Shepps and Liam Torlish.

Holmes — Cara Leahy and Bria Love.

Kent Lakes — John Decker.
 Lake Carmel — Joseph Doherty.

Mahopac — Maria Teresa Avitabile, Callie Biddle, Frank Casagrande, Francesca Gennusa, Casey Gruppuso, Steven Korin, Daniel Marino, Kieran Montuori, Brett Moskwiak, Ariel Munoz, Justin Vega, Michael Whalen and William Whalen.

Patterson — Jeysa Ayende-Rodriguez, Peter Delcogliano, Tara Kearns, Cristel Leiva Diaz, Sara Risko, Angela Rivera, Anthony Rosaforte and Joseph Shkreli.

Putnam Valley — Jillian Mirabal.



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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE

that the Town Board of the Town of Southeast shall hold a public hearing on Thursday, March 18, 2021 at 7:00 PM or as soon thereafter as interested parties may be heard, via a ZOOM ONLINE CONFERENCE, to hear public comment on a proposed Route 22 Master Plan, which is an update to the 2007 Route 22 Master Plan and an addendum to the Town's 2014 Comprehensive Plan Update. The Route 22 Master Plan establishes a long-term vision for the Route 22 corridor and is intended to serve as a "blueprint" for future development along Route 22. The Master Plan establishes criteria and design guidelines for the location, design, and orientation of pedestrian improvements, landscaping, stormwater management, and bike and vehicular infrastructure. Instructions to participate in this meeting are available at the Town Website: <https://www.southeast-ny.gov/AgendaCenter>. Copies of the proposed local law may be obtained from the Town Clerk of the Town of Southeast during normal business hours.

By Order of the Town Board
Hon. Michele Stancati, Town Clerk

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS SOUTHEAST ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that the Town of Southeast Zoning Board of Appeals will not be meeting in person, in accordance with the Governor's March 13, 2020 Executive Order 202.1. Until further notice, meetings will be held via videoconferencing, and a transcript will be available at a later date. Meetings will be recorded and posted to the Town's Website at www.southeast-ny.gov at a later date.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that the Town of Southeast has organized interactive Public Hearings via "ZOOM" through which the public will have an opportunity to see and hear the meeting live and provide comments.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that the Town of Southeast Zoning Board of Appeals will hold the following Public Hearing(s) on March 15, 2021 commencing at 8:00 PM:

1. DRC GROUP OF NEW YORK LLC, owner of premises located at 188 Joe's Hill Road, Tax Map No. 58-1-42 seeks to construct or reconstruct an existing residential structure which, as proposed, will require variances from the provision of Sections 138-20A and 138-25 of the Zoning Code as the same prohibits the location of structures within Front, Side and Rear Yards to permit the proposed and existing structure to be located within 56.6' feet of the southerly "side" property line where a minimum set back of 100' is required in an R-160 zone.

2. DESMOND TURNER, owner of premises located at 84 Blueberry Drive, Tax Map No. 57.5-1-37, seek to construct an addition to a residential structure which, as proposed, will require variances from the provision of Sections 138-20A and 138-25 of the Zoning Code as the same prohibits the the expansion of pre-existing, non-conforming structures or the location of structures within Front, Side and Rear Yards to permit the applicant to construct an addition to an existing structure which is located within 14.1' of the northerly Side Yard where a minimum side set back of structures is 20' in an R-20 Zone.

3. MATTHEW and ANDREA TUZ, owners of premises

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located at 55 Bloomer Road, Tax Map No. 56.14-1-6 seeks to construct an addition to and existing residence which, as proposed, will require variances from the provision of Sections 138-20A and 138-25 of the Zoning Code as the same prohibits the location of structures within a Front Yard to permit the proposed addition and existing structure to be located within 24' of the easterly Front property line, where a minimum set back of 35' is required; 21' of the westerly Rear property line, where a minimum set back of 35' is required; 15' of the northerly Side property line, where a minimum set back of 20' is required; and result in a total side set back of structures of 39.9', where a minimum total set back of structures in 50', all within an R-20 zone.

4. ALAN LEVY and ELA-NA WICHLER, owners of premises located at 56 Seven Oaks Lane, Tax Map No. 79.6-1-17 seek to construct a portico addition on the premises which, as proposed, will require variances from the provision of Sections 138-20A and 138-25 of the Zoning Code as the same prohibits the location of structures within the minimum Front Yard to permit the proposed addition to be located within 48.3' feet of the southerly Front property line where a minimum set back of 50' is required within an R-40 zone.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that comments for the Public Hearings can be 1) sent in advance of the meeting to planning@southeast-ny.gov or 2) asked during the Public Comment portion of each application discussion. Instructions on how to access the virtual public hearing in "real time" via internet connection or telephonic call-in can be obtained on the Town's Website at www.southeast-ny.gov/agenda.

By Order of the ZBA
Timothy Froessel, Chairman

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Kent

LEGAL NOTICE #2 YEAR 2021 OF A PUBLIC HEARING THE KENT PLANNING BOARD ROGER SUN PROPERTY FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A RESIDENCE AT 3 WESTWOOD DRIVE CARMEL, NY 10512 TAX MAP: 19.12-1-20

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing pertaining to the property noted above will be held before the **Town of Kent Planning Board** on **Thursday, March 11, 2021 at 7:30 P.M.**, or as soon thereafter as the matter may come to be heard.

This Public Hearing pertains to an application for approval of Steep Slope and Erosion Control permit approval for the construction of a 2,275 square foot single family residence with well, septic and driveway on a 1.659-acre parcel in an R-80 zoning district. At this hearing all persons speaking in favor or in opposition shall be heard. The telephone number for the Kent Planning Board is: 845-225-7802. If there are any questions or comments pertaining to this project please send them to: planningkent@townofkentny.gov.

THIS MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED VIRTUALLY The Town of Kent will be holding its regularly scheduled Planning Board meeting on Thursday, March 11, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. via ZOOM. The meeting will be televised live on the Town of Kent cable channel as well as live-streamed on YouTube. The public can participate via ZOOM. Please identify yourself when participating just as you would if you came to the microphone during a regular meeting. Thank you for your cooperation.

Maureen Fleming is inviting

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you to a scheduled Zoom meeting. Topic: Town of Kent, N.Y. Planning Board Meeting March 11, 2021

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Date: February 16, 2021

By order of:
Vera Patterson, Secretary for
The Town of Kent Planning Board

County of Putnam
State of New York
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Kent, NY 10512
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PUBLIC NOTICE

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

25 Sybil's Crossing
Kent Lakes, NY 10512
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Kent will hold a Public Hearing on **Monday March 15, 2021**

THIS MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED VIRTUALLY The Town of Kent will be holding its regularly scheduled Zoning Board meeting on Monday March 15, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. via ZOOM. The meeting will be televised live on the Town of Kent cable channel as well as live-streamed on YouTube. The public can participate via ZOOM. Please identify yourself when participating just as you would if you came to the microphone during a regular meeting. Thank you for your cooperation.

Topic: Town of Kent, N.Y. ZBA Meeting Monday March 15, 2021

Time: Monday March 15, 2021 07:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5877083251>

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AGENDA
1. Jim Arroyo
328 Old Forge Dr
Carmel NY 10512
Requesting 8.2 ft side variance for proposed carport addition. Tax Map #19.20-1-21
2. James Kanganis
255 Towners Road
Carmel NY 10512
Requests a 12' rear setback for proposed 25' x 15' dec. Tax Map #33.59-1-67
SITE INSPECTIONS ARE

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE SECOND
SUNDAY OF THE MONTH.
CC: Town Clerk
Planning Board
Town Board
William Walters, Building Inspector

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Supreme Court

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF PUTNAM

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE FOR GSAA HOME EQUITY TRUST 2005-10 ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES SERIES 2005-10,

V.
CARMINE FICO; ET AL.
NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated March 10, 2020, and entered in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Putnam, wherein DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE FOR GSAA HOME EQUITY TRUST 2005-10 ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES SERIES 2005-10 is the Plaintiff and CARMINE FICO; 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 April 1, 2021 at 10:00AM, premises known as 12 MONTROSE DRIVE, CARMEL, NY 10512: Section 33.35, Block 2, Lot 48:

ALL THAT CERTAIN PLOT, PIECE OR PARCLE OF LAND, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE TOWN OF KENT, COUNTY OF PUTNAM AND STATE OF NEW YORK

Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 464/2016. Cirino M. Bruno, Esq. - Referee, Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC 900 Merchants Course, Suite 310, Westbury, New York 11590, Attorneys for Plaintiff. **All foreclosure sales will be conducted in accordance with Covid-19 guidelines including, but not limited to, social distancing and mask wearing. *LOCATION OF SALE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DAY OF IN ACCORDANCE WITH COURT/CLERK DIRECTIVES.**

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PUBLIC NOTICE

SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF PUTNAM

HOMETOWN BANK OF THE HUDSON VALLEY

Plaintiff -against- **CONCEPT PROMOTIONS, INC.**, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered herein and dated April 27, 2017, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction in the large ceremonial courtroom of the Putnam Historic Courthouse. If additional space is needed, bidders can participate remotely, using audiovisual technology, from the juror's lounge in the Putnam County Courthouse. Foreclosure paperwork may be completed in a jury deliberation room following the sale on March 17, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. premises situate, lying and being in the Town of Philipstown, County of Putnam, State of New York and being known and designated as Lot No. 1 as shown on a certain map and being known and designated as Lot No. 1 as shown on a certain map entitled "Open Development Area, Subdivision Plat No. 1" prepared for Lee and Anita Balter, situate in the Town of Philipstown, Putnam County, New York and dated October 17, 1985, made by Bradey and Watson, Surveyors and filed in the Putnam County Clerk's Office

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on January 3, 1986 as filed Map # 2107. Section 90 Block 1 Lot 25 Said premises known as 11 COUNTRY LANE, GARRISON, NY

Approximate amount of lien \$706,071.70 plus interest & costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment and Terms of Sale.

Index Number 361/2016.
PAUL BRITE, ESQ., Referee
Drake Loeb PLLC
Attorney(s) for Plaintiff
555 Hudson Valley Avenue,
Suite 100, New Windsor, NY 12553

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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF PUTNAM BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY, N.A. AS TRUSTEE FOR MORTGAGE ASSETS MANAGEMENT SERIES I TRUST, Plaintiff AGAINST CATHERINE D'ANCONA, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated February 06, 2020 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Putnam Historic Courthouse, Ceremonial Courtroom, 44 Gleneida Ave, Town of Carmel, on March 23, 2021 at 10:30AM, premises known as 203 RIDGETOP LANE, AKA 203 RIDGETOP LANE, UNIT #203, BREWSTER, NY 10509. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of Southeast, County of Putnam and State of New York, SECTION 78., BLOCK 1, LOT 24.-203. Approximate amount of judgment \$289,504.96 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 501117/2019. The aforementioned auction will be conducted in accordance with the Court System's COVID-19 mitigation protocols and as such all persons must comply with social distancing, wearing masks and screening practices in effect at the time of this foreclosure sale. Bonnie N. Feinzig, Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williams-ville, NY 14221
69339

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LLC

Notice of Formation of LMLJ Holdings, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on February 25, 2021. Office location: Putnam County, SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 3 Courtney Lane, Brewster, New York 10509. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

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ION USB CASSETTE ARCHIVER, tape to PC, quickly transfers cassette tapes to digital music format, PC and MAC compatible w/ USB cable, stereo RCA cable, software CD and manual. \$35.00. (914) 235-6026. 3/31

MINK COAT, full length like new, woman's size medium-large. \$650.00, **MINK FUR JACKET** like new, woman's size medium. \$400.00 or best offer, **SUEDE LEATHER COAT**, vintage ling fringe rare purple color, woman's size small to medium. \$350.00 or best offer. (914) 672-1260. 3/31

14 HESS TRUCKS new in a boxes, 1x 1990, 1 x 1996, 4 x 1997, 3 x 1999 and 3 x 2000. \$140.00 for all. (845) 793-3378. 3/24

PORTABLE PERSONAL PROPANE HEATER Coleman Sport, brand new in a box. \$30.00, **PROPANE LANTERN** coleman Powerhouse special edition w/ case cover to carry, brand new. (845) 225-0839. 3/17

FREDERIC REMINGTON BRONZE STATUE, recast trooper of the plains, marble base 23" (H) x 25" (L) x 7" base, museum quality but missing rifle. \$500.00. (845) 743-5329. 3/17

EPSON SOUND PROJECTOR, wireless connection to ipad, iphone and laptop w/ cords, manual and screen. \$300.00, **CARD LAMINATING MACHINE** Fellowes EXL 4-5-2. \$30.00. (845) 743-5324. 3/10

NEW OLDIE CD'S from good old days, total 156 CD's. \$10.00 each, **NEW OLDIE CASSETTES** from good old days, total 90 tapes. \$10.00 each, Sony digital video camera recorder w/ Rec button, new in a box. \$75.00. (845) 225-0839. 3/10

STORAGE BOXES Ridgid 3 tier pro rolling. \$50.00, **BED EXTENDER BRACKET** for Nissan Frontier 2013-2020. \$85.00. (203) 581-9566. 3/3

2 IKEA WALL LAMPS, white color for bedroom, brand new, hardware included. \$35.00. (914) 483-0784. 3/3

COLEMAN SLEEPING/PILLOW. \$25.00, **COFFEE & TEA SET** 1940's Sheridan Silver w/ butler tray. \$235.00. (845) 661-4980. 2/24

12 HOOD ORNAMENTS for Mack Trucks, 5 gold colored, 7 aluminum, brand new. \$25.00 each. (845) 225-0839. 2/24

ONEIDA COMMUNITY SILVERPLATE in chest total 47 pieces. \$100.00, **17 VOLUMES BALZAC HUMAN COMEDY**, 1896, 1899. \$500.00, **RETIRED GIUSEPPE ARMANI "PIETA"**. \$1,900.00. (845) 628-3109. 2/17

CORDLESS LIGHT-

FILTERING CELLULAR SHADE bright white, 63.5" (W) x 64" (L) new in a box. \$60.00. (917) 912-9037. 2/17

1997 HESS TOY TRUCK and two racers in a box. \$30.00, **1998 HESS TOY TRUCK** w/ dune buggy. \$30.00 or \$50.00 for all. (845) 222-9488. 2/3

ALLEN 440 POUND BIG GAME SCALE new. \$30.00, **20 SWORDS** different sizes good condition. \$25.00 each. (845) 225-0839. 2/3

AUTO

2005 FORD FOCUS 4 doors grey color, good condition with heated seats, remote starter, good tires, 163,000 miles 4 CYL. \$2,500.00. (845) 225-0839. 3/10

2001 CHEVY TRACKER 6 cyl recently passed inspection, installed new exhaust system, brakes and tires, excellent running condition \$1,900.00. (845) 279-2570. 2/17

4 MICHELIN TIRES P235/45/R17 all season fits many vehicles, good condition. \$189.00 for all. (845) 278-4725. 2/6

FURNITURE

DINING ROOM TABLE for six seats w/ 2 extensions, ex-

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Service offered by **MALE CARE GIVER**, years of experience providing in-home care. I will assist and provide transport to appointments, cook, shop and care for pets. \$20.00 per hour call or text George at (914) 482-1180. 3/3

FOR RENT

SENIOR APT. FOR RENT - Putnam Community Foundation offering Market Affordable Senior Housing Apartment for rent for seniors 62 years of age and older. Call 845-278-2130 to be added to the waiting list.

HELP WANTED

Putnam Arts Council-Mahopac seeks **freelance Gallery Coordinator** to develop onsite & virtual exhibits, improve digital capabilities, coordinate events. Must be team player with excellent communication & administrative skills, understanding of social media, experience with technical aspects of virtual exhibits. Submit resume to joyce@putnamartscouncil.com by March 20. Cover letter recommended. 3/31

Seeking **FEMALE AIDE** to accompany wheelchair bound man out in the community, Carmel vicinity. Saturdays and Sundays from 11 am to 5 pm, \$18 per hour possibility of more hours. Call (914) 772-3749 for

WANTED

Collector buying toy cars and trucks, automotive / transportation items, action figures, trading cards, books, DVD, VHS and cassette tape. Call Vince

WANTED - Private collector

buying sporting art, paintings etc., fishing and hunting items, old or new rods, reels, lures, all types, also bow and arrows, no compound bows. Call 845-878-3665.

HELP WANTED

The Town of Kent is looking for a full-time seasonal Park Maintenance Worker for the Kent Recreation & Parks Department. Must demonstrate ability to perform a wide variety of manual tasks in grounds keeping and maintenance duties to assure proper conditions of Town parks, buildings and grounds. Applications can be obtained from the Town Supervisor's office or downloaded on the towns website www.townofkentny.gov. Full job description will be furnished upon request at the time of application submission. Applications must be received by March 19, 2021. The Town of Kent is an Equal Opportunity Employer. 2/24, 3/3, 3/10, 3/17

HELP WANTED

The Town of Kent is requesting applications for Lifeguard Supervisor, Head Lifeguard, Waterfront Lifeguards and Seasonal Park Maintenance Workers for the Lake Carmel Park District.. Apply by submitting an Employment Application to the Kent Town Clerk, 25 Sybil's Crossing, Kent Lakes, New York, 10512. Applications can be obtained in the Town Supervisor's Office or downloaded at www.townofkentny.gov. The Town of Kent is an Equal Opportunity Employer. 2/24, 3/3, 3/10, 3/17

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

Exam Title & No: Custodian 21-602 OC
Exam Date: April 24, 2021
Salary: \$54,580 Mahopac Central School District
\$71,193 Carmel School District
\$53,000 Brewster School District
\$47,902 Putnam Valley School District
Last Filing Date: March 17, 2021
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 3/10, 3/17

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

Exam Title & No: Police Officer/Deputy Sheriff 65-409 OC
Exam Date: May 15, 2021
Salary: Salaries for police agencies within Putnam County for 2021 are: County Deputy Sheriff: \$52,341
Town of Carmel: \$47,878
Town of Kent: \$50,590
Last Filing Date: March 26, 2021
Exam Filing Fee: \$60

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 3/3, 3/10, 3/17

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

Exam Title & No: IT Systems Specialist 21324 OC T&E
Exam Date: PC-Administered Test to be scheduled at a later date for candidates who pass the T&E
Salary: \$50,000 - \$56,000
Last Filing Date: March 21, 2021
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 3/10, 3/17

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

Exam Title & No: Library Assistant 65-234 OC T&E
Exam Date: There is no exam date-this is a Training & Experience exam
Salary: \$14.04/hour (Kent Library); \$16.00/hour (Mahopac Library); varies with other libraries
Last Filing Date: March 14, 2021
Exam Filing Fee: \$25

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 3/3, 3/10

HELP WANTED

The Town of Kent is looking for a full-time Automotive Mechanic to perform maintenance and repair of automotive equipment. Candidate must possess two years of experience as a skilled automotive mechanic including but not limited to working with diesel engines, drive train, and air brakes. Must have own tools and CDL. Possession of a valid NYS Inspection License is preferred. Competitive pay and excellent benefits including health insurance and pension plan. Applications can be obtained from the Town Supervisor's Office. Deadline for submission of application is March 19th. The Town of Kent is an Equal Opportunity Employer. 2/24, 3/3, 3/10, 3/17

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

Exam Title & No: Library Assistant (Youth Services) 65-283 OC T&E
Exam Date: There is no exam date-this is a Training & Experience exam
Salary: \$17.00/hour (Kent Library); \$15.00/hour (Reed Library); varies with other libraries
Last Filing Date: March 14, 2021
Exam Filing Fee: \$25

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 3/3, 3/10



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