# 2016 STATE OF THE COUNTY

MaryEllen Odell Putnam County Executive

Chairwoman Putnam County Legislature

BUTRAM COUNTY MARKET PLACE

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#### Special Meeting Of Putnam County Legislature



## AGENDA

- Call To Order
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Legislative Prayer
- Roll Call
- State Of The County Address
- Adjournment

Special Meeting Of Putnam County Legislature



### Call To Order

### **Ginny Nacerino, Chairwoman**

#### Putnam County Legislature

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### Legislative Prayer

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### Color Guard

### Putnam County Sheriff's Department Civil Air Patrol

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### Pledge Of Allegiance

#### **Pledge of Allegiance**

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### Roll Call

Ginny Nacerino, Chairwoman District 4

Barbara J. Scuccimarra *District 1* 

William J. Gouldman *District 2* 

Toni E. Addonizio District 3

Carl L. Albano *District 5*  Roger S. Gross District 6

Joseph F. Castellano, Deputy Chair District 7

Dini LoBue District 8

Kevin Wright District 9

### **2016 State of the County Address**

Putnam County New York



#### **Bruce J. Walker**

Deputy County Executive

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County Executive

Bruce J. Walker

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# **Cancer Doesn't Care!**

It doesn't care about your kids, your grandkids It doesn't care about your wife, your husband It doesn't care about your Mom or Dad It doesn't care if you're working or retired It doesn't care if you're rich or poor It doesn't care if you exercise every day



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# **Together We Make A Difference**



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We struggle to deal with the impacts that cancer makes on our lives. From lost time with our loved ones as we cope with recovery to dealing with the loss of friends and family, cancer has a profound effect on all of our lives



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We need to learn from the resolve of those who have beat cancer, from those that have lost their courageous battle and from the dedicated families that provide the caring, love and support during the battle and forever after



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## **Jane Powell Smith**

## Sean Callahan

## John Bodor

## **Kevin Blackman**





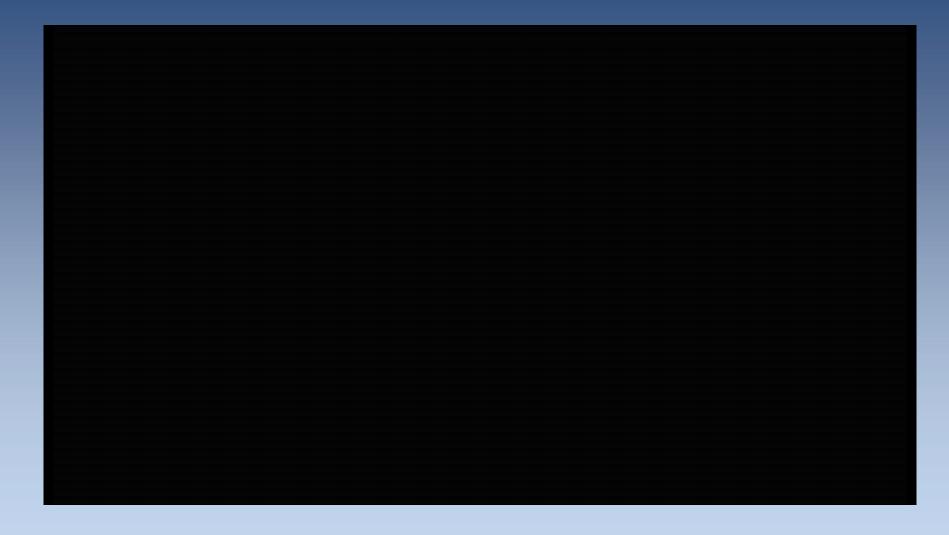






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## Ready To Fight Back? Because We Are!

Join County Executive MaryEllen Odell, Putnam County Sheriff Don Smith and the Putnam Hospital Center as they team up at both Relay for Life Events

### **Relay For Life of Mahopac**

Saturday, June 4, 2106 – Sunday, June 5, 2016 Mahopac High School

#### **Patterson Relay For Life**

Saturday, June 11, 2106 – Sunday, June 12, 2016 Patterson Fire Department







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# THE VISION IS BOLD THE MISSION IS ESSENTIAL THE INITIATIVES ARE AMBITIOUS



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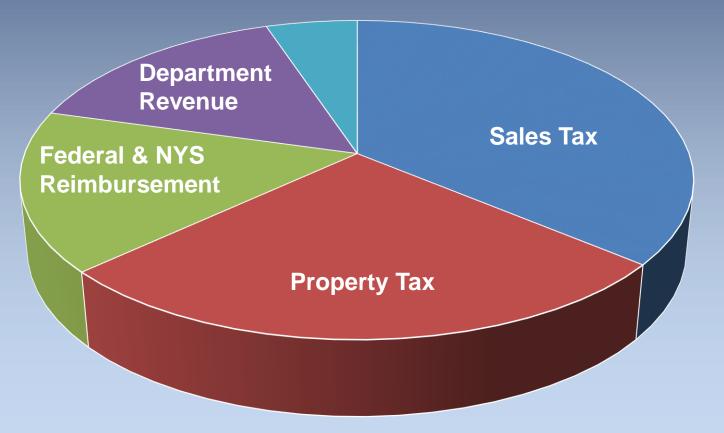
## Fundamentally, the County provides Discretionary Quality of Life Services and many mandated programs but our revenue stream is limited

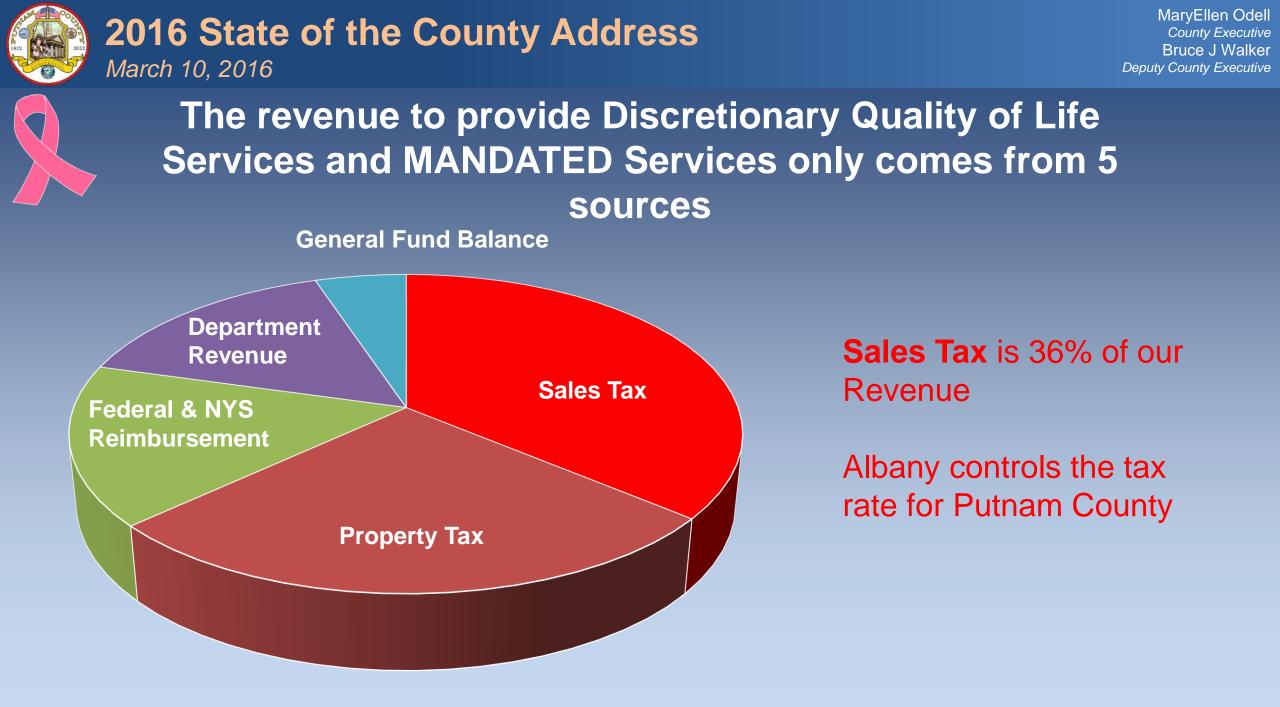


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#### The revenue to provide Discretionary Quality of Life Services and MANDATED Services only comes from 5 sources

**General Fund Balance** 

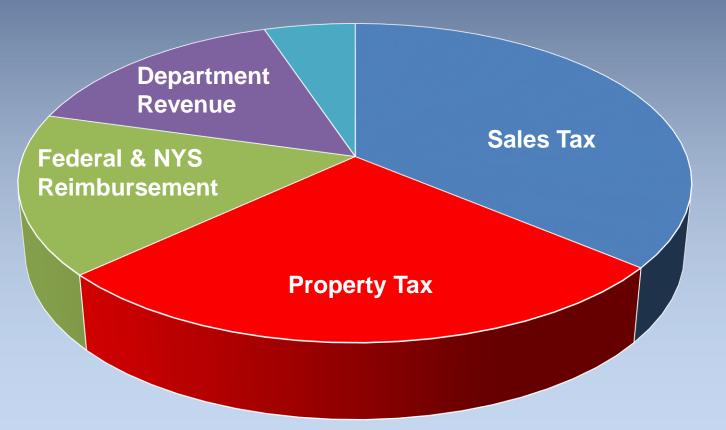






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#### The revenue to provide Discretionary Quality of Life Services and MANDATED Services only comes from 5 sources



**General Fund Balance** 

**Property Tax** is 27% of our Revenue

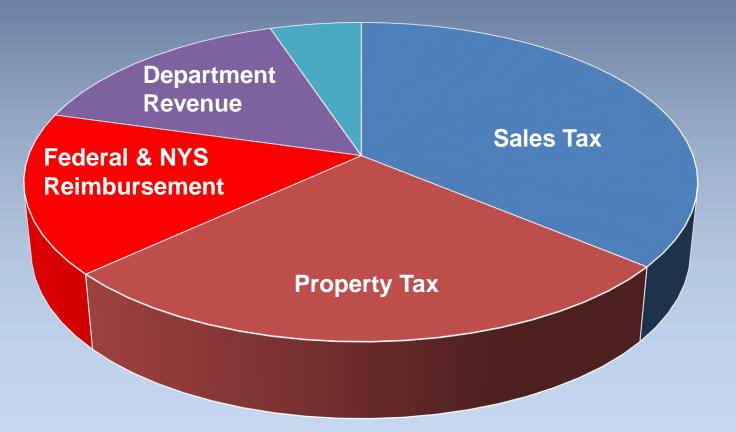
In 2011 Albany passed the 2% Property Tax Cap, this has severely limited the amount of available revenue on this line



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#### The revenue to provide Discretionary Quality of Life Services and MANDATED Services only comes from 5 sources



**General Fund Balance** 

Federal & NYS Reimbursements make up 16% of our Revenue

The amount of reimbursement does not come close to matching the cost of **MANDATED** Services

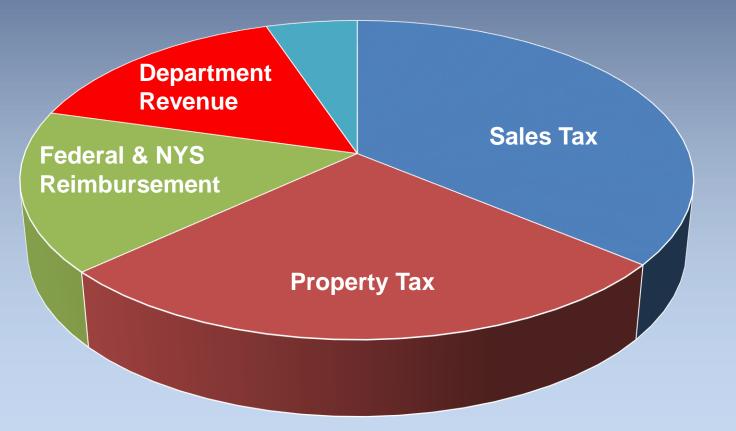


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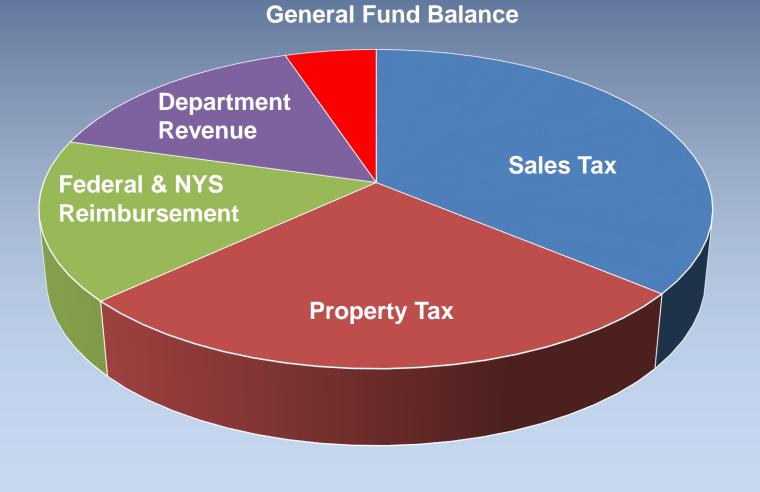
**General Fund Balance** 



Revenue generated by our **County Departments** make up almost 16% of our Revenue



#### The revenue to provide Discretionary Quality of Life Services and MANDATED Services only comes from 5 sources



Use of the **General Fund Balance** fluctuates depending on the funds needed to balance the budget

In 2016 use of the General Fund Balance made up 5% of our Revenue

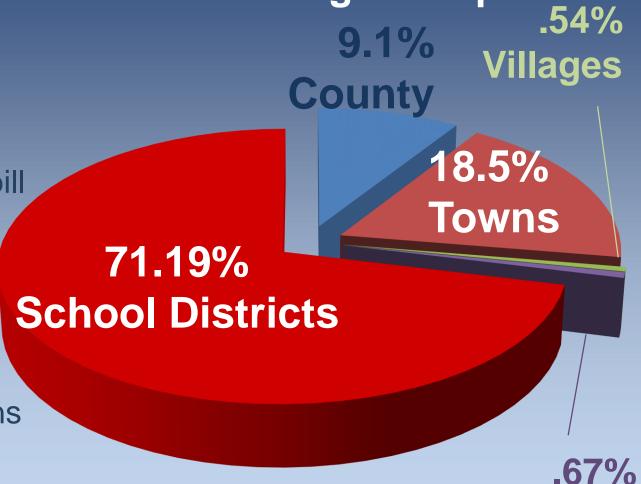
Using these funds is like drawing from your savings account, you do it when it makes sense



**Fire Districts** 

### Adhering To Our Fiscally Conservative Guiding Principles

- Even while we stay within the NYS Tax Cap, Putnam County continues to maintain the lowest
   County portion of your total tax bill in NYS!
  - NYS County Average 21.52%
  - Putnam County 9.1%
- What makes up the other portions of your Property Tax Bill?



NYSAC 2015 Demographic Snapshot



interest payments and help secure our Moody's rating/



### Adhering To Our Fiscally Conservative Guiding Principles

Over the last 4 years of this administration we have maintained the desired Moody's Aa2 rating which shows our strong financial commitment



In 2015, our strong bond rating enabled the County to complete a successful bond refunding saving our taxpayers \$1.2m over the next 16 Years!



### Adhering To Our Fiscally Conservative Guiding Principles

- Despite these burdens, our administration has consistently put forward a budget that has stayed within the Tax Cap every year since taking office
- In October of 2015 the NYS Division of Budget approved the Tax Efficiency Plan submitted by our administration
  - Due to these efforts Putnam County homeowners were eligible to receive a Property Tax Rebate Check in early 2016





Adhering To Our Fiscally Conservative Guiding Principles

#### Meeting our contractual obligations

- Collective bargaining agreements that expire and/or will be negotiated in 2016
  - CSEA
  - PBA
  - PCSEA
  - PUMA









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### **Retiree Health Insurance**

- Health care premiums continue to rise
- The number of retirees entering the system continues to increase
- Average lifespan is increasing



Retiree Healthcare Insurance Must Be Managed To Be Sustainable



### **Retiree Health Insurance**

 In 2005 County Executive Bondi and the Legislature passed a resolution to deal with the unsustainable growth of Retiree Health Insurance



The 2006 Budget Proposal was not adopted

If it were?

Retirees would now be contributing \$799,000 of the \$4,655,000 cost of Retiree Health Care



### **Retiree Health Insurance**

Once again in 2011 County Executive Eldridge looked at the continued unsustainable growth of Retiree Health Insurance



The 2012 Budget Proposal was also not adopted

If it were?

Retirees would now be contributing \$607,000 of the \$4,655,000 cost of Retiree Health Care



### **Retiree Health Insurance**

- In October of 2015, County Executive Odell proposed and the County Legislature adopted a comprehensive reform resolution
  - Premium contributions were scaled based upon pension income
    - These contributions are still below what the average taxpayer would pay *if they even have health insurance at all*
  - In addition we closed a loophole that allowed married retirees to have 2 NYSHIP family plans – *This was at a cost of \$41k to the taxpayers for this 1 family*

In 2016 retirees will now be contributing \$609,000 of the \$4,655,000 cost of Retiree Health Care to our taxpayers



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\$6,149

\$716

### **Retiree Health Insurance**

- Some examples
  - Retiree over 65 Years Old
- Pension Income \$10,000 \$19,999

## Annual Cost of NYSHIP Plan \$5,433

- County Reimbursement for Medicare Part B + \$1,259
  - Retiree 10% Contribution \$543
  - Actual cost to Taxpayers
  - And A Net GAIN To The Retiree Of



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\$2,453

\$13,695

**\$64** 

### **Retiree Health Insurance**

- Some examples
  - Retiree & Spouse over 65 Years Old
  - Pension Income \$30,000 \$39,999

## Annual Cost of NYSHIP Plan \$13,630

- County Reimbursement for Medicare Part B + \$2,518
  - **Retiree 18% Contribution** 
    - **Actual cost to Taxpayers**
  - And A Net GAIN To The Retiree Of



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\$6,935

\$16,180

### **Retiree Health Insurance**

- Some examples
  - Retiree & Spouse under 65 Years Old
  - Pension Income \$65,000 +

### Annual Cost of NYSHIP Plan \$23,115

### County Reimbursement for Medicare Part B + \$0

- **Retiree 30% Contribution** 
  - Actual cost to Taxpayers



## **Retiree Health Insurance**

- We must continue our efforts to improve health insurance coverage for retirees while at the same time contain costs
  - Director of Personnel Paul Eldridge has been tasked with researching and recommending a plan to offer retirees over 65 supplemental insurance coverage as an alternative to NYSHIP
  - We believe this will be a win-win for the retiree and the taxpayer



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**Retiree Health Insurance** 

We Commend The Legislature In Passing This Historic Legislation Which Will Go A Long Way To Preserving This Benefit For Current & Future Retirees



Adhering To Our Fiscally Conservative Guiding Principles **During This Administration We Continue To:** Maintain a fiscally responsible fund balance Maintain the Moody's Aa2 credit rating Meet contractual obligations Deliver mandated and quality of life services to our residents Stay within the Albany Tax Cap



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## Looking At Our Revenue In 2016 we budgeted \$151.4m in revenue but.....

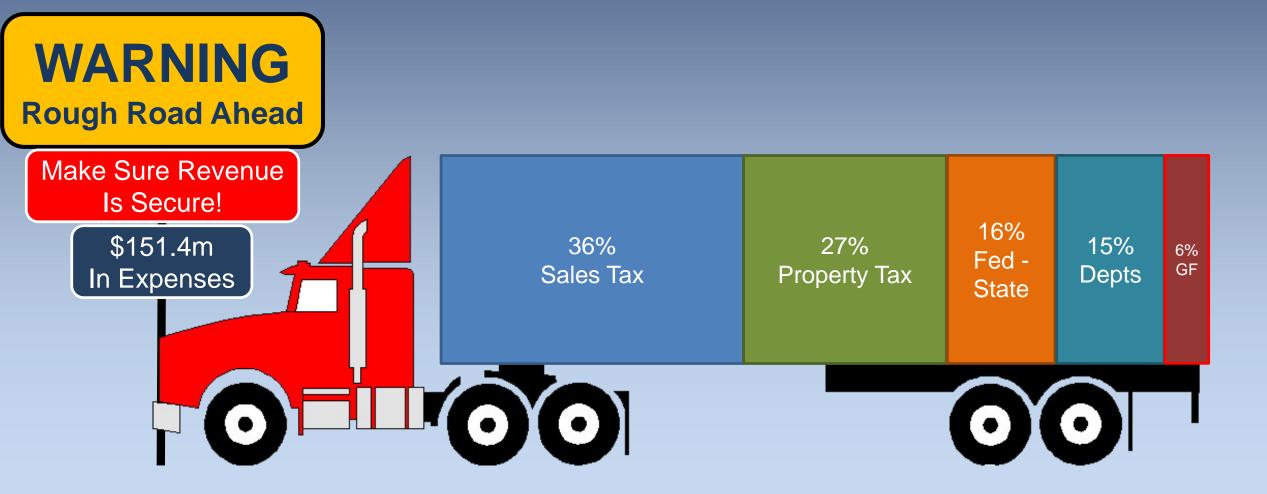


## **Zero Inflation = Zero Tax Cap**



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## Looking At Our Revenue \$151.4m in Revenue To Meet \$151.4m in Expenses





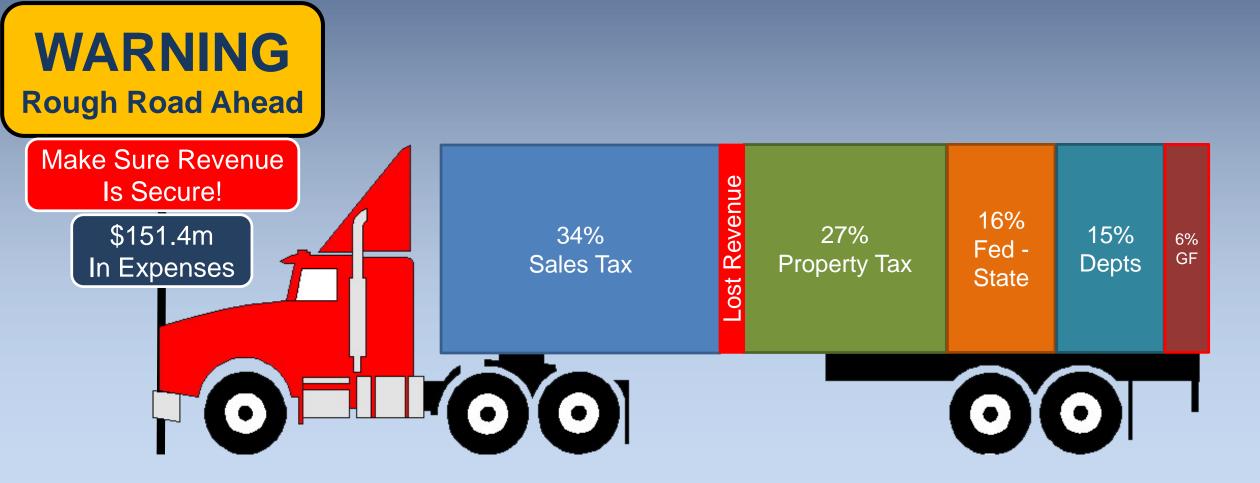
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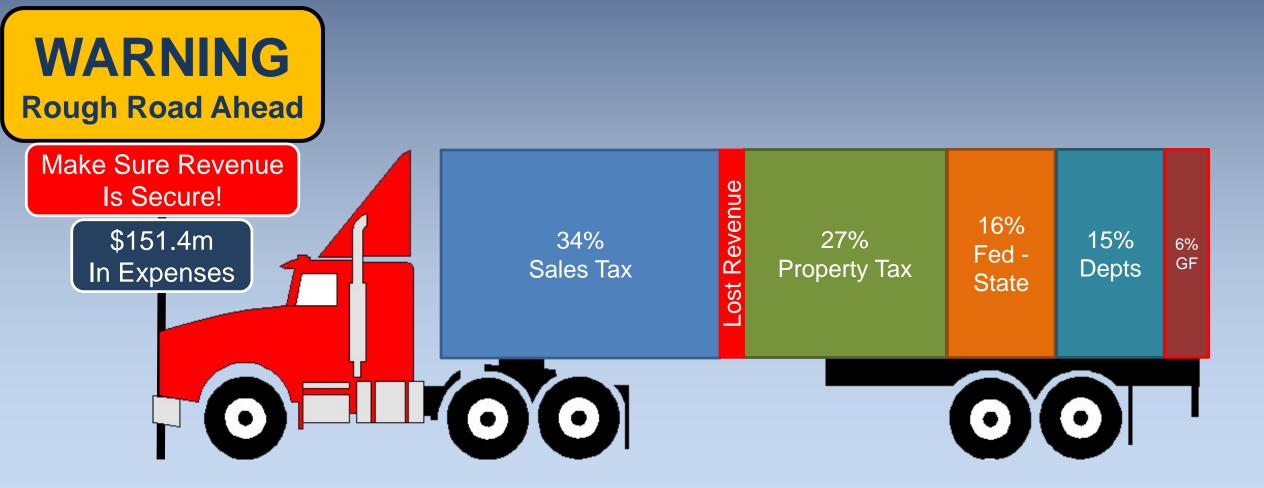




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### One vulnerable area is Sales Tax





## Sales Tax

- The sales tax issue is not unique to Putnam County
- In fact 30 NYS Counties have seen a decline in sales tax revenue
- Why?
  - Growing trend of internet shopping
  - Downward spiral of gas prices



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## Sales Tax

- 2015 sales tax revenue showed a deficit of \$785k which will impact our 2016 fiscal operations
  - However, by managing our budget and anticipating lower fuel costs, we were able to cover the sales tax shortfall in 2015 by implementing cost containment measures
- We will continue our commitment to our social & fiscal responsibilities



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Sales Tax

Current rate in Putnam County is 8.375%

- Of that only 4% goes to Putnam County
   This is the same rate that 42 other NYS Counties use
- 4% goes to New York State
- .375% goes to the MTA
- How does that impact us?



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#### Sales Tax

## Remember these prices?





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#### Sales Tax

## Then gas price roller coaster started to come down





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#### Sales Tax

Now gas is below \$2.00 a gallon in Putnam County!

And indeed, this is a great bargain for our residents....





#### **Sales Tax**

## But it's a double edged sword, as the price comes down so does our sales tax revenue

**Gasoline Sales Tax Revenue Through The Years** 





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Sales Tax
To stabilize our sales tax platform and meet our MANDATED obligations we must create a diversified sales tax revenue stream
And we do have a plan.....

> The Freight House Cafe

www.thefreighthousecafe.com hefreighthousecafe@yahoo.com





## While 70% of our budget is controlled by MANDATES





- To be clear, it's not always the mandated program that's wrong, it's the funding
- It's easy for Albany to decide that we MUST provide a service when they don't have to provide the funding
- Some MANDATES are enacted with a "fair" split of the cost only to find the reimbursement rate is reduced without our input or choice



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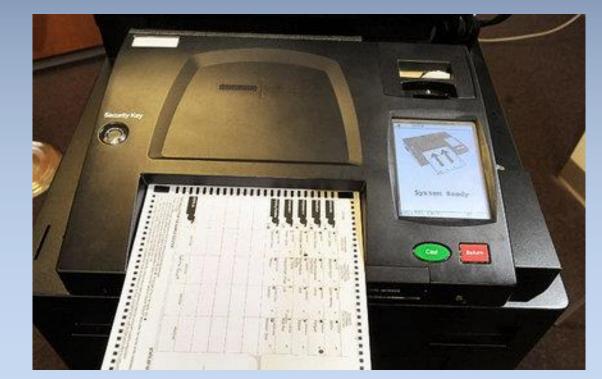




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## Help Americans Vote Act

- Since it was passed by the United States Congress in 2002 the costs for elections has increased significantly
- In 2006 the Putnam County Board of Elections entire budget was \$847,957
- In 2016 their budget is \$1,817,423
- And that is in addition to providing a new building at a cost of \$1.2m





Deputy County Executive

MaryEllen Odell

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Probation is another example of an unfair split of the cost of a MANDATE

- In 1990 NYS was paying for 46.5% of the Probation Department
- By 2015 it was reduced to 10%
- Current Budget Approximately \$2.1m Reimbursement \$206k

#### NYS REIMBURSEMENT FOR MANDATED PROBATION

State Share County Share





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# **Social Services Mental Health \$24.1m**





NYSAC Supports The Counties In Their Fight To Have NYS Takeover Indigent Defense Cases

- Indigent Defense Cases Cost This County \$1.1m
- With the projected Tax Cap Growth for 2017 at near zero the State MUST assume their fair share

"County officials will continue the call for mandate relief to alleviate the burden on the local taxpayers. A multi-year phased in state takeover of indigent legal defense service costs would provide that mandate relief and improve the quality of the program across the state."

NYSAC Executive Director Stephen J. Acquario



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In All, Over **\$106m** Of Our **\$151.4m** Budget Goes To Support MANDATES!

That's 70% Of Our Expenses!



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## County Government



In 1892 Bold steps were taken to ensure the needs of the people were met in the most efficient way possible

## **Consolidated County Law of 1892**

## **Codified County Functions**

- Clerk (Custodian of Official Records)
- Treasurer (Chief Fiscal Officer)
- Sheriff (Maintain Law & Order)
- District Attorney (Prosecute Crime)
- Superintendents of the Poor
- Judges
- Coroners
- Highway Superintendents





These were the first MANDATES imposed by New York State. In 1892 these MANDATES made sense, they are the core services that must be provided to ensure the health safety and welfare of all our citizens

We continue to provide not only these services but many, many more, some because they make sense and some because NYS shifted the responsibility from the State level to us

Whether MANDATED or Discretionary Quality of Life, our dedicated County Employees will continue to provide our residents with the quality services they deserve while being fiscally responsible





## **Additional County Government Social Responsibilities**

- Only 30% of our budget or \$44.7m goes to support
   *Discretionary Quality of Life* services
  - Sheriff's Department
    - Road Patrol, Public Safety
  - Supporting our Seniors with our Office of Senior Resources
  - Supporting our veterans with our Veteran's Service Agency
  - Supplementing our volunteer first responders by providing Advanced Life Support
  - Assisting outside agencies such as our libraries, museums, and many of our not for profits



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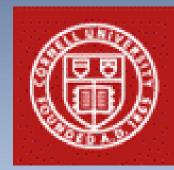
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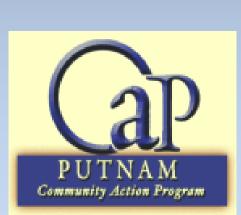
## **Supporting Our Outside Agencies**

Putnam County Fish and Game



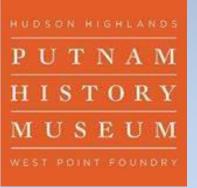


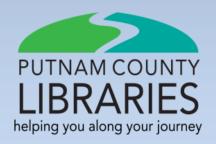














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## **Supporting Our Outside Agencies**



Speaking of Cornell Cooperative Extension of Putnam County

## Congratulations to

## Marjorie L. Nichols Keith

Executive Director, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Putnam County

40 Years of Dedicated Public Service Serving The People Of Putnam County Through Cornell Cooperative Extension



NEWYORK

## **Putnam County Clerk's Office**

- Revenue Retention
- RENEW PUTNAM - When you renew at YOUR local DMV 12.7% of all revenue stays in Putnam County
  - You can help keep **YOUR** revenue in Putnam County, mail your DMV transactions to our local **Brewster DMV office**
  - We are asking our State Representatives to push for an increase in this retention amount

For more information, visit or call us at (845) 278-2838 or visit our website at www.putnamcountyny.com/motorvehicle



## Putnam County Clerk's Office

- Digitizing Records and Electronic Access
  - Probation Department
    - Number of files scanned 5,624 (349 Cu. Ft)
    - Opened up office space by removing cabinets
    - Electronic access method searchable PDF's on a CD
  - Environmental Health Records
    - Number of files scanned 10,879 (275 Cu. Ft)
    - Electronic access method searchable PDF's on a shared drive in the Health Dept

This is the wave of the future for Records Management!



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## **Putnam County Clerk's Office** Planning on traveling outside the United States?





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PASSPORT

Putnam County Clerk's Office Planning on traveling outside the United States? Putnam County Clerk Michael C. Bartolotti

Announces Passport Day

Get your passport right here in Putnam County!

At the Putnam County Clerk's Office 40 Gleneida Ave, Carmel NY

#### **Saturday April 23, 2016** 9:00 AM until 1:00 PM

For passport information, fees and forms visit www.putnamcountyny.gov



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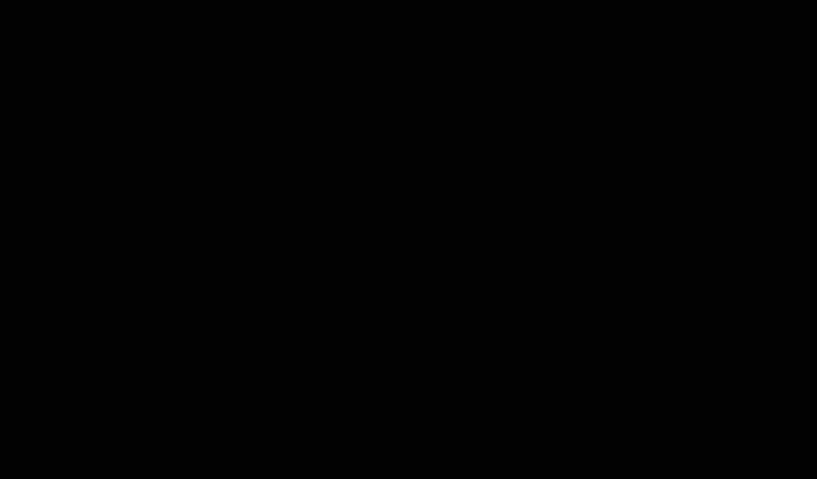
## **Dr. Michael Nesheiwat**

Interim Commissioner of Health



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# Putnam County Sheriff's Department Deliver MANDATED and Discretionary Quality of Life services to our residents

- The Putnam County Sheriff's Department
  - Helps empower people in the areas of security and public safety



Donald B Smith



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- Provides 24 X 7 Emergency
   Response, Patrol, Investigative
   Services, Civil Services, Operate
   County Jail
- Provides innovative programs to keep our residents safe with Operation Safe Child and the "Are you OK"? Program
- Partners with the Putnam County Traffic Safety Board on numerous Traffic Safety initiatives including Keeping Seniors Mobile





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- Enhances the safety of County residents and visitors in recreation programs with the Sheriff's Maritime and Bike Patrols
- Provides leadership in fighting the war on drugs, especially heroin, by partnering with federal, state and local police agencies as well as the Office of District Attorney
- Provides SRO Program to our local schools as well as Community and Youth Services programs





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- Provides leadership for the Emergency Response Team (ERT), a multi police agency Tactical Unit that provides Putnam County with a well equipped, well trained organization that has the highest quality leadership
- This team consisting of Carmel Police Department, Kent Police
   Department and Putnam County
   Sheriff's Office is prepared to
   respond to any crisis situation





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## **Putnam County Sheriff's Department**

Partners with community organizations, including PHC, **Putnam Family and Community** Services, MHA of Putnam, **Communities That Care, The** National Council on Alcohol and Other Drug Dependencies, Drug Treatment Court, Crisis in our Backyard, our local school districts and many others to promote education and awareness programs on the dangers of drugs and key quality of life issues





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- Our Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) is a work in progress and a great example of our multidisciplinary team approach
- Members of the Putnam County Sheriff's Office along with the Putnam County Department of Mental Health recently attended training on how to respond appropriately to any situation where there is a person in crisis or with a mental illness
- Putnam County is one of five counties/municipalities which have received grant funding from the state of New York for this training





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# Putnam County District Attorney's Office

Welcome to our newly elected District Attorney, Robert Tendy

D.A. Tendy and his staff work cooperatively with all Law Enforcement Agencies to help keep Putnam one of the safest places in the nation





# **Putnam County District Attorney's Office**

- In 2016 all Assistant District Attorneys will receive specialized training in prosecuting Domestic Abuse Cases allowing these cases to receive a thorough and complete review with quick prosecution
  - DA Tendy strongly supports the work of Judge James Reitz and the Putnam County Treatment Court and will continue to work to provide a second chance to those deserving of the opportunity



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## Putnam County Veteran's Service Agency



An organization of mothers that have lost a son or daughter in service of our country They remain actively involved in visiting and caring for all veterans especially those who are hospitalized





## Putnam County Veteran's Service Agency

#### Renata DeAngelis

Donna Yurisha

Vivian Allen

Margie Fleischhauer



Fran Fahey

#### Yolanda Lopez

Yo Assam

We are honored to welcome the Gold Star Mothers from our local chapter 2016 marks the 10 Year Anniversary of The Dedication of this tribute to our Gold Star Mothers



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## Putnam County Veteran's Service Agency



The PFC Joseph P. Dwyer program brings Veterans together in a secure, anonymous setting to help one another cope with the effects of Post Traumatic Stress (PTS) and Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)

Putnam County is one of only 15 NYS counties to receive funding for this program since 2014.



# Putnam County Veteran's Service Agency

In 2016 there are more than 5,000 veterans in Putnam County

Vet2Vet county programs and services include

- Veterans Chowdown
- Monthly PTS Networking Call-In Group
- Partnering with the Mental Health Association of Putnam County
- Veterans Outreach Studio
- Military Family Appreciation Day
- Putnam County Veterans Warmline





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### **Office for Senior Resources**

Thanks to a \$550k grant sponsored by **NYS Senator Terrence** Murphy the Carmel Senior Center at the **Donald B Smith** Campus will soon be receiving a much needed improvement



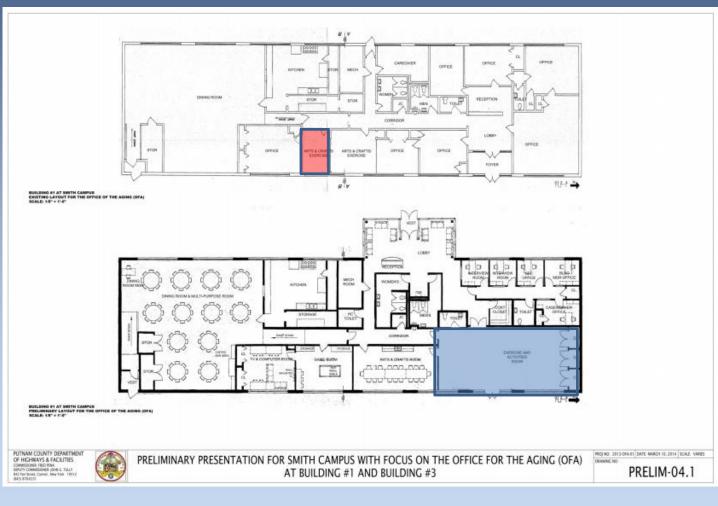


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### **Office for Senior Resources**

The entire building will be dedicated to enhancing the services we provide to our seniors

- One area is the exercise and activities room which is currently undersized
- The new plan will increase the size to allow more participants and more activities





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## Putnam County Department of Health

Putnam County Department of Health will be the *first* County in the Hudson Valley Region to gain accreditation by the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB)

 To prepare for accreditation, over 1,082 electronic files were prepared and submitted by DOH staff members and hours of training were completed







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# Putnam County Department of Health

- After reviewing all the submitted documents, a site visit was completed in January of 2016
- We are looking for our acceptance within the next few weeks!
- Thank you to the employees of the Department of Health and all other County employees that helped with this accomplishment
- Special thanks the Putnam County Board of Health Board Members and Board President Dr. Daniel C. Doyle, DMD



# **CONGRATULATIONS**

**On A Job Well Done!** 



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# **Advanced Life Support**

- Putnam County helps to supplement the Emergency Medical Services provided by our dedicated volunteers
- We provide Advanced Life Support (ALS)
  - ALS provides a paramedic that provides care to the hospital
  - When needed we provide Basic Life Support (BLS) transport to the hospital







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# **Advanced Life Support**

 We provide 4 dedicated ALS units spread across the County and 2 BLS transport vehicles

Vedic

Medic 4

Thank you to all our volunteer first responders and Commissioner Sutton for responding to the needs of our residents



# Law Enforcement Partnership & Collaboration

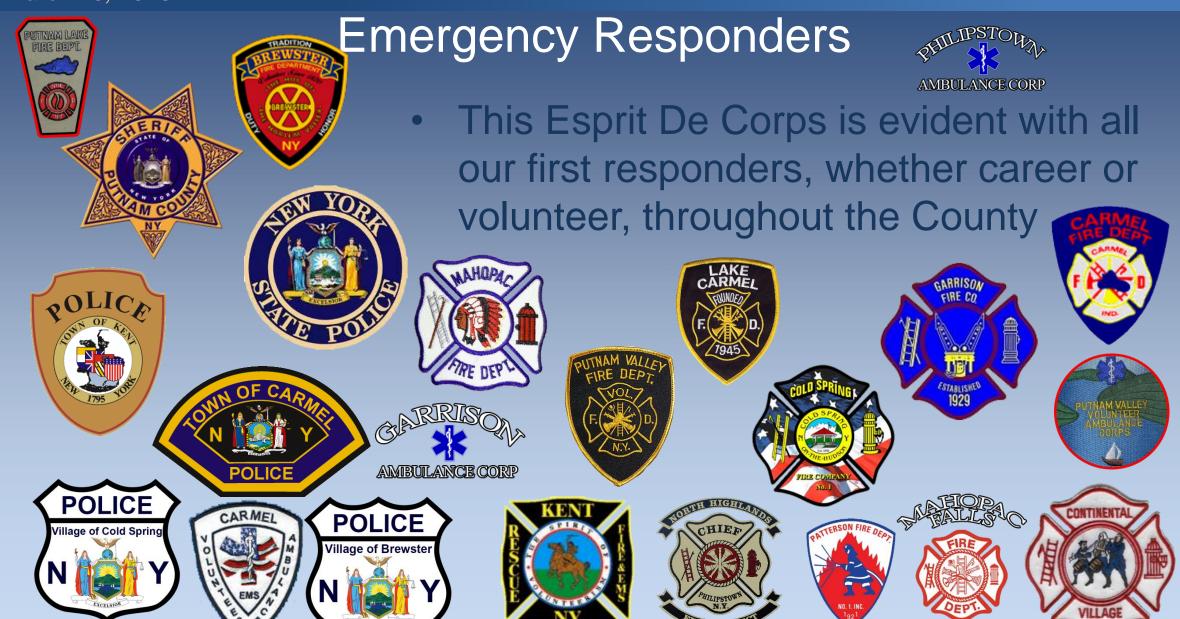


- Provides leadership in bringing all law
  enforcement together in Putnam County
  to work as a team with the shared
  mission and goal of keeping *Putnam County Safe*
- We can do anything if we don't care who gets the credit

# TEAM Together Each Achieves More



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# **Putnam is Prepared!**

# **Emergency Preparedness Drill**

 On November 21, 2015 over 200 emergency responders participated in an Emergency Preparedness Drill which was held at the Metro North Train Yard in Brewster







# **Putnam is Prepared!**

# **Emergency Preparedness Drill**

Sponsored by MTA – Metro North & Brewster Fire Department

#### **Included Responders From**

Carmel Fire Department Carmel Volunteer Ambulance Corps. Lake Carmel Fire Department Mahopac Falls Fire Department Mahopac Fire Department Patterson Fire Company Putnam County Bureau of Emergency Services Putnam County Office for People with Disabilities

Putnam County Sheriff's Department Putnam Lake Fire Department Transcare EMS (Standby) Village of Brewster Police Department Croton Falls Fire Department MTA Police Department New Fairfield CT Fire Department New York State Police North Salem Volunteer Ambulance Corps.



# **Putnam is Prepared!**

# **Emergency Preparedness Drill**

• Responders had an opportunity to work together simulating a train/car collision focusing on securing the scene, providing care to the injured and maintaining safety







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# **Putnam is Prepared!**

# **Emergency Preparedness Drill**

• Responders had an opportunity to triage, treat and transport a large number of "victims" adding a real life feel to the entire event





Not only are our first responders trained in a catastrophic event but they are also trained and prepared to administer Narcan to save an individual's life



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ONE ARMY ON THE WAR ON ADDICTION

#### You may have to fight a battle more than once to win it Margaret Thatcher



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NYS Sen. Sue Serino NYS Sen. Terrence P. Murphy Hon. James Reitz Sheriff Donald B. Smith District Attorney Robert Tendy Putnam County Mental Health & Youth Bureau Mental Health & Substance Abuse Providers











Arms

Acres







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# **ONE ARMY ON THE WAR ON ADDICTION**



- In Putnam County
  - Between 2011 2015 there have been 63 overdose deaths
  - Admission for treatment involving prescription opioids as the primary drug of abuse has more than doubled from 47 in 2007 to 97 in 2013
  - In fact in 2013 in Putnam County alone the rate of heroin treatment admissions per 100,000 residents was 272, the 12<sup>th</sup> highest rate of heroin admissions among all 62 NYS Counties



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# We are very proud to present our PSA "Is It A Big Deal Yet?"

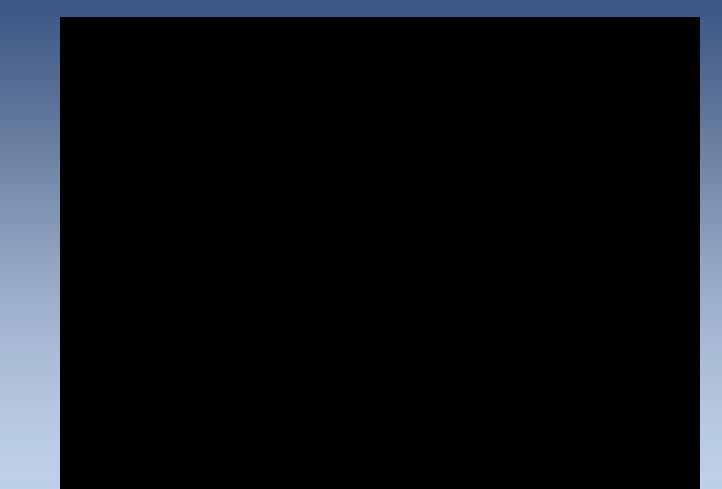


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# The opiate epidemic shines the light on the bigger issue of addiction







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Thank you to the Honorable James Reitz, Putnam County Treatment Court, for his countless hours working with those looking for a way to fight back against their addiction







# **ONE ARMY ON THE WAR ON ADDICTION**



His work on the MSNBC program "America's Heroin Epidemic" allowed America to see addiction through the eyes of an addict







# **ONE ARMY ON THE WAR ON ADDICTION**



- We must continue to keep drugs, legal and illicit, out of the hands of those at risk
- Dispose of your not needed medications properly
- Medication Drop Boxes
  - Sheriff's Department, Carmel PD, Kent PD, Philipstown Town Hall
  - Coming Soon to Putnam Valley Town Hall and a location near the Rt 84 corridor
- Medication take back day
  - April 23<sup>rd</sup> 9:00 am 2:00 pm @ PHC





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# A glimpse backward and a vision forward

Putnam County Golf Course 2006 to today
Tilly Foster Farm moving forward



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# **Putnam County Golf Course**

# In 2006 "Putnam National"

- Was a County run operation
- Primarily a golf destination
- Drainage problems plagued the course
- Club interior was outdated
- Hosted 38,000 rounds of golf
- Posted an operating loss of \$170K





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### **Putnam County Golf Course**

# **But in 2016**

- Successful Private/Public Partnership
- 100% County oversight
- Run by contracted golf and food service professionals



Mike McCall General Manager





Homestyle Catering and Food Service



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### **Putnam County Golf Course**

 Major improvements have been made to the course



**Putnam County Golf Course** 3RD ANNU

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But it's no longer just about golf! We are the Golf and **Event** destination for the Hudson Valley!!

> PUTNAM COUNTY GOLF COURSE FRIDAY NIGHT BBO SERIES SPECIAL EVENT

HOMESTYLE CATERERS PRESENTS

FEATURING TIME MACHINE

8:00 PM SHOWTIME / CASH BAR

TYGC.COM UNDER EVENTS

ANN STREET, MAHOPAC, NY IOSAT 845 808

Lac Brown Tribute





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### **Putnam County Golf Course**

• Our facilities have been updated staying mindful of our history



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### **Putnam County Golf Course**

- The focused vision is working
- In 2015
  - We hosted **32,438** rounds of golf, that's up from 30,221 in 2014
  - Corporate events, our famous outdoor concerts, baby showers and weddings, we saw many events in 2015
  - Despite hosting 6,000 less rounds from 2006 we posted an operating PROFIT of \$200K in 2015





# History - Tilly Foster Farm a representative of our agricultural past

- Primary goal was to preserve open space and protect water quality
- Acquired in 2002 for \$3.8m using money received from NYS DEP
- Approximately 199 acres of spectacular but under used property
- Tilly Foster Farm is truly
   Putnam County





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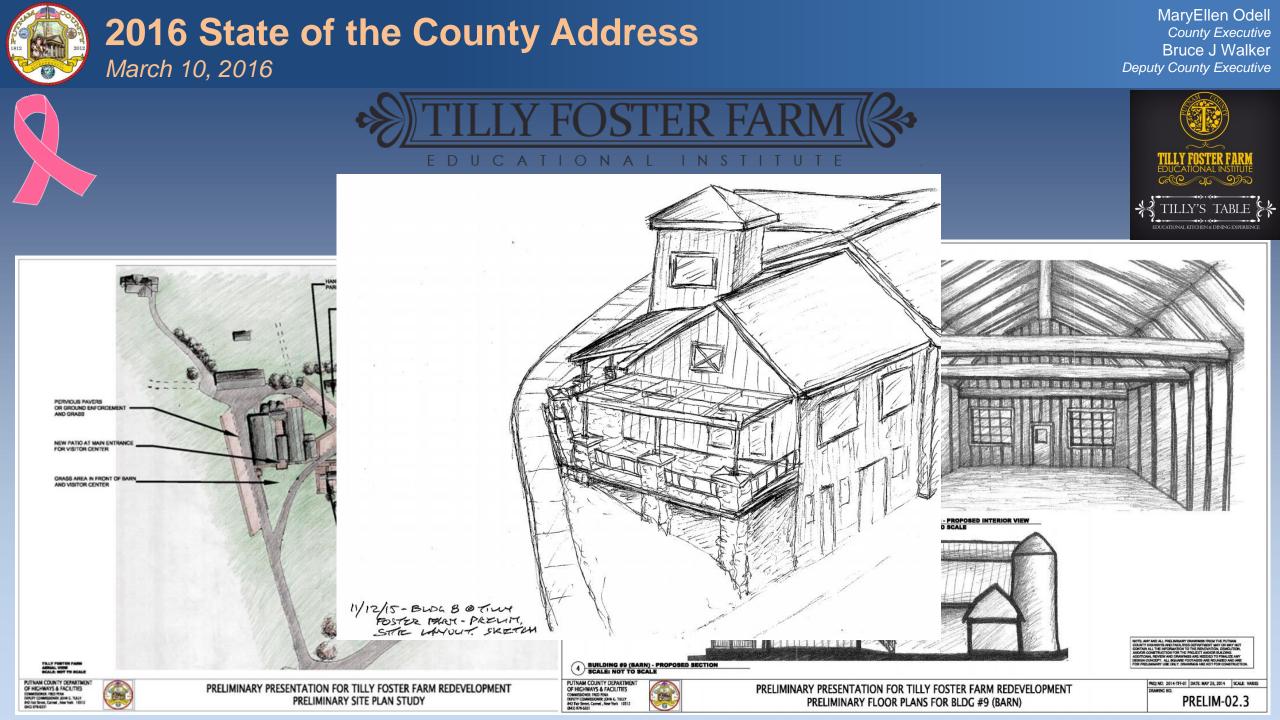
# Tonight I am introducing the new Tilly Foster Farm:



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In order to complete the Tilly Foster Education Institute we must invest an additional \$1.1m so this property can realize it's full potential and deliver to the people of Putnam County a destination for all to benefit from



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## Partnership with Putnam Northern Westchester BOCES

- Educational Center
- Culinary Arts Training Center
- Bioscience Education





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# Partnering with the local restaurants to showcase their culinary expertise



- Hosting special dining experiences
- Weddings and family events



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Keep Putnam Farming



- Approximately 11,000 acres of farmland in Putnam County
- Farms range from 2 to 1,200 acres in size
- Putnam residents want access to fresh local produce and meats
- Farmers identified a need for education and networking









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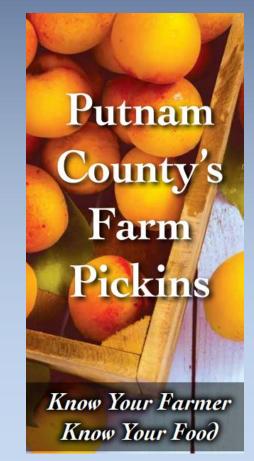


- Education and training for farmers
- Promote Putnam County farms and products
- Ag Literacy: where does our food come from











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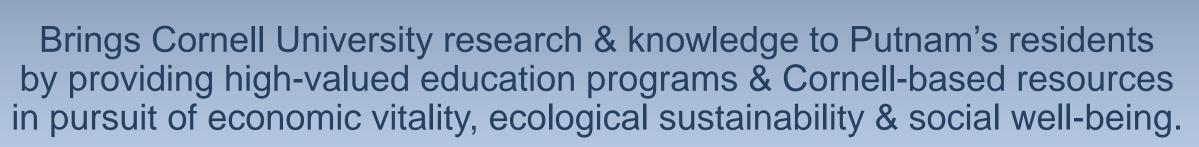
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### Workforce Development

- Farm to table
- "Green Collar" workforce training
- Landcare Professional training & recertification



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😹 4-H Clubs: Skill Mastery, Leadership & Service Learning





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Early Intervention & Pre-K Programs



- Build on the organic farming and use it as a venue to change eating habits which has been identified as one of the major causes of autism
- Provide better services to the children that need it
- Utilize the skills of the millennial generation that has focused on attaining education degrees to specifically address children with special needs

Putnam County partnerships building a stronger agricultural business community



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# Local Business Drives Our Economy

The Economy Impacts Our Ability To Provide Quality Government Services

We Need To Show Companies Why They Should Call Putnam County Home

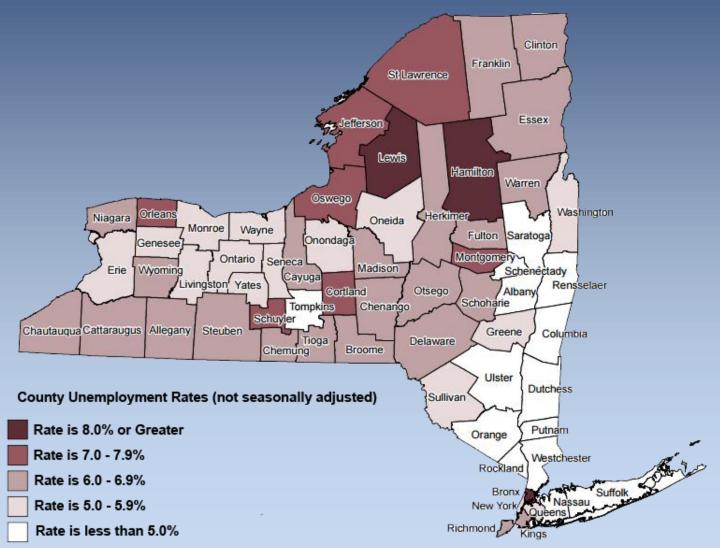


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# Keeping Putnam County Employed

On March 8<sup>th</sup> The New York State Department of Labor released the preliminary local unemployment rates for January 2016

Putnam County has the lowest unemployment rate (4.3%) in Hudson Valley Region





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### Working with our businesses BIZCON is the Largest Business & Home Expo in the Putnam County Region

Over 100 Exhibitors Saturday April 9<sup>th</sup> 11 am – 4 pm Putnam County Golf Course

In Cooperation With Cornell Cooperative of Putnam County Putnam County Economic Development Corporation Putnam County Chambers of Commerce







Jennifer Maher, Chairwoman the Putnam County Chambers of Commerce



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# Working with our Businesses

- To continue to keep Putnam County as a residential and business destination we must continue to support and maintain our infrastructure
  - Water & Sewer
  - Transportation
  - Medical services
  - To name just a few







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#### Brewster Chamber of Commerce BUSINESS The Greater Mahopac-Carmel Hamber of commerce Commerce Building Careers & Developing a Workforce

# **Carpenter Contractor Trust**

New York & New Jersey Union Carpenters & Contractors

- Providing training to ensure that we have a qualified and diverse workforce
- Sisters in the Brotherhood

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Assists female members obtain craft training and leadership skills







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#### New York Metropolitan Transportation Council (NYMTC)



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- NYMTC is a regional council of governments that is the metropolitan infrastructure planning organization for New York City, Long Island and the lower Hudson Valley
- On March 4, 2016 County
  Executive MaryEllen Odell
  along with NYS DOT
  Commissioner Matthew
  Driscoll were appointed
  Co-Chairs of this important
  strategic organization sta





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# **Opportunities with our Communities**

• Revitalize the Village of Brewster





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# **Opportunities with our Communities**

- Revitalize the Village of Brewster
  - Create 400 500 Covered Parking Spots
  - Create 250 300 Apartment Units
  - 25,000 SF Retail Space for Restaurants and Services
  - Village Green for Public Gatherings
    - Bicycle Friendly Pathways

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conceptual ideas...

Main Street looking southwest



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Hospice

and Home Care



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Hospice care isn't something you plan, when you need it, it HAS to be there

We are blessed to have neighbors that care

not only about the patient but about the family, just over the Putnam County line in Danbury



Center for Comfort Care & Healing

the Greater Mahopac-Carmel

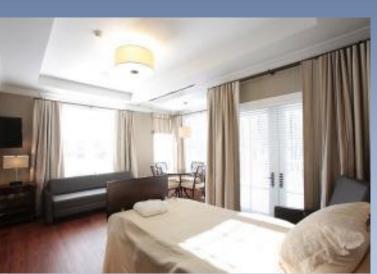


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# **Opportunities with our Neighbors**

We look forward to partnering with our neighbors at Regional Hospice and Home Care not only in their facility but also within Putnam County





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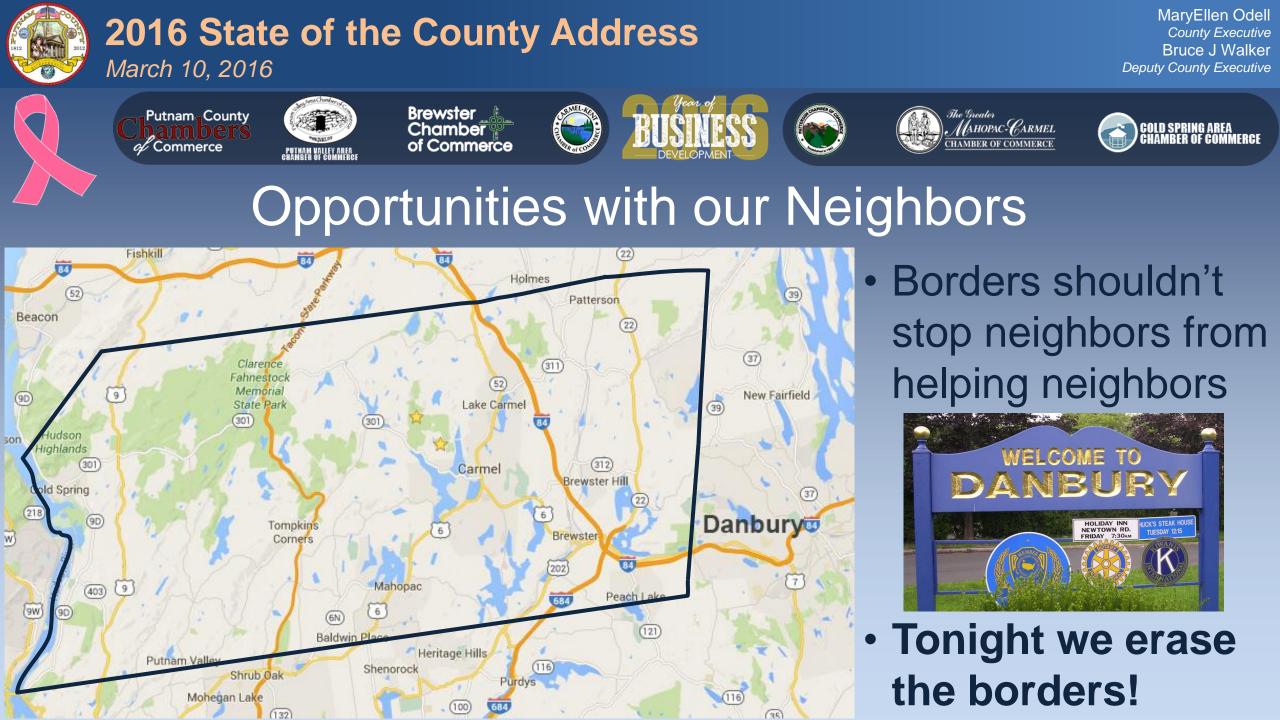
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# Opportunities with our Neighbors



# Cynthia Roy President & CEO

## Paul Sirois Chief Operating Officer





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Mahopac-Carmel







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Mr. Boughton is a champion of "People over Politics" and has been committed to the revitalization of downtown Danbury, infrastructure enhancement, improving quality of life issues and expanding citizens' access to government.



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# **Opportunities with our Neighbors**

- Working with Mayor Boughton the border between Danbury & Putnam County will just be a line on paper
- Together we will
  - Enhance our public transportation system
  - Share recreational services
  - Explore the expansion of the sewer system from Mill Plain Rd in Danbury to Danbury Rd in Southeast



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# **Opportunities with our Neighbors**

 We are also exploring reciprocity agreements that will allow residents of Danbury and Putnam County to share recreational opportunities







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# Opportunities with our Neighbors

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Now, we have not one but two local professional minor league hockey teams to root for

### **Brewster Bulldogs**

- Playing at the Brewster Ice Arena
   Danbury Titans
- Playing at the nearby Danbury Ice Arena



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# Chairwoman Putnam County Legislature

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