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## Founder’s Day a Big Success



2016 Founder’s Day

At a recent meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Brewster, Mayor Schoenig praised Laurie Manning for a very successful Founder’s Day this year. The event was absolutely fabulous even given the threatening weather. There were more vendors than ever, the crowds were larger than ever and there were rave reviews from vendors and customers alike all saying they would be sure to return next year.

Mayor Schoenig presented a proclamation of appreciation and recognition to Ms. Manning signed by the entire Board of Trustees and congratulated her on a job well done.

Trustee Mary Bryde conferred a token of appreciation from the members of the Board of Trustees and Clerk Hansen of a gift certificate for a “Day at the Spa” as a thank you for all the hard work and in appreciation of the extra effort put forth by Ms. Manning. Trustee Bryde said Ms. Manning’s leadership and execution of the event was exemplary and all are looking forward to next year and hopefully many years to come.

Ms. Manning thanked the Board for the kind words, the gift certificate and proclamation and said she has set aside a Founder’s Day date for next year so vendors that were in attendance could commit early to attend and most did so.

Ms. Manning also recognizes the Coalition for a Better Brewster and the Village Board for their help in making the event a success as it was indeed a group effort. Ms. Manning is currently actively recruiting additional vendors now that we have a firm date for next year and is looking forward to an equal or better turnout for 2017. Save the date! September 24, 2017 10AM to 4PM is the next Village of Brewster Founder’s Day Street Fair!

## George Godfrey Nominated to NYS Senate Veterans’ Hall Of Fame



George Godfrey

Joining previous distinguished honorees; Art Hanley, Steve Mattson, and Tom Smith, George Godfrey’s name was placed into nomination for this high honor by the Brewster Village Board of Trustees and he was inducted into the New York State Senate’s Veterans’ Hall of Fame on November 17, 2016 at the Mt. Kisco American Legion.

Mr. Godfrey was born and raised in Brewster, NY attending Brewster High School. In February 1951 George went to Canal Street in New York City and enlisted in the Army; he was sent to Fort Devens, MA and after initial training, was transported by train to Fort Campbell, KY where he went through 5 weeks of extensive work and training. He was then sent to the west coast and shipped to Korea landing in Inchon, Korea and from there went to Seoul, where he had his first contact with our fighting forces.

George was in Korea for 18 months where he was awarded the Korean Service Medal with 3 Bronze stars, the Combat Infantry Badge, and the National Service Medal. George mustered out with the rank of Corporal and as most in service during Korea found himself in very rough areas.

When George returned home he served with distinction as a patrolman for Village of Brewster for (7) years, drove school buses, worked heavy construction, drove for grand union stores, and drove containers from Bayonne, NJ to Boston, MA

Mr. Godfrey is a 57 year member of the Brewster-Southeast Volunteer Fire Department. George meets and greets the commuter trains morning and night every day all year round and provides a sense of security, continuity, and neighborliness that is all-to-often lost in our world today. We are lucky to have George in our village and very pleased to be allowed to honor him for his service to our country and reinforce his standing in our community.

The Village of Brewster Board of Trustees unanimously agrees with this endorsement of George Godfrey as our honoree for Senator Terrance Murphy’s 2016 NYS Senate Veterans’ Hall of Fame and congratulates him on this fine honor.

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# THE STATE OF THE VILLAGE



What a remarkable year we are having! The winds of change are blowing the seeds of growth, and new investments that are being sown from private and public sector funding are springing to life.

- A 16+ acre parcel along Route 22 just north of Palmer Road was annexed into the Village. The owners plan to build a medical office building to serve an ever-growing healthcare market. Stay tuned as the regulatory approval process is navigated.
- Brewster Honda completed one project on Allview Avenue and is in the process of submitting plans to replace their existing new car showroom and expanding their inventory to both sides of the road on US-6/US-202/RT-22 just south of Allview Avenue. The consistent branding at a gateway to the Village should be a welcome sight for all.
- In the same area, the owners of a former gas station property are still negotiating regulatory hurdles before changes can begin at that location.
- The former Norm’s Restaurant location remains on the market but given the investments being made in close proximity there might be changes on the horizon.
- The former gas station at Michael Neuner Road and US-6/N. Main Street is now open as a 76 gas station and convenience store after having undergone extensive renovations.
- 538 N. Main Street is now under construction after a substantial period of inactivity. This new building will help strengthen the N. Main Street business corridor and improve quality of life for our residents and visitors alike.
- St. Lawrence O’Toole Catholic Church made a major investment modernizing the interior of the church, adding an exterior parking lot, and building an addition.
- A new vehicular traffic bridge and intersection over the railroad tracks is in the final stages of design and is scheduled to begin construction in late 2017. This bridge shifts the placement of the current Carmel Avenue Bridge and the altered design will take half the construction time and realign streets into a conventional and safe four-way intersection with a traffic signal!

- Construction at the Train Station of a new electric substation is nearing completion. This new substation will have a larger electric supply capacity than the previous system and be able to support an expanded timetable. [More trains meshes with the Comprehensive Plan Update and Urban Renewal vision that includes transit oriented development.]
- The Wells Park renovation accomplished largely with volunteer labor and material which also has an access point to the Maybrook Line Bike & Hike Trail adds recreation, tourism, and a stronger sense of place to our blossoming community. Coming off a strong opening season in 2016, we expect more great events and activities to involve the park as it becomes an ever-stronger contributor to revitalization in combination with our improved downtown Metro North Commuter Rail Station.

All the above active projects are totally separate from urban renewal. Just having the forward thinking action of our Mayor and a majority of our Board of Trustees has resulted in progress and nurtured these notable investments. For much too long the status quo in Brewster was accepted and even relished by some to the detriment of others. Now the trains are literally pulling into the station and improvements are being made before any plans for urban renewal projects have been submitted.

**COMMUTER PARKING  
SPACES AVAILABLE**

**SAFE SECURE  
VILLAGE POLICE ON-DUTY 24/7**

**PARKING PERMIT:**  
  
**-Village Resident-  
\$110.00 per Quarter**  
  
**-Non-resident-  
\$185.00 per quarter**  
**Quarter starts :  
December 1st, March 1st, June 1st,  
September 1st**

Permit entitles parker to any available space in the assigned lot 24 hours a day, 7 days week throughout permit validity.

**Inquire at: 50 MAIN ST  
Applications are available online at:  
WWW.BREWSTERVILLAGE-NY.GOV  
>INFORMATION  
>PARKING  
OR CALL 845.279.3760**



*The historic Village of Brewster Main Street*

Urban Renewal is still on track and tangible plans may be submitted in the very near future. These are exciting times, not just because of the development that might happen in the future but because current investments demonstrate that people believe in a brighter future for the Village and we are just delighted to express our appreciation to all who want to make Brewster a better place to live, work and play. We have been singing the Village’s virtues for a long time and it is rewarding to see noticeable encouragement from our friends and neighbors.

**-Peter Hansen**



# MAYOR’S CORNER

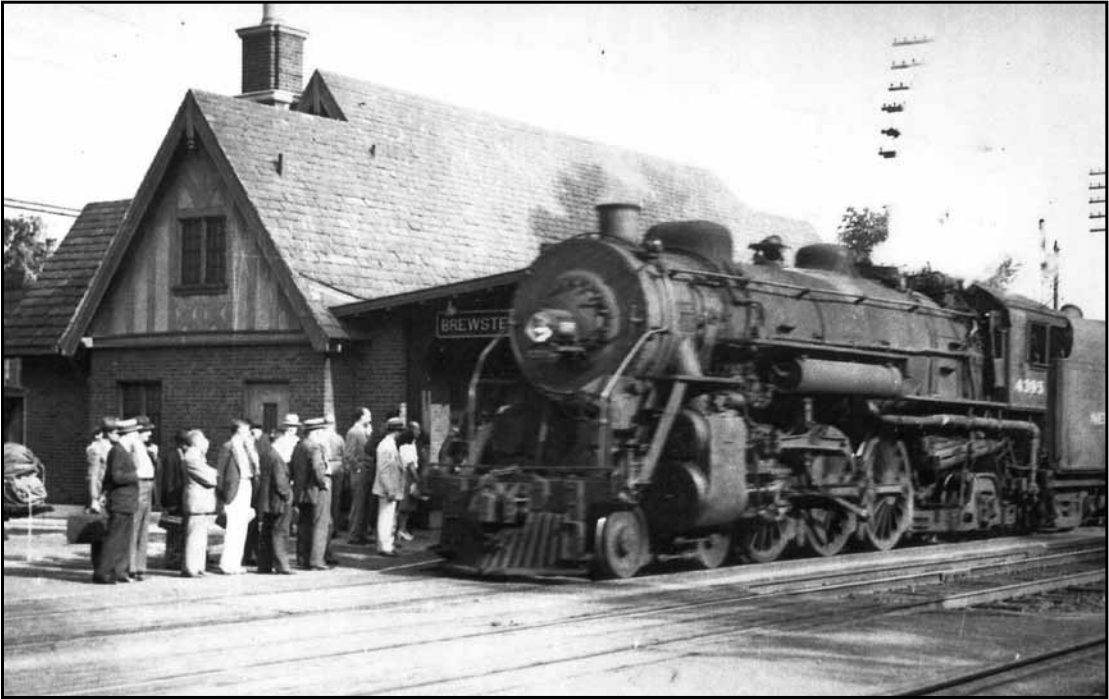
## Revitalization

The village board is just about complete with our pre-project approvals, to turn what once was a dream into reality. What started out as a casual conversation between Village Clerk Peter Hansen and I over 4 years ago after the Garden Street School closing has now set the stage for a vibrant revitalization of Main Street, Wells Park and the Garden Street School area. I would like to share with you how we came to this point.

Our initial conversation caused us to invite Jonathan Drapkin and Joe Czajka from Hudson Valley Pattern for Progress, a not-for-profit policy, planning, advocacy and research organization whose mission is to promote regional, balanced and sustainable solutions that enhance the growth and vitality of the Hudson Valley, to a Team Brewster meeting. Our intention was to speak with them about possible reuses of Garden Street School. That discussion took us to an expanded scope that included our core downtown area and Transit Oriented Development. Joe Czajka would become an integral part of our Envision Brewster team and our Comprehensive Plan update.

During several visits from a variety of interested developers to Garden Street School we discussed the potential for revitalization in other parts of the Village. One of these developers, Covington Development, LLC – a local developer well known in the area with an excellent record of accomplishments, expressed a strong interest in taking a leadership role and the Board of Trustees unanimously agreed.

A plan was coming together. Envision Brewster was born; a contract was awarded to a professional planning firm to assist with the Comprehensive Plan development and finalization, the Zoning Code update, and a Blight Study. During the Comprehensive Plan update we developed a working relationship with PACE Land Use Law Center who provided expert assistance with community outreach and engagement for development of the Comprehensive Plan update vision. Putnam County Planning Department and Putnam County Law Department also provided vital support.



The Historic Village of Brewster Train Station

A pipe dream of revitalization that had been talked about for over 30 years was forming under this Board’s leadership. One of the reasons I joined the Planning Board over 20 years ago, ran for and served as Village Trustee, and ran for and still serve as Mayor is to bring long overdue visible progress to our Village. To be here at this point on the verge of transformation is amazing and I am very thankful for all the contributions made to make this project a reality.

This project would not have been possible without the cooperation and dedication of: Village Board of Trustees, Village Clerk Peter Hansen, Envision Brewster Committee, Comprehensive Plan Committee, Putnam County, Village Planning & Zoning Board members, Hudson Valley Pattern for Progress, Pace Land Use Law Center, and Covington Development, LLC.

Our continued success is predicated on fruitful relationships and I can say for certain we have a plentiful harvest of those and a tremendous level of support in our community for much-needed change.

Thank you,  
**Mayor James J. Schoenig**

## Legislative Update

After holding a Public Hearing on September 7, 2016 the Board of Trustees voted to adopt Local Law 2 of 2016 which amended Village Code Chapter 236 – Taxicabs. Resolution 090716-1 was motioned by Mayor Jim Schoenig and seconded by Trustee Mary Bryde. Deputy Mayor Christine Piccini and Trustee Tom Boissonnault joined in the 4-0 vote for approval. This amendment will require that unique identification numbers be placed on each vehicle with a taxicab medallion issued by the Village of Brewster. The cost of the numbered decals will be paid by the taxi companies and displayed on the rear of the taxicab and on both rear doors. This will make it easier to differentiate and identify all authorized taxicabs.

During the regularly scheduled meeting of August 17, 2016 Mayor Schoenig asked the Planning Board to review Village Code 199 – Signs. This review will focus on signage regulations to be allowed in the B-2 District (Business 2) and will provide recommendations for the Board of Trustees’



consideration. Deputy Mayor Piccini attended the Planning Board meeting on September 20 to answer any preliminary questions from its members. The Board of Trustees is waiting for the recommendations and will schedule a Public Hearing prior to making any change in the Sign Law.

At the June 15, 2016 meeting the Board of Trustees decided to put out a RFP (Request for

Proposal) for a new Refuse, Bulk and Recycled Material Collection contract. After spending several months refining the specifications, the contract was put out for bid with a due date of October 5, 2016. Three bids were received and on October 19 Mayor Schoenig motioned to award Suburban Carting the contract as they were in full compliance with the specifications and were at the lowest price. Deputy Mayor Piccini seconded and all were in favor. The new three year contract becomes effective on January 1, 2017 and allows the VOB the option of two additional one year extensions.

Finally, in an effort to continue moving the Urban Renewal Plan forward the Board of Trustees has been meeting extensively over the last quarter to negotiate the LADA (Land Acquisition and Development Agreement) with the designated developer, Covington Development. Final review and approval may occur by the end of this calendar year.

**-Deputy Mayor Christine Piccini**

# LIFE IN BREWSTER

## Coffee in the Park

The Village Board of Trustees held a special meeting in Wells Park on Saturday, September 24, 2016 to meet with the community in an casual setting and give everyone a chance to engage in spontaneous conversation without the formality surrounding a regular meeting at Village Hall.

Four of the five Board members attended. They were: Mayor Schoenig, Deputy Mayor Piccini, Trustee Boissonnault, and Trustee Bryde.

The Trustees mingled with community members for about two to three hours on a beautiful day with the Farmers Market in full swing.

The Board members discussed any constituents' concerns and answered all questions asked without deliberation. No actions were taken by the Board and the meeting was in full compliance with all state open meeting laws.

Some of the topics discussed were the Farmers' Market, Winter Parking rules, Parking in general, Garbage & Recycling pickup, next year's plans for Wells Park and Main Street upkeep. Much of the conversation was of a social nature getting to know each of our community members better.

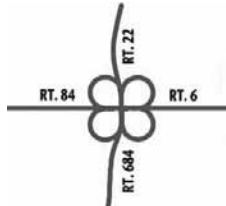
The Board hopes to hold another "Coffee in the Park" in the spring when the weather allows and Wells Park reopens. Additional detail will likely be published in the next issue of Village Matters on or about March 1, 2017.



Trustees Mary Bryde and Tom Boissonnault at the Village "Coffee in the Park"

## Brewster Chamber Celebrates 60 Years

The Brewster Chamber of Commerce is about to celebrate their diamond anniversary but needs your help!



Established in 1957, the Brewster Chamber of Commerce has played a crucial role in encouraging a sense of community while promoting growth and supporting partnership among our local business professionals. The Chamber is currently planning for a celebration of this 60 year milestone but we need your participation! Here's what we're searching for:

- Businesses that have been in Brewster for the last 40, 50, and 60 years.
- Businesses that have been passed down from generation to generation.
- Anyone who has been in the Chamber since it was established.

Photos, stories, names etc. are all needed and appreciated. Please reach out to the Brewster Chamber Executive Director Rose Aglieco at (845) 279-2477, [info@brewsterchamber.com](mailto:info@brewsterchamber.com) Help make the Brewster Chamber of Commerce 60th anniversary celebration a huge success. Stay tuned for details on the celebration coming summer 2017.

Interested in the Chamber? Here's some food for thought: Research indicates that chamber membership inspires business-to-business commerce in the local community. Other businesses in town are more likely to do business with you and your company if you are a member of the local chamber. Visit the Brewster Chamber online at: [www.Brewsterchamber.com](http://www.Brewsterchamber.com)

**-Candice Sciarrillo**

## Putnam County Child Advocacy Center (CAC), Providing Awareness & Assistance in Our Area

If you know the Village of Brewster, you probably know where the train station, the Brewster Volunteer Fire Department and the Brewster Library are located. But did you know that Brewster is also home to the premiere child protection and injury prevention agency in Putnam County?

Housed in an unassuming brick building at 121 Main Street, in the same building as CAP and WIC, the Child Advocacy Center (CAC) is located in the heart of Brewster, investigating allegations of child abuse and educating families on ways to keep their families safe.

The statistics on child abuse are staggering: According to Darkness to Light, an organization that works to end child sexual abuse, about one in seven girls and one in 25 boys will be sexually abused before they turn 18. In 90 percent of the cases the offender is known to the child victim and the victim's family.

Child sexual abuse is a highly under-reported crime, but when a report is made, an elite, highly-trained team of professionals goes to work to provide an immediate coordinated response. The CAC is home to a Multidisciplinary team made up of police, prosecutors, mental health providers, child protective service workers, victim advocates and medical providers who work to reduce the trauma to child victims and their families and to hold offenders accountable for their crimes. Since it opened in 1999, the CAC has served more than 3,000 child victims of sexual assault, physical abuse and domestic violence.



In 2016, the CAC joined the fight against human trafficking, one of 32 counties in New York State to receive funding for the Safe Harbour program, New York State's anti-trafficking initiative. Billboards have been up in both English and Spanish in the Village of Brewster, and the CAC has been a growing presence as they educate the public about what has been, until recently, a silent but national epidemic.

Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC) is sexual activity involving a child in exchange for something of value, or promise thereof, to the child or another person. CSEC is a form of violence against children. Often the terms CSEC and human trafficking are used interchangeably.

It is estimated that 300,000 children are at risk for commercial sexual exploitation

Billboards in Spanish and English are making a huge statement against Human Trafficking in the Village of Brewster.



# LIFE IN BREWSTER

## Child Advocacy Center Continued...

every year in the United States. The U.S. Department of Justice reports the average age of entry into the commercial sex industry is from 12 - 14. Most of the victims, 85 percent, are female and 75 percent have child welfare involvement or have been in foster care. Safe Harbour provides services to youth who have been trafficked, and those youth at risk for trafficking.

The CAC also provides many educational programs designed to protect children. The CAC provides trainings on keeping kids safe from sex offenders, offers the New York State approved Mandated Reporter training on child abuse and reporting, and, in partnership with the Mental Health Association in Putnam County, created the Putnam County Suicide Prevention Task Force. In addition, the CAC conducts Putnam County's Child Fatality Review Team, which studies systemic problems related to child fatalities and serious physical injuries in order to identify preventable circumstances, and conducts thorough investigations of computer hardware used in crimes against children.

April is Child Abuse Prevention month and in 2016, the CAC partnered with Prevent Child Abuse New York to bring the Pinwheels for Prevention campaign to Putnam County. County Executive MaryEllen Odell, Sheriff Donald Smith and District Attorney Robert Tendy joined the CAC and local students to plant hundreds of pinwheels on Lake Gleneida. The pinwheels promote the message that every child deserves a safe and happy childhood. The event was a huge success and is expected to spread through the county this year, with participation including many businesses and organizations in Brewster as the Village joins the fight against child abuse.

121 Main Street may not look it, but there's a lot of important work going on in a small space. Much like the Village of Brewster itself. If you would like more information on any of the programs or services offered by the Child Advocacy Center please call (845) 808-1400.

-MaryBeth Ross

## Scenes from Wells Park

With but a blink of an eye, our first season is coming to a close. The newly reopened Wells Park has had a wonderful, fresh start. The park has become a destination location for residents from all over Putnam County. Wells Park is not just for children, though children tend to dominate the park. Young children can be seen with their parents as they play. Elders take walks and watch their grandchildren as they swing and climb. Saturday mornings are busy with early morning yoga, and shoppers at the Farmer's Market. And in the evening, the parking lot is brimming with cars and families on foot who try to squeeze in some last minute fresh air and activity, such as biking, kite flying and kickball. The park also hosted the adult Insanity fitness class three nights per week, however children were often seen mimicking the exercise moves in the background.

Two movie nights were held in the early and late summer, which were great fun and well attended by the community. Kids played tag and jumped in a bounce house as ET came to the park, and we went Back to the Future. We also had graduation ceremonies and some great parties in the pavilion.



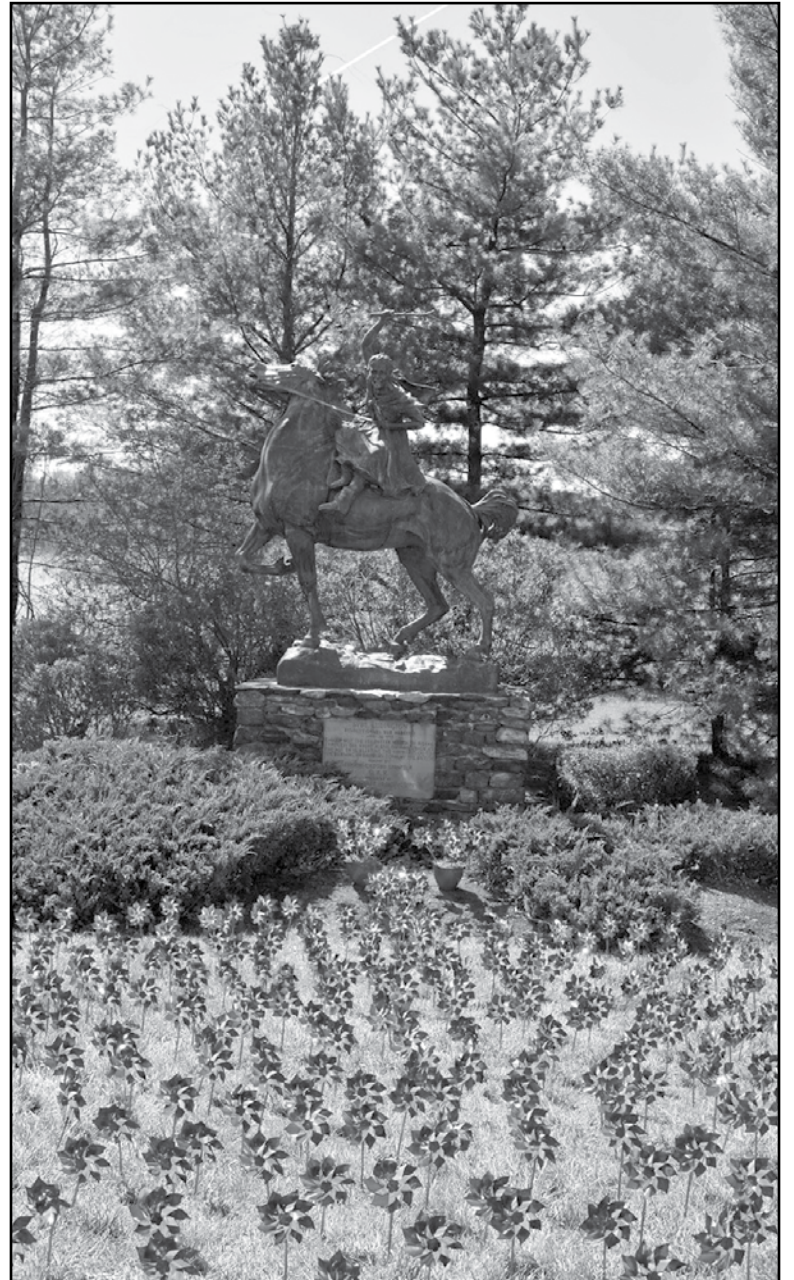
Trustee Tom Boissonnault and Town Clerk Peter Hansen Receiving a Certification for Wells Park on Opening Day

The two local Girl Scout Troops also used the park for community service by selling refreshments at the movie night and donating the proceeds to the park, and through the addition of a new Take A Book, Leave a Book kiosk.

The Park will soon be closed for the season, however we are already anticipating next year. Our goal is to take the best things from this season to continue, while adding new events and enhancements. We look forward to adding new grills to the pavilion area. Movie nights in the park will continue. We are anticipating that the bike trail will be completed in our area and connected to the park. We have also heard the community's request for a GAGA pit, which we will be seeking support to help to build.

So, to the Brewster and Putnam County residents, the Village of Brewster extends its thanks to you for your support and belief in the possibility that Wells Park could thrive once again. For information on events held in Wells Park among other things, join our Facebook group: **Friends of Wells Park** and like our page **@brewstervillageny**.

-Trustee Tom Boissonnault



Child Abuse Prevention Awareness with beautiful blue pinwheels decorating Putnam County Parks, Gardens, Lakes, and Pots, providing a variety of donation options while making a bold and moving statement.



Wells Park Grand Opening with Village Trustees, Mayor and Deputy Mayor, as well as the Brewster Chamber of Commerce.



# COMMUNITY EVENTS

For additional information on all upcoming events among other things, visit the **Village of Brewster, NY** Facebook page

## Putnam Cap Annual Coat Drive Begins Nov 28th

Beginning Monday, November 28th, Putnam CAP will accept donations of gently used winter coats. Due to space constraints we cannot accept blazers, windbreakers, raincoats, sweaters or anything that is not winter weight outerwear. The winter coats should be clean and on hangers. New hats and gloves are appreciated also. Anyone in need of these items is welcome to stop by the CAP office any day, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30AM and 4:30PM.

121 Main St., Brewster NY 10509

## Escape from the Library Dec 2nd

Friday, December 2, 6:00-7:30pm: Escape from the Library! - Teens are invited to the library for a night of thrills! Try to solve a series of puzzles that will ultimately lead you to the "key" to escape from the library! Pizza and beverages will be served. For ages 13-17; registration required.

Visit the Brewster Public Library Website for additional information:

<http://brewsterlibrary.org/>

## Tree Lighting & Caroling Dec 3rd



Families for 20 plus years have been coming to this annual holiday event. They gather at the museum, carol holiday favorites along Main Street, and they are greeted by Santa, who gives out candy canes. We countdown to the lighting of the tree and families walk to Village Hall for free refreshments generously provided by Village Board of Trustees.

This year as in the past few years, we will host a free 30 minute magic show prior to caroling.

Details:

Saturday December 3

4:30PM- Free magic show at the Southeast Museum

5:00PM- Caroling begins

Event start place is the Southeast Museum and ends at Village Hall.



## Landmark Preservation Society of Southeast Holiday Party Dec 10th

December 10, 2016 5:00PM - 7:00PM

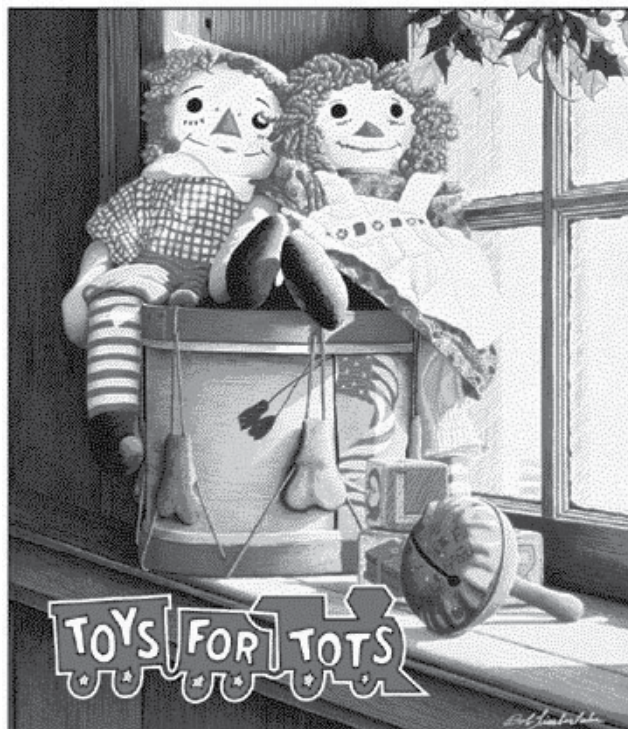
Walter Brewster House

34 Oak Street, Brewster, New York

Light Refreshments, Seasonal Raffle and Good Company. Carols by Putnam Chorale singers. Bring family and friends to share the holiday spirit in our historic treasure beautifully decorated for the season by the Brewster Garden Club.

There is no charge to attend. Donations are gladly accepted.

## Putnam CAP Toys for Tots Drive & Family Registration to Receive Gifts



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**Brewster Ice Arena**  
**Putnam CAP**

Putnam CAP as well as the Brewster Ice Arena are collecting Toys for Tots again this year. Donations of toys and teen gifts are gratefully accepted weekdays from Monday, November 28th through Friday, December 16th.

For families who wish to register to receive toys, **proof of residency and income is required** for eligibility. Please reach out to Putnam CAP from Nov. 28th through Dec 16th.

Toys will be distributed at the main office at 121 Main Street, Brewster NY from 8:30 - 4:30 on the 20th and 22nd, as well as from 8:30 - 6:30 on the 21st.

For additional information please call 845-278-8021 or visit:

<http://www.putnamcap.org/>

Food pantry will be closed on Friday, Dec. 23rd and Monday, Dec. 26th.

## Registro Para Familias Recibir Regalos Para los Niños

Para las familias que deseen registrarse para recibir juguetes, se requiere prueba de residencia y de ingresos para calificar. Por favor, comuníquese con Putnam CAP del 28 de Noviembre al 16 de Diciembre.

Para más información: 845-278-8021,

<http://www.putnamcap.org/>

## Brewster Ice Arena Holds Two-Day Toys for Tots Drive Dec 9th & 10th

This year, the Brewster Ice Arena has a lot in store for families looking for something fun to do all while giving back to the community. As we all know, there are many families in our community that are less fortunate and cannot afford the price tags that come along with the holidays. In honor of that, the Brewster Ice Arena will be holding a two-day event to collect Toys for Tots.

For the adults: on December 9th, come on out to the Players Sports Bar & Restaurant beginning at 7:00PM and enjoy a night of fun with an ugly t-shirt contest, raffle prizes from the arena's favorite breweries, and live rock and roll from Santa's Little Helpers band with styles similar to Billy Joel and Elton John.

The admission cost is ONE TOY (or a cash donation) that will go to a deserving child in our local community. The party ends at midnight so swing on by and enjoy your Friday night while knowing that you also helped make a child's holiday experience better than it otherwise would have been.



2015 Brewster Ice Arena Toys for Tots Drive



# COMMUNITY EVENTS

For the Families: on December 10th, enjoy a full day of great activities with the kids at the Brewster Ice Arena. The doors open at 12 noon with FREE ice skating and a live performance by one of our local favorites; Judy Corbalis. She will be followed at 1:00PM by Magic of Michael Bocher. At 1:45PM, Taps N Toes Studio will perform a beautiful dance number, making way for live music from Santa's Little Helpers at 2:00PM. The Pawling Karate Studio will then interact with attendees to demonstrate bullying self-defense at 2:45PM. At 3:30PM, local Pawling resident and self-published author; Carol Paterno will be doing a reading from her book "Slippery Slope" followed by a performance from the band, Santa's Little Helpers.

The admission is at least ONE TOY per family (or a cash donation). If you're stumped on what to buy, try a gift certificate instead. Come enjoy a day of family fun while knowing you are bringing joy to another family in need.

A percentage of all toys collected will be given to Putnam CAP for distribution as well. Putnam CAP is collecting Toys for Tots and winter coats starting November 28th. Feel free to drop something off at 121 Main Street, Brewster NY 10509.

For additional information on the Toys for Tots events at the Brewster Ice Arena, please contact Gil Maile at [brightnoteslive@hotmail.com](mailto:brightnoteslive@hotmail.com).



December 10th is also Military Appreciation Day. Several veteran representatives will be present with information on organizations such as the VET to VET program, UniteForTheTroops, and the NY Riders of Putnam County.

## Lego Challenge Saturday Dec 17th

Saturday, December 17, from 12:00-2:00PM: Lego Challenge Saturday - Come to the library on the third Saturday of the month and explore your creativity with Legos! Choose one of our construction challenges or spend the time creating your own masterpiece. We'll provide the Legos and you provide the imagination! Display your creation in the library for all to see! For all ages; children under 6 must be accompanied by an adult.

Visit the Brewster Public Library Website for additional information:  
<http://brewsterlibrary.org/>

## Candy Bar Bingo Dec 20th

Tuesday, December 20, 5:00-6:00PM:  
Candy Bar Bingo - Come to the library on the third Tuesday each month and play a few games of this all-time favorite! The person who shouts "BINGO!" will win a sweet prize! For ages 6-10; registration required.

Visit the Brewster Public Library Website for additional information:  
<http://brewsterlibrary.org/>

## Holiday Houses Dec 22nd

Thursday, December 22, 5:00-6:00PM:  
Holiday Houses - Build a graham cracker house using all sorts of sweet treats! For ages 6-12; registration required.

Additional information:  
<http://brewsterlibrary.org/>

## Concert for Peace Jan 1st



Violinist, Robert Zubrycki.  
Photo Credit: Laurie Rhodes

January 1, 2017 at 2PM at the Studio Around the Corner. Ring in the new year with peaceful Chamber Music and readings from celebrated poets and writers. Mozart Quintet for two violins, two violas and cello in g minor as well as seasonal favorites. Violinist, Robert Zubrycki, will be joined by his colleagues from the American Symphony Orchestra, Amici New York and Broadway Orchestras. Refreshments will be served.

Tickets are \$20 general admission; students and seniors \$15. Call (845) 363 - 8330 or email [TOSCAC2010@gmail.com](mailto:TOSCAC2010@gmail.com) for reservations. The Studio Around the Corner, 67 Main Street, Suite 101, Brewster, NY

For more information on this and other Cultural Arts Coalition events, visit: [www.oththeater.org](http://www.oththeater.org) or on Facebook at **Old Town Hall, Brewster, NY.**

## Parents of Special Needs Teen/Adult Students Support Group

A new support group is starting in Brewster, NY that will focus on special needs students who have an IEP or 504 plan that assists them in high school.

This group will meet on the second Wednesday of the month to discuss what we as parents need to do to help prepare our children to become responsible, self-sufficient, confident young adults.

FIRST MEETING IS JANUARY 11, 2017  
Where: 89 Main Street, Brewster, NY  
Time: 7:00pm to 9:00pm

For more information and direction, please contact Emily Sussman at 845-363-8220 or email [Emily@longviewschool.org](mailto:Emily@longviewschool.org). Sponsored by Longview's College Assistance Center.

## Brewster Rotary Super Bowl Jan 17th

### Brewster Rotary Super Bowl LI Raffle

**Grand Prize Feb 3-6, 2017**

**Super Bowl Package**  
4 Days / 3 Nights for 2  
(at the Sonesta ES Suites Houston)

**2nd Prize \$500 CASH**

**Two Tickets to the Super Bowl**  
+ \$1000 travel voucher  
(Official NFL Tickets w/Lanyard and Sleeve)

**Pro Football Hall of Fame Gameday Party**  
including Top Shelf Open Bar & Premium Menu Pre-Game Party  
with hall of famer (Super Bowl Legends) appearances  
Post Game Party too!!  
\$50 Visa Gift Card  
Interactive Entertainment Elements  
Live Entertainment & More

**ONLY 300 TICKETS SOLD**

**Early Bird \$500 Cash**  
Drawing 12/17/16

**Drawing Party January 17, 2017 - 6:00 pm**  
at Clock Tower Grill, Brewster NY

300 maximum tickets to be sold – with 3 chances to win  
**\$100 per ticket, or 3 for \$250, or 10 for \$700**

## Save the Date: Children's Expo & Public Safety May 13th

The Putnam County CAC, in partnership with the Putnam County Bureau of Emergency Services, are sponsors of the Children's Expo & Public Safety Day. It's a free family-friendly day that encourages families to meet local law enforcement fire departments and first responders, and learn about all the agencies and organizations that make Putnam County a great place to live and raise children. This year the fair will be on May 13th.

Look for additional information and details in the next issue of the **Village Matters** as well as on the Putnam CAC Facebook Page: **Child Advocacy Center of Putnam County.** Please call (845) 808-1400 to learn about other programs.

# GOOD TO KNOW

## Brewster Emergency Shelter Partnership Inc (aka Brewster Ecumenical Service Partnership)



The St. Lawrence O'Toole Catholic Church

BESP, Brewster Emergency Shelter Partnership Inc (aka Brewster Ecumenical Service Partnership) is a NY State 501(c)(3) not for profit organization.

The Congregations of the Brewster community have joined together in a partnership to provide safe sleeping during the coldest winter months for those who are in need. Congregations in the Partnership provide temporary sleeping sites for a week, evening meals, overnight hosts, and other support. The temporary shelters provide cots, bedding and sanitary supplies. Winter clothing is distributed, as available and needed. A paid supervisor is in charge and spends the night with the guests. Each Congregation that provides a sleeping site is represented by an overnight volunteer Host. The shelter provides an evening meal and light breakfast. Guests are screened by the supervisor; no person



under the adverse influence of alcohol or drugs is permitted in the shelters.

Congregations providing food and shelter include: The St. Lawrence O'Toole Catholic Church, First United Methodist Church, Brews-

### Need a Place to Sleep? Necesita un Lugar Donde Dormir?

December 5th 2016 through March 26th 2017

Brewster area congregations provide an emergency sleeping site during winter months (December-March). Limited Beds Available

Congregacions en la area de Brewster proveera refugio de emergencia durante los meses de invierno.

Arrive in front of 52 Main 8:45PM / Llegan frente a 52 Main St en 20:45

Para mas informacion dirijase a / For more information contact:  
John Castle 845 705-5379

ter First Baptist Church, Trinity Lutheran Church, Brewster Presbyterian Church, Croton Falls Presbyterian Church, St. Andrews Episcopal Church, and Gilead Presbyterian Church.

Additional volunteer, financial and spiritual support has been provided by: Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, Catholic Charities, Lutheran Metro NY Synod, Holmes United Methodist Church, NOW United Methodist Churches- A Cooperative Parish, Church Youth Groups, The Harvey Foundation, The Donaldson Trust, Ann Anastazi Charitable Foundation, Lutheran Crusader Fund, Chuang Yen Monastery, North Salem Dental, Mahopac Library staff, Girl Scout and Boy Scout Troops, And other Youth Groups, Local Rotary Clubs, and other organizations.

For additional information contact John Castle at 845 705-5379 or **jec91179@yahoo.com**.

## Refugio de Emergencia Durante los Meses Más Frios del Invierno

Las congregaciones de La Comunidad de Brewster se han unido en asociación para proveer Refugio de Emergencia durante los meses más frios del invierno a aquellos que lo necesitan. La necesidad de obtener refugio temporalmente puede ocurrir por una variedad de razones y por lo tanto proveer un lugar seguro es necesario.

Cada una de las congregaciones en la Asociación que han decidido ofrecer este servicio de refugio de emergencia, lo hará por una semana a la vez y rotarán el servicio entre ellas. El refugio de emergencia será disponible de 9:00p.m. a 6:00a.m. con la apropiada supervisión. Catres y mantas sera

proveidas. Un director estará a cargo y pasará la noche con los invitados. Cada congregación que ha escogido proveer este servicio será representada por un voluntario de noche y si lo deciden regalaran una cena pequeña o un desayuno pequeño. Los invitados serán supervisados por el Director y ninguna persona bajo la influencia del alcohol o drogas será permitido la entrada.

Congregationa proporcionar alimento y refugio incluyen: St Lawrence O'Toole Iglesia Católica Romana, Primera Iglesia Bautista, Iglesia Metodista Primera Unida, Iglesia Luterana Trinity, Brewster Iglesia Presbiteriana, Croton Falls Iglesia Presbiteriana, San Andrés de la

Iglesia Episcopal, y Gilead Iglesia Presbiteriana.

Voluntario adicional, el apoyo financiero y espiritual es proporcionada por: Iglesia Bautista Mt Carmel, Caridades Católicas, Luterana Sínodo Metropolitano de Nueva York, Holmes Estados Iglesia Methidist, NOW Methidist Iglesia Parroquial Cooperativa, Iglesia Grupos Juveniles, La Fundación Harvey, Fundación Ann Anastasi, Donaldson Trust, Fondo Cruzado Luterana, Monasterio Chuang Yei, Cuidado Dental Salem Norte, Personal Mahopac Biblioteca, Tropas de Niña Exploradora y Tropas de Niño Exploradora y otros grupos de jóvenes, Los Clubes Rotarios locales, y otras organizaciones.

Para más información, por favor llame a John Castle 845 705-5379 **jec91179@yahoo.com**

## What's to Come From Brewster Public Library

In 2017, watch our calendar for craft and makerspace programs for kids, social nights for teens, and seminars for adults. Ongoing programs include Story times, Book Clubs, Zumba, and Mah Jongg. For more information or to register for programs, visit: **www.brewsterlibrary.org** and click on "Calendar."

## Why Village Matters? A Note From the Board

The "Village Matters" Newspaper is a quarterly publication compiled by the Village Board of Trustees as a way to communicate all the changes and events happening in the Village.

The Village Board of Trustees has been working diligently with other organizations to communicate events, news, and plans for revitalization of the Village that are meaningful to all our residents. Revitalization is a plan to not only restore the charm of the Village

but also create better residential, commercial and cultural opportunities. The "Village Matters" gathers all of that information in one convenient location and publishes four times per year.

This paper will continue to be distributed in the Village quarterly (March 1, June 1, September 1, and December 1) and will contain any and all information pertaining to government changes and updates, scheduled meetings, rules and **Continued on Back Cover...**



# CULTURAL ARTS

## Hudson Valley Talent Shines in 2016 VOB Film Festival



*“Adoption & Identity Intertwined” by director/producer Mei Kelly was attended by a crowd of family and friends at VOBFF 2016’s Sunday morning movies at Studio Around the Corner. Photo by K. Blacklock*

Hudson Valley talent had a spotlight on its many faces during Labor Day weekend’s Village of Brewster Film Festival, with works showcased by filmmakers, musicians, actors, producers, directors, and film editors from Ossining, Yonkers, NYC, Brewster, Lake Carmel, Pawling, Kent, Carmel, White Plains, and even a world premiere from first-time student filmmakers.

Hudson Valley arts are thriving. Labor Day weekend’s VOBFF 2016 showing of our local actors, producers, directors, musicians, editors films, along with foreign films and more, was pleasing to both young and older audiences who came to watch the 50 films in 6 locations throughout Putnam County in the star-studded 5th annual Village of Brewster Film Festival. Congratulations all; Bob Dumont, Chairperson of the all-volunteer VOBFF Board promises 2017’s festival will delight as well.

**-Kim Blacklock**

## Ryder Farm - Where Art, Farming and Family Thrive



In 1795, Eleazer Ryder purchased 126 acres in Brewster, New York in order to establish a family homestead. 221-years later, the homestead now known as Ryder Farm is home to two thriving organizations, Ryder Farm Cottage Industries, the working organic farming operation, headed by Betsey Ryder, and SPACE on Ryder Farm, a non-profit artist residency program lead by Emily Simoness.

In late 2009 Emily Simoness, a young actress and 7th generation Ryder, visited her extended family’s historic farm in Brewster, New York, for the first time to meet with her fourth-cousin once-removed Betsey Ryder. During that first visit to Ryder Farm, Simoness saw potential for a unique residency program – an artistic home away from home for the thousands of artists living in the New York City area. Soon afterwards,

SPACE on Ryder Farm (“SPACE”) was born.

“I saw so many writers and artists struggling to find the time and space to genuinely focus on their work in NYC,” Simoness said. “During my first visit to the farm I was immediately struck by its beauty and tranquillity as well as its convenient distance from NYC and a light bulb went off.”

Founded in 2010, SPACE on Ryder Farm is a non-profit artist residency whose mission is to create an environment singular in its ability to invigorate artists and innovators and their work, and contributes to the sustainability and resourceful preservation of one of the oldest organic family farms on the East Coast. Now at the end of its sixth season, SPACE has become a place where artists and activists come to do their most important work, having hosted over 1,000 residents, held symposia on the intersection of creativity and activism, piloted a program that provides childcare for resident artists, developed initiatives that integrate SPACE’s programming and the organic farming operation, and has nurtured 40 young professionals through its intern program.



In addition to its residencies, SPACE on Ryder Farm hosts a slew of events open to the public. These range from the farm-to-table Seasonal Supper series held on the outdoor lawn alongside performances by SPACE’s resident artists to the Sharing SPACE series which features farm tours, farm-fresh fare, performances from SPACE’s resident artists, and agricultural demonstrations.

An important partner of SPACE has been Betsey Ryder of Ryder Farm Cottage Industries. Although the Ryder Farm property has history in dairy, Ryder Farm has been growing organic vegetables, herbs, flowers, and fruit since 1978 and was a pioneer in America’s green movement by being one of the very first farms to go organic. Ryder Farm Cottage Industries, headed by Betsey Ryder, is a continuation of that legacy. Ryder Farm supports a 100 member CSA, sells from its roadside farm stand located on Starr Ridge Road, at the local Brewster farmers market and via wholesale accounts. A staple at the Union Square Saturday Greenmarket in New York City, the Ryder Farm stand is located in the North Central part of the market, across from Barnes and Noble.

Interested in learning more about Ryder Farm’s CSA program, roadside farmstand, farmers markets locations, and wholesale opportunities? Please visit [www.ryderfarmorganic.com](http://www.ryderfarmorganic.com).

If you would like to learn more about SPACE on Ryder Farm you can join the mailing list at [www.spaceonryderfarm.org/newsletter](http://www.spaceonryderfarm.org/newsletter) to get up to date information about what is happening on the farm and in NYC!

**-Allyson Davis**





# TRANSPORTATION SCHEDULES

## Bus Schedule for Brewster & Putnam Lake

Carmel	C	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A
Putnam Plaza		5:30	6:30	7:00	8:00	9:00	10:00	11:00	12:00	1:00	2:00	3:00	4:00	5:00	6:00	7:00	8:00	9:00	10:00
DSS	~	5:35	6:35	7:05	8:05	9:05	10:05	11:05	12:05	1:05	2:05	3:05	4:05	5:05	6:05	7:05	8:05	9:05	10:05
Putnam Hosp./Stoneleigh Ave.	~	~	~	7:10	8:12	9:12	10:12	11:12	12:12	1:12	2:12	3:12	4:12	5:12	6:12	7:12	8:12	9:12	10:12
Brewster										Brewster									
Rte. 6 & Rte. 312	~	~	~	~	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓
Rte. 6 & Drevville Rd.	~	~	~	~	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓
Brewster Heights	~	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C
Brewster Village RR	~	5:38	6:38	7:23	8:27	9:27	10:27	11:27	12:27	1:27	2:27	3:27	4:27	5:27	6:27	7:27	8:27	9:27	10:27
Rte. 6 & Argonne Rd.	~	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C
Rte. 6 & Peaceable Hill Rd.	~	~	~	7:25	8:29	9:29	10:29	11:29	12:29	1:29	2:29	3:29	4:29	5:29	6:29	7:29	8:29	9:29	10:29
Peaceable Hill Rd. & North Brewster Rd.	~	~	~	~	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C
North Brewster Rd. & Rte. 312	~	~	~	7:35	8:38	9:38	10:38	11:38	12:38	1:38	2:38	3:38	4:38	5:38	6:38	7:38	8:38	9:38	10:38
Rte. 312 & Rte. 22	~	~	~	~	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C
Lakeview Plaza (A&P)	~	~	~	7:40	8:43	9:43	10:43	11:43	12:43	1:43	2:43	3:43	4:43	5:43	6:43	7:43	8:43	9:43	10:43
Clocktower Commons	~	~	~	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C
Town Center (Rte. 22 & 312)	~	~	~	7:42	8:45	9:45	10:45	11:45	12:45	1:45	2:45	3:45	4:45	5:45	6:45	7:45	8:45	9:45	10:45
Rte. 22 & Putnam Lake Rd.	~	~	~	~	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C
Putnam Lake										Putnam Lake									
Putnam Ridge/Stonecrest	~	5:45	6:45	7:45	8:48	9:48	10:48	11:48	12:48	1:48	2:48	3:48	4:48	5:48	6:48	7:48	8:48	9:48	10:48
Putnam Lake Market	4:50	5:50	6:50	7:50	8:55	9:55	10:55	11:55	12:55	1:55	2:55	3:55	4:55	5:55	6:55	7:55	8:55	9:55	10:55
Fairfield & Haviland Dr.	~	~	~	~	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓
Fairfield & Rhinediff	~	~	~	~	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓
Rhinediff & Lake Shore Dr.	~	~	~	~	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓
Lake Shore & Haviland Dr.	~	~	~	~	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C
Sacred Heart Church	5:00	6:00	7:00	8:00	9:05	10:05	11:05	12:05	1:05	2:05	3:05	4:05	5:05	6:05	7:05	8:05	9:05	10:05	11:05
Haviland Dr. & Saginaw Rd.	~	~	~	~	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓
Java Rd. & Manchester	~	~	~	~	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓
Newburgh & Lakeport Dr.	~	~	~	~	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓
Warren & Wallace Dr.	~	~	~	~	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓
Wallace & Sharon	~	~	~	~	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓
Sharon & Haviland Dr.	~	~	~	~	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C
Putnam Lake Market	5:06	6:06	7:06	8:06	9:13	10:13	11:13	12:13	1:13	2:13	3:13	4:13	5:13	6:13	7:13	8:13	9:13	10:13	11:13
Putnam Ridge/Stonecrest	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C
Putnam Lake Rd. & Rte. 22	5:10	6:10	7:10	8:10	9:17	10:17	11:17	12:17	1:17	2:17	3:17	4:17	5:17	6:17	7:17	8:17	9:17	10:17	11:17
Brewster										Brewster									
Lakeview Plaza (A&P)	~	~	~	8:12	9:21	10:21	11:21	12:21	1:21	2:21	3:21	4:21	5:21	6:21	7:21	8:21	9:21	10:21	11:21
Clocktower Commons	~	~	~	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C
Town Center (Rte. 22 & 312)	~	~	~	8:14	9:23	10:23	11:23	12:23	1:23	2:23	3:23	4:23	5:23	6:23	7:23	8:23	9:23	10:23	11:23
Rte. 312 & North Brewster Rd.	~	~	~	~	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C
North Brewster Rd. & Peaceable Hill	~	~	~	~	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C
Peaceable Hill Rd. & Rte. 6	~	~	~	~	9:35	10:35	11:35	12:35	1:35	2:35	3:35	4:35	5:35	6:35	7:35	8:35	9:35	10:35	11:35
Rte. 6 & Argonne Rd.	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C
Brewster Village (Bank NY)	5:35	6:35	7:35	8:35	9:43	10:43	11:43	12:43	1:43	2:43	3:43	4:43	5:43	6:43	7:43	8:43	9:43	10:43	11:43
Rte. 6 & Drevville Rd.	~	~	~	~	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C
Brewster Heights	~	~	~	~	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C
Rte. 6 & Rte. 312	5:37	6:37	7:37	8:37	9:48	10:48	11:48	12:48	1:48	2:48	3:48	4:48	5:48	6:48	7:48	8:48	9:48	10:48	11:48
Carmel										Carmel									
Office for Aging/DSS	~	~	7:40	8:40	9:51	10:51	11:51	12:51	1:51	2:51	3:51	4:51	5:51	6:51	7:51	8:51	9:51	10:51	11:51
Putnam Hospital/Stoneleigh Ave.	~	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C	O/C
Stoneleigh Woods	~	6:50	7:50	8:50	10:01	11:01	12:01	1:01	2:01	3:01	4:01	5:01	6:01	7:01	8:01	9:01	10:01	11:01	12:01
Putnam Plaza	6:00	7:00	8:00	9:00	10:11	11:11	12:11	1:11	2:11	3:11	4:11	5:11	6:11	7:11	8:11	9:11	10:11	11:11	12:11

### WEEKEND & HOLIDAY TRAIN SCHEDULE

TO NYC			TO WASSAIC		
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	5 12	5 15	8 07	8 19	
	6 12	6 15	9 15	9 28	
	7 12	7 15	10 16	10 29	
	8 12	8 15	11 15	11 28	CH 11 32
	8 43	8 47	12 16	12 29	
	9 12	9 15	1 15	1 28	CH 1 32
C 9 09	9 12	9 15	2 16	2 29	
	9 40	9 43	2 43	2 57	
	10 12	10 15	3 15	3 28	CH 3 32
	10 40	10 43	3 43	3 57	
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	11 40	11 43	4 43	4 57	
	12 12	12 15	5 15	5 28	CH 5 32
C 1 09	1 12	1 15	5 46	5 59	
	2 12	2 15	6 15	6 28	
C 3 09	3 12	3 15	H 6 42	H 6 47	
	3 40	3 43	7 15	7 28	
	4 12	4 15	7 46	7 59	
	4 40	4 43	8 15	8 28	
C 5 09	5 12	5 15	8 46	8 59	
	5 40	5 43	9 15	9 28	CH 9 32
	6 12	6 15	10 15	10 28	
	6 39	6 42	11 15	11 28	CH 11 32
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	7 12	7 15	12 53	1 06	
	7 42	7 46	1 33	1 41	CH 1 44
	8 12	8 15	2 27		
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	10 12	10 15			
C 11 09	11 12	11 15			
	12 18	12 21			

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SUNDAY ONLY

- C - Connecting Service. You must change trains during this trip.  
B - Connecting substitute bus service.  
R - Stops only to receive customers.  
D - Stops only to discharge customers.  
H - 5 minutes earlier than the time shown.

For More Information, Visit:  
<http://www.mta.info/>

### MONDAY-FRIDAY TRAIN SCHEDULE

TO NYC		TO WASSAIC	
SOUTHEAST	BREWSTER	BREWSTER	SOUTHEAST
4 26	4 29	7 27	7 37
4 47	4 50	7 51	8 00
5 17	5 20	8 16	8 25
5 40	5 43	8 47	8 55
5 51	5 55	9 22	9 30
6 02	6 05	9 48	9 57
6 12	6 15	10 09	10 19
6 17	6 20	10 43	10 51
6 27	-	11 10	11 17
6 45	6 48	12 09	12 16
6 58	7 01	1 09	1 16
7 09	7 13	1 42	1 49
7 21	7 24	2 09	2 16
7 31	7 35	2 42	2 49
7 51	7 54	3 09	3 16
8 08	8 11	3 42	3 49
8 26	8 29	4 02	4 09
8 52	8 55	4 39	4 46
9 15	9 18	H 4 45	4 52
9 40	9 43	H 5 05	H 5 09
10 14	10 17	5 15	5 22
10 40	10 43	H 5 36	5 44
11 14	11 17	5 44	5 52
12 14	12 17	H 5 55	H 6 00
1 14	1 17	6 05	6 13
2 14	2 17	H 6 14	6 22
2 40	2 43	H 6 34	H 6 39
3 03	3 06	H 6 44	6 52
3 40	3 43	6 55	7 08
4 05	4 08	H 6 59	H 7 26
4 34	4 37	H 7 22	7 55
5 03	5 06	7 31	8 22
5 43	5 46	H 7 48	8 44
6 05	6 08	H 8 15	9 22
6 42	6 45	H 8 37	9 50
7 14	7 17	9 16	
8 09	8 12	9 44	
9 15	9 18	10 14	10 20
10 15	10 18	10 44	10 50
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# Village Municipality Details

## 2016 Village of Brewster Meeting Schedule

Start time: 7:30PM.

All official public notices appear at least 5 days in advance of the scheduled meeting in the Official Newspapers: The Putnam County Press, aka Putnam County Times, aka Brew-

### Sidewalk Maintenance Snow & Ice Removal

Sidewalk Repair and Maintenance (§ 218-8 – § 218-11) excerpt from Village Code:  
§ 218-8 Responsibility of owners and occupants.

A. The owners and occupants of properties adjoining sidewalks commonly used by the public in the Village of Brewster shall keep such sidewalks in repair and free and completely clear of snow, ice, dirt and other obstructions. With respect to the clearing of snow and ice removal, such must be removed within 24 hours after the period in which such snow or ice has accumulated. All other repairs and maintenance shall be performed within a reasonable time period.

§ 218-10 Enforcement.  
This article shall be enforceable by the Village of Brewster Highway Superintendent and Code Enforcement Officer, and/or Village Police, who are hereby authorized to issue and serve an appearance ticket with respect to violation(s) of this article.

In addition to a violation and potential penalty, the Village will clear the sidewalk and charge the property owner for the cost of the snow/ice removal. Unpaid balances will be releived on your taxes.

**DO NOT THROW SNOW IN THE STREET!**

### Mantenimiento De Las Aceras / Limpieza De Nieve Y Hielo

Limpieza y Mantenimiento de las Aceras (Art. 218-8 y 218-11). Extracto del Código del Pueblo: Art. 218-8 Responsabilidad de los propietarios e inquilinos.

A. Los dueños de propiedades e inquilinos deben mantener las aceras que corresponden a su propiedad y en la que comúnmente transitan las personas en el Pueblo de Brewster libres y completamente limpias de nieve, hielo, basura y de cualquier otras obstruciones. Con respecto a la limpieza de la nieve y el hielo, estos deben ser removidos dentro de las 24 horas después que la nieve se ha acumulado. El resto de mantenimiento y limpieza se realizarán en un plazo de tiempo razonable.

Art. 218-10 Ejecución.  
Este artículo será ejecutado por el Superintendente de Carretera, Oficial del Código de Vivienda y/o la Policia, quienes tienen la autoridad de emitir una multa por el incumplimiento y violación de este artículo.

Adicionalmente a una violación y pena potencial, si el pueblo tuviera que limpiar la nieve y el hielo en las aceras que corresponden a su propiedad, el costo de la limpieza será cobrado al propietario . De no ser cancelado el costo se le traspasará a sus impuestos.**NO LANZAR LA NIEVE EN LA CALLE**

ter Times, and on The **Village of Brewster, NY** facebook Page. Pre-scheduled meetings are published in the Village Matters Newspaper. Zoning Board of Appeals meeting dates are called as needed and published at least 5 days in advance. Notices also appear on our website: **www.brewstervillage-ny.gov** and on the Village Hall Bulletin Board. The Village Clerk maintains an email distribution list for important notices and press releases. If you would like your email added please send a request to **phansen@brewstervillage-ny.gov**.

**Village Office Hours Are:**  
**8:30AM to 4:00PM Mon-Fri.**  
**50 Main Street (Village Hall),**  
**Brewster, NY 10509**  
**Office: 845.279.3760 Fax: 845.278.7653**  
**Court: 845.279.4020**

### Winter Street Parking

Village of Brewster:  
Please be advised that the parking of vehicles is prohibited on all streets and highways within the Village of Brewster during the winter months as follows:

**NO PARKING**  
**December 1 to March 15**

**Main Street**  
**2:00A.M. to 6:00 A.M.**

**All Other Streets**  
**11:00 P.M. to 6:00 A.M..**

Winter Village Resident Parking Permits available in the Village office for Tri-State Parking Lot.  
\$50 for 7PM to 7AM  
\$110 for 24-hour parking

Purchased permit valid December 1, 2016 through March 15, 2017

### Estacionamiento en el Invierno

Por favor, le advertimos que está prohibido estacionar los vehículos en todas las calles y carreteras en el Pueblo de Brewster durante los meses de invierno como se especifica a continuación:

**NO ESTACIONAR**

Desde el 1 de Diciembre hasta 15 de Marzo

**Sólo en la Calle Principal**  
De 2:00 A.M. hasta 6:00 A.M.

**Todas las Demás Calles**  
De 11:00 P.M. hasta 6:00 A.M.

Los Permisos de Estacionamientos para los Residentes del Pueblo están disponibles en la oficina del Pueblo y tiene validez para los estacionamientos que indican Tri-State Parking Lot.

\$50 estacionamiento desde 7PM hasta 7AM  
\$110 estacionamiento las 24 horas

El permiso de estacionamiento es válido desde el 1 de Diciembre 2016 hasta el 15 de Marzo 2017.

If you did not receive a copy of The Village Matters Quarterly Newspaper in the Mail: you may pick up a free copy at the Village Hall lobby after December 1st.

### Board Meetings 12/1/16 - 2/28/17

Month	Day	Meeting Type
Dec 2016	3	Organizational Meeting
Dec 2016	20	Planning Board Meeting
Dec 2016	21	Regular Board Meeting
Jan 2017	4	Regular Board Meeting
Jan 2017	17	Planning Board Meeting
Jan 2017	18	Regular Board Meeting
Feb 2017	1	Regular Board Meeting
Feb 2017	15	Regular Board Meeting
Feb 2017	21	Planning Board Meeting
Feb 2017	22	Regular Board Meeting

### THE VILLAGE OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON THE FOLLOWING HOLIDAYS:

	~2016~
Mon, December 26	Christmas Day (Sunday Dec. 25th)
Tues, December 27	Day After Christmas
	~2017~
Mon, January 2	New Year's Day (Sunday Jan. 1st)
Mon, January 16	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Mon, February 20	Presidents' Day
Mon, May 29	Memorial Day
Tues, July 4	Independence Day
Mon, September 4	Labor Day
Mon, October 9	Columbus Day
Thurs, November 23	Thanksgiving Day
Fri, November 24	Day After Thanksgiving
Mon, December 25	Christmas Day
Tues, December 26	Day After Christmas

### Trash Pick-up

**\*\*CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP  
FRIDAY JANUARY 6, 13, 20TH\*\***

TRASH	HOLIDAY	TRASH/RECYCLE
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#### DECEMBER 2016

MON	TUES	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

#### JANUARY 2017

MON	TUES	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
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#### FEBRUARY 2017

MON	TUES	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
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# WORK & PLAY IN BREWSTER

## The Village Police Department

Police across the country are generally all too frequently disrespected and under-appreciated. Recently at a Village Board meeting I suggested the next time we see our Chief and each member of our Police Department we join together and extend a sincere thank you for their service and for all they do to keep our community safe.

As violence towards policemen has escalated throughout the country, we need to take the time to recognize what our Police Department in our own community is doing on our behalf and not take them for granted as some have a tendency to do. We are privileged to have the expertise and leadership of John Del Gardo as our Police Chief. Chief Del Gardo has a great staff, many of whom are retired officers who spent a career in law enforcement and all are part time, although they work as though they are full-time; their hearts and souls are always in their job.

In addition, we are even fortunate to have Falco, the police dog, who has certainly been an asset not only for our Village but often assisting in other communities as well. Chief Del Gardo schedules each of his staff accordingly and, of course, he avails himself 24/7 should something unforeseen occur in the community. There are some big events in the Village such as the Firemen's Parade and Founders' Day requiring substantial presence. In addition, the smaller events such as the Christmas Tree Lighting, Good Friday Parade, Memorial Day Parade, Little League Opening Day, and Halloween events to name a few must be coordinated with the

Police Chief to insure not only an easy flow of traffic but the safety and security of the event. Although they are our Village policemen they, of course, assist the State Police and the Sheriffs' Department with issues outside the Village as needed. Recently after a long illness we lost one of our policemen and to witness the brotherhood as they gathered together to say their final good bye was so moving to those of us who attended the funeral.

These policemen are our protectors; they are there for the good times and certainly there for the difficult. They watch over us and are always there for us. They work hard to keep us safe. Our police are the familiar sights in our community. The children have gotten to know many of them and know they are not the enemy; they are their friends who will help them and protect them. In the retirement community in our area the older residents are comforted knowing the policemen patrol on a regular basis. On occasion when necessary to call for assistance, they have often expressed their gratitude that the response has been immediate as has been mentioned by others throughout the Village as well.

Chief Del Gardo prepares a detailed monthly Police Report that he presents to the Village Board. This report ranges from 911 calls, aided cases, number of tickets generated, to arrests as well as an entire list of other pertinent issues that occurred throughout the month. He knows we expect the best for our Village and as we review his report he is prepared to answer our innumerable questions assuring us that he and his staff comply in every capacity.



L-R: K-9 Specialist - Sgt. Paul Italiano with Falco and Chief John Del Gardo

To Chief Del Gardo and to the entire Brewster Police Department, the Board extends a huge thank you for serving our Village so well. We hope our residents will join with us and take the time to recognize the value you add every single day.

**-Trustee Mary Bryde**

## Why "Village Matters"? ...Continued

regulations, cultural awareness and events from all our local not-for-profit (NFP) and government agencies, as well as other items of interest of a non-commercial nature provided they submit the information in a timely fashion.

Our hope is that we continue to inform the residents of the Village on all the many mundane and memorable activities; from trash pickup schedules to the numerous parades held annually, and potential changes happening right here in our own backyard.

It is important that we recognize all the various NFP organizations that have made the Village "home" and are now, as they always have been, providing the residents of Brewster and our regional community with social services, events, learning experiences, and celebrations.

We encourage our local NFPs to submit your events, awareness articles and other things you may want your fellow residents to know about. Please keep in mind that the deadline for the next issue is always on the 15th of the month following the current issue. Contact Paloma Domenico at [paloma@thefactorsofm.com](mailto:paloma@thefactorsofm.com) or Peter Hansen at [phansen@brewstervillage-ny.gov](mailto:phansen@brewstervillage-ny.gov) to submit your fully written press releases, articles, or calendar events. You may also send your Facebook events to us for sharing on social media. The Official Village page is **Village of Brewster, NY** or **@brewstervillageny**.

**-The Village Board of Trustees**

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## Update on K-9 Falco; Our Local Police Dog

As many of you may remember, in our last issue we introduced our new member of the police department; Falco the police dog in our article **"Brewster Police Department's K-9 Falco to Get Body Armor"**. K-9 Falco, pictured with handler Sergeant Paul Italiano (above at top right) are both proud members of the Brewster Police Department.

Both Sgt. Italiano and Falco successfully completed the rigorous four month Explosive Detective Canine School training course at the Metropolitan Transportation Authority Police Department. Falco is New York State certified in Explosive Detection and holds a Federal Explosive Detection Certification with the ATF. Sgt. Italiano and Falco have been serving the Brewster Police Department since their graduation from that school. Falco and Sgt. Italiano have been called upon to locate guns, for bomb threats at schools and other public locations. They have been called to numerous public gatherings for sweeps and protection. K-9 Falco and Sgt. Italiano routinely patrol transportation facilities.

Since the announcement of Falco receiving his special new body armor, it is with great sympathy that we announce Falco has been diagnosed with cancer. Falco, in typical K-9 "man's best friend" fashion, will not surrender to the diagnoses. He has a difficult fight ahead of him, so let our thoughts and prayers be with Falco and his handler; Sgt. Italiano. For



additional updates and information on Falco, please contact: Chief John Del Gardo at [jdelgardo@brewstervillage-ny.gov](mailto:jdelgardo@brewstervillage-ny.gov), 845-222-2014.

If you have not done so already, like us on Facebook **@brewstervillageny** to fully stay apprised of all that is happening in the Village.

**-Paloma Domenico**