



2019

State of the County

Special Meeting Of The
Putnam County Legislature

- ❖ Agenda
- ❖ Call To Order
- ❖ Pledge of Allegiance
- ❖ Legislative Prayer
- ❖ Roll Call
- ❖ 2019 State of the County Presentation
By County Executive MaryEllen Odell
- ❖ Adjournment



March 7, 2019

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Call To Order

Joseph Castellano, Chairman
Putnam County Legislature

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Color Guard

**Putnam County Sheriff's Department
with the Civil Air Patrol**

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Pledge of Allegiance



Major Elena MacDermant, *Putnam County Civil Air Patrol*
In memory of her husband

Colonel Robert MacDermant

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Legislative Prayer

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Roll Call

Joseph F. Castellano, Chairman

District 7

Nancy Montgomery

District 1

Carl L. Albano

District 5

William J. Gouldman

District 2

Paul Jonke

District 6

Toni E. Addonizio, *Deputy Chair*

District 3

Amy Sayegh

District 8

Ginny Nacerino

District 4

Neal L. Sullivan

District 9

2019 State of the County Address



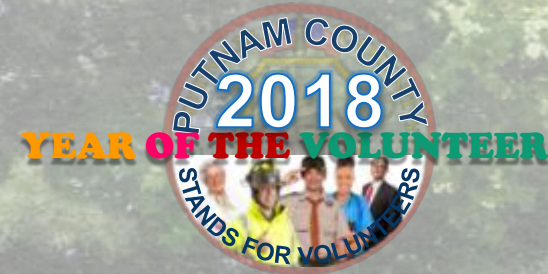
Joseph A. DeMarzo

Deputy Commissioner of Social Services

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MaryEllen Odell
County Executive





Substance Abuse Counselors **Nurses** **Respiratory Therapists**
Drug Treatment Counselors **Teachers** **Physician Assistants**
Firefighters **Librarians** **Addiction Counselors**
Parents **Psychologists**
Mental Health Workers **Police**
Doctors **EMT's**
Pharmacists **Social Workers**
Public Health Nurses **Medical Assistants**
Home Health Aides **Physical Therapists**

YEAR OF THE
Health
 PROVIDER
2019

These are just some of the many, many people that stepped up, took on the responsibility and continue to make a difference to those that need help



Responsibility

Responsibility takes all shapes. We have a responsibility for the stewardship of the County, things like social and fiscal to name a couple

But Responsibility





Responsibility
Is governed by our
Ability
to
Respond



As we face our challenges we will accept
our **Responsibility** and **Respond** to the
best of our **Ability**

Just look at our record

Fiscal Responsibility

- ✓ *Budget Consistently Delivered On Time*
- ✓ *Met The Albany Imposed Tax Cap*
- ✓ *Strong Bond Rating*
- ✓ *Managing and Improving Our Infrastructure*
- ✓ *Budget Meets The Needs Of The Taxpayers*
- ✓ *Reduced Long Term Debt*
- ✓ *Eliminated Short Term Debt*



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Social Responsibility

- ✓ *Enhanced Services at The Veterans Service Agency*
- ✓ *PILOT Program*
- ✓ *Putnam County Golf Course*
- ✓ *Enhanced Services at The Office of Senior Resources*
- ✓ *Tilly Foster Farm & Educational Institute*
- ✓ *Enhanced School Safety*
- ✓ *Quality of Life Initiatives*



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our **Responsibility** and **Respond** to the
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Social Responsibility

AND

ONE ARMY ON THE WAR

ON ADDICTION



Why An Army?

In Putnam County Alone There Were

14 Fatal Overdoses in 2015

15 Fatal Overdoses in 2016

24 Fatal Overdoses in 2017

18 Fatal Overdoses in 2018

That's 71 Deaths In Just 4 Years

In fact the first Coroner's Case for 2019 was an OD

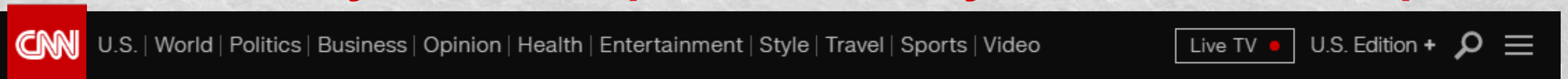
What's the cost to taxpayers' unity?



By Comparison

	Motor Vehicle Deaths	Overdose Deaths
2015	9	14
2016	2	15
2017	4	24
2018	6	18

Putnam County is not unique, on January 14th 2019 CNN reported



Odds of dying from accidental opioid overdose in the US surpass those of dying in car accident

By Kevin Flower and Meera Senthilingam, CNN
Updated 10:06 AM ET, Mon January 14, 2019





**Hoping won't help
someone struggling
with addiction**

***But working together
we can make a
difference***



**DRUG CRISIS
IN OUR BACKYARD**

The **Prevention Council**
Of Putnam

Putnam County
Treatment
Court



**OFFICE OF THE
COUNTY EXECUTIVE**



National Alliance on Mental Illness



Moving Home
REBUILDING SHATTERED LIVES



Mental Health
Association of
Putnam

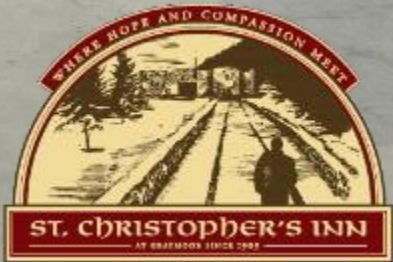


Arms
Acres



PUTNAM COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE AGENCY
PFC. JOSEPH DWYER
VET2VET PROGRAM

**STOP-DWI
PUTNAM COUNTY**



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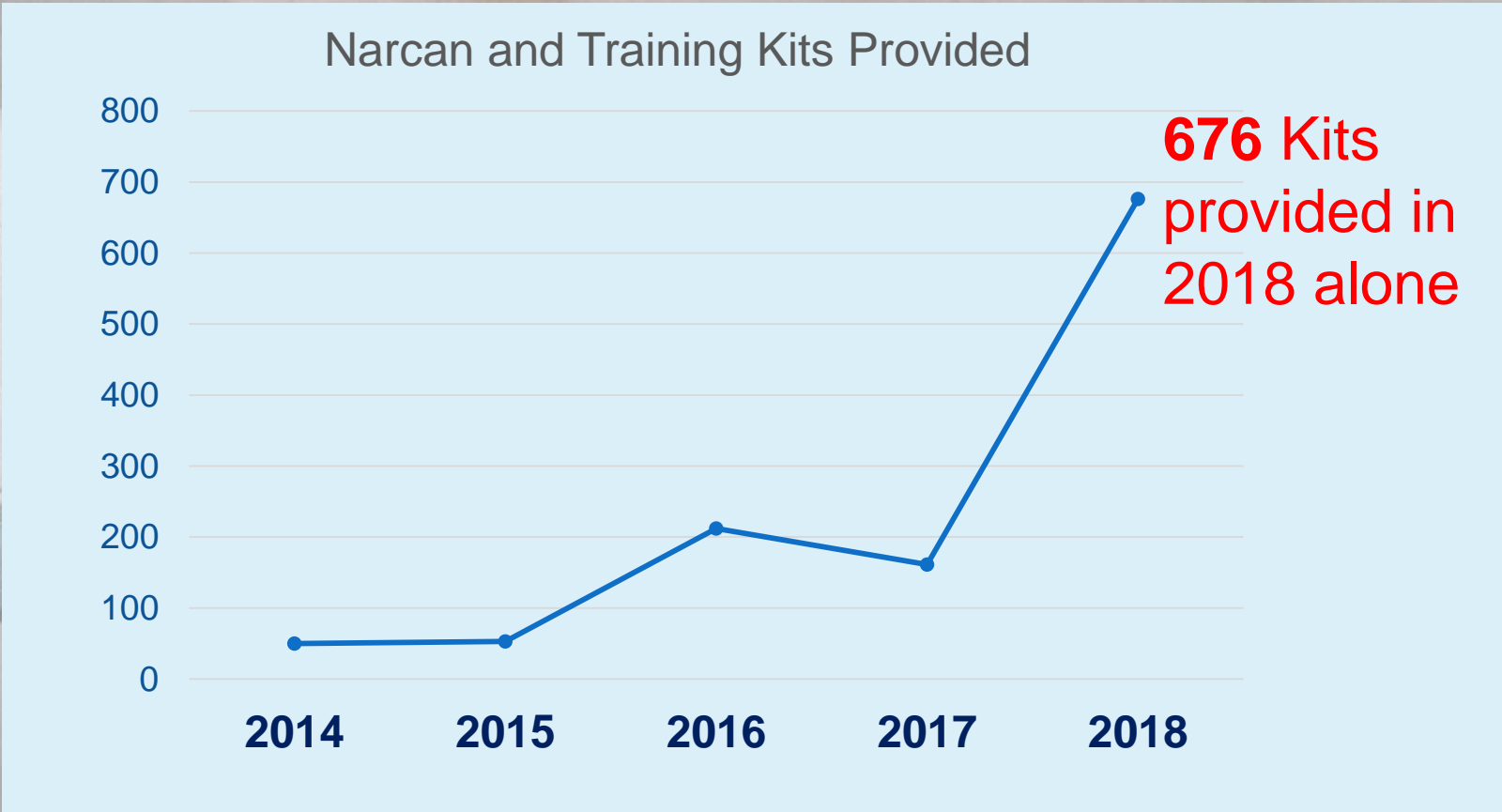
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**AND OUR ARMY IS
MAKING A
DIFFERENCE!**

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✓ Provide Narcan (Naloxone) which can reverse the effects of opioids in an emergency situation





But this is just a Band-Aid, we focused on a starting point of the epidemic and joined the lawsuit against Big Pharma

- With the support of the Legislature, Putnam County joined a lawsuit **holding pharmaceutical companies accountable** for deceptive marketing practices and other illicit behaviors that led to the addiction epidemic
- The lawsuit seeks compensation for the unnecessary costs that were incurred as a result of prescription opioid abuse



Through the District Attorney's Office and the ODMapping Program we are able to provide focused education, prevention and police resources



- The ODMapping Program will be used as a tool to help law enforcement and treatment providers in identifying overdoses both fatal and non-fatal and identify any clusters
- Developing a system of care for people that have OD'd to reach out and attempt to engage them in treatment
- 2018 there were 151 OD calls involving EMS response, 80 were transported, 18 fatal overdoses, 38 non-fatal

*For Putnam County it's not about **Catch & Punish** its
about **Identify & Assist***





Putnam County Establishes the *One Army in the War on Addiction* Taskforce

Barbara Scuccimarra

Chairwoman

Toni Addonizio

Putnam County Legislator

Robert Tendy

District Attorney

Robert L. Langley Jr.

Sheriff

James Reitz

County Court Judge

Michael Nesheiwat

Commissioner of Health

Michael Piazza

Commissioner of DSS

Joseph DeMarzo

Deputy Commissioner of DSS

Susan Salomone

Drug Crisis in our Backyard

Sandra Iberger

St Christopher's Inn

Kristen McConnell

Prevention Council of Putnam

Bill Wilkens

Mothers Against Drunk Driving

Eric Toth

Cove Care

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Establish the Tobacco 21 (T-21) Law in Putnam County

Resolution #294a
Introduced by Legislator:
Environmental Committee

A LOCAL LAW TO AMEND
SALE OF E-CIGARETTES.

Be it enacted by the Legis

Section 1.

Creating Chapter 147 of th
Cigarettes'.

Section 2.

Chapter 147 of the Putnam
'Retail Sales Licensing'.

§ 147-1 Findings and inter

A. The Putnam Count
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B. The Putnam Count

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3. Youth use of e
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4. Adults who ma
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addiction level

5. E-cigarettes an
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sell tobacco;

Vote:
State Of New York

County of Putnam

I hereby ce
passed by the Putnam C

PUTNAM COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Resolution #294a
Introduced by Legislator: Joseph Castellano on behalf of the Health, Social, Educational &
Environmental Committee at the Year End Meeting held on December 19, 2018.

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federal or statewide legislation, or pertinent preempting state or federal regulations, have
been enacted for purposes of triggering the provisions of this Article.

§ 147-12 Severability

The provisions of this Article are declared to be severable, and if any section of this Article is
held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions of this Article or this
Chapter that can be given effect without the invalidated provision.

§ 147-13 Effective Date

This Local Law shall take effect 60 days from its filing with the NYS Secretary of State.

BY ROLL CALL VOTE: FIVE AYES – LEGISLATORS ALBANO, SAYEGH, GUCCIMARRA,
SULLIVAN & CHAIRMAN CASTELLANO. THREE NAYS – LEGISLATORS ADDONIZIO,
GOULDMAN & NACERINO. LEGISLATOR JONKE WAS ABSENT. MOTION CARRIES.



Vote:
State Of New York

County of Putnam

I hereby certify that the above is a true and exact copy of a resolution
passed by the Putnam County Legislature while in session on December 19, 2018.

Dated: December 21, 2018

Signed: *Diane Schaeffer*

Diane Schaeffer
Clerk Of The Legislature Of Putnam County

- Stopping addictive behavior with our youth is a primary mission
- In October & December of 2018 the Legislature presented 2 Resolutions to create new local laws that among other things restricts the sale of tobacco & E-Cigarette products to anyone under the age of 21
- The County Executive immediately signed the Resolutions into Local Law

THE WAR ON ADDICTION



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✓ We committed the resources, including funding as necessary to directly combat the problem

We hired a Drug Treatment Coordinator and continue to fully support Judge Reitz and his commitment to Treatment Court



- *From 2012 – 2018 there have been 195 graduates from our nationally recognized Drug Treatment Court*
- *Drug Treatment Court provides supervision and guidance rather than incarceration which would cost \$60k annually per prisoner*
- **This results in a savings to the taxpayers of \$1.95m annually!**

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We provided Medication Drop-Boxes at numerous locations to safely dispose of unused/unneeded medications



*Sheriff's Department
Kent PD
Philipstown Town Hall*

*Putnam Valley Town Hall
Kern Building
Patterson Town Hall*

Medication Take Back Day

April 27, 2019

Putnam Hospital Center

We have collected over 3.5 tons of unneeded medications since 2010!

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THROUGH VERDE TECHNOLOGIES WE ARE INTRODUCING A SAFE WAY TO DISPOSE OF OUR UNNEEDED MEDICATIONS



The Deterra Drug Activation System

Users simply place their unwanted medications into the pouch where proprietary activated carbon binds the medication rendering the drug safe

Safe from accidental or intentional use, **safe** for the environment and **safe** to dispose

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We continue to support vital Education & Prevention programs that show our youth and adult population the dangers of addiction

Start Your Friday Night Conversation

38 local pizzeria's are participating in this program

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**The plan continually changes –
Legalization of Adult Recreational
Marijuana is our newest enemy**

**BUT OUR ARMY IS UP
TO THE TASK**

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Legalization of Adult Recreation Marijuana....



“Cuomo backs recreational marijuana legalization, but at what cost, drug policy expert asks”

From an Opinion Piece published January 22, 2019 in the Journal News by Dr. Kevin Sabet, President & Founder of **Smart Approaches to Marijuana New York**

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Legalization of Adult Recreation Marijuana....



Kevin A. Sabet, PhD, is an author, consultant, former advisor to three U.S. presidential administrations, assistant professor, and serves as the President and CEO of SAM (Smart Approaches to Marijuana), which he founded with former Congressman Patrick Kennedy in 2013

“In **Colorado**, where marijuana-related offenses have now surpassed other infractions, former Gov. John Hickenlooper projected the state would rake in **\$118 million** in pot taxes the first year of legalization

In reality, it only brought in around **\$67 million**, well short of the promised windfall.”

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Legalization of Adult Recreation Marijuana....

What About The Cost To Society?

According to a study commissioned by the Centennial Institute in Lakewood Colorado for every **\$1 gained** in tax revenue, Coloradans spent approximately **\$4.50 to mitigate** the effects of legalization

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Legalization of Adult Recreation Marijuana....

The logo for the New York Post, featuring the words "NEW YORK POST" in a bold, white, sans-serif font with a black outline, set against a red background.

The effects of marijuana aren't limited to our pocketbooks

From the New York Post, Melissa Klein, December 29, 2018

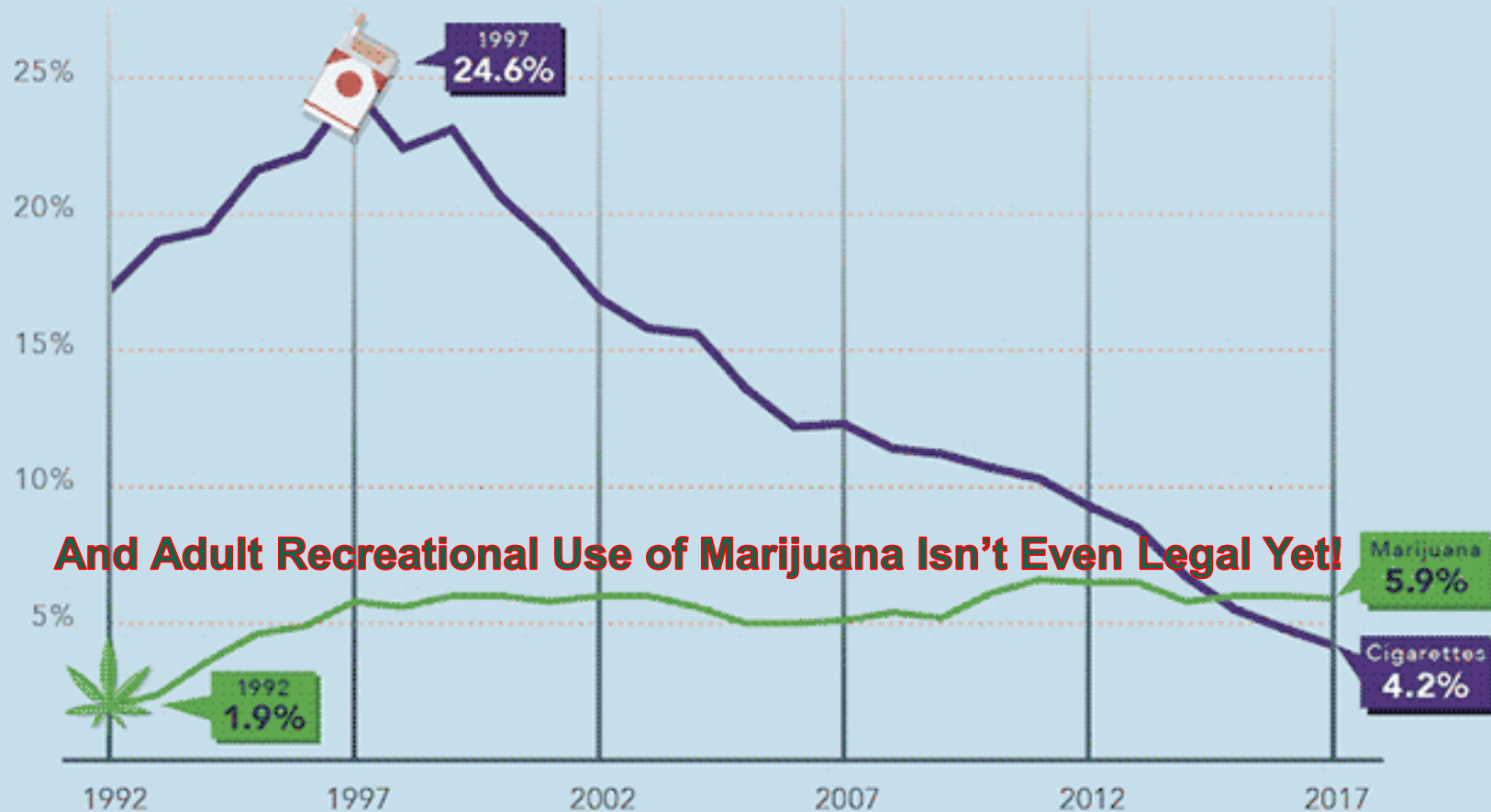
- In Colorado, where pot sales began in 2014, **69** percent of pot users said they had **driven while high** at least once in the past year and **27** percent said they drove stoned almost daily
- The number of **fatal car accidents** in Colorado increased by **40** percent from 2013 to 2015.
- And drivers in **fatal accidents testing positive** for pot rose by **145** percent from 2013 to 2016

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Legalization of Adult Recreation Marijuana....

Daily use among 12th graders



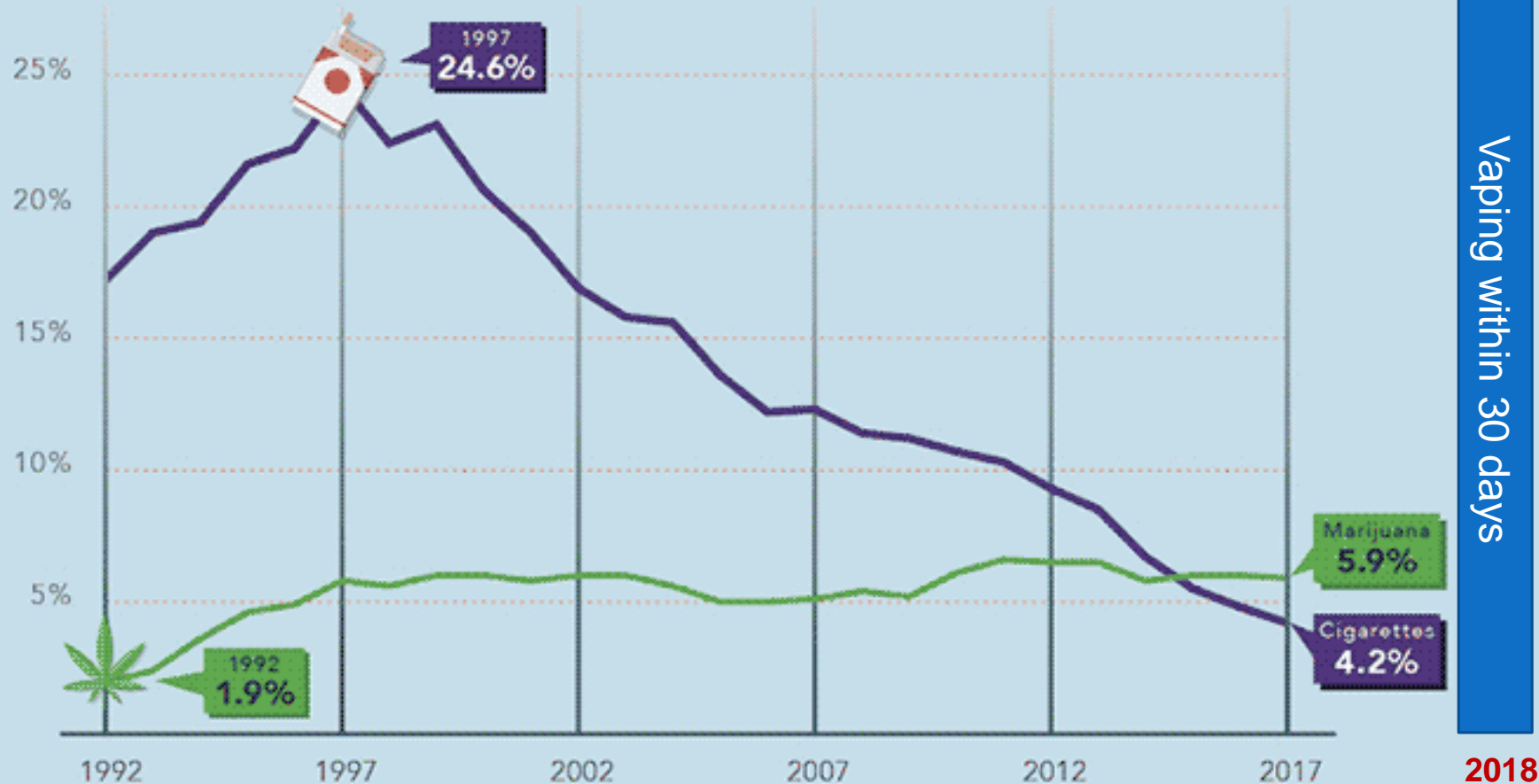
*A survey of 12th grade students in Putnam County showed that marijuana use is more common than daily cigarette use **and it's not even legal yet***

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Legalization of Adult Recreation Marijuana....

Daily use among 12th graders



34% of our 12th grade students are actively vaping and we have been working with our local school districts to address this latest trend

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Legalization of Adult Recreation Marijuana....



Dr. Sabet, discusses the false opinion that making drugs legal would eliminate the black market

“we know the **illicit market** does **not go away** under legalization. **In fact**, there are signs it’s **growing stronger**. The situation is so bad, foreign cartels and criminal gangs are turning whole neighborhoods into pot growing operations and even growing the drug on public lands”

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Legalization of Adult Recreation Marijuana....



As Dr. Sabet said:

“Cuomo is being led astray by Big Marijuana and, if they are successful, New Yorkers will have to pay the price. Big Marijuana and its Big Tobacco and Big Alcohol investors don’t care about tax revenues, or social justice. They only care about profits.”

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Legalization of Adult Recreation Marijuana....

Newsweek

From an article on Newsweek.com 1/23/19 by Tim Marcini, **Former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg** weighed in saying:

“Last year, in 2017, 72,000 Americans [overdosed] on drugs. In 2018, more people than that are OD-ing on drugs, have OD'd on drugs. And today, incidentally, we are trying to legalize another addictive narcotic, which is perhaps the ***stupidest thing anybody has ever done.***”

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**NEW YORK STATE'S LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS EXPRESS
SERIOUS CONCERNS ABOUT LEGALIZED MARIJUANA**

**Health Leaders Urge State to Approach Legalization Thoughtfully and With
Extreme Caution**

The New York State Association of County Health Officials (NYSACHO), representing all 58 local health departments in New York State, today expressed serious concerns about the legalization of an adult use regulated marijuana program, and called on lawmakers to approach legalization thoughtfully and with extreme caution.

The concerns expressed by NYSACHO stem from research substantiating that the use and availability of marijuana carries numerous risks, including: future high-risk of addiction to other drugs; harmful cognitive and academic effects; adverse cardiac and respiratory effects; unintentional exposures to children; and motor vehicle accidents.

It was for these reasons that NYSACHO earlier this year submitted a memorandum of opposition to legalized recreational marijuana use. Fundamentally, NYSACHO remains opposed to the recreational use of marijuana. If such a policy is nevertheless enacted and is true to the State Health Department's standard of "doing more good than harm," NYSACHO is calling for the establishment of critical safeguards before sales are legalized, including, but not limited to:

- Setting the legal age of sale at 21 years of age in combination with adoption of Tobacco 21 policy at the state-level.

New York State Association of County Health Officials

*Represents the Collective Voice of Local Health Departments in NY
State*

NEW YORK STATE'S LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS EXPRESS SERIOUS CONCERNS ABOUT LEGALIZED MARIJUANA

Health Leaders Urge State to Approach Legalization Thoughtfully and With Extreme Caution



Legalization of Adult Recreation Marijuana....



Michael Nesheiwat, MD

“We can’t be behind the curve on this. How many years passed before the public was warned about cigarettes? By then our youth had already been exposed and we’ve been battling ever since. Cigarettes, for the most part, take their toll as you get older but marijuana has an immediate impact on younger people because their brains are still developing.”

Michael Nesheiwat, MD

Putnam County Commissioner of Health

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Legalization of Adult Recreation Marijuana....

What's our stance?

- The State is naive to think that a law that limits sales to only those 21 and over won't have negative impacts on children

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Legalization of Adult Recreation Marijuana....

So why don't we just Opt-Out of legalizing Adult Recreational Marijuana?

- The landscape is continually changing including
 - Who has the ability to opt out?
 - Who receives the 0% -2% - 4% tax revenue?
- The one thing we do know, who pays the mitigating costs?

We Do!

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Legalization of Adult Recreation Marijuana....

Two questions for the State as they consider this:

- At what cost is it beneficial to create a new addiction?
- Is the revenue stream worth it?

Families are already struggling with vaping, cigarettes and alcohol, who loses?

Families – Our Families

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Legalization of Adult Recreation Marijuana....

What can the community do?

This is a State Law not a County Law

- Contact your local State Senator or State Assemblyperson
 - **Senator Peter Harckham**, 40th Senate District
 - 845-225-3025
 - **Senator Susan Serino**, 41st Senate District
 - 845-229-0106
 - **Assemblyman Kevin M Byrne**, 94th Assembly District
 - 845-278-2923
 - **Assemblywoman Sandy Galef**, 95th Assembly District
 - 914-941-1111

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Legalization of Adult Recreation Marijuana....

What can the community do?

Get Involved The CTC is hosting a conference with Dr. Sabet

5th Annual Prevention Conference

The Cost of Implementing Legalization of Marijuana: Health, Safety and Social Concerns

Kevin A. Sabet, Ph.D., President and CEO, Smart Approaches to Marijuana

Friday, April 5, 2019

Putnam Hospital Center, Wagner Cancer Pavilion, 670 Stoneleigh Avenue, Carmel, NY 10512

8:15 – 9:00	Registration and Continental Breakfast
9:00 – 9:10	Welcome and Opening Remarks
9:10 – 12:10	The Cost of Implementing Legalization of Marijuana: Health, Safety and Social Concerns Kevin A. Sabet, Ph.D., President and CEO, Smart Approaches to Marijuana (SAM)
12:10 – 12:15	Evaluations and Certificates

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PUTNAM COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT



Sheriff Robert Langley
and his staff remain
committed to the war
and building
relationships with the
community



Putnam County Sheriff's Department Command Staff 2019
Robert Langley, Sheriff





PUTNAM COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Keeping the community safe begins by being a part of the community

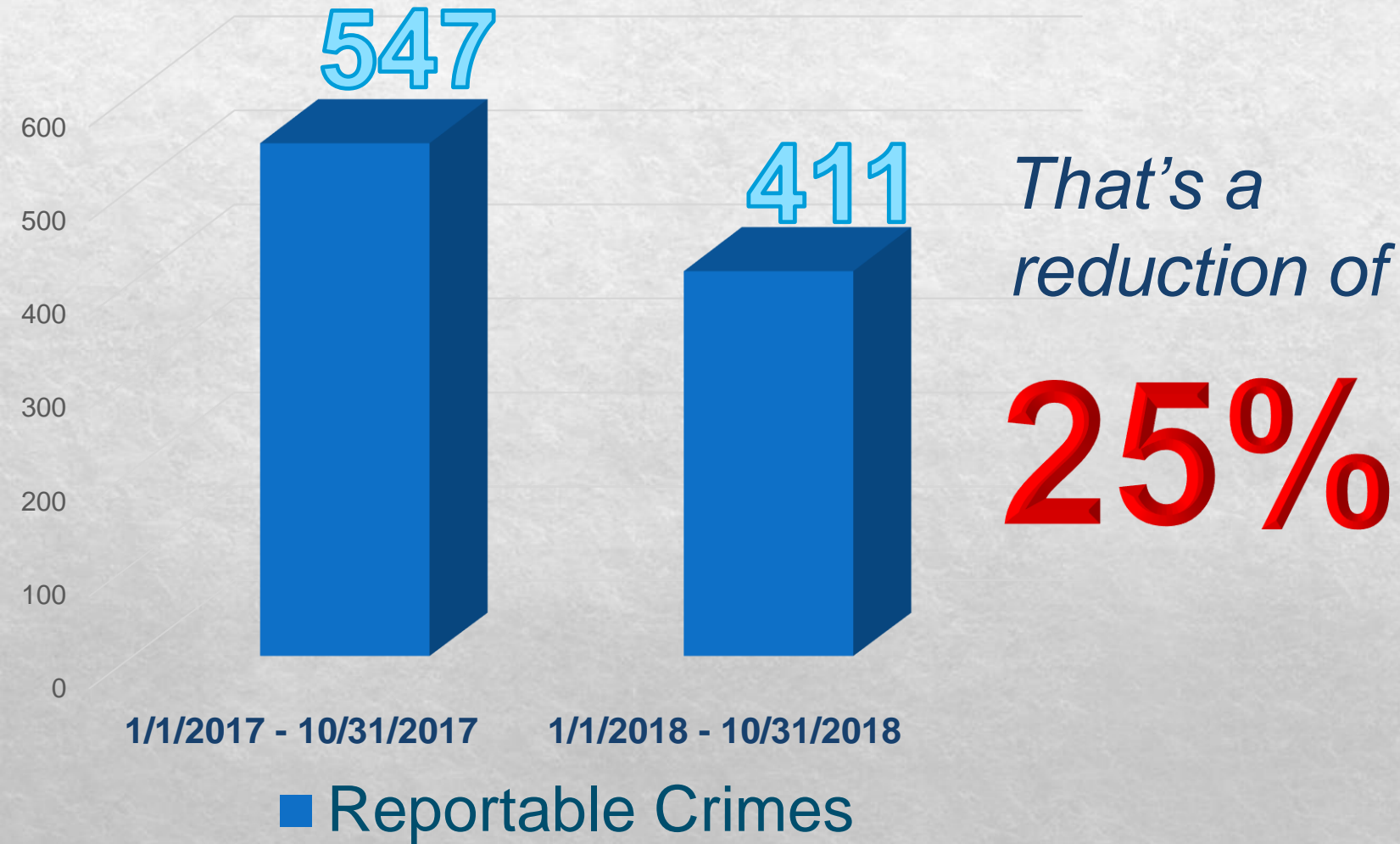
- We work with local businesses offering security assessments and advice
- Meeting with our seniors is an important part of our mission
- We believe in the value of community policing





PUTNAM COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Working with the community we have already seen results





PUTNAM COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

We remain committed to our partnership with our local school districts to keep our children safe and informed

Working with the Putnam County Traffic Safety Committee, Law Enforcement Agencies and School Transportation Offices we will be launching a task force to crack down on motorists that pass school buses with flashing red lights while picking up or discharging students





PUTNAM COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

We remain committed to our partnership with our local school districts to keep our children safe and informed

We currently deploy 9 School Resource Officers (SRO's) which are specially trained Sheriff's Deputies and 13 Special Patrol Officers (SPO's) to our schools

They not only help keep the school secure but provide the students with information and education

Another Shared Service Opportunity



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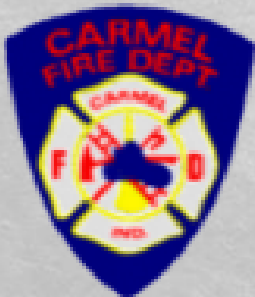
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DEDICATION

The Sheriff's Department, the Bureau of Emergency Services, our local police departments and all our volunteer first responders, they're there for us

24 X 7





DEDICATION

9-1-1/Sheriff's Department Dispatch to Consolidate

The administration along with the Legislature, Sheriff Langley and the Commissioner of the Bureau of Emergency Services Ken Clair have been working on a plan to **increase efficiencies by consolidating dispatch services**





DEDICATION

Whether it's day to day or during large incidents, communications is key for our First Responders



This year we are working to increase the **reliability** of our radio communications system by installing a **new microwave system and moving radio communications** to a state of the art trunking system



DEDICATION

Our Emergency Operations Center & Our Incident Command System Was Put Through The Paces In 2018



Winter Storm Riley Winter Storm Quinn Winter Storm Toby Tornadoes of May 15th

- Those are just four of the storms that ripped through Putnam County. Each time our **Incident Command System** was ready
- Our EOC was opened for over **496 Hours**
- Not to mention the many hours put in by our **First Responders – Career & Volunteer**



DEDICATION

Do you know what's in your house?

Putnam County Hazardous Waste Disposal Events provide our residents with a safe and responsible way to dispose of items that cannot be disposed of through normal garbage/recycling collection

- The Putnam County Department of Health (DOH) conducts two events a year which are staffed by trained DOH employees
- In 2018 we collected over **93k** pounds of household hazardous waste from **452** residents which was collected and safely disposed of
- We are scheduling two events for 2019



DEDICATION

Do you know what's in your house?

We found out just how important this collection event is when a resident attempted to dispose of dangerous and highly explosive chemicals at our October 6th Event

- Our DOH staff immediately recognized the danger and instituted our safety procedures
- In addition to the **DOH** we would like to recognize the quick response of the **Putnam County Sheriff's Department, The Bureau of Emergency Services** and the **Westchester County Bomb Squad**





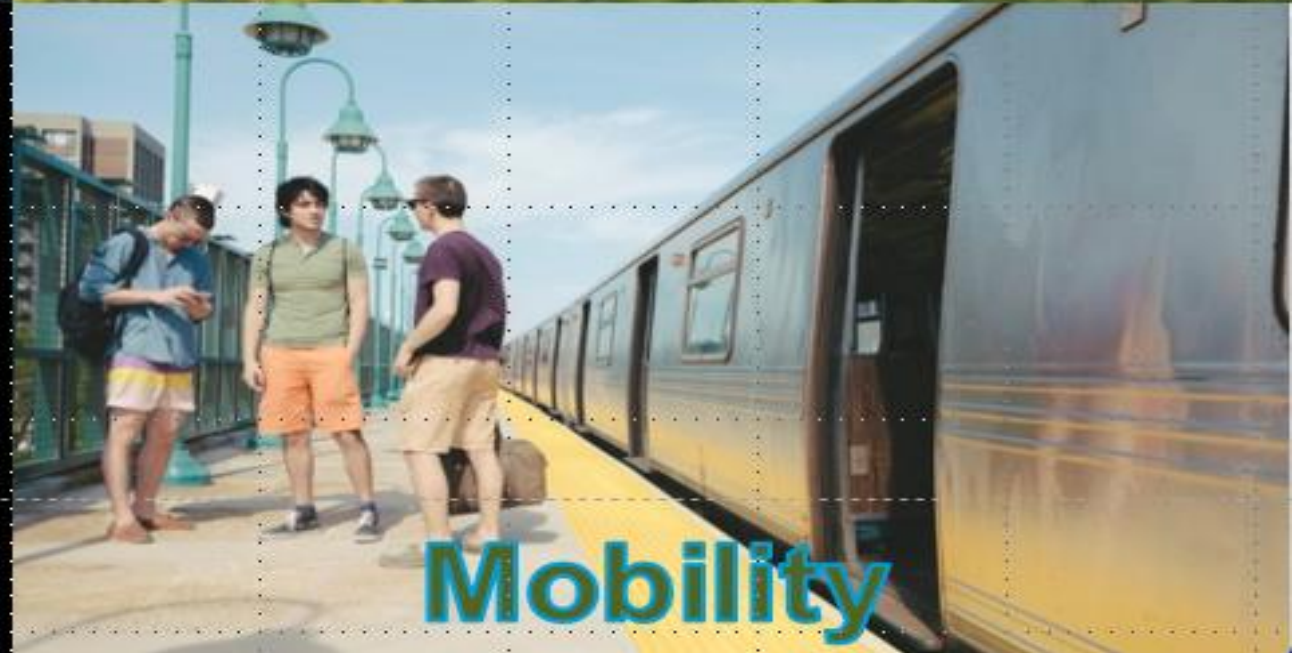
Real Estate



Leisure/Travel



Technology



Mobility



Keeping Putnam County Healthy & Safe is just one part of making Putnam County a success

Real Estate

Leisure/Travel

We must also provide the opportunity to continue to succeed

Technology

Mobility



Projects

Our administration along with the Legislature and the many departments that make Putnam County work continue to drive the many projects that make Putnam County a success



Projects

Managing Our Infrastructure

Project

PART-Paratransit Bus Purchases

Bikeway Road Signs Countywide

Senior Center at Philipstown (Butterfield)

ADA Accessibility Projects (Sidewalks in Carmel, Brewster, Southeast)

Renovations at Airport Park

Carmel Friendship Center Renovations (New Administrative Offices)

Completed!



Projects

Managing Our Infrastructure

Projects Planned or In Progress

Putnam Bikeway II, Stage IV Bikepath

Peekskill Hollow Road Renovations

Maybrook Bikeway II-Phase A Bikepath

Morningthorpe Ave Pedestrian Bridge Replacement

Stoneleigh/Drewville Road Intersection Improvements

Sodom Road Bridge Replacement

Fair Street Renovations

Maybrook Bikeway II-Phase B Bikepath

Drewville Road Superstructure Replacement

Mahopac Falls Trailway Bikepath




Projects



Going
From
This



To This



Gleneida Ave (State Rt 52) from Route 6 to Route 301 is scheduled for repaving by NYS DOT



Infrastructure

We maintain over 114 miles of County roads with an agreement to clear over 56 miles of NYS roads during snow and ice events and assist our local municipalities with local roads and provide specialized equipment

- Completed paving projects
 - ***Peekskill Hollow Road***
 - ***Crane Road***
 - ***Gage Road***
 - ***West Shore Road***



Office for Senior Resources



The Office for Senior Resources provides quality services to our senior population

- Nutrition Programs
- Wellness/Exercise Classes
- Adult Education
- Socialization
- Referral Assistance



Office for Senior Resources



Renovations are nearing completion on our Carmel Friendship Center – expected completion June of 2019



Our Lady of the Lakes
Council No. 6318

Special thanks to the Knights of Columbus for providing us with a temporary home while we complete renovations



Office for Senior Resources



The Friendship Center in Philipstown opened its doors in December of 2018!



Thanks to NYS Senator Sue Serino & NYS Assemblywoman Sandy Galef for working to obtain grants through NYS



Office for Senior Resources



Keeping our seniors mobile is a top priority

- Working with the **RSVP** program we are grateful to the volunteer drivers that willingly step up
- We maintain a fleet of **35 vehicles** and this year we are adding **7 new buses** due to arrive in April



Keeping Putnam County Safe, Providing Opportunities, Completing Projects

These are just some of the many things we will continue to deliver all while keeping

Putnam County's Financial Future Healthy





**Our fiscal vision begins
with strong financial
leadership and a team
that's committed to
Putnam County**



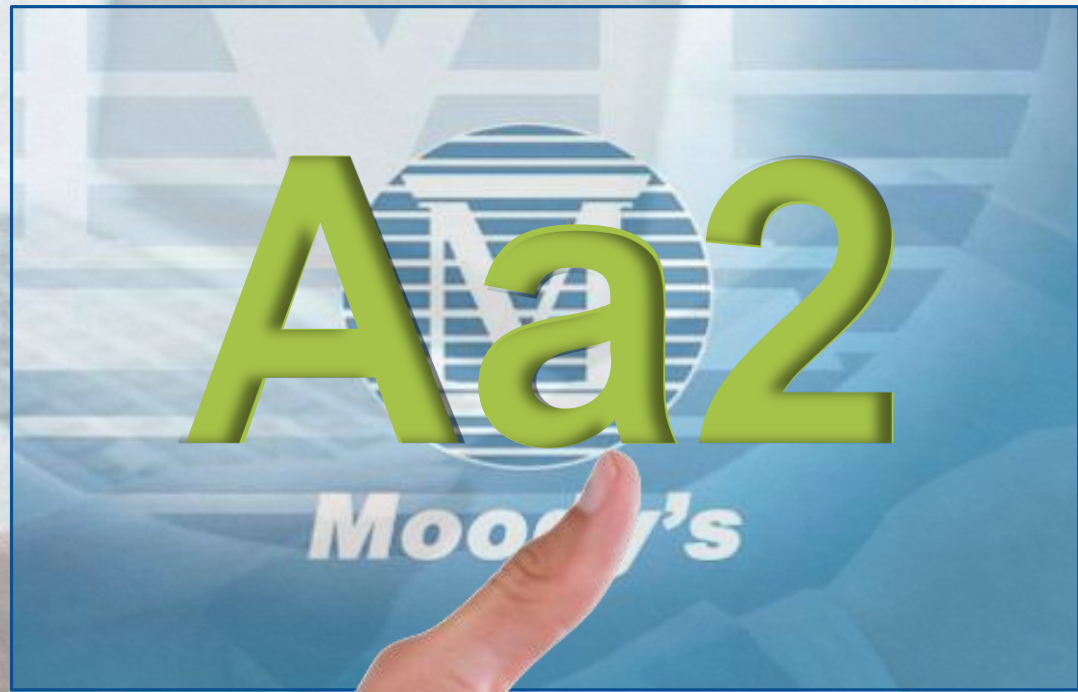
The logo features the text 'Aa2' in a large, bold, green font. Behind the letters is a circular emblem with a globe-like pattern and the letters 'Aa' inside. The entire logo is set against a blue background with a subtle grid pattern.

Aa2

Moody's

The Fiscal State of
Putnam County
Government is
strong, according to
the Independent
Financial experts





Moody's doesn't just hand out that superior rating

We work hard delivering a fiscally conservative budget, managing our debt and maintaining healthy reserves





Moody's determines the County rating based on a scorecard which evaluates the following Criteria



- Economy/Tax Base (30%)
- Finances (30%)
- Management (20%)
- Debt/Pensions (20%)

Lets Look Closer At Each Section





Economy/Tax Base (30%)

We are working to improve our commercial tax base to lower the burden on homeowners. These projects include:

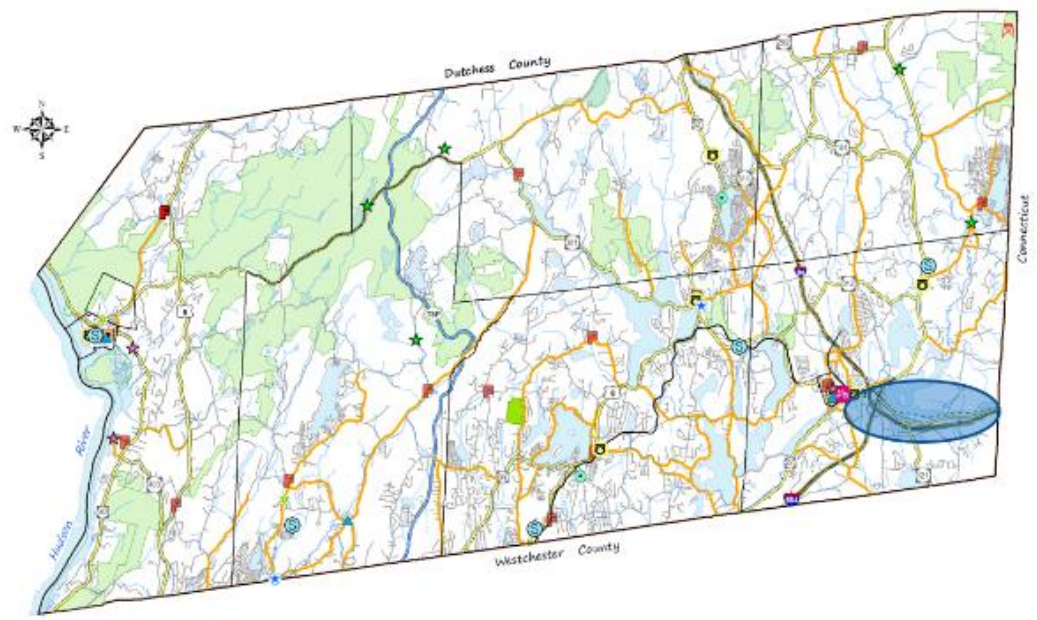
- Alexandrion Distillery Project

We are proud that the Alexandrion Group has selected Putnam County as home to its first United States distillery expanding their international footprint!

The Alexandrion Group will invest \$40m into the old Guideposts campus in Carmel creating a 120k square foot distillery and over 100 new jobs

The distillery will produce “premium spirits” for the US market including Bourbon, gin, brandy and vodka





Economy/Tax Base (30%)

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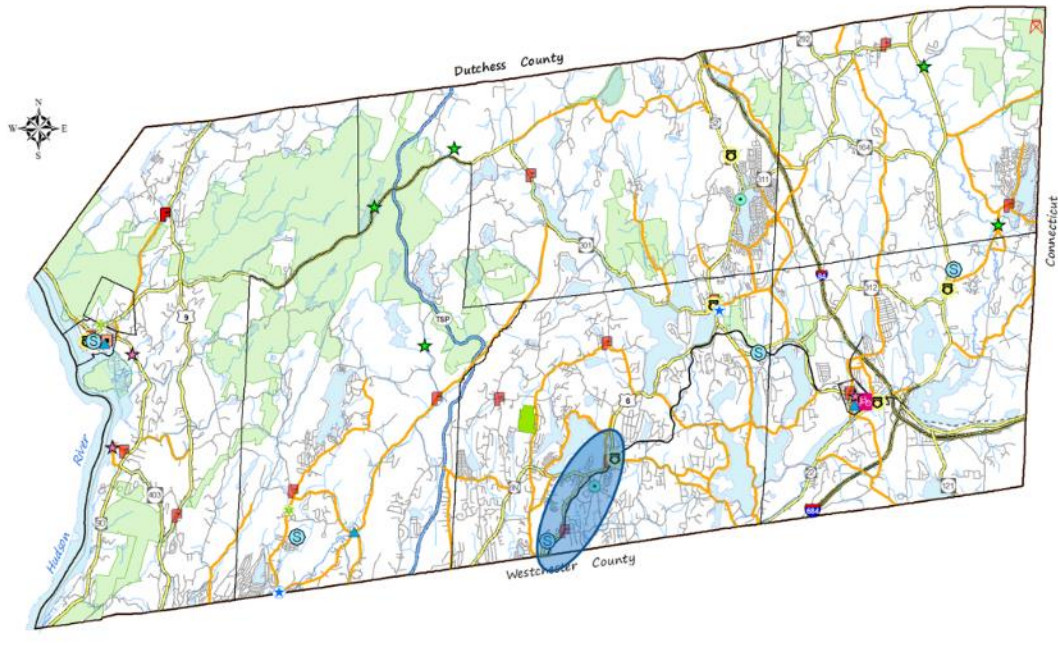
- Alexandrion Distillery Project
- Danbury - Brewster Sewer Project

Providing an environmentally responsible resource for waste that will encourage commercial growth along Danbury Rd

Special thanks to Danbury Mayor Mark D. Boughton

The feasibility study has given us enough information to allow us to release the RFP for design





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The County and the Town of Carmel are continuing to work together and are awaiting the completion of the feasibility study which is expected by spring

A Southern Rt 6 corridor sewer project will allow for responsible commercial expansion/development while providing jobs and improving our commercial tax base

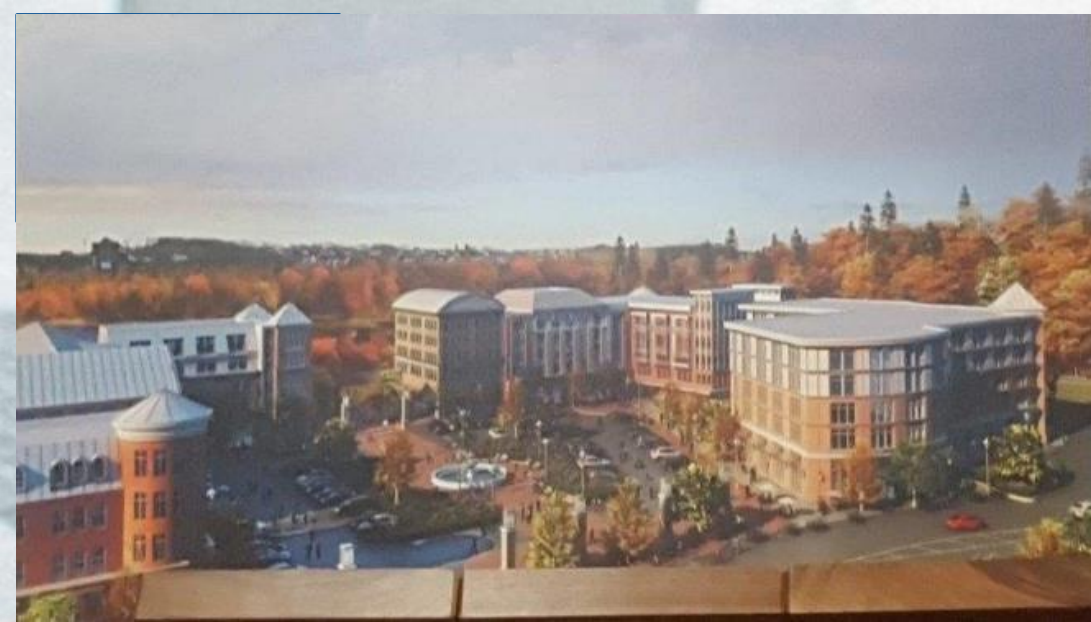


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- Envision Brewster Project

Land mitigation swap is currently awaiting approval of the NYC water board and the NYC council which will advance the project to Phase II



*The Village of Brewster, Putnam County, New York State and the MTA have stayed focused on **Envision Brewster**, a Transit-Oriented Development Project that will revitalize downtown Brewster bringing retail opportunities, residential housing and public areas together*



It takes a team to focus on responsible economic development and here in Putnam we've got the best



Richard Weiss
Chairman
Meghan Taylor
*VP, Regional Director
Mid-Hudson Valley at
Empire State
Development*



William Nulk
Chairman



Jennifer Maher
Chairwoman



Finances (30%)



The primary scorecard factor is Fund Balance

- The National Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) recommends that counties carry a minimum general fund unassigned fund balance of two months of General Fund Operating expenses which for Putnam County equals \$23.6m
- In 2018 Putnam County ended the fiscal year with an unassigned General Fund Balance of **\$23.8m** meeting this guideline



Management (20%)

Moody's evaluates

- Institutional Framework – Our grade? **A**
- Operating History / Operating Revenues

In 2018 Total Operating Expenditures equaled **\$151.6m**, while Operating Revenues equaled **\$157.1m**

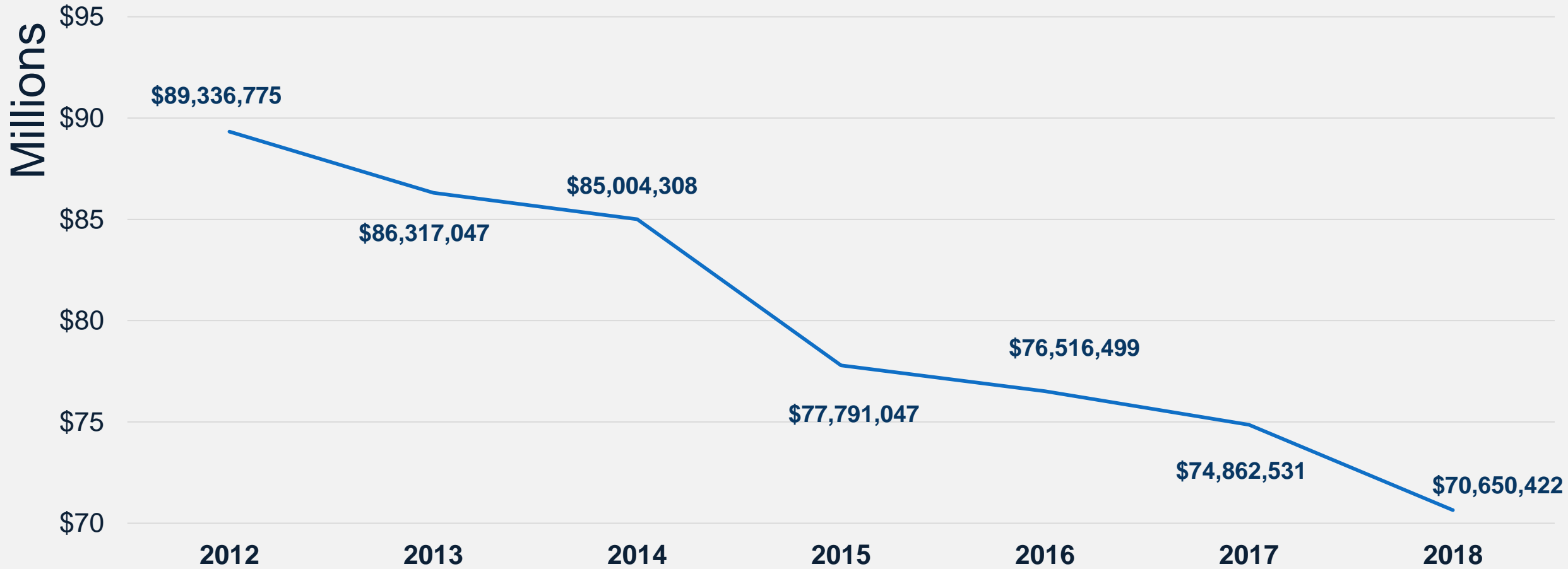
- Again, by increasing our unassigned fund balance **we met the GFOA recommendation**





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- Legislature Approved Adding \$1.5m to Capital Repair Reserve To Reduce Future Borrowing Needs



What Does Aa2 Mean?

This great Moody's rating allows Putnam County to borrow at lower interest rates saving taxpayer dollars



Fiscal Responsibility

In October of 2018 I stood in this very room, before the Legislature and the taxpayers of this county and presented a budget for 2019 that met the needs of the County

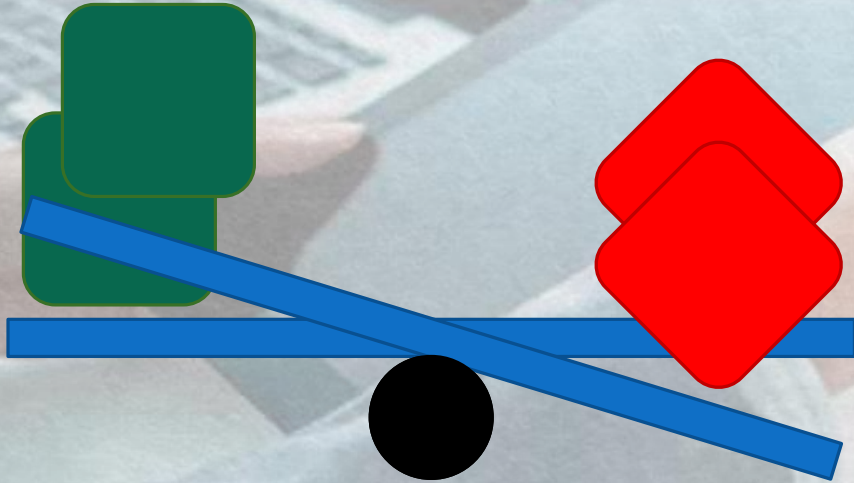
Working with the Legislature we have always delivered a **Fiscally Responsible Budget – ON TIME**

BUT.....



Fiscal Responsibility

We still face challenges as **MANDATES** are continually shifted to counties



Election Reform



Election Reform (early voting) is an important act that will allow more New Yorkers to have access to vote **but.....**

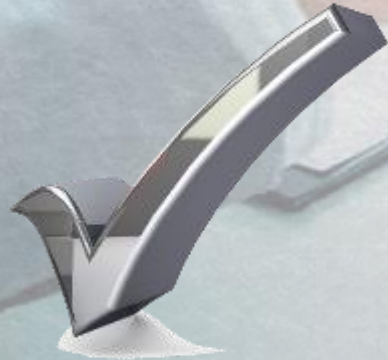
The financial burden shouldn't fall to the municipalities and ultimately the County



Election Reform



**YOUR
VOTE
COUNTS!**



- History has proven that these unfunded **MANDATES** cost Putnam Taxpayers directly
- For example the **MANDATED** Help America Vote Act (HAVA) has cost us millions of dollars and Putnam County has paid the full share of this expense without chargeback to the local municipalities





**YOUR
VOTE
COUNTS!**



Elect

- Now **MAN**
- Legis
- Prov
- No ex
- Same
- Will require additional staffing and technical systems to prevent fraud
- **Cost to taxpayers +/- \$230k**



Internet Fairness and Conformity Act

US Supreme Court decision in South Dakota v Wayfair Inc allows states to collect sales taxes for out of state purchases

- This will create a **level playing field** between main street business sales and internet sales
- We support this legislation because it is **fair** to our main street businesses that employ our neighbors and sponsor our youth sports teams



2019 Financial Goals

- ✓ Submit a 2020 Budget that falls within the Albany mandated Tax Cap
- ✓ Continue to Improve our financial position by maintaining or increasing Unassigned Fund Balance
- ✓ Continue to identify & implement potential cost saving measures such as the Consolidation of E911 & Sheriff Dispatch services



Shared Services

The sharing of services remains a true focal point not only of the County but all our municipalities

The Shared Services Panel identified two main priorities to be analyzed for 2019

- **Plow Up / Plow Down**
- **Shared Purchasing**





VETERANS

The word "VETERANS" is written in a large, green, serif font. Each letter is superimposed on a circular emblem representing a different branch of the United States military: Army, Marine Corps, Air Force, Navy, and Coast Guard. The background of the entire slide is a close-up, slightly blurred image of the American flag's stars and stripes.





Are You Collecting All Your Benefits?

Pension

**Vocational
Rehab**

Home Loans

Medical Care

**Employment
Services**

**Memorial
Benefits**

Education

***These are just some of the many benefits
that are available to Veterans***





And Our
Veteran's Service Agency
Is Here To Help

Putnam County remains committed to serving our veterans who
were committed to serving us!



VETERANS

Putnam County operates a **full time** Veteran's Service Agency staffed by two certified Veterans Service Officers, Director Karl Rohde and Deputy Director Art Hanley and the rest of our dedicated team

Thanks to Karl and Art for remaining committed to keeping the needs of our veterans first!



**We now offer night hours to better serve our veterans
Call the office to make an appointment 845-808-1620**



VETERANS



Did you know our County Clerk's Office offers the Return The F.A.V.O.R.?

- File your DD 214 at the County Clerk's Office and know it is safe and secure, you keep the original
- We'll provide you with a Putnam County Veteran ID Card which allows you to take advantage of discounts offered by local merchants who take pride in our veterans



Bearer of this card is eligible for the Putnam County "Return The F.A.V.O.R. Program"

State of New York
Putnam County Clerk's Office
Carmel, New York

I, Michael C Bartolotti, Clerk of Putnam County do hereby certify that
Putnam Veteran
40 Gleneida Avenue Carmel, NY 10512
Has registered as an Honorably Discharged Veteran by filing his DD214 with this office

Michael C. Bartolotti
Putnam County Clerk

USA Veteran of Official Record
Putnam Veteran

Karl Rohde
Director of Veteran Affairs



VETERANS

Our veterans have left the battlefield but some still battle

Putnam County's own 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), addictions, suicide prevention and Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)



PUTNAM COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE AGENCY
PFC. JOSEPH DWYER
VET2VET PROGRAM



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ELIMINATED
\$180K

This program has helped many of our veterans not only in our County but across New York State

This year the Governor has eliminated the program from the budget

That's a **\$180k** loss to our Putnam veterans

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VET VET PROGRAM



VETERANS



Putnam County continues to operate our **County Veterans Residence**

Our residence can house up to 12 veterans and provides them with a private bedroom and a shared kitchen and common area

This residence serves veterans who are either homeless or on the brink of homelessness



2019 PILOT PROGRAM

Focusing on our young adults is an essential mission for Putnam Invests in Leaders of Tomorrow

The 2018 PILOT program was a great success with interns being placed in almost every County Department



For 2019 we have over 75 applicants and are working to fit the candidates to the position openings



PUTNAM COUNTY GOLF COURSE



**Premier Golf, Premier Event Destination
and a Solid Financial Investment**



PUTNAM COUNTY GOLF COURSE

HOW WET IS 2018?

● TOP 10 ON RECORD ● WETTEST ON RECORD



CLIMATE  CENTRAL

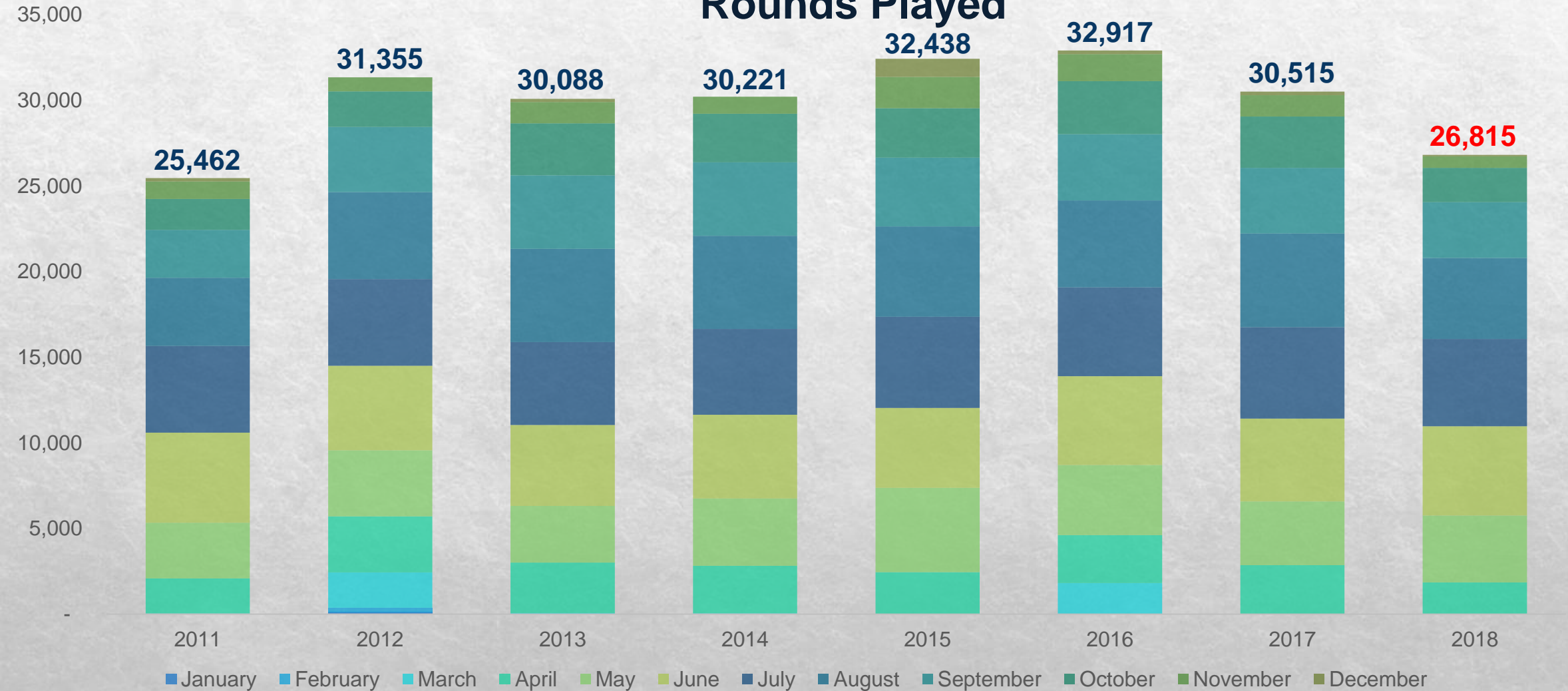
A look at 2018
Precipitation by
Climate Central,
an Independent
organization of
leading scientists
and journalists

The tagline for the 2018 golf season is Wet!



PUTNAM COUNTY GOLF COURSE

Rounds Played



Rain seemed to dominate the weekends and left us with difficult round numbers



PUTNAM COUNTY GOLF COURSE

But we knew from the start that golf was only one piece of the Putnam County Golf Course puzzle

*We didn't focus just on golf, but also in providing a destination that would make our residents proud, **this keeps the bottom line green when the course turns wet***



PUTNAM



PUTNAM
COUNTY GOLF COURSE

NINE & DINE

\$39

MONDAY THRU THURSDAY

PRICE INCLUDES:

- 9 HOLES
- CART
- ONE MENU ITEM
- ONE BEVERAGE

HARD LIQUOR NOT INCLUDED

PUTNAM COUNTY GOLF COURSE 187 HILL STREET, MAHOPAC, NY 10541
845-808-1881 WWW.PUTNAMCOUNTYGC.COM

COURSE



2018

PUTNAM COUNTY GOLF COURSE

Friday NIGHT BARBEQ

AT PUTNAM COUNTY GOLF COURSE

BOOKS OPEN AT 5:00 PM
SERVING AND DRINK BEGINS AT 6:00 PM
LIVE MUSIC BEGINS AT 8:00 PM

PRE-ORDER \$2 INCLUDES DRINK TICKET

6/2	ESCHLAGE LAW
6/8	EVOLUTION, JOURNEY
6/15	HIDDENBURG, LED ZEPPELIN
6/22	DISCO NIGHT
6/29	GET YOUR WINGS, AEROSMITH
7/6	THE NEEDLES
7/13	TRAMPS LIKE US, BROCK BARNETT
7/20	SBTR, ZAC BROWN
7/27	GYPSY, FLEETWOOD MAC
8/3	ONE WILD HORSE BON JOUR
8/10	APPETITE FOR DESTRUCTION, GUNS N' ROSES
8/17	DESERT HIGHWAY, THE EAGLES
8/24	WHO'S YOUR DADY
9/7	LOBSTER / CLAM BAKE

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PUTNAM COUNTY GOLF COURSE



Keeping Putnam Golf Course a destination means keeping our facilities updated

From installing a new front walkway to a total remodel of the men's locker room

And we didn't forget about our beautiful grounds



PUTNAM COUNTY GOLF COURSE

LIMITED
ADVERTISING
SPOTS
AVAILABLE



PUTNAM
COUNTY GOLF COURSE

**ADVERTISE YOUR
BUSINESS HERE**

REACH AS MANY AS
25,000+ PEOPLE
THIS YEAR

And coming this year....New golf carts with GPS.....

And a revenue stream as we capture advertising that will help offset the costs of the GPS units and golf carts while helping to promote our local business community



Putnam County Golf Course

This year we're proud to welcome Carmel High School graduate Jari K Tompuri as our new Golf Professional



Returning home after many years as a PGA Professional across the United States including Texas and Arkansas

- *Jari is a certified club fitter for Titleist and Ping*
- *Jari is passionate about helping players of all ages to improve their game*
- *Jari has a love of Junior Golf coaching a past team to 5 undefeated seasons*
- *We welcome Jari his wife Crystal and their two daughters Gracie and Haley back home again*

Tilly Foster Farm & Educational Institute



2019 State of The County Address
MaryEllen Odell, County Executive

Putnam County New York
March 7, 2019

Tilly Foster Farm & Educational Institute

Working with Catherine Balestrieri, BOCES Director of Career & Technical Education, we will be visiting Putnam County School Districts to discuss the great offerings available at Tilly Foster



Our partnership with BOCES continues

Some of the outstanding programs offered at Tilly Foster:

- Construction Trades
- Culinary Program
- Adult Programs
- Summer Camp For Middle Schools Students
- Open House Events
- Educated Palate Events
- Red Carpet Event

Coming Soon:

- Animal Care
- Horticulture/Hydroponics



Tilly Foster Farm & Educational Institute



- Going back to our “roots” we headed to the soil and planted and harvested crops on 1/3 of an acre
- The harvest for 2018 has provided 77 varieties of vegetables including 10k lbs. of fresh vegetables, 800 lbs. sold to Tilly’s Table and 9k lbs. for our seniors to enjoy at our Senior Nutrition Centers!

This was such a success that for 2019 we are expanding from 1/3 of an acre to 3/4 of an acre and installing a greenhouse!



Tilly Foster Farm & Educational Institute



Our farm hosts some of Putnam County's most memorable characters
Open to the public 7 days a week from 10 am to 4 pm



TILLY'S TABLE

TILLY FOSTER FARM

**KNOWLEDGE
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Special Guest:
Real Country TV's
Scooter Brown Band
@ScooterBrownBND



**May
11**

Tickets on Sale March 11!
347-709-7033
www.TillysTableRestaurant.com

Educational Institute



Open for Special Events
Dinner Thursday, Friday, Saturday
Nights and Sunday Brunch
Bar Open

Visit
www.tilystablerestaurant.com
845-808-1840

Tilly Foster Farm & Educational Institute

And coming in 2019

**Imagine.....A Country
Wedding Right In Your
Backyard**

We're taking our iconic barn

**And transforming it into a
destination wedding location**



Photo: Courtesy Hilary Swank and Philip Schneider



Due to our great fiscal management, Putnam County is clearly set to take on the future

But we won't settle for complacency

We are set to keep building on the accomplishments of the last 7 years

The Putnam Playbook has many chapters that are not finished and we won't slow down



And we can't write the Putnam Playbook without the unfading support from our team

Health Providers

Legislators

Elected Officials

First Responders

Department Heads

Our Unions

Volunteers

Local Municipal Leaders

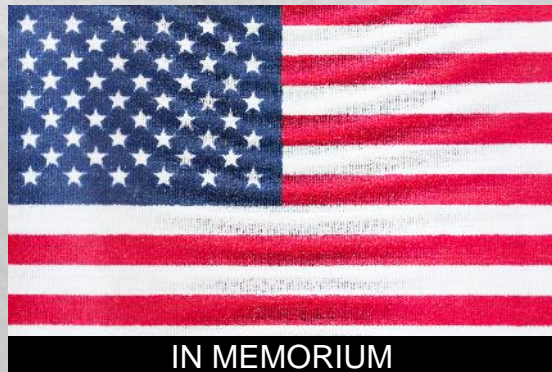
All of our Employees



- **CSEA**
- **PBA**
- **PCSEA**
- **PUMA**



Before we end tonight's presentation we would like to take a moment and remember a Putnam County resident who gave his life in service to his country



Mahopac native Chief Warrant Officer Michael Kozloski was killed while on duty during an accident at the Coast Guard buoy facility in Homer Alaska on January 31, 2019

CWO Kozloski was 35 years old

A loving husband and father to 4 children CWO Kozloski served with the United States Coast Guard for 17 years and was assigned as the First Lieutenant aboard the Coast Guard Cutter Hickory



"It is foolish and wrong to mourn the men who died. Rather we should thank God that such men lived."

General George S. Patton



A grateful Putnam County will show it's respect to CWO Kozloski by dedicating flag # 424 in our Row of Honor

THANK YOU

Please Support Putnam County's Row of Honor
Call 845-808-1620 to purchase your flag

