



PUTNAM COUNTY BUDGET

2020



Budget & Finance Committee Meeting Of The Putnam County Legislature



- Agenda
 - Call To Order
 - Pledge of Allegiance
 - Legislative Prayer
 - Roll Call
 - Committee to meet with the County Executive and the Commissioner of Finance to discuss the proposed 2020 Budget
 - Budget 2020 Presentation By County Executive MaryEllen Odell
 - Comments from Legislators
 - Adjournment

Please Note: Public Hearing to Follow Committee Meeting



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❖ Call To Order

Joseph Castellano, Chairman
Putnam County Legislature



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❖ Pledge of





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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



2020 Putnam County Budget Presentation





2020 Putnam County Budget Presentation



William Carlin
Commissioner of Finance



2020 Putnam County Budget Presentation



MaryEllen Odell
County Executive



Our Government Is An Open Book



Through the hard work of our team this budget once again meets the needs of the citizens of Putnam County *and* it's delivered & adopted before Election Day!

***Open and
Transparent***



We've always shown a strong commitment to Putnam County's Financial Health

Debt Management, Pension Amortization, Maintaining the General Fund Balance, you can't "kick the can down the road" on these issues and we didn't. We faced them head-on!

Our focused fiscal vision doesn't go un-noticed.....



Putnam County

Aa2

Moody's

Putnam County has consistently been recognized by Moody's for its fiscal vision



Putnam County

Aa1

Moody's

But this year Moody's UPGRADED us to the superior rating of Aa1



Putnam County

Aa1

Moody's

***This superior rating is only held by 5
counties in New York State***



THE BOND BUYER

September 17, 2019

Upgrade for Putnam County N.Y.

By
Andrew Coen

A disciplined approach toward budgeting sales tax revenue was cited as New York's Putnam County received a rating upgrade.

Moody's Investors Service upgraded the suburban county 50 miles north of Manhattan to **Aa1 from Aa2**, citing **reserves and liquidity** in line with other counties at the same rating level. The upgrade applies to roughly \$57 million of outstanding general obligation limited tax debt and a \$3.3 million public improvement bond sale the county is planning.



“We are pleased that Moody’s has recognized the results of Putnam County implementing **sound fiscal management practices** resulting in this rating upgrade”

MaryEllen Odell
Putnam County Executive



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In fact Putnam County recently issued \$3.3m in refunding bonds saving taxpayers \$151k!

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NOT ONLY MOODY'S BUT



Government Finance Officers Association

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With over 20,000 members the GFOA represents public finance officials throughout the United States and Canada

GFOA's mission is to advance excellence in public finance



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Presented to

**County of Putnam
New York**

For its Comprehensive Annual
Financial Report
for the Fiscal Year Ended

December 31, 2017

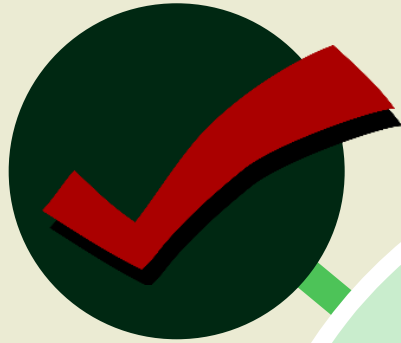
Christopher P. Morill

Executive Director/CEO

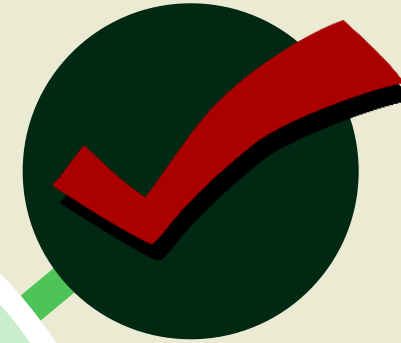


What does it take to build a budget

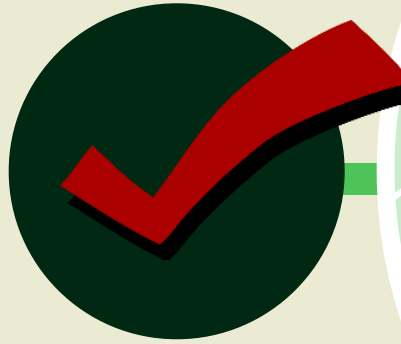
Deliver Quality of Life Services



Provide For The Needs Of Our Employees and Retirees



Provide **MANDATED** Services



Keep Putnam Healthy



Maintain a Fiscally Responsible Vision



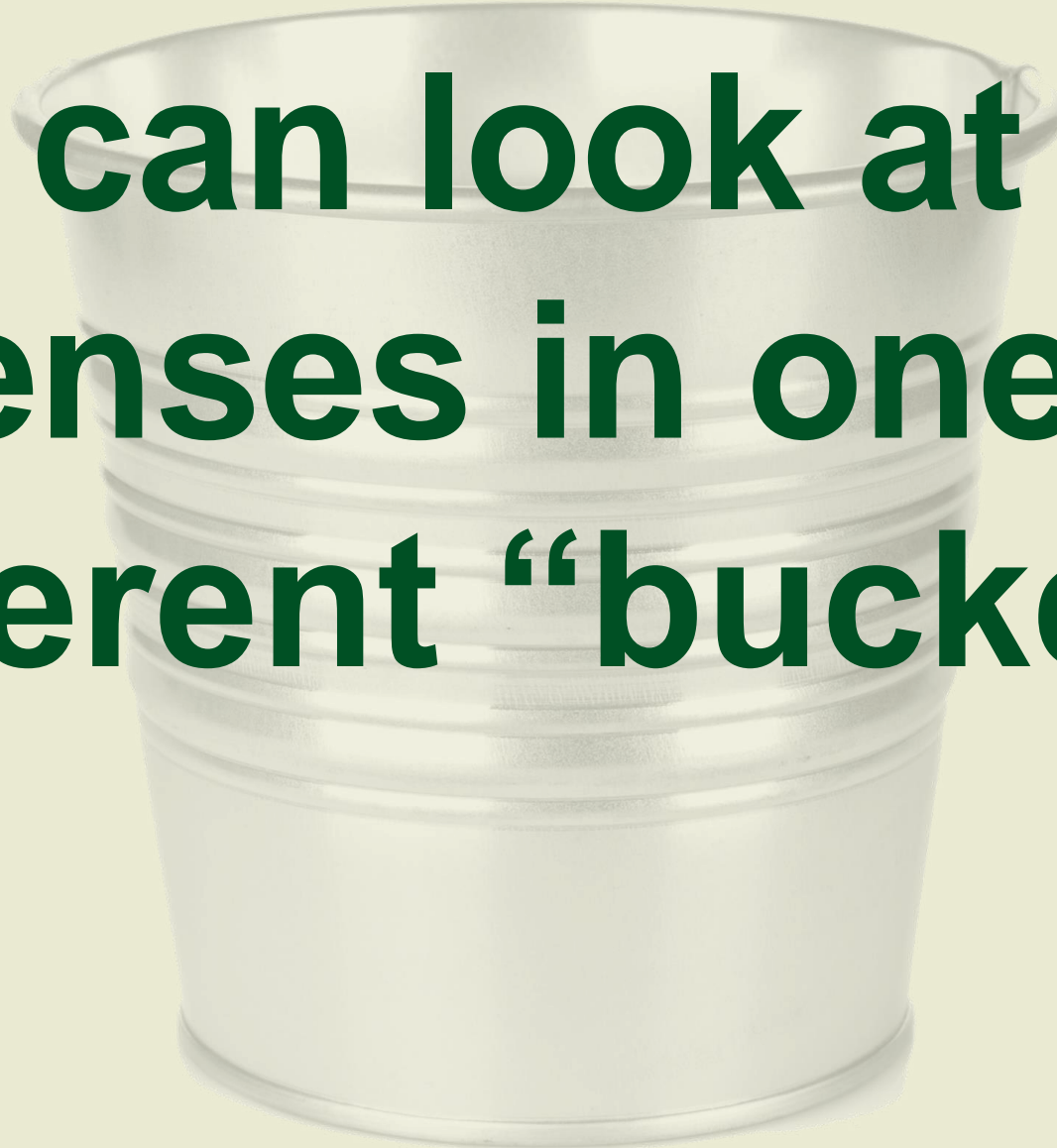
Deliver Budget On Time





2020 PUTNAM COUNTY BUDGET

**We can look at our
expenses in one of 6
different “buckets”**





Quality of Life Examples

- **Parks & Recreation**

- Veteran's Memorial Park
- Michael Ciaiola Conservation Area
- Fred Dill Wildlife Sanctuary
- Putnam Golf Course
- Cornerstone Park
- Dixon Lake
- Tilly Foster Farm & Education Center
- Donald B Smith Conservation Area





Quality of Life Examples

- Youth Bureau
 - Mentoring
 - Adventure Camp
 - Pegasus Program



Putnam County Youth Bureau

Pegasus Program

Is About:

- Understanding alcohol and drug dependency
- coping skills
- fun activities
- new friends



Pegasus is held on Thursday nights

Beginning **October 10th, 2019**

at the Putnam County Youth Bureau

From 6 pm to 7:30 pm

(Dates: 10/10, 10/17, 10/24, 11/7, 11/14, 11/21, 12/5, 12/12)

Children and their adult caregivers will have fun in an engaging and supportive environment.

A free confidential program for children ages 6 to 12, who have a parent or family member suffering from alcoholism or other drug dependencies.

*Pre-registration is required

For more information or to register contact:

Stephanie Nocera, Pegasus Coordinator

(845) 808-1600 ext. 46126

Stephanie.Nocera@putnamcountyny.gov

Pegasus@putnamcountyny.gov

Sponsored by the New York State Office for Children and Family Services and the Putnam County Youth Bureau

\$700k





Quality of Life Examples

- **Outside Agencies** **\$1.5m**



Outside Agencies

Continue to be a valuable resource for our residents



Did you know?

For each **\$1** provided to our libraries
*They provide **\$7** worth of services!*





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This year we are assisting the SPCA by providing an additional \$36k which will allow them to move to a new office!





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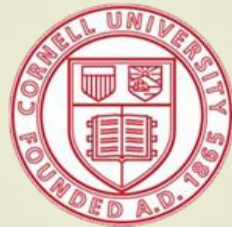
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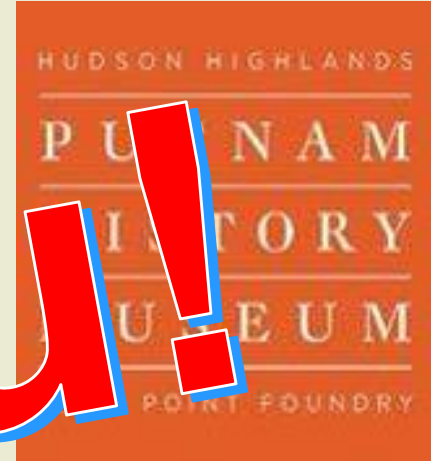


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Thank You!



Infrastructure Maintenance & Improvement Examples

- Putnam Moves Transportation System \$2.8m





Infrastructure Maintenance & Improvement Examples

- **Maintenance of Roads & Bridges** **\$3.8m**
- Putnam County has an estimated **\$53m** budgeted for projects over the next few years
 - Carmel Friendship Center
 - Morningthorpe Bridge
 - Fairfield Drive Culvert
 - Maybrook Bikeway
 - Sodom Road Bridge Replacement
 - Fair Street Reconstruction
 - Peekskill Hollow Road Reconstruction
 - Stoneleigh Ave/Drewville Rd Intersection
 - Drewville Road Bridge
 - Mahopac Falls Trailway
 - Sprout Brook Road Bridge
 - Farmers Mills Road Bridge





Infrastructure Maintenance & Improvement Examples

- Snow Removal

\$1.6m





Health & Education Examples

- **Putnam County Department of Health \$5.7m**
 - Keeping Putnam Healthy with Immunizations
 - Environmental Services
 - Public Education & Awareness
 - Solid Waste Management & Recycling Program



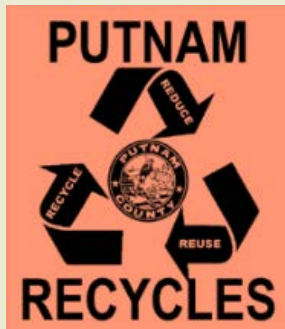


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- Solid Waste Management & Recycling Program
 - *Solid Waste & Recycling Goals for 2020 and beyond*

- ❖ Renew & Update the Solid Waste Management Plan
- ❖ Create educational material for a “Recycling Re-boot” in Putnam County to educate our residents on how to recycle properly
- ❖ Launch a media campaign regarding the need to “Recycle Right” and how to do our part in Putnam to reduce waste





Health & Education Examples

- **Early Intervention – Pre-K** **\$10.6m**





Health & Education Examples

- **Community College** **\$3.2m**
 - The County **does not** charge back the towns for community college costs





EXPENSES

<i>Quality of Life</i>	<i>\$9.1m</i>
<i>Infrastructure Maintenance & Improvement</i>	<i>\$12.1m</i>
<i>Health & Education</i>	<i>\$25.1m</i>
Public Safety	\$37.9m



Public Safety Examples

- **Sheriff's Department**

- Road Patrol \$7.3m
- Civil - *State Mandated \$803k*
- Bureau of Criminal Investigations \$2.9m
- Narcotics \$1.8m
- Youth & Community Services \$2.0m

\$20.0m





Public Safety Examples

- *Sheriff* \$20.0m
- **Jail – *State Mandated*** \$10.6m





Public Safety Examples

- *Sheriff* \$20.0m
- *Jail* \$10.6m
- **Bureau of Emergency Services** \$4.5m
 - *9-1-1 Dispatch* \$1.9m

A collage of three images: a control room with multiple computer monitors, an aerial view of a nuclear power plant with two large containment domes, and a group of people in a meeting room looking at documents on a table.

The Bureau will face financial challenges as Indian Point gets set to fully close by 2021
This closure will remove over \$400k in annual revenue



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Economic Assistance and Promotions	\$38.8m



Economic Assistance & Promotions Examples

- EDC - IDA - Tourism

\$523k

We thank our partners who help
keep Putnam Business
Development Moving Forward

- The Economic Development Corporation (EDC)
Kathleen Dennehy Abels, *President*
- The Industrial Development Agency (IDA)
William H Nulk, *President*



Both agencies have strong leadership that keep our mission focused



Economic Assistance & Promotions Examples

- EDC - IDA - Tourism

\$523k

And now we welcome the
newest member of our
Putnam County Team



Tracey Walsh

Director of Putnam County Tourism



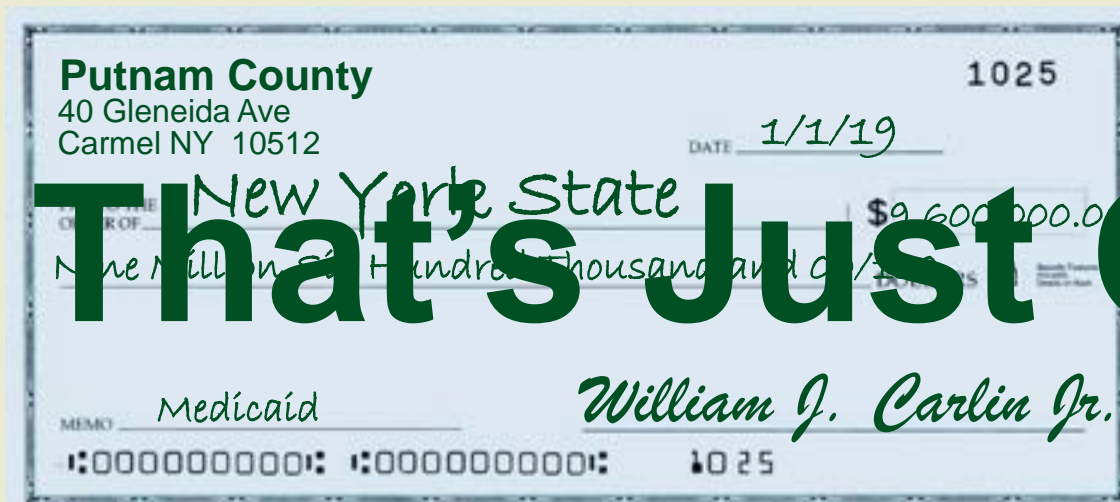


Economic Assistance & Promotions Examples

- Medicaid

\$9.6m

- **100% MANDATED**
- Single largest line item in the budget
- Medicaid is there to help those in need
- No Control, we just write the check to Albany



And That's Just Our Share!



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General Government Support	\$42.3m



General Government Support Examples

- **Retiree Health Care** **\$5.7m**
 - We administer medical benefits to **945** employees and retirees
 - 555 Active Employees
 - 390 Retired Employees and surviving spouses
 - Overall Health Insurance Costs, which includes Active & Retired employees, has increased **\$1.3m (8%)** from **\$15.6m** in 2019 to **\$16.9m** in 2020



General Government Support Examples

- **County Departments & Support Services \$29.6m**

Example Department:

- **Board of Elections \$2.0m**
 - Increase of **\$332k (20%)** for 2020 due to early voting expansion & Presidential election year
 - County does **NOT** charge back the cost to the towns





General Government Support Examples

- Debt Service

\$7.0m

Total Long Term Debt was **\$88m**
at the end of 2011 – in 2019 our
Total Long Term Debt is **\$63.6m**
a reduction of **\$24.4m (28%)!**



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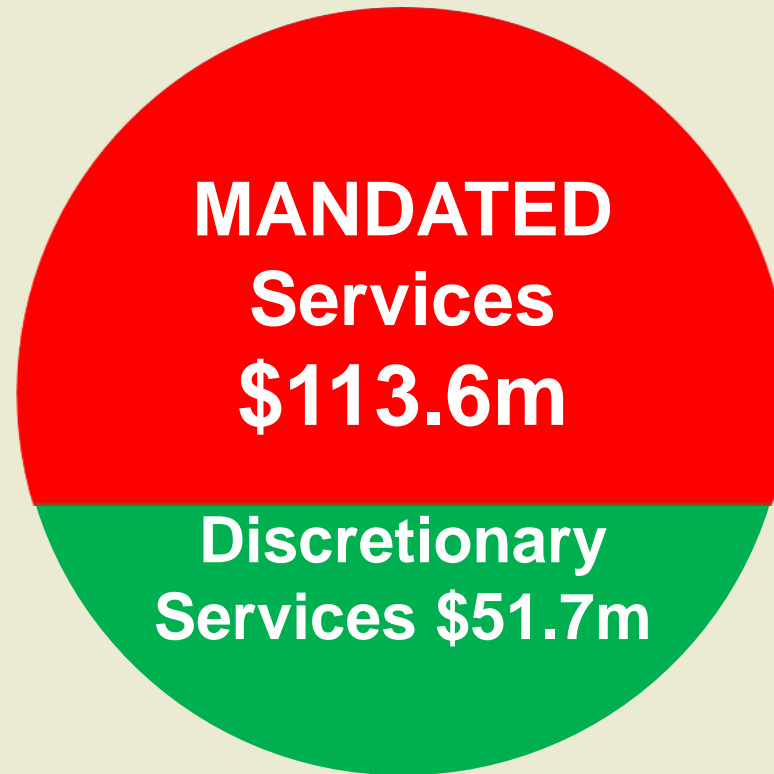
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Total Expenses \$165.3m



MANDATED Vs. Discretionary

\$165.3m



\$113.6m
MANDATED Services

\$51.7m
Discretionary Services



2020 Budget Address

October 3, 2019

Putnam County New York

MaryEllen Odell, County Executive



General Fund Balance



General Fund Balance

- **\$22.0m** YE 2018 General Fund Balance

-\$2.6m For 2019 Operating Expenses

\$19.4m

- Estimated Remaining, YE 2019

This amount is within the recommended guidelines to help preserve our new upgraded bond rating!



REVENUE

<i>Use of Fund Balance</i>	<i>\$3.1m</i>
Department Revenue	\$23.0m



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Real Property Tax	\$44.6m



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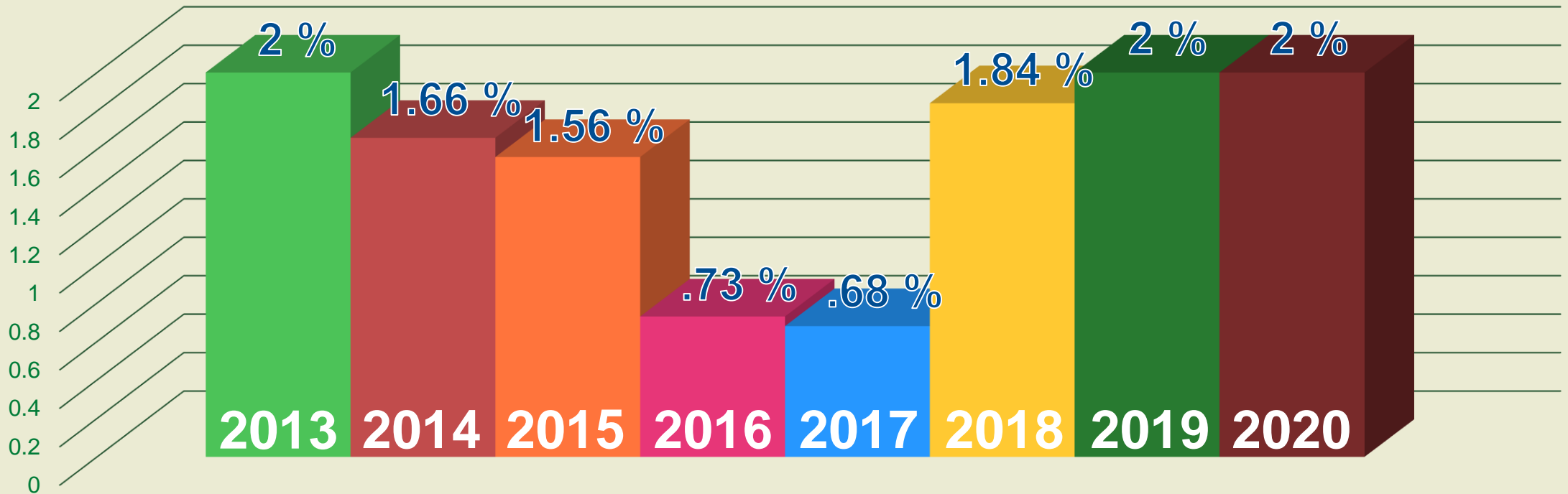
Because Zero's Don't Work!

Our expenses, mostly driven by **MANDATES** have increased every year. History has shown us that small property tax increases, within the tax cap, combined with prudent conservative fiscal spending practices, results in a *fiscally strong* Putnam County that meets its fiscal and social responsibilities



For The 8th Year In A Row Putnam County Will Meet The NYS Tax Cap

*Since 2013 NYS Has Set The Tax Cap And Putnam County Has **Never Exceeded** It!*





So What Does That Mean?

**For 2020 the Tax
Cap permits us
to raise the levy
up to \$1.2m**



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Sales Tax	\$64.4m



Putnam County Sales Tax

Sales Tax is our most Important Revenue

Numerous factors influence both positively and negatively, our sales tax revenue

- Gas Sales – driven by price per gallon which fluctuates
- Commercial and residential real estate
- The Economy

As was noted by Moody's, we book reasonable numbers based on current economic conditions



Putnam County Sales Tax

What About Internet Sales Tax?

Putnam County advocated for Internet Sales Tax collection because:

- It will create a level playing field between Main Street brick and mortar and internet sales
- Provide Putnam County with its fair share of sales tax proceeds
 - Which helps to offset property tax



Putnam County Sales Tax

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Albany passed Internet Sales Tax

collection as part of the 2019-2020 State

Budget

- Which helps to offset property tax



Putnam County Sales Tax

What About Internet Sales Tax?

What Did We Get In Return?

- New York State shifted State sponsored Aid and Incentive to Municipalities (AIM) funding from New York State to the Counties
MANDATING Putnam County to pay the Towns & Villages \$382k



2020 PUTNAM COUNTY BUDGET

We believe this budget checks all the boxes

- ✓ Delivers Quality of Life Services
- ✓ Provides MANDATED Services
- ✓ Provides for the Needs of Our Employees and Retirees
- ✓ Keeps Putnam Healthy
- ✓ Maintains a Fiscally Responsible Vision
- ✓ **Delivered On Time**



Upcoming County Events

Putnam County Department of Health **HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP-OFF DAY**

October 5, 2019
9am–12pm

Fahnestock Park, Canopus Beach Parking Lot, Route 301, Kent, NY



Items Accepted: Consumer commodity packaged household products only, inclusive of: Photo chemicals, non-latex driveway sealer, pool chemicals, creosote, kerosene, flammable liquids, metal polish, drain/oven cleaners, rug/upholstery cleaners, wood preservatives, turpentine, stains, varnishes, strippers, thinners, mothballs, rodent poisons, flea powders & collars, bug spray, nail polish remover, hair dyes, hair sprays, gasoline/oil mixtures, brake fluid, antifreeze, auto fluids, pesticides, herbicides, fungicides, chemical fertilizers, adhesives, resins, solvents, oil-based paints, mercury containing products, button cell batteries (from watches and hearing aids), lithium & sealed lead acid batteries, rechargeable batteries, fluorescent light bulbs and tubes, smoke detectors, propane tanks up to 20-pound size .

Items Not Accepted: Industrial or commercial type and/or quantity hazardous waste or reagents, inclusive of: Electronic waste (e-waste), used oil, latex paint, plastic bags, tires, unlabeled/unidentified containers, household batteries (AAA, AA, C, D, 9V), ammunition, explosives, fireworks, asbestos products, construction debris, furniture, toys or clothing, medical waste, old medications.

ITEMS IN GARBAGE AND/OR LAWN BAGS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

All waste is subject to inspection and will only be accepted in the County's discretion. Please be advised that if any not accepted items as specified above are brought and are determined to present a hazard to residents, workers or the environment, Putnam County reserves the right to take any necessary safety measures, the cost of which shall be the resident's responsibility.

For additional information about waste disposal options, recycling and more, please visit:
www.putnamcountyny.com/green-putnam/ or call (845) 808-1390 ext. 43125

VD 2019

Pre-Registration Required. Call (845) 808-1390 x 43150. If you would like to register by email, please send your 3 preferred times (every 15 minutes beginning at 9 a.m.) along with your town of residence to PutnamHealth@putnamcountyny.gov. You will be sent a confirmation with a time. If you do not receive a confirmation email within 2 business days, please call the above number.

PUTNAM COUNTY RESIDENTS ONLY



Putnam County Department of Health

A PHAB-ACCREDITED HEALTH DEPARTMENT



NO COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS

The Household Hazardous Waste program is partially financed with a grant from the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation.





P.I.L.O.T.

Putnam Invests in Leaders of Tomorrow.

Our PILOT program was a great success for 2019

- We placed 45 students within 30 departments
- Application period for the 2020 program opens November 2019





2020 Budget Address

October 3, 2019

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Are you seeking a worthwhile and exciting professional experience?
Look no further!

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Putnam Invests in Leaders of Tomorrow.

The Putnam Invests in Leaders of Tomorrow (PILOT) Internship Program invites high school, college, and graduate students to join one of 30+ county departments for our Summer 2020 Program

Program Information:

- Must be 16 years of age or older
- Must be a Putnam County Student Resident
- Internship time frame: June-Aug 2020
- Paid & Unpaid positions available:
 - High school \$8/hr
 - College \$9/hr
 - Graduate \$10/hr
- Application period opens *November 2019*

Common areas of Interest for Internships:

- ◊ Accounting/Finance
- ◊ Business
- ◊ Communications/Public Relations
- ◊ Criminal Justice/Law Enforcement
- ◊ Emergency Services
- ◊ Engineering
- ◊ Architecture
- ◊ Planning
- ◊ Health Services/Nursing
- ◊ Human Resources
- ◊ History
- ◊ Law
- ◊ Parks & Recreation
- ◊ Psychology/Social Welfare
- ◊ Information Technology

Please visit our Website @
<http://www.putnamcountyny.com/internapply>

Please feel free to reach out to Grace Olivier or Adriene Iasoni in the Personnel Department at Grace.olivier@putnamcountyny.gov or Adriene.iasoni@putnamcountyny.gov with any questions



**Remember our veterans who
unconditionally served us!**



Veterans Day Weekend 2019

**Join us this Veteran's Day Weekend on the steps of the
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Join the Putnam County Legislature led by Legislative Chairman Joseph Castellano and the Putnam County Medal Committee as they issue medals to our veterans who served our nation with honor and dignity

Exact Date Coming Soon

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Veterans Service Agency

Help support Putnam County veterans by supporting the nationally recognized **Row of Honor**



The Row of Honor is displayed every Memorial Day, Veteran's Day and for special occasions

Help support our vets by supporting our Row of Honor – Call
845-808-1620



CLOSING REMARKS





Thank You!





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