

# Push Underway To Ban Sales of Tobacco And Vaping Products to Putnam's Youth

By ERIC GROSS

Legislator Barbara Scuccimarra is passionate about banning young people from purchasing tobacco.

The Garrison lawmaker hosted a news conference Wednesday at the Putnam County Courthouse attended by county, school and regional health officials, all calling for a "Tobacco 21" law to be implemented across the county.

Scuccimarra, who chairs the legislature's Health Committee, wants Putnam to increase the minimum age of sale of all tobacco products, including electronic cigarettes, to 21, with strong retailer compliance and active enforcement as part of a comprehensive strategy to reduce youth initiation into smoking.

"America has unfortunately not won the war on smoking and tobacco. Smoking is a risk factor for numerous cancers. By the end of 2018, nearly 111,000 New Yorkers will learn they have cancer and sadly more than 35,000 of these individuals will lose the battle. Smoking increases the risk for lung cancer, the state's number one cancer killer," she said.

Putnam Health Commissioner Dr. Michael Nesheiwat said during the briefing that he was "deeply troubled about the future of the county's next generation. The deaths this county will be concerned with that stemmed from teenaged smoking will be astronomical



Legislator Barbara Scuccimarra addresses the news conference.

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because it is a known fact that smoking kills."

Scuccimarra hopes to approve a Tobacco 21 law for Putnam at the August 14 meeting of the Health Committee and forward the proposed legislation to the full nine-member body for a vote during its September meeting. Its prospects there are uncertain. A number of her fellow lawmakers have expressed considerable skepticism about the measure, noting that 18-year-olds can sign contracts and join the military, among other things. In addition, an adverse economic impact on local stores has also been cited.

County Executive MaryEllen Odell reported that early in her administration, the county identified addiction and substance abuse as a real

problem in Putnam County.

Odell said in March that he asked Scuccimarra to head up a task force.

"Tobacco 21 laws have been implemented in counties from western New York to eastern Long Island," Odell said. "Our neighbors in Westchester, Rockland, Orange, Sullivan and Ulster counties have all enacted such legislation. Putnam County must be next in line."

Odell said that while it was important that Putnam was proposing Tobacco 21 legislation, "we must also focus on the big issue this year – vaping. Local legislation as well as national legislation must stop this menace. It has to be shut down."

American Cancer Society officials report that 96 percent

of smokers picked up their first cigarette before the age of 21.

Tracey Walsh, coordinator of the Relays for Life in Putnam, predicted that "Tobacco 21 will give our residents a healthier future. Putnam is passionate in fighting cancer. This will help."

Fran Wills, Putnam Valley Superintendent of Schools, told the group that all superintendents countywide were in agreement: "This is an answer to our prayers, because tobacco is back with a vengeance in our schools due to vaping. We believed the war had been won because most kids in school were no longer smoking. Years ago, smoking areas were part of all high schools. Sadly today, many parents are not even aware that their youngsters are hooked on nicotine due to vaping. The drug is hidden in small receptacles such as a flash drive making it extremely difficult to identify. The consequences are terrifying."

## Putnam Valley Man Jailed For Bail Jumping

By ERIC GROSS

A Putnam Valley man with a lengthy criminal history is now facing a prolonged state prison term for failing to appear in court to answer charges of larceny in Yorktown Heights.

Yorktown Police arrested Irving Baisley, 44, last week at Rikers Island in New York City where he was being held on unrelated charges.

In June 2014, Baisley was arrested by the Putnam Sheriff's Department for breaking into several homes in the Putnam Valley area and stealing copper pipe.

At the time officials said the homes broken into were either under construction or unoccupied. Baisley was returned to Yorktown on the outstanding warrants in Westchester and following arraignment was returned to his cell at Rikers Island.

## 22 Arrested in DWI Roundup

By ERIC GROSS

The New York State Police DWI roundup is continuing this summer with troopers throughout Troop K arresting 22 motorists in recent days for alcohol-related driving, many of whom were Putnam residents or arrests occurring within the county's six towns.

Bonnie Lamy, 56, of Putnam Valley was charged with Aggravated DWI after her car was found parked in the driving lane of Route 35 in Somers. Lamy's blood alcohol threshold exceeded 0.16 percent, twice the legal limit for drunken driving in New York State.

Lake Peekskill resident Christopher Platt, 60, was arrested for drunken driving after his car was stopped

for speeding on Route 9 in Cortlandt.

Another Putnam Valley resident, Ryan McNally, 35, was arrested for DWI following a traffic stop on East Main Street in Shrub Oak. More serious aggravated DWI charges were lodged when McNally's blood alcohol threshold exceeded 0.16 percent.

Walter Brito, 54, of Cold Spring was arrested for aggravated DWI with one prior conviction following a traffic stop in Peekskill.

Jillian Cohen, 28, also of Cold Spring, was arrested for aggravated DWI after her car was traveling in Cortlandt, drove off the road and struck a house. Cohen escaped injury but was arrested due to her alleged intoxicated condition.

## Drone To Assist Health Department With Investigations

By ERIC GROSS

Putnam County Health Department officials will soon be conducting health related investigations from the air once a drone is in use.

The department was awarded a \$55,000 Performance Incentive Initiative grant earlier this month and part of the state funds will be used to purchase a drone.

Commissioner of Health Dr. Michael Nesheiwat explained the drone would be used to survey large bodies of water for the presence of large algae blooms: "We believe this will be a significant help in identifying such blooms that are in areas of lakes not easily observed from public access points along the lakeshore. Early detection will allow our department to warn the public to avoid the affected areas."

Dr. Nesheiwat noted in addition to monitoring the dangerous algae blooms, the drone would be employed to

investigate potential septic system leaks including large commercial septic systems in addition to ensuring that children's camp proprietors maintain property in keeping campers safe. "Our inspectors will now be able to locate dead trees while checking for intact roofs on cabins from the air," he said.

Other uses for the drone include the inspection of public water supplies, water tanks or supply wells that are difficult to reach by car or walking.

Dr. Nesheiwat added: "The list of applications for a drone will grow as the department learns the extent of its capabilities."

Employees of the department who will be operating the drone will be undergoing training. Dr. Nesheiwat promised that his department would become compliant with "all the rules and regulations pertaining to the use of a drone in the application of public health protection."

## Putnam To Buy Vans, Save Money On School Transport

By ERIC GROSS

The Putnam Legislature's Physical Services Committee has approved a request authorizing the expenditure of \$200,000 for the purchase of four vans to be used for the transportation of early intervention and pre-kindergarten students to special education programs throughout the region.

Putnam's Transportation Manager Vincent Tamagna explained that currently, buses transport the children to schools as far away as lower Westchester, northern Dutchess, Rockland or Fairfield counties at a monthly

cost of \$24,000. Tamagna estimates the county will save upwards of \$75,000 annually since vans are much more economical, averaging 20 mpg of fuel (a bus gets about eight mpg).

Legislators Carl Albano, Barbara Scuccimarra and Ginny Nacerino, who serve on the committee, along with Legislators Toni Adonizio, Paul Jonke, Joseph Castellano, Amy Sayegh and Neal Sullivan, who were also in attendance, congratulated Tamagna for saving taxpayer dollars.

"Great job for thinking out of the box," said Sullivan.

## LEGAL NOTICES

### LEGAL NOTICE

Town of Putnam Valley Planning Board  
265 Oscawana Lake Road  
Putnam Valley, New York 10579  
(845) 526-3740  
Fax (845) 526-3307  
www.putnamvalley.com  
NOTICE 8/2018

Please be advised that the next meeting of the Planning Board will be held at Town Hall, 265 Oscawana Lake Road on Monday August 6, 2018 for the purpose of considering the following applications:

Regular Meeting Start Time: 6:00pm

### AGENDA

### PUBLIC HEARING

The following public hearings have been scheduled for August 6, 2018 at 6:00PM (or as soon thereafter as agenda conditions permit) at the Putnam Valley Town Hall, 265 Oscawana Lake Road, Putnam Valley, New York, 10579. All interested parties are invited to attend and will be heard. A copy of the application materials and plans may be inspected during normal business hours at the office of the Planning Board Clerk, Town of Putnam Valley Town Hall.

1. Stag Residence-Canopus Hollow Road (TM#72.-1-33/File2018-0183)

The subject property is comprised of +/- 65 acres and is located on Canopus Hollow Road within the R-3 Zoning District. The applicant is to obtain a Wetland Permit to address a wetland violation on the property.

### SKETCH

2. Winogradoff, Alexaander, 601 Oscawana Lake Road (TM#62.-1-23/File2018-0178)

The subject property is comprised of +/- 1.21 acres and is located on 601 Oscawana Lake Road within the R-3 Zoning District. The applicant is proposing an in ground pool with patio, retaining wall and pad for pool equipment. The applicant requires a Site Development Plan, Major Grade and Wetland Permit.

3. Orentreich, David-855 Route 301 (TM# 39.-1-9/File 2018-0181)

The subject property is comprised of +/- 73.94 acres and is located on 855 Route 301 within the PC Zoning District. The applicant is proposing to construct a driveway and restore a wetland area. The applicant requires a Site Plan Approval, Wetland Permit and Major Grading Permit.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4. Approve Minutes of July 23, 2018

### LEGAL NOTICE

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

RFB 21-18  
PUTNAM COUNTY AIRPORT PARK STORMWATER RETROFIT

Detailed specifications may be secured at the office of the Director of Purchasing, Putnam County Office Building, 40 Gleneida Avenue-Room 105, Carmel, New York 10512 between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., Monday through Friday or you may download from the Empire State Bid System's website at www.empirestatebidsystem.com.

Sealed bids must be filed in the above office on or before 1:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22, 2018.

dated:  
Carmel, New York  
July 26, 2018  
Sgd/Alessandro Mazzotta,  
Purchasing Director  
Putnam County  
Purchasing Department

### LEGAL NOTICE

COUNTY OF PUTNAM NOTICE FOR REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that sealed proposals will be received by the Director of Purchasing of Putnam County for the following:

RFP 7-18  
CORRECTIONAL MEDICAL CARE

The County of Putnam officially distributes bidding documents from the Purchasing Department or through the Empire State Purchasing Group's Regional Bid Notification System. Detailed specifications may be secured, beginning on August 3, 2018, at the office of the Putnam County Director of Purchasing, 40 Gleneida Avenue, Carmel, New York 10512 OR you may visit the website at www.empirestatebidsystem.com to download documents. Copies of bidding documents obtained from any other source are not considered official copies. Sealed proposals must be filed in the above office on or before 1:00 P.M. on September 7, 2018.

Dated:  
Carmel, New York  
July 26, 2018  
Sgd/Alessandro Mazzotta,  
Purchasing Director  
Putnam County  
Purchasing Department

### LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, the Putnam Valley Town Board will conduct a public hearing on Wednesday, August 08, 2018 at 6:00 pm. to hear comments on a proposed Local Law to prohibit through commercial traffic on Tinker Hill Road. Commercial vehicles with a tare weight in excess of 6000 pounds or more than six (6) wheels are prohibited from traveling on Tinker Hill Road; with the exception of deliveries of addresses on Tinker Hill Road. Fines for first offense shall be \$1,000.00. Fine for second or more offenses shall be \$2,000.00.

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING the Putnam Valley Town Board will be conducting the regular monthly Town Board Work Session Meeting.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD  
Sherry Howard  
Town Clerk  
Dated: 07-26-2018

### LEGAL NOTICE

Please take notice that the August 9th regular monthly meeting for the Philipstown North Highlands Fire District of the Town of Philipstown, County of Putnam, New York, will be rescheduled and held on the 16th day of August 2018 at 7 o'clock P.M. on that day at the North Highlands Fire Department, 504 Fishkill Road, Cold Spring, NY.

This notification is being given to the news media pursuant to the provisions of Section 94 of the Public Officers Law of the State of New York.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS PHILIPSTOWN NORTH HIGHLANDS FIRE DISTRICT  
Kristin D. Van Tassel  
Secretary-Treasurer  
Dated July 30, 2018

### LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a license, Number Pending, for Alcohol, Beer & Wine has been applied for by the undersigned to sell Alcohol, Beer & Wine at retail in a Restaurant under the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law at 3182 Rte. 9, Suite 114, Cold Spring, NY 10516. Putnam County, for on premises consumption. CJNM Inc. d/b/a Stephano's of Cold Spring

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