

Putnam County is First in New York to Receive Special "Preserve America" Designation

Governor Pataki announced last week that Putnam County has received a Preserve America Award at a White House ceremony hosted by First Lady Laura Bush. Putnam County is the first community in New York State to receive the special designation. Preserve America is a White House initiative to encourage and support community efforts for the preservation of cultural and

natural heritage.

Putnam County is the first community in New York State to apply for and receive designation as a Preserve America Community for its efforts and plans to protect historic assets for economic development and community revitalization. Located along the Hudson River, many of Putnam County's towns and villages were instrumental through history in sup-

porting trade and commerce. The lakes and rivers in Putnam provided recreational opportunities for visitors from New York City who would commute by train and road systems, shaping continued development and residential areas within the community.

"I am particularly proud that Putnam County has been nationally recognized as the first 'Preserve America Community' in New York State for its commitment to preserving local historic assets in the Hudson Valley while at the same time moving forward with economic development and community revitalization," said Governor Pataki. "By encouraging people to experience and appreciate local historic resources, we are able to build on a foundation for protecting our State's unique heritage while exploring future use for the benefit and enjoyment of all New Yorkers."

"Putnam County has taken a pro-active role in supporting and protecting its rich cultural and historic heritage," said Vincent Tamagna, Putnam County Legislator. "We are proud of our efforts in preservation and our commitment in partnering with local municipalities, historic societies and not-for-profit organizations for preservation initiatives. It is a great honor to have our efforts recognized and for Putnam

County to be one of the first counties in the Nation to receive the 'Preserve America Community' designation."

The Preserve America initiative was developed in cooperation with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, as well as the U.S. Departments of Interior and Commerce. The Advisory Council promotes the preservation, enhancement and productive use of historic resources and advises the President and Congress on national historic preservation policy.

In addition to Putnam County, seven other communities were honored at the White House ceremony with a Preserve America designation: Augusta, Georgia; Castroville, Texas; Delaware, Ohio; Dorchester County, Maryland; Key West, Florida; Steam Boat Springs, Colorado; and Versailles, Kentucky.

Municipalities are encouraged to consult with their state historic preservation office to apply for designation as a Preserve America Community. The initiative recognizes communities that protect and celebrate their heritage; use their historic assets for economic development and community revitalization; and encourage people to experience and appreciate local historic resources through education and heritage tourism programs.

Weather Causes Flood

County Providing Influenza and Pneumonia Vaccine Clinics

The Putnam County Department of Health will be providing an influenza and pneumonia vaccine clinic at the Putnam County Health Department on January 22nd from 4 to 7 pm. Influenza vaccine will be given at no charge to persons 60 years and older who are Putnam County residents. Other persons will be given influenza vaccine at a charge of \$15 per vaccine. Priority will be given to those persons over 60 years, infants 6 months - 35 months, and those with certain chronic diseases such as diseases of the heart, lung and kidney or with

diabetes, anemia or cancer.

The immunization becomes effective in 1-2 weeks and should be received annually. Persons over 65 and those with the chronic conditions noted above should receive the vaccine. Caregivers of persons over age 65 years and those with the above listed chronic illnesses should be immunized as well.

Please call to make an appointment at 845-278-6086. All persons who have a Medicare card must bring it to the clinic to show at the time of immunization.

Assemblywoman Galef Takes Office to the People

State Assemblywoman Sandy Galef today announced that she will bring her office

to the people in Putnam Valley 10am - noon
- Kent Free Library 264 Route 52 Carmel 1 - 3pm