

2025 Putnam County tentative multiplier announced

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Putnam County has been issued a tentative property assessment equalization factor of 1.0208, according to David Harris, director of the Illinois Department of Revenue.

The property assessment equalization factor, often called the "multiplier," is the method used to achieve uniform property assessments among counties, as required by law. This equalization is particularly important because some of the state's 6,600 local taxing districts overlap into two or more counties (school, junior college and fire protection districts). If there were no equalization among counties, substantial inequities among taxpayers with comparable properties would result.

The equalization factor is determined annually for each county by comparing the sales price of individual properties sold over the past three years to the assessed value placed on those properties by the county supervisor of assessments/county assessor.

Assessments in Putnam County are at 32.65% of market value, based on sales of properties in 2022, 2023 and 2024. The equalization factor currently assigned is for taxes, 2025 payable in 2026.

Last year's equalization factor for the county was 1.0000.

The tentative factor is subject to change if the County Board of Review takes actions that significantly affect the county assessments, or if local officials or others can present data showing that IDOR's estimates of the average level of assessments in the county should be adjusted. A public hearing on

PUTNAM COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT JULY SCHEDULE

The Putnam County Library District is set to offer free historical programs in early July at many locations.

History of American Pies
At 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 8, the Standard branch, 128 First St., will host "History of American Pies" presented by award-winning baker Catherine Lambrecht. Lambrecht, who earned Grand Champion and Best of Show honors at the Lake County Fair, will share how pies played a key role in American food history.

Stories of Historic Illinois Women
At 6 p.m. Thursday, July 10, the Granville County Historical Society Meeting House, 327 Illinois Route 26.

Submarines Down the Illinois River
At 6:30 p.m. Sunday, July 13, the Hennepin branch will host "Submarines Down the Illinois River" at the Putnam County Historical Society Meeting House, 327 Illinois Route 26.

Guest speaker Joe Tokarz will present on the 28 submarines built in Mantowoc, Wisconsin, during World War II. His presentation will highlight their journey through inland rivers to the sea and the four subs that never returned. Tokarz represents the USS Chicago Base of the U.S. Submarine Veterans, Inc., which has placed memorials along their historic route in Chicago, Joliet, and Morris.

All events are free and open to the public. For information, visit the Putnam County Library District's putnamcountylibrary.org.

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LOCAL NEWS BRIEFS

Putnam County Community Center to hold golf cart raffle July 18
Putnam County Community Center celebrates its 50th anniversary year and will raffie off a golf cart at 11 a.m. Friday, July 18, at McNabb Motorsports.

Tickets can be bought from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday to Friday at the Putnam County Community Center. Ticket sales end at 2 p.m. Thursday, July 17.

The winner need not be present July 18.

Putnam County Historical Society Spring Program to feature Vietnam War veteran
The Putnam County Historical Society's Spring Program will be held at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, June 29, at the Meeting House, 403 Old Highway 26, in Hennepin.

Raymond Torres of Sterling will speak about his experiences in Vietnam and his life after returning from the war, according to a news release. Torres, a U.S. Navy Corpsman, was deployed to Vietnam in the fall of 1967. He was assigned to a Marine Corps company during the intense fighting at the Khe Sanh siege, where he was injured by a grenade and evacuated.

According to the news release, since the war, Torres has shared his story in presentations and as part of documentaries for the History Channel, the Veterans History Project and submissions to Congress.

The event is free and open to the public. The Meeting House is handicapped accessible.

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