

# Luxury condos reborn in Monticello

By FRITZ MAYER

**M**ONTICELLO, NY — The complex then called Dunbar Towers was about 80% complete four years ago, when construction halted with the onset of the Great Recession. But there is renewed activity at the site, with the new owners planning to market 92 luxury units to second-home owners from New York, New Jersey, Connecticut and Pennsylvania.

“The rich history of Sullivan County, the proximity to New York City and the emerging growth in the area inspired our interest in this new project,” said Charles Brodsky, managing partner and general manager for the development company. “Furthermore, we are happy to provide employment opportunities, both during construction and after the Sullivan Regency opens for occupancy.”

The building is seven stories high, making it the tallest in Monticello and in Sullivan County, at least for now. The amenities include full-time doorman and build-

ing security, indoor/outdoor pool, granite countertops, vaulted ceilings and balconies. One-, two- and three-bedroom condominiums will be offered, with a one bedroom listed at \$129,000.

The website for the complex, [sullivanregency.com](http://sullivanregency.com), says there will be an open house for the building on June 26, 2014, but the marketing and sale of the units is underway now.

Brodsky served the same role in a similar luxury high-rise development in the Village of Lawrence in Long Island’s Five Towns area.

A press release for the project says, “The location for the Sullivan Regency was selected because of the vibrant community, the emerging real estate market, the close proximity to New York City, and because it is only minutes from the Monticello Motor Club, The Chapin Estate and the Bethel Woods Center for the Arts. The principals believe that the Sullivan Regency will inspire continued residential and infrastructure development in the community.”



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This is the site of the Sullivan Regency in Monticello, which contains luxury condominiums to second-home owners.

The development is also close to the proposed casino that will likely be located at the site of the former Concord Hotel, a couple of miles away.

## Pike inmate security and state violence reduction effort

By DAVID HULSE

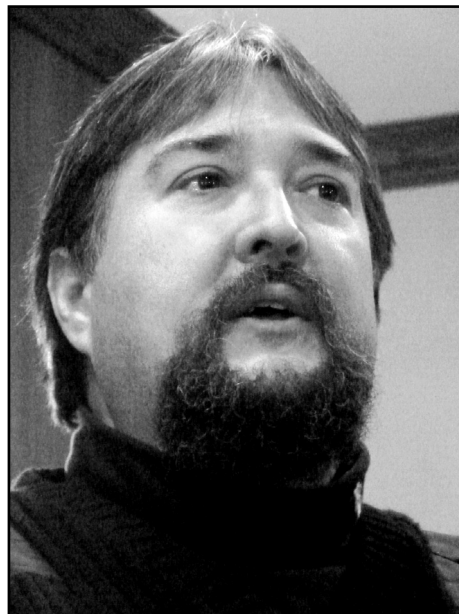
**M**ILFORD, PA — Early last year, in the wake of the Newtown school massacre, Pennsylvania and many other states decided to take a look at how they were handling school security, bullying, gun ownership, gang violence and other issues related to violent crime.

Glenn Pasewicz, executive director of the Joint State Government Commission, said a 34-member advisory committee was authorized by the PA state senate to look at laws applicable to these topics, as well mental illness and treatment, education issues and cultural influences including violent video games.

Because of his long history with the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) program, Pike County Sheriff Phil Bueki was asked to serve. The committee reported in December and called for amendment, revocation or creation of some 15 state laws, Bueki told the county commissioners on January 16.

At the top of his remarks, Bueki assured gun owners that neither legal gun ownership, nor the privacy of their homes would be impacted by the changes. “I hold gun ownership close to my heart. I’m very pro-gun, pro-family and pro-Constitution,” he said.

That said, he reported that some gun-related laws are no longer pertinent. He cited an 1840s law which provided that someone convicted of armed robbery had 60 days to surrender the weapon. “Now we’ll have immediate confiscation.”



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Pike County Sheriff Phil Bueki

He said the committee recommended common-sense changes to make schools safer.

There will be legislation to address electronic bullying; 80% of elementary school students admit that have been subjected to it.

Pennsylvania will not arm school teachers and administrators, but there will be \$15 to \$20 million for school police and their training, he said.

Bueki said he is not an advocate of additional electronic monitoring at school entrances, but legislators will incorpo-

rate anything the schools feel necessary to improve security. “Do I want it... not really, but maybe it’s something we have to go to.”

Commissioners’ Chair Rich Caridi commended the sheriff for his efforts to help “close the loopholes and protect the law-abiding.”

### Courthouse security issues

Bueki also commented during a subsequent discussion about the need for prisoner housing and security that the new court addition would provide. The proposed addition would provide three separate secure passages for prisoners, judges and juries, and the public. Bueki said, “We moved 1,232 inmates through court (in 2013). They have to be separated. None of the others like child molesters and if one is murdered, who gets the \$10 million lawsuit? We had 160 juveniles and they can’t be in view or earshot of the adults. We had 48 inmates in custody (at the old jail) one day last week... in a jail that was condemned in the 1980s; 20 or 25 in one cell, chained in the hallway or in closets. It’s a nightmare,” he said.

The sheriff said gang-related crime began about eight years ago and gangs still exist here. Some of his prisoners are gang members “and when they go to trial, they’re going to try to escape in transit to the courthouse. I have deputies on the street with shotguns and innocent people out shopping along the sidewalk... The gangs are here. It’s a reality of today,” he said.

## Changes at Wallenpaupack

By KEVIN KEARNEY

**P**ALMYRA TOWNSHIP — Recent changes in the Wallenpaupack Area School District include the appointment of a new board president and vice president, as well as the resignations of several athletic coaches.

Jack Spall was appointed president of the board of directors during a recent reorganization meeting. John Kiesendahl was voted in as vice president of the board.

Superintendent Michael Silsby congratulated the two and thanked them for their service and leadership.

The board has also accepted, with regret, the resignations of Ashley Liptak, head coach of the field hockey team; Sarah Smith, assistant field hockey coach; Michelle Walutes, assistant track and field coach; and Ellide Provenzano, assistant field hockey coach. The resignations are effective immediately. Walutes will serve as a volunteer coach on the track and field team.

In other personnel matters, the board accepted, with regret, the resignation of high school Spanish teacher Bernadette Caridi, effective June 13; and the substitute teacher appointments of Anna Scarfalloto, of Honesdale, and Nicole Jacobus of Hawley.

The board will hold its next regular monthly meeting at 6 p.m. on February 10 in the high school library. A committee meeting, also open to the public, will be held prior to the regular meeting, at 5:30 p.m.