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(Photo by Kenneth Books)

Pike County Commissioner Matthew Osterberg and Area Agency on Aging Executive Director Robin LoDolce listen as senior citizen Charlie McCoy talks about what a new senior citizen housing complex will mean to his generation at the Friday, Oct. 9, groundbreaking.

Complex A Christmas (2016) Present For Seniors

By Kenneth Books

Election Letter Deadlines

In the interests of fairness, the Pike County Dispatch has established the following policies for election campaign letters leading up to Election Day on Nov. 3.

The Oct. 22 "Your Dispatches" section on Page 2 will be your last chance to endorse candidates or raise new campaign issues or claims. We will restrict election-related letters in the Oct. 29 Dispatch – the last paper before the election – to SPECIFIC REBUTTALS of campaign issues raised in the Oct. 22 letters.

Letters to the editor, whether on hard copy or emailed, must include an individual name of the writer, and his or her address and telephone number for purposes of verification. No anonymous letter will be accepted for publication. We prefer letters under 300 words. Send to editor@pike.dispatch.com or mail to P.O. Box 186, Milford PA 18337.

Keystone College
Luzerne County CC
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PEEC
Penn State University
Sussex County CC
University Of Scranton

Hospitals

Bon Secour
Newton Memorial
Pocono Medical Center
Wayne Memorial Hospital

Health Services

Belle Reve
Devereux Center
Karen Ann Quinlan Hospice
Milford Dialysis
Twin Cedars
Pocono Medical Care
VNA Hospice of Monroe
County
Compassionate Care
Hospice

Human Services

Cancer Society
American Red Cross
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Area Agency on Aging
Safe Haven, Inc.
United Way

Utilities

PPL
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Tourism

Pocono Mountain Visitors
Bureau
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PennDOT Welcome Center

WESTFALL — By Christmas 2016, some 93 Pike County senior citizens may have new, modern housing near Kmart in Westfall Township.

Ground was broken for the new housing complex Friday, Oct. 9. "We're hoping people will be able to move in before next Christmas," said developer Jonah Mandelbaum. "People are already calling us." When it's completed, the complex will have 93 one-bedroom units with living room, bedroom, kitchen and bathroom, plus a common room and pavilions and barbecue facilities for dining al fresco. Each unit, Mandelbaum said, will rent for between \$400 and \$600, depending on income guidelines, to be set down next year by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The final cost will be in the neighborhood of \$10 million, he said. The units will be available to those 55 and older as well as to disabled veterans, he said.

Each unit will contain 700 square feet of living space, he said, in two L-shaped buildings. Mandelbaum is no stranger to this kind of enterprise. The owner of MJJ Builders in Warwick, NY, has built nearly 2,000 similar facilities, he said. He had hoped to begin the project this summer, but the applications, including environmental impact statements, took some three months to complete. Pike County needs housing such as this, said Economic Development Authority Executive Director Michael Sullivan. He said nationally 14.5 percent of Americans are more than 65 years of age. In Pike County, though, the percentage is 20.3. "Just getting seniors around is difficult," Sullivan said, as many no longer drive.

Mandelbaum said the Westfall Township supervisors are behind the project "100 percent." He said the project is in response to a request by County Commissioner Matt Osterberg that he build senior housing in Pike County. County Commissioner Richard Caridi said the relationship between Pike County and Mandelbaum "was because Matt knew his family." "It's not fair that people of this age in our community have to move somewhere else," Osterberg said. In addition to the housing, the project will bring a great many jobs to Pike County. Mandelbaum said some 140 construction workers will be employed during the building process, and the completed facility will employ a full-time manager, a superintendent and maintenance personnel.

Sullivan agreed, saying, "This is really an economic development project. These types of projects are the stuff that makes the community grow. I think Kmart (located just beside the project footprint) is going to be happy." Caridi said the project is funded privately, with no tax dollars being used... *for complete story, get this week's issue.*

Well-Known Bad Guy Makes Feel-Good Movie

By Chris Jones

MILFORD — Well-known character actor Dylan Baker went against type: often cast as a bad guy, he chose for his debut as a film director a feel-good story that would, as he put it, "have the audience leaving the theater feeling better about themselves." Baker believes local families will also feel that way when they exit the Milford Theater after his inspiring family film makes an early matinee appearance at 10 a.m. Saturday Oct. 17 during the Black Bear

Deadline for letters to the editor is 3 p.m. on the Monday before publication.

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