

Sullivan Showcase Awards

Celebrating the best and brightest in buildings

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SULLIVAN COUNTY, NY — It will come as a surprise to no one that this has not been a great year for real estate sales in Sullivan County. Still, as tough as the market is, a couple of realtors say there are signs of life out there, and some of those signs of life will be on display at the Seventh Annual Sullivan Showcase Awards on November 12 at the Eagle's Nest Restaurant in Bloomingburg.

The entries come in three categories: residential, commercial and municipal. And while the number of entries is not as high as in the past two record-breaking years, organizers say that there are still some very intriguing buildings that will make for an interesting competition.

The Showcase Awards started life as the Architectural Awards and were launched by Diane Deutsch, principal broker with Preferred Homes and Properties in 1991. The awards were hosted by the Sullivan County Board of Realtors. A few years later, Melissa Lanza joined the effort before founding Lanza Realty.

Deutsch said back then when people thought about architecture and Sullivan County, "everyone would say 'oh Sullivan County, falling down bungalows.'" The awards were meant to counter that impression and they covered building interiors and exteriors. The process included a fairly in-depth look at buildings and their architectural details. By 1999, the program became too time consuming to continue, and it ceased to exist for a while.

But in 2002, Sullivan Renaissance broached the idea of forming a partnership with the board of realtors, concentrating on exteriors only, and the Showcase Awards were created. Deutsch is one of the judges of the residential buildings, while Lanza is one of the judges of commercial buildings.

Asked what she looks for when judging,

Deutsch said, "We've always had sort of the same criteria, visual appeal workmanship, innovation and use of the site."

Asked if natural products such as wood siding over vinyl siding would give a building an edge, Deutsch, who said she was not really a fan of vinyl siding, said, "It depends on the application. I have to look at it with a different eye now. There are so many new products out there, a lot of green products, so to be a purist is not going to necessarily lead to the best selection."

Glenn Pontier, the program director with Sullivan Renaissance, who also judges residential buildings, said that materials sometimes make a difference but added, "You can make things more beautiful easily if you have more money. So, for instance, there's a certain developer who builds multi-million dollar homes on multi-million dollar lots and they're all gorgeous. Does that mean that they automatically win over somebody else who didn't have the same amount of money and saved some money by not using real wood siding? No, it doesn't. We try to judge the house by what it is, and how it presents itself."

Susie Hemmer, president of the Sullivan County Board of Realtors, said that the awards serve to generate excitement and interest in the county's real estate industry. She said, "Even though we are in a changed market, we have some fabulous submissions, and this just goes to show even in a changed economy we still have great things happening."

Pontier thinks the process could be applied to many different kinds of industries. He said, "I'd like to see the Sullivan County Bed and Breakfast Association give out awards praising some of their bed and breakfast places, or churches getting together and recognizing themselves, or restaurants. There's any number of organizations who could reward their members for lifting up the way we look."

Election results

New York

PROPOSAL NUMBER ONE, AN

AMENDMENT: Amendment to section 1 of article 14 of the Constitution, in relation to the use of certain forest preserve lands by National Grid to construct a 46 k V power line along State Route 56 in St. Lawrence County.

The proposed amendment would authorize the Legislature to convey up to six acres of forest preserve land along State Route 56 in St. Lawrence County to National Grid for construction of a power line. In exchange, National Grid would convey to the State at least 10 acres of forest land in St. Lawrence County, to be incorporated into the forest preserve. The land to be conveyed by National Grid to the State must be at least equal in value to the land conveyed to National Grid by the State. Shall the proposed amendment be approved?

YES 4751
NO 8149

PROPOSAL NUMBER TWO, AN

AMENDMENT: Amendment to article 3 of the Constitution, in relation to authorizing the Legislature to allow prisoners to voluntarily perform work for nonprofit organizations.

The proposed amendment would authorize the Legislature to pass legislation to permit inmates in state and local correctional facilities to perform work for nonprofit organizations. Shall the proposed amendment be approved?

YES 5776
NO 8286

Supreme Court Justice, third judicial district
JAMES P. GILPATRIC – Dem, Ind, Con .. 7621
Jill Dunn – Rep 5457

Sullivan County

Sullivan County District Attorney
Glenn Kroll – Dem, Wor 5243
JAMES FARRELL – Rep, Con, Ind 17134

Sullivan County Sheriff

Frank Armstrong – Dem, Wor 5517
MICHAEL A. SCHIFF – Rep, Con, Ind.. 11579

Sullivan County Treasurer

IRA COHEN – Dem, Con, Ind 10094

Town of Bethel

Town Supervisor
DANIEL STURM – Dem, Con 743
Harold Russell – Rep, Pfb 563

Town Clerk

RITA SHEEHAN – Rep, Con, Pfb 798

Tax Collector

DEBRA HOLT GABRIEL – Dem, Con 819
Marion Madaffari – Rep, Pfb 302

Town Justice

KEVIN RHYNE – Dem, Con 958

Town Councilman (vote for 2)

DENISE FRANGIPANE – Dem, Con 716
Benjamin Friehling – Dem, BB 619
RICHARD CRUMLEY – Rep, Con, Pfb .. 773

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Pike County residents reject library referendum

Pike had to reprogram and test all voting machines

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MILFORD, PA — The people have spoken. The library referendum imposing a one-mill tax in support of the Pike County Public Library (PCPL) was overwhelmingly rejected by a vote of 7437 to 1141.

Last week, because of the ruling of the judge against the Pike County Board of Elections (BOE), the county had to reprogram and test every voting machine in the county for the November 3 election.

On Thursday, October 22, Judge Ronald E. Vican of the Court of Common Pleas of Monroe County reversed a ruling by the BOE to remove the library tax referendum from the ballots in Delaware Township districts.

As a result of the county's action, the Pike County Public Library (PCPL) sued the county and won.

Pike County judges Joseph F. Kameen and Gregory H. Chelak had recused themselves from the case so it had to be sent to Monroe County to be adjudicated.

The problem that faced the BOE was that they had already programmed the Delaware voting machines without the referendum. Because of the court's rul-

ing, all 71 machines in every voting district had to be reprogrammed and tested for accuracy.

"We have to do every machine because the master program had to be changed and, therefore, we had to test every machine so that there were no errors," said Gary Orben, interim director of the BOE.

It was not clear exactly how much it would cost the county, which would have to pay the bill out of the county coffers. "It's liable to be expensive," said Richard Caridi, chairman of the county commissioners.

The machines are stored in the county administration building. During Wednesday and Thursday of last week, technicians from Premier Elections, the producer of the voting machines, worked on the machines so that they would be ready by Election Day.

"Our staff did a great job over the weekend preparing sample ballots, provisional ballots and emergency ballots for the election," Orben said.

Recipients of absentee ballots, which had already been mailed out, had to receive another mailing with only the referendum vote appearing, he said. There were 31 people who had requested absentee ballots.



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Work on vertical windmill halted

LOCH SHELDRAKE, NY — Work on the experimental vertical windmill had come to a halt as of October 27. The windmill, which is being constructed on part of the Sullivan County Community College, drew protest from Kenneth Walter, because it is set close to his mother's house. A spokesman for the college referred a call about the status of the windmill to Sam Ikeda, CEO of Environmental Technologies, which is building the windmill. The company did not respond to a call regarding the work stoppage.

Election results

NEW YORK RESULTS

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Highway Superintendent
LYNDEN L. LILLEY – Dem, Con, EC 951
 Lee Stackhouse – Rep, Pfb 326

Town of Callicoon

Town Supervisor
 Linda M. Babicz – Dem 528
THOMAS R. BOSE – Rep, Con, Ind 551

Town Justice
EDWARD T. MCKENNA – Rep 597

Town Councilman (vote for two)
CHARLES SCHADT – Dem 620
 Cindy Gieger – Dem, Con 599
SCOTT GAEBEL – Rep, Ind, Con 621

Highway Superintendent
 David Erlwein – Dem 504
KRISTOFER P. SCULLION – Rep 533

Tax Collector
MAUREEN SCHLOTT – Dem 728

Town of Cochection

Town Supervisor
 Larry H. Richardson – Dem 218
GARY D. MAAS – Rep, Con 395

Town Clerk
HOLLY SCHULMAN – Dem, Con 409

Town Justice (vote for 2)
STEVEN SAUER – Dem 433
CRAIG FINE – Dem, Con 300
 Rosemary Barile – Rep, Con 134
 Peter T. Pierce – Rep 264

Highway Superintendent
BRIAN DUBOIS – Dem, Con 312
 James P. Crowley Jr. – Rep 277

Town Councilman (vote for 2)
RICHARD SCHULMAN – Dem 288
 Anna Story – Dem 282
EDWIN P. GRUND – Rep, Con 356
 Peter M. Grosser – Rep, Con 209

Tax Collector
EILEEN HENNESSY – Dem, Con 428

Town of Delaware

Town Supervisor
JAMES H. SCHEUTZOW – Dem 402

Town Clerk/Tax Collector
TESS MCBEATH – Dem, Con 486

Town Councilman (vote for 2)
MATTHEW HOFER – Rep 419
JOHN GAIN – Rep 372

Town Councilman Vacancy
 Deborah M. Hornicek – Dem 213
HAROLD ROEDER – Rep 385

Highway Superintendent
WILLIAM ESCHENBERG – Rep, Con 480

Tax Assessor (vote for 2)
VIRGINIA ANDKJAR – Dem 339
LINDA J. SCHWARTZ – Rep, Con 363

Party key

- Rep = Republican
- Dem = Democrat
- Wor = Workers
- Ind = Independent
- Con = Conservative
- Pfb = People for Bethel
- BB = Bethel Business
- EC = Experience Counts
- Lib = Libertarian

Town of Fremont

Town Supervisor
JAMES A. GREIER – Dem, Con 59
 George E. Conklin III – Rep 48

Town Clerk
PAUL KELLAM – Dem, Con 78

Town Justice (vote for 2)
LORI BERTSCH-BRUSTMAN – Rep 85
DANIEL L. WILCOX – Rep 80

Town Councilman (vote for two)
 Philip Banuat – Dem 27
JOHN B. NIFLOT – Rep 79
PAUL E. BRUSTMAN – Rep 85

Highway Superintendent
JOE NIERO – Dem, Con 73

Tax Collector
DEBORAH FORSBLOM – Rep 95

Town of Highland

Town Supervisor
ANDREW BOYAR – Dem, Rep 497

Town Clerk/Tax Collector
DOREEN HANSON – Dem, Rep, Con 653

Town Justice
KATHRYN SWEENEY – Dem, Rep, Con 610

Town Councilman (vote for 2)
 Donald Rupp – Rep 298
SCOTT E. HALLOCK – Rep 301
AMANDA SCULLY – Dem, Con 363
 Allan Schadt – Dem 294
 Timothy Schadt – Con 80

Highway Superintendent
 Dan Schneider – Dem 282
NORMAN SUTHERLAND – Rep, Con 476

Town of Lumberland

Town Supervisor
NADIA RAJSZ – Dem, Wor 275
 Faber L. Wilson – Rep,
 People's Choice 207
 Jay H. Shafer – Con 192

Town Clerk
VIRGINIA HORN – Rep, Con 466

Town Justice
CHARLES D. FALLON – Rep, Con 402

Town Councilman (vote for 2)
 Van B. Krzywicki – Dem 169
 Gregory A. Bodnaruik – Dem 317
WILLIAM J. MCKERRELL – Rep 332
JAMES AKT – Rep 334
 Leigh A. Sherman – Con 188

Highway Superintendent
CHARLES H. HALLOCK – Rep 406

Tax Collector
PHYLLIS KNAPP – Rep, Con 439

Town of Tusten

Town Supervisor
MARGARET HARRISON – Dem 220
 Bernard Johnson – Rep 209

Town Clerk/Tax Collector
KATHLEEN MICHELL – Dem, Rep 346

Town Justice (vote for 2)
CARMINE RUFANO – Dem 250
THOMAS H. NUTTYCOMBE – Rep 327
 Gary W. Amerbach – Rep 35

Town Councilman (vote for 2)
EILEEN FALK – Dem, Con 289
 Norman J. Meyer – Dem 175
CAROL J. ROPKE-WINGERT – Rep 208
 Barbara Buckman – Rep 161

Pennsylvania

Pike County

Supreme Court Judge
 Jack Panella – Dem 3038
JOAN ORIE MELVIN – Rep 5392

Superior Court Judge (vote for 4)
 Robert J. Colville – Dem 2516
 Kevin Francis McCarthy – Dem 2719
 Anne E. Lazarus – Dem 2669
 Teresa Sarmina – Dem 2504
JUDY OLSON – Rep 5372
SALLIE MUNDY – Rep 5086
TEMP SMITH – Rep 4574
PAULA OTT – Rep 4848
 Marakay J. Rogers – Lib 737

Commonwealth Court Judge (vote for 2)
 Barbara Behrend Ernsberger – Dem 2671
 Linda S. Judson – Dem 2701
PATRICIA A. MCCULLOUGH – Rep 5286
KEVIN BROBSON – Rep 5076

County Sheriff
PHILIP BUEKI – Rep NA

Jury Commissioner
 Gertrude Smith – Dem NA
 Marjorie A. Wassmer – Rep NA

Pike County Library Tax Question:
 "Should Pike County levy a special tax of one mill dedicated solely to the maintenance, improvement and regional extension of library services and facilities throughout the County, for the use of all residents of Pike County (one mill is .001 times the assessed value of your individual property or properties; for example, if the assessed value shown on your tax bill is \$35,000, the tax you will pay will be \$35.00)?"

YES 1114
 NO **7437**

Lackawaxen Township

Township Supervisor
 Elizabeth Anderson – Dem 127
ROBERT (BOB) COCCHI – Rep 503
 John Badoud – Ind 448

Tax Collector
FRANCES E. JAMES – Dem, Rep 444

Auditor
RUDOLPH WASSMER 355

Wallenpaupack School District School Director – vote for 4
JOHN S. KIESENDAHL – Dem, Rep 2325
MICHAEL J. ROMEO JR. – Dem, Rep 2254
DAVID P. HOPKINS – Dem, Rep 2220
COULBY DUNN – Dem, Rep 2268

Shohola Township

Township Supervisor
GEORGE C. FLUHR – Dem, Rep 477

Tax Collector
ELIZABETH MYERS – Dem, Rep 523

Auditor
GEORGE H. NESS – Dem 357

Constable
ROBERT G. GALLAGHER – Dem, Rep 483

Del. Valley School Director, 4-year (vote for 4)
PAM LUTFY – Dem, Rep 3834
SUSAN SCHOR – Dem, Rep 3762
JACK FISHER – Dem, Rep 3510
 Bill Greenlaw – Dem 2252
ROBERT GOLDSACK – Rep 3004

Del. Valley School Director, 2-year
CHARLES PIKE – Dem, Rep 4618

Wayne County

Jury Commissioners
 Patricia Biando – Dem NA
 Judy Romich – Rep NA

Wayne Highlands School District
 Thomas Fasshauer – Dem, Rep NA
 John K. Love – Dem, Rep NA

Berlin Township

Magisterial District Judge
 Ted Mikulak – Rep NA
 Warren Schloesser – Dem NA

Township Supervisor, 6-year
PAUL D. HENRY – Dem, Rep NA

Township Supervisor, 2-year
 Scott Taninies – Dem 277
KATHY HUNT – Rep 359

Tax Collector
PEGGY LOHMANN – Dem, Rep NA

Judge of Elections, District 1
CLAYTON CRUM – Rep NA

Inspector of Elections, District 1
ELIZABETH C DENNIS – Rep NA

Inspector of Elections, District 2
COLLEEN STEELMAN – Rep NA

Damascus Township

Magisterial District Judge
 Ronald J. Edwards – Rep, Dem NA

Township Supervisor, 6 years
JEFFREY R. DEXTER – Dem 411
 William J. Gager – Rep 372

Township Supervisor, 2 years
JOSEPH CANFIELD NA

Tax Collector
BARBARA VANORDEN – Dem, Rep NA

Constable
WILLIAM TROOP – Rep NA

Judge, District 1
MELISSA M. RUTLEDGE – Rep NA

Judge, District 2
ALBERTA SWENDSEN NA

Inspector of Elections, District 1
ESTHER FULLER NA

Inspector of Elections, District 2
 Angela M. Davis NA
 Theresa Henderson NA

Hawley Borough*

Councilman, 4-year
 Donald Kyzer – Dem, Rep NA
 Delores Sabatino – Dem, Rep NA
 Mary Sanders – Dem, Rep NA

Councilman, 2-year
WILLIAM H. REID – Dem, Rep NA

Mayor
DAVID HAWK – Dem 247
 Ann R. Morgan – Rep 147

Honesdale Borough*

Councilman
 James Leo Brennan Jr. – Dem 350
 Margie Rickard – Dem 533
JANINE EDWARDS – Rep 582
THOMAS K. FRISK – Rep 535
LEE GARING – Dem, Rep 584
BOB JENNINGS – Rep 556

Mayor
JONATHAN FRITZ – Dem, Rep NA

*List not exhaustive