

Forestburgh Newsletter

December 2016



Letter from the Supervisor:

As the year draws to an end, I like to look back and see some of what we have accomplished, and what we can do to move forward.

We started out by having the Town's books audited, which recognized deficiencies in our previous bookkeeping. We addressed and corrected them thus averting potential problems compounding, and costing the town money.

The Town is in the process of a Reval which should align everyone's taxes in a fair and balanced way. It should also help residents with their school taxes, of which Forestburgh pays a disproportionate amount compared to other Towns. The downside, is that this is a huge process, and probably won't take effect until the 2019 tax rolls.

We created a committee comprised of many citizens from around town to review, and update the Towns comprehensive plan. This is recommended to be reviewed every 10 years, and we are doing it in house, thus saving untold amounts of money. The public is very much encouraged to attend and participate in these meetings Thank you to all involved.

We created an updated, more user friendly website to better inform residents of most everything Town related.

We passed a new "employee handbook" which outlines all the town policies, and procedures in 1 book, that helps both the Town, and employees better serve residents.

We hired a new Building inspector, who is certified in NYS, and current on all NY laws and codes, and are in the process of addressing long standing violations all over town.

We have expanded the Planning Board back to its original 7 members to better serve the town in the case of conflicts of interest, which occur often in a small town such as ours.

In the spirit of the season I'd like to say, simply but sincerely, Thank you for your support and best wishes for the Holiday Season and a very Happy New Year!, Dan Hogue

Board and Committee News:

Town Hall hours are from 9-3 Mon. through Fri. (845)794-0611. TOWN HALL WILL BE CLOSED DECEMBER 23rd and 26th in observance of Christmas AND DECEMBER 30TH & JANUARY 2ND in observance of New Year's. We would like to wish everyone a safe and happy Holiday season filled with much happiness and love.

Town Meeting Schedules:

Town Board

Regular Town Board Meetings are the 1st Thursday of every month, at 7pm at the Town Hall. There will be an end of the year meeting on December 28 at 3pm.

Comprehensive Plan Committee

The next scheduled meeting for the Comprehensive Plan Committee will be held at the Town Hall on **January 12, 2017 at 7pm**. All are welcome to attend.

Announcements:

Forestburgh Fire Department:

The Forestburgh Fire Department would like to remind residents to maintain their 911 address signs on their homes or at end of their driveways so the emergency vehicles can find them easily. Signs should be reflective and be seen from the roadway. If you have any questions concerning 911 signage please contact the Forestburgh Fire Department at 794-7899.

Recreation Department:

Many thanks to all the parents and friends of the Summer Camp. Although it has now turned cold and there has been at least one good snowfall to cover the pool cover, many warm memories remain of the past summer season. Special events included a trip to see **Willy Wonka And The Chocolate Factory** at the Forestburgh Playhouse (many thanks to Alan Kesten and the van drivers from Yellow Cab in Monticello, for shuttling the kids to the Playhouse) and a special visit from the Forestburgh Fire Department (we especially love the Kubota!) Thanks also to the parents and grandparents who provided treats for Muffin Monday, Tasty Tuesday, and Treat Day Thursday (Nora Rausch makes magic in her kitchen!) We look forward to summer 2017 and a whole new slew of camp adventures. Meanwhile, if you left anything behind at the camp, such as a favorite t-shirt or a pair of sneakers, it's not too late to check with Joanne at the Town Hall, to see if they might be in a crate of lost and left behind belongings. We will hold this crate until New Year's Eve, after which any remaining items will be donated to one of the local churches. Happy Holidays to all from the Summer Recreation Program!

Forestburgh Welcome Committee:

A new committee is in the works for the Town of Forestburgh and a few members are needed. It has been brought up at the last board meeting that we don't have a formal committee in place to welcome new residents when they move in to our beautiful town. As a committee member you would help put a welcome basket together and deliver it to the new residents as a gesture of gratitude on behalf of the Town of Forestburgh. Anyone interested in being a part of this committee should contact Sally Heins-Jasuta at 791-9482 or Joanne Nagoda at 794-0611 ext. 21.

Forestburgh Renaissance:

We're looking for a few good men and women to help form a plan to continue planting and caring for the Town gardens and to help make the area around the Town Hall reflect the natural beauty of Forestburgh. If you are interested in being a part of this group or if you have an idea that you would like to see happen, please contact Joanne Nagoda at 794-0611 ext. 21.

Highway Department:

Merry Christmas, Happy and Healthy New Year, and Happy Chanukah! Some things that were done this year by the Highway Department are, reclaimed and paved Griffin Rd., maintained roads and ditches. Worked and cleaned up at the town hall, as well as working with Sabina Toomey, Town Historian, on the Renaissance project. Put up Historical signs on Cold Spring Road with Forestburgh town Historian also, fixed and painted 4 picnic tables that sit outside the town hall, fixed and maintained equipment, put town license plates on all vehicles and equipment, cleaned-up old plow and sign and put it outside town barn. The Highway employees did a great job! I am looking forward to serving the town residents this upcoming year. Don't forget there is salt and sand outside the town highway available for Forestburgh residents. Be safe it's still winter out there. Thank you for your support, Joe Ruggeri- Highway Superintendent.

Town Clerk's Corner:

In the spring, we will be doing a dog enumeration. If you currently harbor a dog who is not licensed, please get him or her licensed. Proof of rabies is required. If you get caught with an unlicensed dog during the enumeration, there is an additional \$5.00 fee to the license fee. The cost for a license is \$5.50 if the dog is spayed/neutered and \$13.50 if they are not. If your dog has a 3 years rabies vaccine, we can do a license for up to 3 years so that the rabies and license will expire together.

Ski Program:

The ski program will begin on January 10, 2017 anyone interested should call Erinn Morse at 794-5002. The Town of Forestburgh pays for the lift ticket as well as offering lessons and rentals at a reduced cost for residents of the Town of Forestburgh. Take advantage of this benefit and go skiing!

Website/Newsletter

Please take a few moments to browse the new Town of Forestburgh website at www.forestburgh.net. It is chock full of important information and happenings. As reported for several months, we will no longer be mailing copies of the newsletter unless requested. This is in an attempt to save a couple thousand dollars a year in printing and mailing costs. Please let Wendy know if you would like the newsletter mailed to you by calling her at 794-0611 Ext 28. If not it will be e-mailed, as long as you supply your e-mail address to Wendy. The newsletter will also be posted on the website.

OUR TOWN (submitted by Town Historian, Sabina Toomey)

"Recent snow fall innocent but a very much appreciated effect of the season.

The Highway Department has added a very nice new effect. An old snow plow has a new life all painted and serving a purpose again. This appeals to this old lady, "Something old is new again".

Senior's had a wonderful time at our annual party.

Those of us old enough to recall the December 7th day with much sadness. Let's all pray for the gallant men and women who died on the "Day of Infamy".

Here is a question for you, Where was the Nancy Jones Rd. and what is it currently called? Steve Mason and I have a desire to know more about Ms. Jones. Call 794-2702 and join us in our search. "

Sabina Toomey
Town Historian