

Forestburgh Newsletter

October 2017



Forestburgh Town Hall hours are from 9-3 Mon. through Fri. (845)794-0611

Board and Committee News:

For a copy of the minutes or agendas, please visit our website at forestburgh.net. While on the website, please check the calendar for upcoming events and meetings.

Town Board

Regular Town Board meetings are the 1st Thursday or every month at 7pm in the Town Hall, located at 332 King Rd., Forestburgh. The next scheduled Town Board meeting will be on **November 2nd** with a public hearing on the proposed Solar Law being held at the beginning of the meeting. A 2018 Budget Workshop is scheduled to be held on Thursday, October 19th at 5:30pm in the Town Hall. The Town Board has all intentions of staying below the Tax Cap for the upcoming budget. Be sure to check the Town's website at forestburgh.net for a list of upcoming meetings, times, and for the agenda.

Planning Board

At the September Planning Board meeting, the Planning Board continued the review of the application from Another Sky, and received a load of information and documents from the applicant, offered in response to the Engineering review obtained by the Planning Board. While a "public hearing" was not scheduled, the applicant looks to be on a path for the Board to be able to schedule one: stay tuned. As the Applicant has noted, and anybody who has been present at the meetings has seen, the atmosphere in the processing of this application remains very professional and efficient, in spite of the existence of certain issues that have presented with this application. The process is working well.

The Planning Board also conducted an exhaustive review of the proposed local law concerning Commercial Indoor Recreational Uses, including shooting ranges. The review was not completed, but a report was issued to the Town Board as required by the Town Code, which identified certain fundamental concerns with the local law as presently drafted.

At the **October 24, 7 PM** Planning Board meeting, the review of the application of Another Sky Campground will continue, as will the review of proposed local law regarding Commercial Indoor Recreational Uses - including indoor shooting ranges.

Solar Committee Meeting

The next meeting scheduled for the Solar Committee will be a Public Hearing on the proposed Solar Law on **November 2nd** at the beginning of the Town Board meeting at **7pm** in the Town Hall, located at 332 King Rd., Forestburgh.

Zoning Rewrite Committee

The next scheduled meeting for the Zoning Rewrite Committee will be on **November 14th at 7:00pm** in the Town Hall located at 332 King Rd., Forestburgh.

Assessor's Report

Revaluation Update

The town wide revaluation project is progressing nicely as we begin to move out of the summer months into the cooler fall and winter. With the exception of just a few outlier properties and several locations requiring an additional site visit, all the data collection has been completed. Thank you to all the property owners who responded to the data mailers with additional information, although past the September 15th deadline, my office would still be glad to receive them with updated information. There was approximately a 25% response ratio. My office will continue to follow up on discrepancies found, in addition to working with the town building department on new construction. Data collection is an ongoing process year round, regardless if a revaluation is being completed or not. Our contractor, GAR Appraisal, has already contacted our small commercial base for the additional information needed for valuation, in addition completing the necessary sales verification town wide. We are now on schedule in the preliminary valuation phase of the project, and will be conducting additional field review with this phase of the project. Whenever possible, this will be a roadside viewing and should not disturb your privacy. Our next mailing will be in February 2018, these will be impact notices that will present the property owners with a preliminary value and a hypothetical taxing situation. There will be information on these notices of how to read them and how to schedule an informal review of the valuation to go over your specific property with GAR Appraisals if you so desire. GAR Appraisals will additionally schedule another public education workshop at the same time.

Thank you for your continued cooperation with this town project.

Dennis R. Ketcham, IAO

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Announcements:

Fire Department

The Forestburgh Fire Department will be hosting a pancake breakfast on **Sunday, October 22nd** from 7am-noon. Adults are \$7 and children are \$5. On the menu will be a choice of pancakes-blueberry, chocolate chip, or regular- a waffle station, scrambled eggs & sausage or ham! Meanwhile, if you have any questions call the Fire House at (845)794-7899. Also, the fire department has a roast beef dinner scheduled for November 11th serving from 5-8pm. Please call the fire house for more information.

Highway Department

The sand and salt shed is out front of the Highway Garage for residents of the Town of Forestburgh to use if needed. Burns road will be closed on November 1st as we are preparing for winter. Happy Halloween from the highway department. If you need anything from the highway please call 794-8069.

Town Clerk's Corner

Please be reminded that when your dog is off your property they **MUST** be on a leash. Not only is this the law, but it also helps protect your dogs from injury and illness. Your neighbors will appreciate your consideration as well. To further reduce the risk of illness or injury to your pet, make sure they are up to date on vaccines and licensed. **Any dog that is harbored in the town for 30 days or more must be licensed.** You can license your dog at the Town Hall with the Town Clerk. Also, 2017-2018 Sporting licenses and doe permits are now available thru the Town Clerk located at the Town Hall, 332 King Rd., Forestburgh. If you have any questions please contact Joanne Nagoda, Town Clerk, at (845)794-0611 Ext. 21.

Website/Newsletter

The newsletter, as always, will be posted on the website as well as the information board at the Town Hall. If you would like to be on the mailing/email list please contact the bookkeeper 794-0611 Ext 28.

Our Town(Submitted by Town Historian, Sabina Toomey)

Fall, a wonderful time of year for me since I love all the colors! Please take a look at the website, forestburgh.net, to view the new information on Forestburgh at War-"The Civil War" at the bottom of the historian page. Upcoming- the first in a series of six interviews with senior residents of our town are scheduled to appear on the website. Bud McCormick will be the first interview since he winters in Florida. Thank you to Wendy Wells and Aida from A&E Advertising and Web Design who do our website.

*Forestburgh Seniors with to go to see the Christmas show this year at Radio City Music Hall. Please come join us! We need you to help fill the bus. Call by October 27th, 794-2702, to secure your spot. The price and date will be established if enough show interest.

God Bless Paul Rausch who recently passed away. He was over 90 and served his Town well.

2017 FORESTBURGH SENIOR EVENTS

OCTOBER 30-Monday-Club meets at 4:00pm at the Erie Station in Port Jervis.

NOVEMBER 13-Monday-Club meets at 1:00pm in the Town Hall for lunch.

NOVEMBER 28-Tuesday-Club meets at 1:00pm at Soy in Monticello for lunch.

DECEMBER 14 (snow date 15th)-Thursday-HOLIDAY PARTY at Solaia in Monticello.

For more information on joining our Forestburgh Seniors Club call Sabina Toomey at 794-2702.

Forestburgh Fire Co #1

Pancake Breakfast

October 22, 2017

7am-12pm

Adults \$7 Children \$5

Pancakes made to order

(Blueberry, Chocolate chip, and Plain)

Waffle Station, Scrambled eggs, Sausage &
Ham