# Town of Forestburgh Newsletter

# January 2018

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

# **Board and Committee News:**

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

## **Town Board**

The Forestburgh Town Board meetings are held the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday or every month at 7pm in the Town Hall, located at 332 King Rd., Forestburgh. Be sure to check the Town's website at forestburgh.net for a list of upcoming meetings, times, and for the agenda. The next scheduled board meeting will be held on Thursday, **February 1st**. There will be a public hearing on the property located at 2805 State Rt. 42 (formerly Black Brook Hunting Camp) before this meeting at <u>6:45pm</u>, and a public hearing on the Solar Moratorium-Local Law 2-at <u>7:05pm</u>. Also scheduled for February's Town Board meeting is a presentation on aggregated energy.

### **Planning Board**

The Planning Board has a vacated seat available for a term of 6 years. Anyone interested in holding this position can send their letter of interest, addressed to the Town Board, to the Town Clerk at 332 King Rd., Forestburgh, NY 12777. The deadline for receipt of all letters of interest is 2:00 pm on January 26, 2018. For more information, please call the Town Clerk at (845)794-0611 ext. 21.

At the December meeting, the Planning Board carefully reviewed all of the criteria and requirements that must be analyzed in determining whether or not to grant a Special Use Permit and determined that Another Sky Campground's application, reports, maps and representations, coupled with the comments made by our professional consultants and the members of the public who offered their thoughts to us that they were entitled to a special use permit – which we unanimously granted to them - subject to some very specific and important conditions. Among those conditions was that after they are in operation for one year they will return to the Planning Board and provide us with certain data so that we will be able to gauge the impact that they are having on Forestburgh and how that matches up to the information that we were provided in the application process. Also on December's agenda was the required review of the proposed continuation of the Moratorium on commercial Solar Energy development, which moratorium was determined would not have significant adverse impact on Forestburgh. Presently, the only matter on our agenda for our meeting, scheduled for January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00pm, is a continuation of the draft Subdivision Code, where we will be joined by Heather Jacsy, a Senior Planner for the Sullivan County Division of Planning and Environmental Management who will assist us in our discussion of Conservation subdivisions.

# **Solar Committee Meeting**

There is a public hearing on proposed Local Law 2 scheduled on February 1, 2018 at 7:05PM at the Town Hall, 332 King Rd., Forestburgh, New York. To view the full resolution, please visit our website at forestburgh.net

# **Zoning Rewrite Committee**

The next scheduled meeting of the Zoning Rewrite Committee is **Tuesday, February 13th at 7:00pm** at the Forestburgh Town Hall, located at 332 King Rd., Forestburgh, NY.

# **Announcements:**

# **Highway Department**

Just a reminder, if you need to take the sand and salt from outside the Town Highway please cover it back up. Also, please try and keep your garbage can off the road so the plow doesn't hit them, again it's still winter. Be advised that the County DPW is doing work on County Road 48 going to Cuddebackville. It's down to a 1 lane road with barrier walls and barrels, they do have flashing lights so please take caution and be careful. If you want to know more about the work and how long it's going to last please call the Town Highway at 845-794-8069. Thank You, Joe Ruggeri-Highway Superintendent

### **Holiday Party**

The Children's Holiday party was a huge success! Thank you to Teresa Collins for putting this event into action and for all of your help! There was a nice turn out of attendees, and Santa was a big hit! This will definitely be an annual event.

#### **FORESTBURGH SENIOR EVENTS**

The Forestburgh Seniors had a fun Holiday Party to end out 2017 at Solaia. They had 23 in attendance! If you are interested in joining the Forestburgh Senior Club, please contact Sabina Toomey at 794-2702 This year the seniors will meet the first Monday of every month unless there is a holiday, then an alternate date will be scheduled.

January 16-Tuesday-1:00pm lunch at Albella's

February13-Tuesday-1:00pm lunch at Soy

March 5-St. Patrick's Day lunch at the Town Hall-corned beef, etc.

March 14-1:00pm lunch at Yiasou in Liberty

### Forestburgh Renaissance Committee announces Internship & Scholarships

Sullivan Renaissance is a beautification and community development program committed to building beautiful, healthy and active communities in Sullivan County. Each year Sullivan Renaissance hires several part-time seasonal interns to work with community volunteers on projects. If you are interested in being considered as an intern you can view the application here- <a href="http://forestburgh.net/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/Sullivan-Renaissance-Intern.pdf">http://forestburgh.net/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/Sullivan-Renaissance-Intern.pdf</a> or they can be viewed on our website at forestburgh.net. The Community Foundation of Orange and Sullivan County, through a donor-advised fund established by Sullivan Renaissance, will offer a limited number of scholarships to volunteers who make a significant contribution to a 2018 Sullivan Renaissance project, also SUNY Sullivan Foundation has made available a limited number of scholarships for volunteers who have contributed significantly to a Renaissance project. For more information on these scholarships and to read the eligibility and criteria for them, please click here-<a href="http://forestburgh.net/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/Scholarships.pdf">http://forestburgh.net/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/Scholarships.pdf</a> or they can be viewed on our website at forestburgh.net.

# Free Tax Preparation

#### FREE TAX HELP FROM AARP AND THE IRS

(For taxpayers with low and middle income. Although all ages are welcome, the program gives special attention to those age 55 and over)

Would you like help with your income tax preparation and filing? If so, volunteers trained as tax counselors by the IRS will prepare and e-file of your Federal and State tax returns at several sites around Sullivan County, including Monticello, Liberty, and Eldred.

For more information or to make an appointment at the Cornell Cooperative Extension in Liberty, call (845) 292-6180. To make an appointment at the Monticello Library, call (845) 794-4660, and for the Eldred Library, call (845) 557-6258.

Sponsored by the AARP and IRS, with help from the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Sullivan County.

#### **Our Town** (Submitted by Town Historian, Sabina Toomey)

Customary January New Year's resolutions, if you have made any I hope you work hard to keep them. The Seniors will meet on the first Monday of each month. When a national holiday falls on the scheduled meeting date an alternative date will be chosen. Please come join our club-we are planning many fun events with good stuff to eat and interesting places to visit.

#### **Website/Newsletter**

If you or someone you know are not receiving the newsletter by email or mail, and you have an email address or would like the newsletter mailed to you, contact the Town of Forestburgh bookkeeper at forestburghbookkeeper@yahoo.com or by calling 794-0611 Ext 28 and supply your information to her. **The newsletter, as always, will be posted on the website as well as the information board at the Town Hall.** If you haven't done so yet, please check out our Town website at forestburgh.net. It has a lot of useful information in it.

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