

Town of Forestburgh Newsletter

December 2018



“The way a crow shook down on me the dust of snow from a hemlock tree. Has given my heart a change of mood and saved some part of a day I had rued.”-Robert Frost Especially during the Holiday season, find joy in the little things. And take this time to reconnect with nature and your neighbors. Have a very happy Holiday and a joyous New Year.

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 monthly Forestburgh Town Board meetings are held the 1st Thursday of 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, agenda and minutes. The Town Board year end meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, December 19 2018 at 4:30 pm in the Town Hall**. The yearly reorganizational meeting as well as the monthly Town Board meeting is scheduled for **January 3, 2019 at 7:00 pm in the Town Hall**.

Planning Board

The Planning Board held its regular November meeting, and completed its second pass as the draft Subdivision code. With only minor formatting and a couple of technical issues remaining to be addressed, we are optimistic that we will be able to refer a completed and fully reviewed Draft back to the Town Board in January for their consideration. The next scheduled meeting is **Tuesday, December 18 at 7pm at Town Hall**.

Announcements:

Forestburgh Highway Department

All of us at the Highway Department would like to wish The Town of Forestburgh residents a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and Happy New Year. There is sand outside the Town Barn available to all residents. If anyone should need assistance please let call the town highway garage prior to coming, 794-8069. The salt shed is finally fixed and will get painted next year. The highway department has been working with Nelson Tree service clearing trees that pose a potential hazard. Thank You to the residents who dropped off cookies and cake to the guys at the Highway. Please be safe this winter. If you need anything, call 794-8069.



Forestburgh Fire Department

The Forestburgh Firehouse will host their annual **Santa Run on Sunday, December 16th**. All children and seniors 70 and above, residing in the Forestburgh Fire District will be receiving a gift from Santa. If you’re new to the area or you know someone that is new to the area, please contact Ron Geysen at 794-1912, so he may let Santa know to put you on his list.

Forestburgh Wellness

The Total Body Fitness Class will resume on January 9th. The classes will be held on Wednesdays, downstairs in the Forestburgh Town Hall. For full details see the flyer on our website- www.forestburgh.net- under Boards/Committees-Worksite Wellness. Bring your own yoga mat and water bottle. It's a great time!!

Sullivan 180

A Big THANK YOU to all that took the time to fill out our questionnaire at the roast beef dinner. We're asking, if you haven't done so already, to please fill the questionnaire out and return it to the Town Hall. You can find the questionnaire on our website, forestburgh.net or you can pick one up at the Town Hall. We are relying on the feedback of our community members to help guide us in the direction you wish to see this program going. Thank you! If you would be interested in being a part of the Wellness Circle for Forestburgh 180 please contact Karen Ellsweig at (484)225-5211.

From the Town Clerk

Just a reminder, as more toll booths are changing to cashless, EZ Pass makes a great stocking stuffer and perfect grab bag gifts! You can pick one up at the Town Hall from 9am – 3pm Monday – Friday.

Forestburgh Seniors

During the November meeting the Forestburgh Seniors wrapped presents for the little ones at Head Start. Several bags of warm hats, etc. were delivered to Head Start in Monticello. They also sent off 125 notes of encouragement to the residents at Achieve Nursing Home in Liberty.

A festive time was had by all that attended the show at the Villa Roma. The music of the "Platters" had Shirley Toomey and Ida Douglas doing the twist in the aisle! At the Holiday Party held at Albella's in Monticello, everyone that attended had a wonderful time. The seniors had a Town of Forestburgh guest performer, Arial Chin. She demonstrated her talent as she played her violin. Ms. Chin is a lifelong resident of Forestburgh and graduated from Monticello High School. She will be the guest artist at the first monthly senior meeting on January 2nd.

May Peace and Love fill your world. If you are interested in joining the Forestburgh Senior Club, please contact Sabina Toomey at 794-2702 or Ilona Budofsky at 707-4590.

The meetings for the Forestburgh Seniors will be the first Wednesday of every month unless there is a holiday, then an alternate date will be scheduled.



Forestburgh Senior Events Jan-Apr. 2019

Jan. 2, Wednesday, Club Meeting 1:00 pm-Town Hall.

Set goals for 2019, guest artist Arial Chin-Local Violinist.

Jan. 24, Thursday, Lunch

Soy Restaurant, Monticello 1:00 pm

Feb. 6, Wednesday, Club Meeting 1:00pm-Town Hall

Guest Speaker- Recycling How To's.

Feb. 21, Thursday, Lunch

Danny's Restaurant, Wurtsboro 1:00 pm

Mar. 6, Wednesday, Club Meeting 1:00 pm- Town Hall

Guest Speaker-New Director, Office of the Aging.

Mar. 19, Tuesday, Lunch

Apple Valley Family Restaurant, Milford 1:00 pm

Apr. 3, Wednesday, Club Meeting 1:00 pm-Town Hall

Guest Speaker- Nadine Gallagher, "The Hospital and You"

Apr. 17, Wednesday, Lunch

Yiasou Café, Liberty 1:00 pm

EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

PLEASE RSVP TO VICE PRESIDENT, ILONA BUDOFKY, 707-4590

ITALIAN ORZO TOMATO SPINACH SOUP

From Little Spice Jar

Ingredients:

2 T. Olive Oil

1 ½ C. chopped onions

1 ¼ C carrots, sliced into ½ inch rounds

1 C. celery, chopped

6 cloves garlic

6 ½ C. chicken stock

2 (14.5 oz.) cans fire roasted diced tomatoes

1 ½ T. pesto

1 ½ C. orzo

½ t. each: dried thyme, Italian seasoning, oregano

3 C. fresh baby spinach

Salt and Pepper to taste

Fresh grated parmesan cheese

-Heat oil in a dutch oven over medium-high heat. Add onions and saute for 4-5 minutes until soft. Add carrots, celery and garlic. Continue to saute for an additional 3 minutes. Add stock, along with the tomatoes, pesto, orzo, thyme, Italian seasoning, and oregano, stir to combine. Reduce the heat to medium and let the orzo cook to al-dente, about 10 minutes. Stir occasionally.

Just before serving, add the baby spinach and continue to cook for 1 minute or until spinach gets bright green and wilts down. Season with salt and pepper. Serve warm with grated parmesan cheese on top.

Our Town (Submitted by Town Historian, Sabina Toomey)

Hanukkah and Christmas are both about the magic of light. They come at the darkest time of the year. Let's all take this wonderful time to focus on all the things we have in common. We can be a light in this special place called Forestburgh.

Our children's Holiday Party/Bazaar was a big success. This year, in addition to the children crafts, and a visit from Santa, we offered vendors for the adults to do a little shopping, and a bake sale to help offset the cost of the party. Thank you to all those that volunteered and donated the delicious baked goods that helped make the day an enjoyable event. We will be planning a Flea Market in the summer. Keep an eye out for more information.

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