



2019

Town of Forestburgh Newsletter

**December**

**Board and Committee News:**

For a copy of the minutes and/or agendas, please visit our website at [www.forestburgh.net](http://www.forestburgh.net) . While on the website, please check the calendar for upcoming events and meetings.

**Town Board**

The monthly Forestburgh Town Board meetings are usually held the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of every month at 7pm in the Town Hall, located at 332 King Rd., Forestburgh. The next Town Board meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, January 2, 2020 at 7:00pm** in the Town Hall. For the monthly agenda and meeting minutes, please visit the town website- forestburgh.net. We wish everyone a very happy and peaceful holiday and a happy New Year!

**Planning Board**

The Planning Board met for its regular November meeting. An application was presented by Hartwood LLC, Hartwood Preserve South LLC and Hartwood Preserve West LLC to adjust their lot lines. This was the first application brought under our New Subdivision Code, which included, among other things, a simpler mechanism for just this type of relief. The application was granted. Under the procedures in our former code, an application such as this would have required at least 2 meetings, and a public hearing. As no applications have been submitted to us, nor other business presented to us, the Planning Board will not have a December meeting.

**Zoning Re-Write Committee**

The Zoning Committee will meet on January 14th, 2020 from 7-9pm at Town Hall. Co-Chairs Katherine Barnhart and Steve Budofsky would like to again thank all of our dedicated volunteers for all of your hard work and your commitment to our community. The Zoning Committee sends their very best wishes to everyone for a wonderful holiday season!

**Announcements:**

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

It's that time of year when we celebrate Christmas and Hanukkah. Both holidays of lights and good will towards men. There is a true story about WWI and a battle on the Western Front in which a group of German, British and French troops had a Christmas truce. See the town website under Historian for a more detailed version on this story- "Silent Night- The Story of the World War I Christmas Truce of 1914", by Naina Bajekal. I wish you all peace and good will this season and throughout the year. God Bless us all.

## Highway Department

Please do not put any snow or other debris in the roadway. This is a violation of NYS Vehicle & Traffic Law 2191(c) & (d) which states that no snow or any other substance likely to injure any person, animal, or vehicle upon such highway can be deposited upon any highway, and any person who deposits upon any highway any destructive or injurious material or materials that interferes with the safe use of the highway shall immediately remove the same or cause it to be removed. This includes shoveling, blowing, plowing onto or across the highway, or any other means of depositing or spilling snow or ice on a public roadway. Please help us keep our roadways safe this winter.

A reminder that there is sand and salt available at the town highway garage for residents use. Have a safe and happy holiday!

## Town Hall Holiday Celebration

Thank you to everyone that donated items for the Town of Forestburgh holiday celebration. The Holiday Celebration is tomorrow, Saturday, December 14, 2019 from noon – 4pm at the Town Hall. All are welcome!

## Forestburgh Friends For Fitness (F4) (As Submitted by Karen Ellsweig-Forestburgh Community Health Champion)

To our Forestburgh Friends for Fitness (“F4”), Happy December 2019. Please note: **F4 will NOT hold a meeting this December.** Please enjoy happy and healthy holidays! See you in 2020 for more exciting and informative presentations brought to you by wonderful volunteer speakers and your friends at F4. We are so excited to start off the New Year at our **January 15th** meeting introducing Richard Mandelbaum, a clinical herbalist (and Forestburgh resident!) who will discuss *Using Herbal Medicine in the Modern World*. Richard will explore how medicinal plants, often the ones right outside our doors, can help us promote and maintain our health and wellbeing. Mr. Mandelbaum has been practicing herbalism for over 20 years, is a Registered Herbalist with the American Herbalists Guild, as well as a former board member, and is the director of the ArborVitae School of Traditional Herbalism in NYC. Sounds like it will be a very informative and fascinating meeting. Hope to see you there.

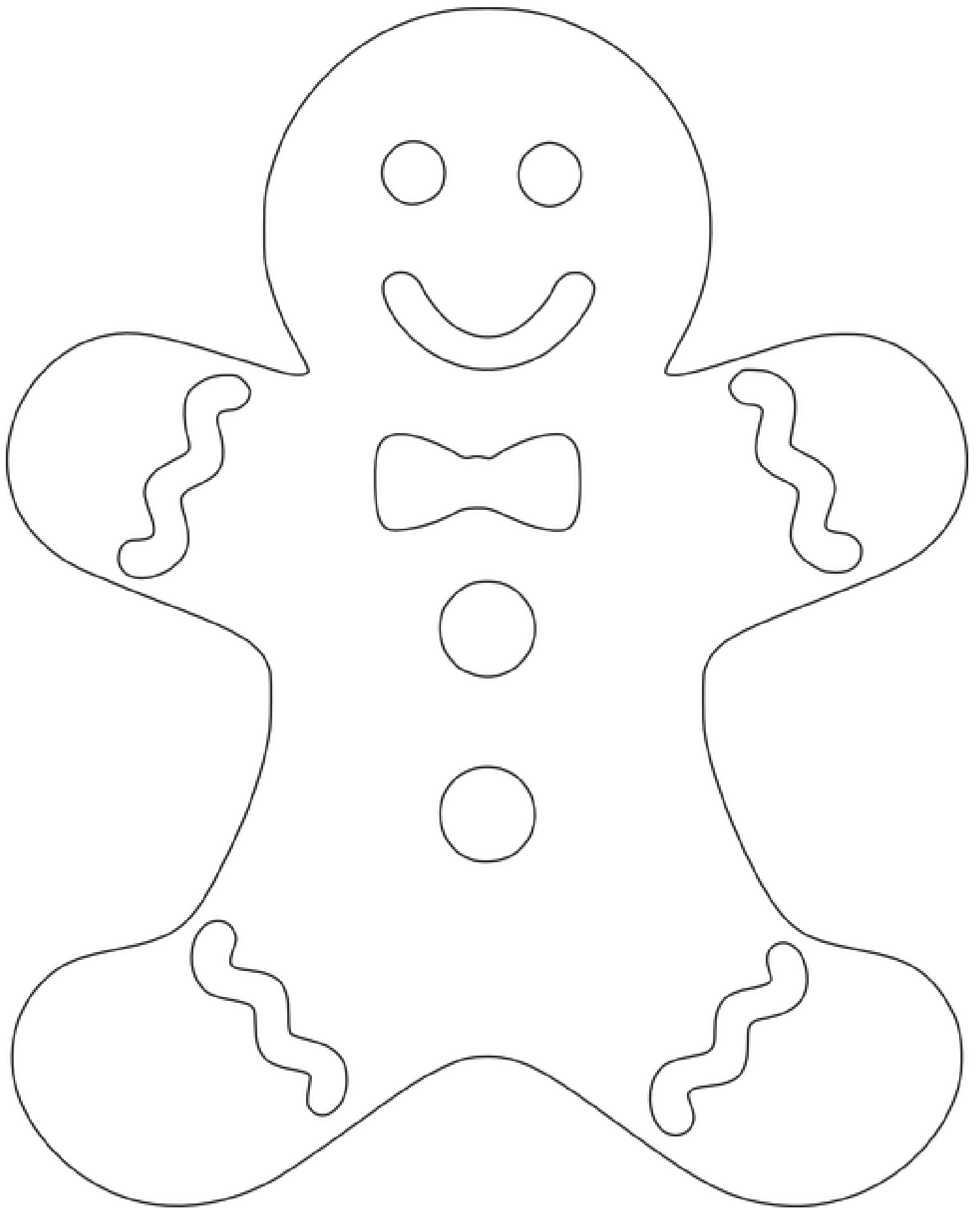
Please remember, F4 meetings are open to everyone, and held on the third Wednesday of the month at Forestburgh Town Hall (unless otherwise specified) from 5:30 to 6:30. Feel free to bring friends and family.

## Town Clerk

Need a last minute stocking stuffer? E-Z Pass make a great stocking stuffer for all drivers! Stop into the Town Clerk to get yours today.

Planning on getting a new puppy for Christmas? All dogs that are harbored in the Town of Forestburgh and are 4 months or older must be licensed. Please bring in proof of rabies and spay/neuter certificate where applicable to the Town Hall.





Color Me!

## **White Chocolate Kissed Gingerbread Cookies** (30 servings)

3 Cups flour  
2 tsp. ground ginger  
1 tsp. ground cinnamon  
1 tsp. baking soda  
¼ tsp. ground nutmeg  
¼ tsp. salt  
¾ cup softened butter  
¾ cup firmly packed brown sugar  
½ cup molasses  
1 egg  
1 tsp pure vanilla extract  
¼ cup sugar  
60 white & milk chocolate swirled kiss-shaped candies (HUGS)

Mix flour, ginger, cinnamon, baking soda, nutmeg and salt in a large bowl. Set aside. Beat butter and brown sugar in large bowl with electric mixer on medium speed until light and fluffy. Add molasses, egg and vanilla; mix well. Gradually beat in flour mixture on low speed until well mixed. Press dough into a thick flat disk. Wrap in plastic wrap. Refrigerate 4 hours or overnight.

Preheat oven to 350°. Shape dough into 1-inch balls. Roll in granulated sugar to coat. Place 2 inches apart on ungreased baking sheets.

Bake 8-10 minutes or until edges of cookies just begin to brown. Immediately press a chocolate candy kiss into center of each cookie. Remove to wire racks; cool completely. Store cookies in airtight container up to 5 days.

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