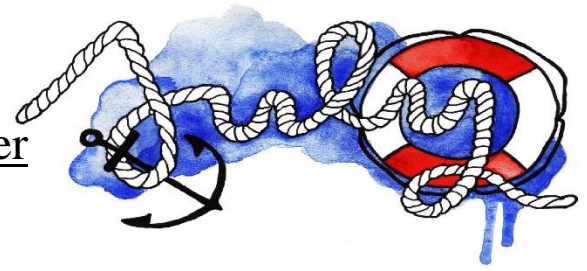


2020
Town of Forestburgh Newsletter



Board and Committee News:

For a copy of the minutes and/or agendas, please visit our website at 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 held the 1st Thursday of every month at 7pm at the Town Hall, located at 332 King Rd., Forestburgh. The next Town Board meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, August 6, 2020 at 7:00pm** at the Town Hall. Socially distancing and masks are required for all those in attendance. For the monthly agenda and meeting minutes, please visit the town website at www.forestburgh.net

Planning Board

June's Planning Board meeting was our second meeting held virtually, via Zoom. The Review of the Forestburgh Pond application for a 21 lot subdivision of a 548 acre parcel continued, and a Public Hearing on Environmental matters under the State Environmental Review Act (SEQRA) was scheduled to occur at our regular July meeting on the 28th, at 7pm which will be conducted via Zoom, and can be accessed via the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89483901525?pwd=VXhNK1ZLa2ZiMm1hNWpoVWdDRTJlVUT09>.

Environmental issues expressed thus far include, among others, the status of the dam, and the lead contamination of the soil at the shooting range. All materials received from the applicant and public have been posted on Forestburgh's website and can be found at: <https://forestburgh.net/boards-and-committees/planning-board/applications/forestburgh-pond/>

Zoning Re-Write Committee

The zoning re-write committee held their July meeting on the 14th. There will be a special meeting scheduled for July 21st at the Town Hall, located at 332 King Road, Forestburgh, NY from 7-9:30pm and then will return to regularly scheduled meetings the second Tuesday of each month on August 11, 2020.

Announcements:

Dog Control Officer

Reminder to all dog owners; by law all dogs must be licensed. Please see the Town Clerk for details. Dogs must always be on a leash or in complete control of the owner. It is against the law for any dog to be on private property without expressed permission from the property owner or wandering loose on any public road or on any public property. Letting dogs roam loose creates a safety hazard for the dog, the public and other pets. Please be a responsible dog owner and a good neighbor.

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

For abundance of caution related to current concerns regarding the COVID-19 virus, future Forestburgh Friends for Fitness (F4) meetings are temporarily suspended until further notice. Please stay tuned and stay well.

Doing Good Deeds From Home

If you're spending more time at home, it's likely your community is too. Take some time to reach out. Call your neighbors, especially the elderly and those who live alone, to make sure they're doing OK. Connecting with others can help ease feelings of isolation. You can extend your reach even further by writing letters to people in nursing homes and retirement communities.

The Grateful Deadheaders

It's been a productive spring for Forestburgh's beautification group. With a great deal of help from the Sullivan Renaissance staff, Forestburgh Highway Department, and Renaissance intern Roland Zanger, our town's gardens are looking more beautiful than ever. Landscaped areas at the welcome signs, Town Hall, and The Dove Garden have been planted with a variety of new flowers and greenery. The Dove Garden, in particular, has had another update with new pathway stones, spruce trees, grasses, and shrubs continuing its development as a community pocket park in "downtown" Forestburgh.

The group continues to expand and welcomes any Forestburgh resident who likes good company and the chance to garden. Pictured in their Grateful Deadheaders tie-dyed shirts are a few representatives from the group at one of The Dove Garden's seating areas (left to right) Genevieve Dainack, Nadine Gallagher, Gifford Shriver, Susan Hawvermale, and Karen Ellsweig. Come join us!



Our Town(as submitted by Town Historian:Sabina Toomey)

Sullivan County had its part in the Revolutionary War at the Battle of Neversink Ford. The only Battle in the Upper Delaware area took place at what is now a memorial park on Route 97 in the hills across from the current Roebing Bridge. Militia from New York and New Jersey joined in an effort to stop Joseph Brant and his Tories along with the Mohawks. Brant was heading home with his loot after his earlier attack in Port Jervis at Fort Decker. Much of his terror is made visible as noted by the many historical markers in Deer Park and Forestburgh Townships.

Happy Birthday America! I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable 4th of July. Special Thanks to Bruce Ellsweig, MD and Irma Gherg, RN. Two of many Town Hero's! Irma is a member of our Senior Club and an

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RN working at the County Nursing Home. Dr. Ellsweig is a practicing family practitioner and the Medical Director for Sullivan County Public Health Services. Please keep wearing your masks and washing your hands and keep that space between to stay healthy. You can keep our community strong. Pray for peace and brotherhood, and call on a neighbor to do a check in.

Monticello Central School District

On July 8, the Monticello School District Board of Education adopted a proposed 2020-21 budget that is \$336,975 less than the budget initially proposed in June and \$694,048 less than the 2019-20 adopted budget. Residents will vote on the budget on July 28 from 12 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the district's polling locations (see below). The proposed budget reduces salaries and eliminates some equipment purchases and professional development. If the budget is defeated by voters on July 28, the district must then adopt a contingency budget. Under a contingency budget, the district would be forced to eliminate all non-contingent expenses, including certain supplies and any equipment. In addition, the district would be unable to offer its facilities to any outside organization, eliminating many district-community partnerships, including programming at the St. John Street Community HUB and youth athletic programs. The polling locations for the July 28 vote are as follows. Please note that the locations have been temporarily condensed due to the Rock Hill Fire Hall and Forestburgh Town Hall being unavailable for public use:

District 1: Thompson and Monticello – Robert J. Kaiser Middle School

District 2: Bethel – Cornelius Duggan Community Center

District 3: Mamakating – Emma C. Chase Elementary School

District 4: Rock Hill – Robert J. Kaiser Middle School

District 5: Forestburgh – Robert J. Kaiser Middle School

All locations will operate in accordance with New York State Department of Health's guidelines. All qualified voters are eligible to vote via absentee ballot in the July 28 election. For more information on the upcoming budget vote or absentee ballot information, please go to the Monticello Central School District website at www.monticelloschools.net.

Gardening Tips

It's that time of year again when those pesky Japanese Beetles hatch and wreak havoc on your garden. These pests can be very difficult to keep under control. Here are some organic alternatives to keeping them at bay. By collecting Japanese beetles *every* day, because it stops signals given off by feeding beetles that attract more beetles: Handpicking can reduce overall feeding by half. Soapy water in an old coffee can works great for this. First thing in the morning, hold it under the leaf or bough where the beetles are feeding, and brush them down into it with your hand. The beetles won't bite you, and as long as temperatures are cool they will fall into the water rather than fly away. Other organic pest control measures include applying beneficial nematodes or milky spore disease to lawns to kill white grubs (Japanese beetle larvae), and growing plenty of flowers that provide nectar for Typhia miniwasps, which attack the beetles. Planting the flowers Four O'Clocks actually kill the beetle when they eat it! Research shows that commercial traps often attract more Japanese beetles than they catch, so they should not be placed near cultivated plants. Start by spraying the affected plants with neem oil at the first sign of attack. Neem Oil is a safe and effective way to control these pests on vegetables, grapes, raspberries, flowers, roses, trees and shrubs. Good Luck and Happy Gardening!

Zucchini Relish

So delicious on a sandwich, hamburger or hotdog, and in homemade potato salad!

Combine the following in a large bowl and let stand overnight:

12 C. grated Zucchini

2 Green Peppers & 2 Red Peppers (finely chopped or grated)

4 C. grated Onion

5 Tbs. Salt

Drain and rinse well. In a large pot combine the following:

2 ½ C. White Vinegar

1 heaping Tbs. Cornstarch

6 C. Sugar

1 tsp. Turmeric

1 Tbs. dry Mustard

1 tsp. Nutmeg

Heat to boiling & add rinsed drained vegetables. Cook over medium heat for 30 minutes. Ladle into hot jars, adjust 2 piece lids. Although it isn't necessary, you can process them for 10 minutes in a boiling water bath canner. Enjoy!

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