

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. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic the meeting time has been moved to 6pm. The next Town Board meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, October 1, 2020 at 6:00pm** at the Town Hall Pavilion. Social 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

Budget workshops are scheduled at the Forestburgh Firehouse October 13, 15, 22, 27, 28, 29 starting at 4:30pm. Although these are scheduled, the need for all of them may not be necessary. There will be a public hearing on the budget at the November 5th Town Board meeting.

Planning Board

August's Planning Board meeting was held virtually, via Zoom and included the completion of the State Environmental Review Act (SEQRA) Public Hearing on the Forestburgh Pond proposed development a 21 lot subdivision of the 548 acre parcel at the corner of Rt 42 and Hartwood Rd. Following the closure of the public meeting, the SEQRA process was completed and a determination was made that it does not pose a significant potential for environmental damage, because of the applicant's commitment to permanently close the shooting range and remediate the lead contamination and repair the dam. September's meeting date has changed - to **September 29, at 7pm**, and once more will be held virtually. Here is the Zoom information:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6904470149?pwd=c0gzSlFnN25LTGJodlBsOG5QUHhsUT09>

Meeting ID: 690 447 0149

Passcode: 000878

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The meeting will include a Public Hearing on the entire Forestburgh Pond application and site plan, and thereafter a continued review their application and site plan. Amendments to the submission continue to be received, and are being posted and can be accessed at <https://forestburgh.net/boards-and-committees/planning-board/applications/forestburgh-pond/> . In addition to the Forestburgh Pond application, one other matter will be on the agenda - an application for a two lot natural subdivision made by the Antlers Hunting and Fishing Club, Inc. the Oakland Valley road divides their single tax lot and they seek to legally separate their single lot into two - one on each side of the road.

Zoning Re-Write Committee

Our October meeting is scheduled for **10/13/20 from 7-9** at Town Hall. All CDC guidelines for safety will be in place. We will begin by reviewing the bulk tables and corresponding definitions. We also need to review definitions overall, begin work on standards, look at map designations and then put together all we've accomplished so far.



Announcements:

Forestburgh Fire Department

A great big THANK YOU to all who attended the drive thru roast beef dinner! It was a huge success! The fire department reported that this was the largest roast beef dinner they have ever had! Thank you for supporting the Forestburgh Fire Department.

Forestburgh Highway Department

Fall Clean Up is scheduled for September 21-26th. Monday thru Friday 7:00 am to 6:00 pm. Saturday, September 26th from 7:00 am to 5:00pm. Please see attached flyer for full details. Any questions can be directed to the Town Highway Department at 794-8069.

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.

Town Clerk's Corner

Sporting licenses are on sale for the 20-21 season. They are available thru the Town Clerk located at 332 King Road, Forestburgh. There is a free rabies clinic being held on Wednesday, October 21st from 5-8 pm at Smallwood-Mongaup Valley Fire Dept., located at 181 Ballard Rd, Mongaup Valley. This event is for Sullivan County residents only. Proof of ID is required and everyone must wear a mask while at the clinic site. **Pre-registration of ALL animals is required;**

[https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SC Rabies Clinic October 21 2020](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SC_Rabies_Clinic_October_21_2020) . Anyone without an appointment will not be served. When arriving at the clinic site you will call 845-513-2220 and wait in your car for further instructions. All pets must be at least 3 months old. For further information call Sullivan County Public Health Services at 845-292-5910.

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.

The Grateful Deadheaders

VETERANS MEMORIAL GETS AN UPDATE



Take a look at the transformation of the garden surrounding the Veterans Memorial at the triangle in downtown Forestburgh. This was the final project for THE GRATEFUL DEADHEADERS in completing their Renaissance Community Grant and it looks terrific! No longer overgrown, the town now has a new garden in all its glory. Huge thanks to the Highway Department for the hours of work it took to clear out the tangled bushes and growth. Thanks also to the Town Board for allowing us to reveal the beauty of this dedication to our veterans.

This has been a banner year for the Welcome Sign Gardens, the Dove Garden, and the Veterans Memorial. All of them have been flourishing with colorful flowers and bright greenery. Thanks to our intern, Forestburgh's Roland Zanger, who did a fantastic job in maintaining all of these growing spaces. Forestburgh has never looked better! And thanks to the dedicated Deadheaders who have made all of our gardens possible. Now it's on to plans for 2021. Membership in the Grateful Deadheaders is open and you get a really cool tee shirt if you'd like to join. Next meeting is Tuesday, September 22, 5pm at the Dove Garden. Come have fun with us!

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General Election Polling Place and Information

The Town of Forestburgh Town Hall has been cleared for use as a 2020 polling place!

Polls are open from 6am to 9pm. Masks must be worn upon entering and while inside the building. Please follow CDC guidelines for safe social distancing. Voting options for the November 3rd General Election are: you may vote in person on Election Day, Tuesday, November 3, 2020 from 6am – 9pm; you may vote during the 9 day Early Voting period which starts on Saturday, October 24th and concludes on Saturday, November 1st. Early Voting is done at the Sullivan County Board of Elections office Saturdays & Sundays 9am-2pm, Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9am-5pm and Tuesday & Thursday noon-8pm. Only on the dates listed above!; You may apply and vote by absentee ballot by mail, fax, email, online or by calling the Sullivan County BOE at (845)807-0400 no later than October 27th. If you apply in person that may be done until November 2nd. You can check your voter registration status by going to <https://voterlookup.elections.ny.gov/> For more information please visit the Sullivan County BOE website at <https://www.sullivanyny.us/Departments/Elections> or by calling them at (845)807-0400.

Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library

Petitions are available for the October 7, 2020 election of trustees at the Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library located at 479 Broadway, Monticello, NY. Two board seats are up for election: Two seats for 3 year terms (1/1/21-12/31/23). Incumbents, Marcia Raponi and Sari Rosenheck are seeking re-election. Make a curbside appointment and pick up a petition from the election clerk if you are interested in running and you reside within the library service area (Town of Bethel, Forestburgh or Thompson within the Monticello Central School District). Petitions must be returned to the library by Saturday, September 5, 2020. For more information please contact the library at (845)794-4660 ext.6.

Our Town (as submitted by Town Historian Sabina Toomey)

Our New York State Historian, Devin Lander, has requested all municipalities publish a COVID-19 Survey in order to record personal stories and the effects of this pandemic on our society and personal lives. Please take a moment to fill out the attached survey. The survey is included in this month's newsletter and can be found on the town website-www.forestburgh.net

We have no documents of personal accounts from our town about the effects of the Spanish Flu epidemic (1918-1919). At that time, no law was in place that required towns to have a Historian, until 1919, when the Arts and Cultural Affairs Law was enacted. Please help us to document this historical pandemic.

Association of Public Historians New York State

COVID-19 HISTORY SURVEY

TOWN OF FORESTBURGH

We are living in a historic moment in time! The COVID-19 crisis is reshaping our daily lives and our community. In the future, others will look back and learn from our experiences. This is why it is so important to begin recording the history of the pandemic and its effects on people in our community. What is happening to us right now must not be forgotten! We need to document our experience so that they can inform the response to future crises.

Town historians want to record your witness-to-history experiences during the COVID-19 pandemic. Please use this form to tell us what you are experiencing. How you are feeling, what you are hearing and seeing around you, what you are doing, and what effect this is having on you, your family, neighbors, friends, community. How is your life different now than it was before the pandemic?

Please answer only those questions that are pertinent to you and that you wish to answer on this form. Send the completed form as an attachment to sintheforest@gmail.com or mail the completed form to Sabina Toomey, Town Historian, 332 King Rd., Forestburgh, NY 12777. We are also asking for photographs of what is happening around you, in your home and our community.

With your permission, your responses will be preserved in our archives where they will be shared with researchers and the public now and in the future.

If you have any questions, please contact me at: (845)794-2702 or email sintheforest@gmail.com

Thank you for taking the time to share your experiences. Remember, you are an important part of history.

Sincerely,

Sabina Toomey

Sabina Toomey, Town of Forestburgh Historian

SURVEY QUESTIONS

Name: _____ Date: _____

Email: _____ Age: _____

Occupation: _____

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Please grant us permission to include your answers and images in a publicly accessible archive. Yes _____ Use my name _____ Anonymously _____
No _____ (Answers will be kept in Deerpark Historian archives)

1. What were your thoughts when the first COVID-19 cases were being diagnosed in China? Did you expect it to spread to the USA?

Your answer:

2. What were your thoughts when the first COVID-19 case was diagnosed in the United States?

Your answer:

3. What were your thoughts when the first COVID-19 case was diagnosed in New York State? In Orange County? Town of Deerpark?

Your answer:

4. How has your behavior changed since the media first started reporting the spread of COVID-19? Did you continue your everyday activities? Did you start stockpiling groceries and toilet paper? Did you start washing your hands or using sanitizer more frequently? how have you practiced social distancing?

Your answer:

5. How have things changed for you and/or your family since the outbreak? Are you or people you know working from home? Do you have/know children who need to do schoolwork from home? How are you/they dealing with that?

Your answer:

6. Are you a business owner who had had to close or an employee who has been laid off? If your business/employer is still open, how have you had to adjust how you and/or your business operates? If you are still working, what precautions are being taken?

Your answer:

7. How have your local government and community organizations responded to the crisis? What have you noticed has changed in your community since the outbreak? What has surprised you most?

Your answer:

8. What is the worst thing about this? Are there any "silver linings" in what has happened (spending more time with family, catching up on tasks around the house, reading, doing projects, playing games, etc.)?

Your answer:

9. Pretend it is the year 2050 and another pandemic is looming--what would you tell someone who has just asked what it was like to live through the 2020 pandemic? How would you suggest they handle what is about to come? What did officials/community/you do (or not do) in 2020 that those in 2050 might consider doing differently?

Your answer:

10. Is there anything else you would like to add that hasn't already been discussed above?

Your answer:

Town of Forestburgh Fall Clean Up 2020

Sept 21- Sept 26, 2020

Residents must separate materials into the following categories prior to bringing it to the town barn.

- A. Appliances and scrap metal (washers, dryers, stoves, water heaters, pipes, etc)
- B. Construction and demolition debris and bulky waste (furniture, mattresses, carpets, etc)
- C. Recyclables

******ANY BULKY WASTE SHOULD BE NEAT AND TIED WITH ROPE******
(For Example: shingles)

We cannot accept the following items:

No tires
No refrigerators or air conditioners
No item greater than 4 feet in length (please cut to proper size)
No fuel tanks, oil drums or large propane tanks
No full or partially full cans of paint, petroleum products, pesticides or any other hazardous waste
No brush, yard waste, bags of leaves, stumps or rocks
No explosives, ammunitions, radioactive material, medical waste, medications or car batteries
No household garbage or commercial waste
No asbestos or liquids
No electronic scrap

HOURS OF OPERATON

Monday through Friday 7:00 am to 6:00 pm
All day Saturday Sept 26th from 7:00 am to 5:00 pm

Please, no more than one pick-up truck load per family. We are only allocated for 12 tons.

IF YOU ARE DISABLED OR A SENIOR AND NEED ASSISTANCE
Please call the town barn at 845-794-8069
Joe Ruggeri – Highway Superintendent