

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

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic the monthly Forestburgh Town Board meetings will be held the 1st Thursday of every month at 6pm at the Forestburgh Fire Department, located at 2359 State Route 42, Forestburgh until further notice. The next Town Board meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, December 3, 2020 at 6:00pm** at the Forestburgh Fire Department, located at 2359 Route 42. Social distancing and masks are required for all those in attendance. Must bring your own seating. For the monthly agenda and meeting minutes, please visit the town website at www.forestburgh.net

At the November meeting the Town Board adopted the 2021 budget. Even though the Town lost \$45,000 in State Aid the board was able to achieve a 2.4% reduction in taxes to be collected. If you would like to view the 2021 budget, please visit the town website or come into the Town Hall during operating hours.

Planning Board

Thanks to the generosity of the Forestburgh Fire Department, October's Planning Board meeting was held in person at the firehouse. We were able to observe all Covid-related distancing and face-masking requirements. Two matters were addressed: The first was an application for a Natural Subdivision of an 86+ acre single tax parcel owned by the Antlers Hunting and Fishing Club. This application to divide their single tax parcel into two separate parcels, along the divide created by the Oakland Valley Road was granted. The second matter addressed by the Planning Board was the 21 lot subdivision of the 548 acre parcel at the corner of Rt 42 and Hartwood Rd. This major Subdivision, known as Forestburgh Pond, received preliminary approval, subject to certain conditions. This culminated a process that began in January of this year and involved numerous meetings, investigations, extensive public and 'expert' input and modifications of the original plans, as submitted. As no applications have been submitted to the Planning Board for our November meeting, and there are no pending matters, **There will be no November Planning Board meeting.**

Zoning Re-Write Committee

The next scheduled November meeting is set for November 24th from 7-9pm at Town Hall. All CDC guidelines will be in effect. All in attendance must wear face coverings and maintain social distancing rules.

Agenda topics will be;
Review and discuss design standards
Review definitions highlighted for correction
Finalize district map lines
Further discuss the single-family home definition

Announcements:

Forestburgh Highway Department

As a reminder, there is salt and sand outside the barn gate for residents of Forestburgh. Please put the tarp down when finished. We are asking residents to be courteous and to not push snow out into the road or across the roadway. There is a law against it. Have a Happy Thanksgiving.



Forestburgh Gives Back

SUPPORTING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY FEDERATION FOR THE HOMELESS

Come Celebrate the Holidays together at the Forestburgh Playhouse December 12th (rain date 12/13) beginning at 7:00pm. As a community, we will trim and light the Playhouse Holiday Tree and light our Forestburgh Menorah. Please bring an ornament if possible. Playhouse Alumni Performers will lead us together in singing holiday songs of peace, hope and love starting at 7:30pm. This is a wonderful chance to come together and support our community. We will be collecting food donations for the Sullivan County Federation for the Homeless Food Pantry and Food Kitchen. Right now, the Federation desperately needs RICE. Other food items are of course welcome, but please consider buying a bag or two of rice and provide the Pantry and Food Kitchens with this vital staple.

BINS WILL BE SET UP FOR DONATIONS NOVEMBER 21 THROUGH DECEMBER 12 (OR DONATE AT THE EVENT) Drop off locations are: Forestburgh Playhouse Front Entrance, Forestburgh General Store and the Sullivan Catskills Visitors Association.

RSVP by visiting <https://www.fbplayhouse.org/holiday2020>

This event is FREE, but **you must RSVP in order to attend**. Attendance is limited.

For more information and to sign up visit the Forestburgh Playhouse website: fbplayhouse.org or check out the events posted on the **Forestburgh Playhouse Facebook Page!**

Social Distancing and Mask-Wearing Required / Safety Guidelines to be sent to all attendees prior to the event.

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.

The Grateful Deadheaders

Our town gardens have been put to bed for the winter, but when you're driving down 42 at night, take a look at the Dove Garden in beautiful downtown Forestburgh for a surprise!

Through the growing season we've been fortunate to have Billy Steinberg mow not only at the Veterans Memorial, but also at the Dove Garden. Billy has kept the field neat and trim so that visitors to the Dove can easily have their photo ops. Thank you, Billy!

Now the Grateful Deadheaders are planning for next spring when Sullivan Renaissance will be issuing new grants. We are very grateful to them for all the grants we have received through the years to brighten up the 10 gardens that our group works so hard on.

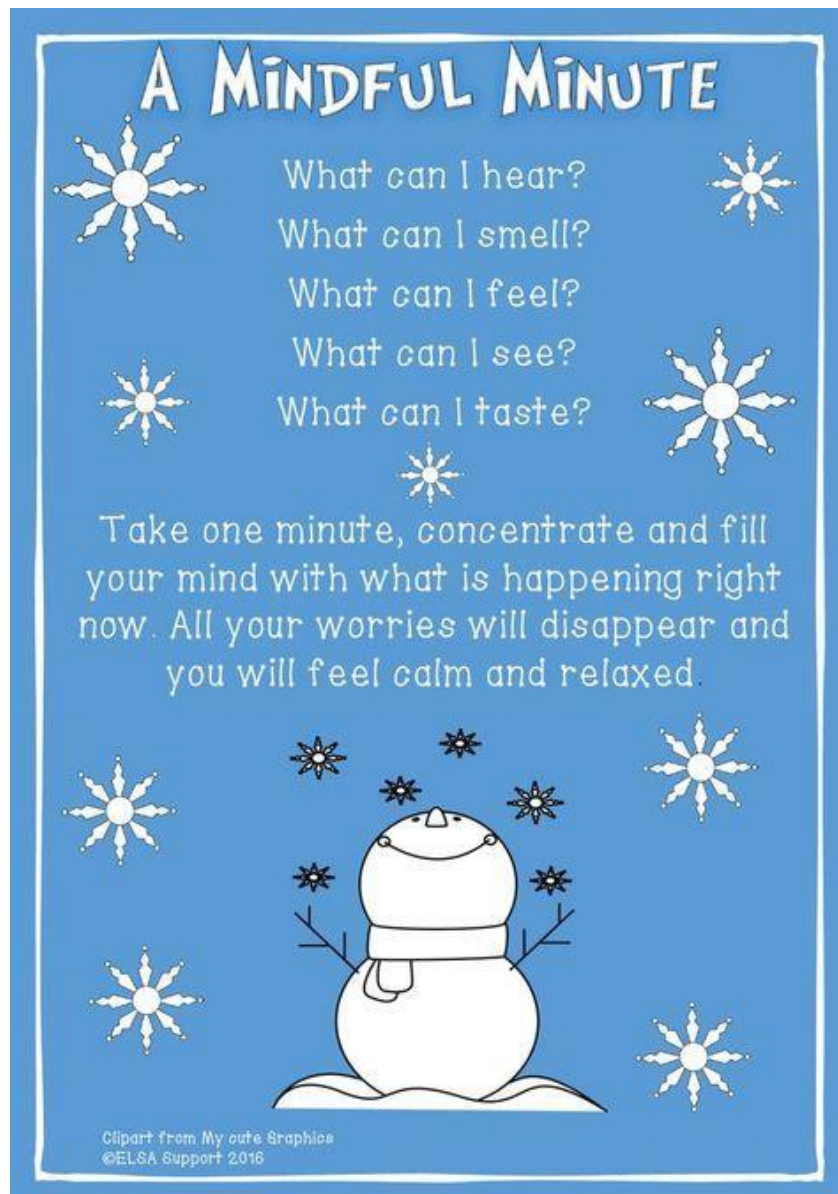
Happy Thanksgiving!



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.

Wellness Corner

During the Holiday Season stress can build and may become a factor towards illness. This year is extraordinary in the fact that most are already feeling overwhelmed from the COVID-19 pandemic. Some thoughts for lessening stress during this hectic time are; drink plenty of water, take a walk, meditate, yoga, cut back on gift giving, shop online, keep up healthy habits, snuggle up with a good movie, call a friend or family member, delegate holiday responsibilities, listen to holiday music, play board games, sing your favorite songs, dance, and write down reasons to be grateful. These are just a few ideas. If you have something that works for you, tell a friend who may be struggling with stress this season.



Mulled Apple Cider:

8 cups of your favorite apple cider
4 or 5 cinnamon sticks
1 medium sized orange
whole cloves
extra cinnamon sticks for serving

Pour apple cider into a 3 ½ quart crock pot. Add 4 or 5 cinnamon sticks. Punch holes in the orange with a toothpick and stick in whole cloves. You can add as many or few as you like. I usually just make several rings around the orange with the cloves. Place the orange into the crock pot. Heat on low for about 4 or 5 hours. Remove orange and cinnamon sticks before serving. Place a fresh cinnamon stick in each mug before filling with mulled cider. Enjoy! Makes 8 cups.

Note: This will keep for several days in the refrigerator and can be reheated in the microwave when you want to enjoy a cup. Your house will smell wonderful when this recipe is simmering in the crock pot.