



## 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](http://www.forestburgh.net). While on the website, please check the calendar for upcoming events and meetings.

### **Town Board**

The Town of Forestburgh Town Board monthly meeting is usually held on the first Thursday of the month at 6:00pm located in the Forestburgh Town Hall. Social distancing and masks are required for all those in attendance. Must bring your own seating. The next monthly meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 1, 2021. For the monthly agenda and meeting minutes, please visit the town website at [www.forestburgh.net](http://www.forestburgh.net).

### **Planning Board**

There was no February Planning Board meeting. There will be a virtual Planning Board meeting on March 23, to consider a request for an extension of time for Forestburgh Pond to comply with the conditions of the preliminary plat approval given to its application for a major subdivision.

### **Zoning Re-Write Committee**

The committee is continuing to meet twice monthly via Zoom. The second March meeting will be held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30pm.

### **Announcements:**

#### **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. Also, please take your garbage cans in away from the road before a snowstorm.

#### **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**

While our town gardens sleep under their many blankets of snow, the Deadheaders have been planning for their next Sullivan Renaissance Grant which will start this spring. Our town gardens will be magnificent this year!

In the meantime, special events are also in the works and we need participants! Look for a simple hour of Walk & Weed, Stretch & Weed, and who knows what else? Just a way to get out of the house and spend an hour with socially distanced Forestburghers. AND you could qualify for one of our coveted tee shirts! Stay tuned for more information.

## **Our Town** (As submitted by Town Historian, Sabina Toomey)

In 1779 Forestburgh was a virgin woodland with few settlers. The American Revolutionary War was raging on. Joseph Brant and his fellow Mohawk Indians along with British Loyalist Tories, ravaged Fort Decker, which was in the area that is now Port Jervis, traveled back home to the Susquehanna Valley in Pennsylvania. Brant knew he could cross the Delaware River at Minisink Ford, now Barryville in the town of Tusten. Joseph Brant burned and murdered his way from Port Jervis through the town of Forestburgh gathering cattle and stores to provide for his people back home.

Today a historical marker, titled Indian Raid in Oakland Valley remembers the site where John Brook and his family lost their lives. Brant had stopped and camped overnight near the site that is now the new Town Hall. In pursuit of Brant and his raiders was General Benjamin Tusten with 120 of his militia, who were untrained farmers, merchants and clerks from the Goshen area. Brant and his men are trained men in the employ of England and have fought in the French and Indian wars.

(To be continued)

## **FREE Rabies Clinic**

Town of Rockland will be holding a FREE Rabies Clinic at the Livingston Manor Firehouse, located at 93 Main Street, Livingston Manor, NY on Wednesday, April 7<sup>th</sup> from 6pm to 7:30pm. Everyone will be required to wear a mask while at the clinic site and practice social distancing guidelines. Open for Sullivan County residents only! Servicing dogs, cats, & ferrets. Pre-registration is required <https://apps2.health.ny.gov/doh2/applinks/cdmspr/2/counties?DateID=BB8E2A062F9A014CE0530A6C7C169A31>

When arriving at the clinic, remain in your vehicle and call 845-807-9173 for instructions from the clinic staff. All pet owners are responsible for clean up of their pets. All pets must be at least 3 months old and must be in a carrier or on a leash.

## **Free Tax Help from AARP & the IRS**

**(For taxpayers with low and middle income,  
with special attention to those age 50 and over)**

Would you like help with your 2020 income tax preparation and filing? Volunteers trained as tax counselors will prepare and e-file your Federal and State tax returns at no cost to you through the AARP Tax-Aide program, part of the AARP Foundation. Although intended for those taxpayers age 50 and over, there are no fixed age or income limits. However, complex returns and certain types of income are beyond the scope of the program.

As of March 11, there were still a limited number of time slots available on March 24 and 25 at the Cornell Cooperative Extension offices, Ferndale Loomis Road, Liberty, NY. Call (845) 292-6180 for additional information and to make an appointment. If there is enough interest, an additional day may be scheduled at the Monticello Library before the end of the tax season. Call 794-4660 for information. Sponsored by AARP and the IRS, with help from Cornell Cooperative of Sullivan County.

## **Forestburgh Fire Department Corned Beef Dinner**

The Forestburgh Fire Company #1 will be holding their annual Corned Beef Dinner on March 27<sup>th</sup> from 4pm-8pm. This year it will be **DRIVE-THRU ONLY** and will cost \$13. Come out and support your local fire company, and enjoy some delicious food!



## **Strawberry Shortcake Oreo Balls** (from Butter with a Side of Bread)

### Ingredients:

36 Golden Oreo Cookies finely crushed (15.25 pkg)

8 oz. softened cream cheese

1 lb. almond bark; melted

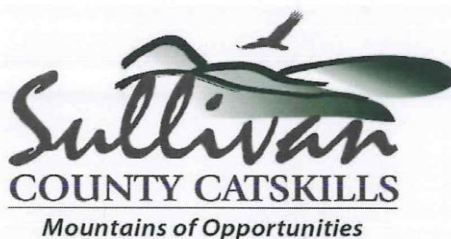
1-2 oz freeze dried strawberries finely crushed



Instructions: In a food processor or blender, finely crush Oreo cookies. Crush freeze dried strawberries in food processor or blender. Combine the crumb mixture with the cream cheese and process until well blended. Use a cookie scoop to measure out about 1 ½ Tbsp of the cookie mixture and roll each scoop into a ball. Place Oreo balls on parchment paper lined cookie sheet. Freeze cookie balls for about 20-30 minutes before dipping.

Melt the almond bark in the microwave for about 1 minute 20 seconds. Stir gently until smooth, returning to the microwave in 15 second increments, if needed. Dip each ball in the chocolate and place back on lined cookie sheet. Once the chocolate dip has set, refrigerate on the cookie sheet until ready to eat. Store leftovers in a container in the fridge.

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## **2021 Countywide Roadside Litter Pluck Event**

**April 1<sup>st</sup> – June 30<sup>th</sup>**



**Roadside  
Litter Plucked Trash  
accepted "FREE"  
at County operated  
Transfer Stations!**

**Free disposal identifying stickers for roadside litter filled trash bags and highway regulations regarding roadside litter plucking will be available at all Town and Village Municipal Offices, County operated Transfer Stations, and the S.C. Parks and Recreation office.**

**Please follow NYS & CDC Social Distancing/Safety Guidelines along with Sullivan County Solid Waste & Recycling Facility Safety Regulations.**

**This program is funded by the Sullivan County Legislature.**

For further information, please contact the  
Sullivan County Parks, Recreation & Beautification Department

Email: [SCParks@co.sullivan.ny.us](mailto:SCParks@co.sullivan.ny.us) or call 845-807-0287