



2021

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 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, June 3, 2021. For the monthly agenda and meeting minutes, please visit the town website at www.forestburgh.net.

Planning Board

There was a virtual April Planning Board meeting where Forestburgh Pond's submission of it's final maps was received, and substantial (if not absolute) completion of the conditions of its Preliminary Plat approval led to a determination that it is prepared to proceed with the final plat approval process. Nothing additional by way of potential environmental impact was identified, so a negative declaration was issued by the Planning Board. A third public hearing was scheduled for May 25 at 7:30 pm, in person at town hall. Forestburgh Pond's application will be the only agenda item of substance on the agenda for the May 25 meeting.

Covid 19 protocols will be observed at this meeting. If there are more people in attendance than can be accommodated under these protocols inside at town hall, the meeting will be held in the pavilion by the town pool.

Zoning Re-Write Committee

The committee is continuing to meet twice monthly via Zoom. There was a meeting held on May 11th. The next scheduled meeting will be held on June 8th from 7-9pm.

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.

Our Town(As Submitted by Town Historian: Sabina Toomey)

The native Americans that inhabited the area were called the Lenni-Lenape. They lived on the shores of the Delaware River throughout New Jersey, Southern New York and Eastern Pennsylvania. It is questionable if they lived in Forestburgh, but it is certain our town was part of their hunting grounds. They were a peace-loving tribe and highly respected for their diplomatic skills. It was their ability to mediate disputes between

neighboring tribes, which got them much respect. They were called the “Grandfathers” the “Ancient Ones” because their beginnings were so primal. Living along the Delaware made them great fishermen. In the spring this area of the river is famous for the “Shad Run”. The fish were gathered and smoked to allow safe nutritional food, especially during the long cold winters when the river froze. Wild game supplemented their diets. They were good hunters and I’m sure our town was part of their hunting grounds. If you can imagine the dense, deep, dark woods this area was. Not a soul in site. Plentiful Deer, bear, turkey and all manor of small game & birds to hunt easily. When Europeans arrived, they called the Lenape the “Delaware Indians”. They were said to be very helpful and were noted for their hospitality. During the Revolutionary War, the first treaty ever written by the US was with the Lenape. The year was 1778, we asked for support in fighting the British. In return the “Delaware Indians” would be given Statehood. This promise was empty, as were so many future treaties. Conflicting issues with European settlers encroaching on tribal land lead to the death of many native Americans. Those remaining were forced to become farmers and tradesmen, and they lost so much of their land. For more information visit Fort Delaware and go to <https://www.drfsa.org/delaware-river-shad-fishermens-association> to learn more about the Shad fishing. Perhaps some older folks might recall the Shad Run was an important local spring event to raise funds. Shad were caught and roasted on Oak planks over open fires. Much fun was had by all!

Please stay safe & get vaccinated-Sabina Toomey

The Grateful Deadheaders

PROJECT WINDCHIME will bring some music to our town gardens this summer. If you have a windchime you'd like to donate, please drop it off at Town Hall with Joanne Nagoda.

Spring will transform the Town's gardens with bright blooms as the weather warms. Join our tie-dyed tee shirt crew for just a few hours to get one of your very own. We do so much with just a few volunteers and would love to have your company. Call Susan at 845-901-2936.

Our picture of the month is the Veterans Triangle in late April with the blooming daffodils we planted last spring. Watch it become transformed with even more color when the daffies fade!



Open Burning Prohibitions

Open burning is prohibited in New York, with several exceptions:

- Campfires less than 3 feet in height and 4 feet in length, width or diameter are allowed.
- Small cooking fires are allowed.
- Fires cannot be left unattended and must be fully extinguished.
- Only charcoal or clean, untreated or unpainted wood can be burned.
- Ceremonial or celebratory bonfires are allowed.

In towns with a total population less than 20,000, you may burn tree limbs with attached leaves.

The limbs must be less than 6 inches in diameter and 8 feet in length (also referred to as brush).

However, this is not allowed from March 16 through May 14 due to the increased risk of wildfires.

The practice of burning large piles of brush collected from local residents at town or county transfer sites is prohibited. The individual landowners in small towns may burn their brush on site as discussed above. Downed limbs and branches generated at a transfer site are also allowed to be burned on site with the same restrictions.

See [Section 215.3](#) (leaves DEC website) for a full list of exceptions.

Please note: While most firewood must be untreated, some firewood is heat treated (kiln dried) to control invasive insect species if it is to be transported over 50 miles. Heat treated firewood is not intended to be prohibited. However, the burning of chemically treated wood such as pressure-treated lumber and plywood is prohibited.

Do Not Burn Household Trash

- Burning trash is prohibited statewide in all cases. Our existing incinerator rule already prohibits burning household trash in wood stoves, fireplaces, and outdoor wood boilers.
- DEC recommends that you [recycle](#) all appropriate materials (such as newspaper, paper, glass and plastic) and [compost](#) your organic kitchen and garden waste.
- Burning leaves also is banned in New York State. We encourage you to [compost leaves](#).
- Disposal of flags or religious items in a small-sized fire is allowed if it is not otherwise prohibited by law or regulation.

Controlling Invasive Species

Open burning to control invasive plant or insect species is allowed. Case-by-case **DEC approval is required.**

Agricultural Uses

- Organic agricultural wastes may be burned on-site where they are grown or generated, including brush and wood produced by clearing fields and other activities.
- Fires must be located on contiguous agricultural land larger than 5 acres, and the materials capable of being fully burned within 24 hours.

- The burning of pesticides, plastics or other non-organic material is prohibited.
- The use of liquid petroleum fueled smudge pots to prevent frost damage to crops is allowed.
- Burning tires and other wastes for smudge is prohibited.
- Individual open fires to control plant and animal disease outbreaks are allowed as approved on a case-by-case by DEC, upon the request by the Commissioner of Agriculture and Markets.
- Prescribed burns - the burning of forest land to achieve a vegetative or wildlife management goal - can be performed but only in accordance with DEC regulations. Check with your [regional DEC office](#).

Municipal Uses

With some restrictions, fire training burning activities are allowed in accordance with guidance from NYS Dept. of State's Office of Fire Prevention and Control. The Fire Services Bureau may be reached at 518-474-6746.

Towns, villages, cities, and counties can pass ordinances that are stricter than the open fires regulations.

You should check with local authorities to find out if local law requires a permit or prohibits open fires.

Explosives, or other dangerous contraband, may be burned on an emergency basis only by police or other public safety organizations.



SUMMER JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Town of Forestburgh Recreation Department has Lifeguard opportunities available to staff the pool at the Town Hall for the 2021 Summer Season:

🌐 LIFEGUARD (2)

Lifeguards are responsible for the protection of persons swimming or otherwise using the recreational facilities of the pool area. The primary responsibility is the safety of the patrons

using the facility. Other duties will be assigned upon hiring. Previous experience in lifeguarding is preferred.

Individuals must be certified, and able to work weekends and holidays, based on seasonal demands. Certifications required include American Red Cross Lifeguarding/First Aid and CPR/AED. Other qualifications and requirement are as follows: background clearance and pre-employment drug testing, and applicants must be 17 years or older. Hiring preference will be given to Forestburgh residents. Salary commensurate with experience.

🌐 CERTIFIED HEAD LIFEGUARD (1)

Please read the entire list of responsibilities and qualifications carefully. They represent our true expectations.

Responsibilities:

- Must be ambitious, friendly, courteous, compassionate, and comfortable with people of all age groups.
- Thorough cleaning and maintenance of the pool and pool area daily.
- Must possess strong work ethic, honesty, and integrity.
- Complete thorough daily facility inspections.
- Effectively communicate operation malfunctions promptly to management in a timely manner.
- Ensure all shifts are covered.
- Maintain weekly schedule.
- Ensure all staff are on time and properly prepared.
- Ensure all water chemistry is balanced and maintain daily logs.
- Responsible for obtaining permit to open pool, and any additional paperwork needed by DOH

Qualifications:

- Must be at least 21 years old or older.
- Must possess and renew certification as required by law- Lifeguard/CPR/First Aid/AED, etc.
- Must be able to recognize and respond to emergencies immediately.
- Attention to detail is a must.
- Strong individual and team contributor.
- Must be friendly, outgoing and a people-person.
- Must be available to work weekends and holidays based on seasonal demands.
- Must be available to close pool after Labor Day.





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