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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. For your safety, masks are required for all those not yet vaccinated. The next monthly meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 7, 2021. For the monthly agenda and meeting minutes, please visit the town website at www.forestburgh.net. **Upcoming Budget Workshop** are held at the Town Hall with the scheduled dates of: Wednesday, October 13 at 4:30; Thursday, October 14 at 4:30; Wednesday, October 27 at 4:30(if needed); Thursday, October 28 at 4:30(if needed).

Planning Board

There was no meeting of the Planning Board in August, and as no matters have been presented to the Planning Board for a September meeting, there will not be one.

Zoning Re-Write Committee

We are continuing to meet twice per month when possible until the new zoning is complete. Co-chairs Katherine Barnhart and Steve Budofsky would like to thank all committee members for their continued hard work and commitment to this very important project.

Announcements:

Highway Department

The Highway Dept is back to Monday-Friday 7:00 am - 3:30 pm. We are still working on roads and ditches as well as getting ready for winter, which is right around the corner! We've worked on repair work for the Fire District on a dry hydrant and putting up signs for them. Again, it might be early but, the sand and salt shed is outside the Highway Dept, and it has material for resident use. If any questions arise please contact the Highway Department-794-8069

The Grateful Deadheaders

The crisp air of fall is sifting through our forests with the delightful start of beautiful fall foliage. Our Forestburgh gardens are in tip top shape, still blooming and beautiful. Pretty soon we'll be planting more bulbs to add to the spring splendor. Please take a moment to drink in the last splurge of floral color at Town Hall and our welcome signs.

Our pictures this month show a before and after of what we can accomplish to make our gardens look beautiful and trim. Weeding! If anyone would like to join us, we have the tools and kneelers to get the job done, not to mention some fun with our members!



NYS DEC

The State Department of Environmental Conservation has adopted new rules for deer and bear hunting in New York. Rule changes include extending hunting hours and dress code requirements when afield to improve hunter safety. DEC announced the proposed changes in June 2021, after adopting the updated State Deer Management Plan. After review of the public comments received on the proposed changes, DEC adopted the rules as proposed. A summary of the public comments received and DEC's response is available on the DEC website and in the latest issue of the New York State Register.

The adopted changes:

Establish a nine-day season for antlerless deer in mid-September (Sept. 11 – 19, 2021) using firearms in Wildlife Management Units (WMUs) 3M, 3R, 8A, 8F, 8G, 8J, 8N, 9A and 9F, and using bowhunting equipment in WMUs 1C, 3S, 4J, and 8C. Management objectives in these units are either to decrease the deer population or maintain a stable population, and increased antlerless harvest is needed to achieve these objectives. Objectives are based on public input and assessments of deer impacts to forests. Hunters may only use Deer Management Permits (DMPs) and Deer Management Assistance Permit (DMAP) tags in this season;

Restore antlerless harvest during the early muzzleloader season in Northern Zone WMUs 6A, 6F, and 6J. The management objective for these units is to maintain a stable population and the deer population in these units has grown aided by a series of mild winters and prior restrictions on antlerless harvest;

Extend the hunting hours for deer and bear to include the full period of ambient light from 30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset. All other states allow deer hunting beginning one-half hour before sunrise or earlier, or specify daylight hours, and 46 of 50 states allow deer hunting until some period (mostly one-half hour) after sunset. This change conforms to the national standard for big game hunting;

Require anyone hunting big game with a firearm, or accompanying someone hunting big game with a firearm, to wear a solid or patterned fluorescent orange or fluorescent pink hat, vest, or jacket. Most two-party hunting-related shooting incidents in New York involve a hunter victim who was not wearing fluorescent orange or pink clothing. Similar fluorescent orange requirements exist in most states.

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. September and October are designated as Dog Enumeration months. If your dog isn't currently licensed with the Town, please see the Town Clerk and update your dog's status. Besides being a NYS requirement it can help reunite you with your dog should they become lost.

YIELD: 4-6 SERVINGS

Italian Orzo Tomato Spinach Soup

prep time 5 MINUTES cook time 20 MINUTES total time 25 MINUTES

This soup is loaded with classic Italian flavors and it's simple to make! Orzo tomato spinach soup is completely vegetarian friendly and it's so warm and comforting! The perfect soup to serve on a chilly day.

Italian Orzo Tomato Spinach Soup

Ingredients

2 tablespoons olive oil
1 1/2 cups chopped onions
1 1/4 cup carrots, sliced into 1/2 inch rounds
1 cup celery
6 cloves of roasted garlic (or fresh minced garlic)
6 1/2 cups of vegetable stock (or chicken)
2 (14.5 oz) cans fire-roasted diced tomatoes
1 1/2 tablespoons pesto
1 1/2 cups orzo (whole wheat or regular)
1/2 teaspoon dried thyme
1/2 teaspoon Italian seasoning
1/2 teaspoon oregano
3 cups baby spinach, packed
salt and black pepper, to taste

Instructions:

Heat the oil in a dutch oven over medium-high heat. Add the onions and sauté them for 4-5 minutes until they get soft. Add the carrots, celery, and roasted garlic and continue to sauté for an additional 3 minutes. Add the stock, along with the tomatoes, pesto, orzo, thyme, Italian seasoning, and oregano, stir to combine. Reduce the heat to medium and let the orzo pasta cook to al-dente, about 10 minutes, stir occasionally.

Just before serving, add the baby spinach and continue to cook for 1 minutes or until the spinach gets nice and bright green and wilts down. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Serve warm.

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