



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, December 2, 2021. For the monthly agenda and meeting minutes, please visit the town website at www.forestburgh.net.

Planning Board

The October Planning Board meeting took place via Zoom and included a single matter of substance: an application for a lot improvement. This was tabled before a final vote, at the applicant's request, and will be on the November agenda. Also on November's agenda will be a request for a 2 lot subdivision of certain property on Rod and Gun Club Road, owned by Birchwood Estates, where they seek to divide a 2.3 acre parcel from a parent parcel of over 200 acres.

Zoning Re-Write Committee

Zoning Committee continues to meet. There was a meeting on November 9th. Future dates to be determined.

Announcements:

Highway Department

There has been a lot of trash being dropped off around the town. If you see something take, a down the license plate number and call the Highway Superintendent to report it. We continue to get ready for winter, while doing brush work around town. The salt shed is open to Forestburgh residents. Please take advantage of it. Happy Thanksgiving to all from the Highway Department.

Forestburgh Fire Department

Forestburgh Fire Department is collecting Toys for Tots now until December 8th. We ask that the gifts are new and unwrapped. Please drop off gifts to the Forestburgh Firehouse any Wednesday night from 7pm to 9pm. Also, the annual holiday Santa Run will be on Sunday, December 12, 2021. If you or your new neighbors have children 12 & under, please call Ron Geysen-(845)794-1912 to add them to Santa's list.

The Grateful Deadheaders

Welcome new members!

More gardeners, more fun. And we're delighted that Renette Vealey and Ruthmary Weinger have joined our group. Renette has worked as the town's Summer Director in the past and Ruthmary is one of the owners of The Inn at Lake Joseph. Welcome! A few of our members planted alliums at the Veterans Garden last month to provide an even more colorful display come spring. Alliums are those gorgeous huge balls of flowers on top of long stems. They come in several colors and will be a nice contrast to the yellow daffodils and narcissus when April rolls around. The happy gardeners, in their bulb planting gear,

that day were Susie Parks-Landis, Genevieve Dainack, Susan Hawvermale, Karen Ellsweig, Gifford Shriver, and Bruce Ellsweig. This team made short work of planting the dozens of bulbs provided to us by Sullivan Renaissance, a terrific partner that has supported our efforts for many years. Thank you! Want to be part of the fun? Our group is open to all. Join us! Call Joanne at Town Hall for more information; 845-794-0611 Ext 21.

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

On May 7, 1895 Ezra Reed and his wife Sarah Gray Reed deeded $\frac{1}{4}$ acre to the Town due west of their farm for a Town Hall. James Yoemans, a carpenter residing at Hartwood, won the bid for \$400! The building was 20x30 feet built with Hemlock and Georgia Pine. It had 3 windows on each side. It had good pine shutters on the windows. The chimney was brick and stood 4 ft above the roof to prevent possible fire. Ironically, the building burnt to the ground in 1928. The fire is said to have started by a spark from a stream roller being readied for use on the road. Both the Town Hall and the building that stored the roller were consumed by the blaze. It wasn't until July 29, 1929 that plans were put into place to build the existing building known as the Old Town Hall. Drive by and see it. Take note of the Historical Marker and brass plate listing the building as a "Historical Landmark". The building was last painted white by Boy Scout Troop 101, guided by Jim Steinberg. It was his grandson's Eagle Scout project. A new roof for the building was provided by a grant obtained by the Town Historian. However, the building in in dyer need of a new foundation due to its placement on the hill and lack of gutters. I would like to thank Mr. Richard (Dick) Gibney posthumously for his long-time care for the building. Many of us recall his volunteer work. His wife, Phyllis, still resides in their lovely home next door. In the distant past many Town people responded to a request by the Historian to "Save Our Town Hall". If you have any pictures or stories about Our Town please contribute. Copies will be made of original materials, treated with care and returned promptly.

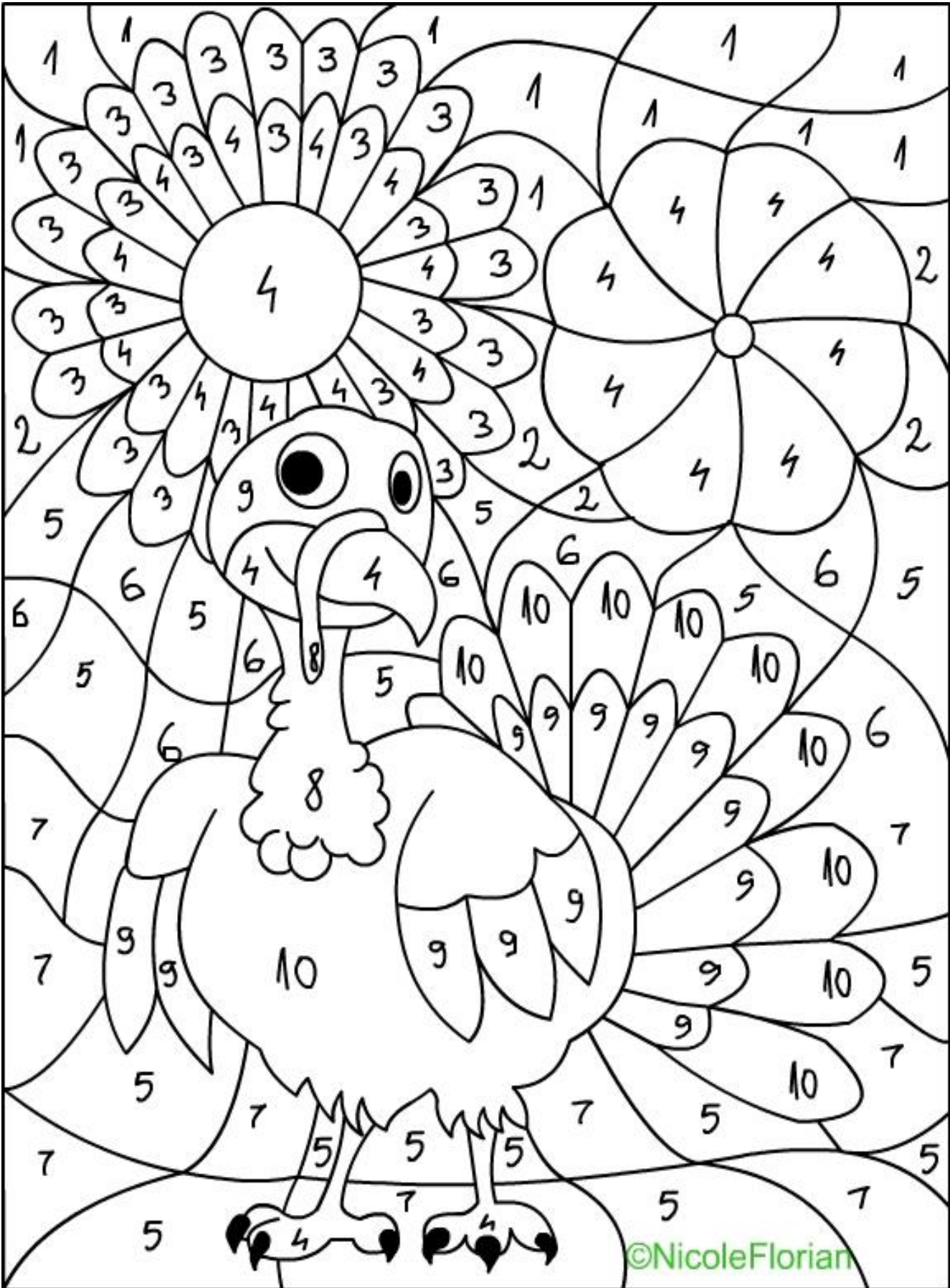
On October 3, 1863, expressing gratitude for a pivotal Union Army victory at Gettysburg, President Abraham Lincoln announced that the nation will celebrate an official Thanksgiving on November 26, 1863. Happy Thanksgiving to you all. Peace & good health.











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.

Volunteers Needed for AARP Tax Aide Program

Are you looking for a way to help seniors? Then, AARP Tax Aide is looking for you. Who can volunteer for our program? Anyone who lives in Sullivan County. If you love people, volunteer as a client facilitator. You will greet taxpayers, help them organize their paperwork and assist in the smooth flow of work. If you have experience with computers, especially if you have prepared your own taxes, why not volunteer as a tax preparer? Volunteer tax preparers, schedulers and facilitators will be trained to assist seniors as well as low- to moderate-income individuals and families. AARP will provide this comprehensive training starting in December 2021 and January 2022. Starting February 2022, AARP Tax Aide will provide free tax preparation and counseling services at multiple locations throughout Sullivan County. When assigned to a site you need not worry about being left on your own. The Site Coordinator will coach you and another preparer will check all your work for accuracy. Interested? For more information on volunteering with TaxAide, please contact Carl Amaditz, Sullivan County New Volunteer Coordinator, at 845-794-3515 or email camaditz@gmail.com. Look forward to hearing from you!



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Super Easy Dinner Biscuits

2 cups self-rising flour

6 Tablespoons cold butter, cut into pats

2/3 to ¾ cup cold milk

Preheat oven to 425. In a medium bowl, work together the flour and 4 Tablespoons butter just until the mixture forms crumbs the size of peas. Add 2/3 cup of milk and stir until the mixture holds together and leaves the sides of the bowl; add more milk if needed. Scoop the dough onto a well-floured surface and fold it over on itself several times. Roll or pat the dough into a 5" x 8 ½" rectangle about ½" thick. Place dough into a well-greased baking pan and cut dough into 9-12 squares. Melt the remaining 2 Tablespoons of butter and pour over cut dough. Bake for 10-14 minutes, or until golden brown. Enjoy!



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