

# **Board and Committee News:**

For a copy of the minutes and/or agendas, please visit our website at <a href="www.forestburgh.net">www.forestburgh.net</a>. 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. The next monthly meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 3, 2022 prior to the meeting at 5:45 there will be a public hearing on Local Law #1. For the monthly agenda and meeting minutes, please visit the town website at <a href="https://www.forestburgh.net">www.forestburgh.net</a>.

## **Planning Board**

There was no December Planning Board Meeting. There will be a January meeting, held by Zoom. The only substantive matter on the agenda will be an application for a 3-lot subdivision, by Birchwood Estates, which owns a 230-acre parcel, across Rod and Gun Club Road, from its development in the Town of Thompson. At the last meeting, the application was not yet complete. It is anticipated that at this meeting, a date for a public hearing on this application will be set. Application Materials will be posted on the Forestburgh website once the application is deemed complete, and a date for a public hearing is set.

## **Zoning Re-Write Committee**

The Zoning Committee is reviewing the documents and preparing them for transcription. We met on January 11th and will meet again on February 8th. Co-Chairs Katherine Barnhart and Steve Budofsky would like to commend all committee members for their diligence and their commitment to completing this longstanding and vital project.

# **Announcements:**

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

We recently acquired a very prestigious edition of Joseph Brant, "A Man of Two Worlds", written by a considered expert in the field, Isabel Thompson Kelsay. There is a local expert from Deer Park that I met at one of his talks about Brant. I was very impressed with his knowledge. Ms. Kelsay's book will be available as well as many other Historical books in "Our Town" Historical Library at the Town Hall. I look forward to learning more about this interesting man. For a list of available materials, please see the Town's website at <a href="https://www.forestburgh.net">www.forestburgh.net</a>. And, just in case you're not familiar with Joseph Brant; he was the Mohawk Indian British leader of all the Indian raids in this area during the Revolutionary War. May all of you New Year resolutions be accomplished. Wishing for a New Year full of good health, peace and love.



## **Dog Control Officer**

Reminder to all dog owners; by law, all dogs must be licensed. Pease 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.

### Mortgage & Foreclosure Assistance Available

Help is available through the NYS Office of the Attorney General's Homeowner Protection Program (HOPP) at no cost to you. If you are a NYS homeowner struggling to make payments, or in a forbearance agreement with your servicer, know your options. You may qualify for new federal assistance. Beware of scams and of companies asking for payment to help with your mortgage. Before you give up you home, have your mortgage checked by a qualified NYS professional for free. Call the NYS HOPP Toll-Free Hotline at 1-855-HOME-456 (1-855-466-3456) or go to HomeownerHelpNY.org to get connected with a non-profit in your area. Attached is more information from Sullivan County Treasurer, Nancy Buck.



#### **Now HIRING LIFEGUARDS!**

Even though the snow is flying, and the air is freezing we are prepping for the 2022 summer season! The Town of Forestburgh Recreation Department has Lifeguard opportunities available for the upcoming summer season. We are looking for 2 fully certified Lifeguards at least 17 years old and a fully certified Head Lifeguard at least 21

years old. A background clearance check and pre-employment drug test will be issued. Hiring preference will be given to Forestburgh residents. Salary commensurate with experience. Head Lifeguard MUST be available to close pool after Labor Day. If interested, please call the Town Hall at (845)794-0611 ext. 21.

#### **NOTICE**

Broadway in Monticello will be closed on Saturday, January 22 from 8:00am – 2:00pm in order to honor William "Billy" Steinberg who passed away unexpectedly January 15th. All lanes in both directions will be temporarily closed. Traffic will be re-routed from Broadway during the time frame above. Firematic services will be held prior to the Mass at St. Peter's Catholic Church. Billy will be greatly missed, and we send out our deepest condolences to his family.

Obituary of WIlliam "Billy" Steinberg | VanInwegen-Kenny, Inc. Fune... (kennyfuneralhome.com)





#### **CREAMY CHICKEN ENCHILADA SOUP**

#### **INGREDIENTS:**

- 1 Tbsp butter or avocado oil
- 1 medium diced onion
- 2 celery stalks diced
- 1 medium carrot sliced
- 2-3 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 ½ tsp ground cumin
- 1 Tbsp chili powder
- 1 tsp oregano
- 15 oz. diced tomatoes, fire roasted (if you can find them)
- 1/4 Cup tomato paste
- 4 Cups chicken broth
- 1 Can rinsed red kidney beans
- 1 Can rinsed black beans
- 1 Cup sweet corn
- 2 Cups shredded cooked chicken
- 1 Cup Mexican Shredded Cheese blend

Salt and pepper

#### **INSTRUCTIONS:**

Melt butter or oil in a large stockpot over medium-high heat. Add onion, celery, carrots, bell pepper, garlic and cook until softens, about 5-6 minutes. Stir in seasonings, diced tomatoes, tomato paste, and chicken broth and bring to a boil. Lower the heat and simmer for about 10-15 minutes, or until veggies are very tender. Remove from heat and using a hand blender, blend the soup until smooth and creamy. Place the soup back over medium heat and add in beans, corn and shredded chicken. Stir to combine and boil for a couple of minutes, just to heat it all up. Then pour into bowls and top with shredded cheese or your favorite toppings. Enjoy!

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