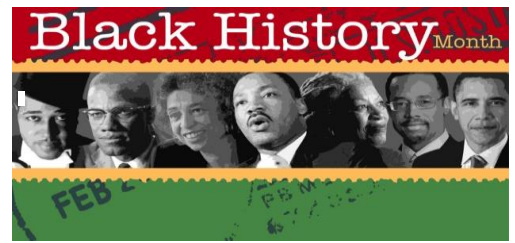


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TOWN OF FORESTBURGH NEWSLETTER



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 remain required. The next monthly meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 3, 2022 with a public hearing on Spectrum at the beginning of the meeting. For the monthly agenda and meeting minutes, please visit the town website at www.forestburgh.net.

Planning Board

At January's Planning Board meeting there was one item of substance on the agenda: Birchwood Estate's application for a 3-lot subdivision. They own a 230-acre parcel, across from Rod and Gun Club Road, from its development in the Town of Thompson. This subdivision will provide for one lot for a residential use, a second for the pre-existing ball field and the third, the remainder of the large parcel. Their application was deemed complete, a public hearing was set for our February 22 meeting. This will be held virtually - the Zoom link

is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81266811528?pwd=NXhmT245N1RiMEdwK2ZSL1ZMS2MyZz09>

The complete application can be found on the Forestburgh website <https://forestburgh.net/boards-and-committees/planning-board/applications/birchwood-estates/>

Zoning Re-Write Committee

The Zoning Committee met on February 8th and continues to review the final draft of the proposed Zoning Code.

Announcements:

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

Volunteers from the AARP program to provide free services to prepare and file your tax returns are again available this year! Contact the Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library in Monticello to set up an appointment, (845)794-4660. Volunteers from our town are Carl Amaditz, Karen Ellsweig, Gifford Shriver, Susan Hawvermale, and John Cassidy. Thank you all, especially Mr. Amaditz who has long been involved in providing this wonderful service.

The Retired Senior Volunteer Program, RSVP, is up and running! Next meeting will be on March 7th at 10am in the Sullivan County Government Center Conference Room. Meeting can also be attended virtually. Contact the coordinator, Martha Tully, at (845)807-0255 for more information. Positions are open on the advisory board and volunteers are always needed in many community venues. Remember, volunteering has been proven to help the volunteer as well! It feels good!

(As per Elsie Winterberger "Town Lore"):

Early inhabitants of Forestburgh were English, Irish, Scottish, German and a few Swedish. However, Celtic blood predominated. Settlements here began soon after the Revolution; a virgin forest, enormous amount

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of blue stone and abundant waterpower destined Forestburgh to become a manufacturing area. Lumbering with its fringe products, tanning, and quarrying became enterprises to lure settlers along with hunting, fishing and trapping. About 1783 Capt. Abraham Cuddeback who had served in the war, built a sawmill at the mouth of the Bushkill where it flows into the Neversink River at Oakland Valley. Their mill supplied lumber which was floated down the Neversink to the Delaware River where it was rafted to Philadelphia. Much of the tall lumber was used there to make the masts of sailing vessels. Later the Mt. Hope Lumberland Road and the Plank Road will join and allow access from the western part of the county through Forestburgh to the world!

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.



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.

Highway Department

Just a reminder, winter is not over yet! There is still salt and sand mix outside the garage in the shed for residents, and a reminder please do not push and leave snow from your driveway out into the road. This is illegal and could cause an accident.



Forestburgh Fire Department

It's that time of year again! The Forestburgh Fire Department will be hosting their annual drive-thru Corned Beef Dinner on Saturday, March 19th from 4pm-7pm. This always delicious meal is \$15 and includes all the fixings!

Billy's Law

Help Senator Mike Martucci pass Billy's Law! §.8181- Billy's Law would protect volunteer firefighters like Billy Steinberg by making sure arsonists are held on bail, not released to strike again! Go to Martucci.NYSENATE.gov or click on the link here, <https://www.nysenate.gov/petitions/mike-martucci/help-me-pass-billys-law> , to learn more about this important law and sign the petition to pass Billy's Law!

Grateful Deadheaders

COLD!! Chilly for us, but great for our town gardens. Our bulbs and plantings are getting a long winter's nap before they burst into color this spring. But there wouldn't be any gardens without a lot of hands and help. Special thanks to **Sullivan Renaissance** for the continuing grants and assistance they give us. Their expert advice and staff workdays have been invaluable in providing photo-worthy gardens for everyone who sees them. Special thanks to Renaissance's **Carmela Hugel** who really knows how to make gardening fun. We have a devoted group of Deadheaders who faithfully weed, water, plant bulbs and so much more to maintain our welcome signs, Town Hall Gardens, Dove Garden, and Veterans Garden. Our rock stars are **Genevieve Dainack, Karen & Bruce Ellsweig, Nadine Gallagher, Susan Hawvermale, Rich Hugel, Susie Parks-Landis, Joanne Nagoda, and Gifford Shriver**. Joining us this year are **Rue Weinger and Renette Vealey**. Welcome! Boy Scouts **Evan Waterton, Adam Cavello, and Daniel Seminario** did some really heavy lifting for us this spring, moving mulch and edging what must have seemed like miles of gardens. Great work, guys! A true hero to all of us is **Joe Gottlieb** who donated 12 yards of mulch to our efforts. This went a long way towards helping our plants survive the seasons. We are so grateful to Joe for this generous gift. Sadly, we had to say goodbye to two volunteers who devoted countless hours to keep the town's gardens neat and trim. We lost **Nadine Gallagher** late last year. Nadine's enthusiasm and loyalty to the Deadheaders kept us all going. She was a tireless worker, and we will miss her terribly. **Billy Steinberg** faithfully mowed both Veterans Triangle and the Dove Garden in his spare time, a true gift to the town. He was a joy to work with and we'll miss that radiant smile of his. Lastly, kudos to the **Town of Lumberland** gardeners who know that we are limited in volunteers. All on their own have helped maintain our welcome sign garden at the Eagle Watch on Forestburgh Road. Community spirit doesn't get better than this. See you in the spring!

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