



2022

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, April 7, 2022. For the monthly agenda and meeting minutes, please visit the town website at www.forestburgh.net.

Planning Board

At February's Planning Board meeting, there was one item of substance on the agenda: Birchwood Estate's application for a 3-lot subdivision of a 245-acre parcel. A public hearing was held regarding this application, and the public was heard. The Planning Board completed The State Environmental Quality Review Act Process and determined that this project would not have a significant negative environmental impact (a negative declaration). Further review of the application was carried out and the matter was adjourned to our March meeting for potential resolution of this application. Additional materials have been submitted by the applicant, including an updated site plan, which is available on the Forestburgh website. There are no other pending matters nor new matters on March's Planning Board agenda.

Zoning Re-Write Committee

The Zoning Committee met on March 8th and is working to complete the proposed zoning code. Once complete the document will be formatted while the committee works on other charts associated with zoning. We're getting there!

Announcements:

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

Founding Fathers (from Elsie Winterberger's Forestburgh Lore)

Around 1783, Captain Abraham Cuddeback, who served in the American Revolution, built a sawmill at the mouth of the Bushkill where it flows into the Neversink River in Oakland Valley. Lumber, milled here, was used to rebuild houses burned by the British forces lead by Joseph Brant with his Indian and Tory troops. An Indian Raid, historical marker, visible on the right side of the road as you proceed south down the Hartwood Road to Oakland Valley recalls one of these raids. (Also see Historian section of the town website.) The paintings by Richard Case displayed in the townhall beautifully capture many historical landmarks. He was also commissioned privately, by locals, to render pictures of their homes. Naomi McCormick gifted St. Thomas Aquinas Church a rendition of Jesus of the Devine Mercy Chaplet, painted by Mr. Case. (If anyone has knowledge of this paintings new owner, please share the information.) William Brodhead, born in nearby New Jersey, was instrumental in the establishment of our

town. He became the first town Supervisor and served from 1837-1840. His brother, Daniel M. Brodhead was town Supervisor from 1846-1850. Prior to 1837, the first family reported to live in Forestburgh, in 1820, were the Handy's. Other family names were Leason, Griffin, Decker, Brooks, Hubbard, Barber, Moore, Welch, Reed, Green, Alsop, Trotter, Clowes, Griswold, Case, Lewis, Bivins, Ketcham, Woodward, Vail and Norris. Many of the town roads bear these names. The Case family still lives in the area and sells maple syrup. Alice Case, very generously donated to the Forestburgh Senior Citizens Club because she valued being a member. There is a Ketcham Fencing company in Otisville and this writer has contacted them to determine if they are related.

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

Winter is still here! Reminder that salt and sand mix is available in the shed outside the gate for residents of the Town to use. We are planning a Spring Clean-Up. We'll have a set date when we find out the tonnage allowance this year from the county. Stay tuned!

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](https://www.nysenate.gov/petitions/mike-martucci/help-me-pass-billys-law) 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!



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!

Health Alert: Two laboratory-confirmed cases of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza, one in a pheasant flock in Dutchess County and one in a backyard flock in Ulster County, were identified in NYS on Friday, February 25th. These follow the case identified in a backyard flock in Suffolk County on February 19th. These flocks have been euthanized to help control the spread of the virus. While these are only three cases, it is anticipated that there will be many more. The states with wild bird positives (250 cases) now include New Hampshire, Connecticut, Delaware, Virginia, North Carolina, Georgia, Florida, and Kentucky. Cases will increase across the northeast as wild waterfowl migrate northward in the coming months. Commercial flocks in Delaware, Indiana, and Kentucky have been affected, as have backyard flocks in Virginia, Maine, New York, and Michigan. While the disease is circulating in wild and domestic bird populations, there is no need to panic, but there is need to be on high alert. Poultry owners should be prepared to report any disease in their flock that looks suspicious. What is HPAI? HPAI lives in the respiratory and/or intestinal tract of birds. It can be picked up from contact with infected feces, surfaces, or through the air, though aerial transmission from farm to farm is unlikely. It can be transported on infected feed, clothing, or equipment. It can also be spread through wild bird populations encountering domestic birds and other living creatures, such as rodents and insects. Once on the farm, the disease is readily passed from bird to bird, infecting an entire flock quickly. **For updates on poultry health alerts, visit: <https://agriculture.ny.gov/animals/poultry> To see current detections of HPAI in wild birds, commercial flocks, and backyard flocks, visit: <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalhealth/animal-disease-information/avian/avian-influenza/2022-hpai> More information about HPAI can be found at: <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalhealth/animal-disease-information/avian/avian-influenza/ai>**

Free Tax Preparation

Volunteers trained as tax counselors will collect your documentation to then prepare and e-file your Federal and NY State Tax Returns. You must make an appointment with the library in advance. You will need: Social Security card, all tax forms received, State issued Picture ID (license) and last year's tax form. Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library, 479 Broadway, Monticello, NY 12701 Dates: February 8- April 7th, 2022, Tues. & Thurs. starting at 10:00 am. Call (845)794-4660 ext.2 to reserve a slot. Other locations: Liberty Public Library, 189 North Main St., Liberty, NY 12754. Call (845)292-6070. Sunshine Hall Free Library, 14 Proctor Rd., Eldred, NY 12732. Call (845)557-6258. Mamakating Library, 128 Sullivan St., Wurtsboro, NY 12790. Call (845)888-8004. Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE), 64 Ferndale Loomis Rd. #1, Liberty, NY 12754. Call (845)292-6180. Monticello Academy of Finance offers virtual Tax Services. VITA Program (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) is IRS certified. This is available 2/10/22 thru 4/11/22 at the Monticello High School, 39 Breakey Ave., Monticello, NY 12701. Call (845)794-8840 ext.10966, for more details. This valuable service is presented by AARP, Sullivan County Office for the Aging, and the IRS. And in partnership with Cornell Cooperative Extension of Sullivan County.



2022 Countywide

Roadside & Trail Litter Pluck Event

April 1st – June 30th



Litter Plucked from Sullivan County Roads and Trails accepted “FREE” at County operated Transfer Stations!

To help beautify Sullivan County and in support of National Earth Day - April 22nd & National Trails Day - June 4th, litter plucked from any public roadside or trail (walking, hiking or bicycling) located in Sullivan County from April 1st – June 30th, will be accepted for FREE at all County-operated Transfer Stations.

Free disposal coupons are required and may be obtained at the following locations:

- **At your local Town and Village Municipal Offices**
- **All County Operated Transfer Stations**
- **Sullivan County Parks and Recreation Office: scparks@sullivanny.us**
- **Can't Hurt Steel: canthurtsteelfoundation@gmail.com**
- **Catskill Mountainkeeper: beth@catskillmountainkeeper.org**
- **Mamakating Environmental Education Center: Jackie.Broder@mamakating.org**
- **Smallwood Civic Association: smallwoodcivic@gmail.com**
- **Town of Liberty Parks and Recreation: p.r.dept@townofliberty.org**

Visit Trailkeeper.org for a complete list of trails in Sullivan County.



**For further information contact: Sullivan County Parks & Recreation Office
Email: scparks@sullivanny.us or call (845) 807-0287**

Funded by the Sullivan County Legislature

Town of Rockland
Livingston Manor Firehouse
93 Main Street, Livingston Manor, NY
Wednesday, April 13th 2022
6PM to 7:30PM

***Sullivan County Residents only -Proof of ID required**

*** Everyone must wear a mask while at clinic site**

***Appointments are required**

***Pre-registration of ALL animals is required**

<https://tinyurl.com/yckmx6jm>

***Everyone must maintain social distancing guidelines and remain at least 6 feet apart.**

***Bring prior rabies certificate, receive a 3-year vaccination.**

*** No vaccine history, receive a 1-year vaccination.**

Dogs – Cats – Ferrets

- All Pet owners must clean up after their pets.
- All pets must be in a carrier or on a leash.
- All pets must be at least 3 months old.

- Aggressive dogs should be muzzled to prevent any biting incidents

If you don't have access to a computer or have questions, please call 845-292-5910