



## **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](http://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. The next monthly meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 5, 2022. For the monthly agenda and meeting minutes, please visit the town website at [www.forestburgh.net](http://www.forestburgh.net).

#### **Planning Board**

At March'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. Following last month's public hearing on this matter, certain clarifications were made, further documents and final maps were submitted. At the meeting, additional review, analysis, and discussion took place. Approval of the subdivision was granted, subject to certain conditions. There are no other pending matters presently before the Planning Board, nor have any new applications been submitted. Accordingly, there will be no Planning Board meeting in April.

#### **Zoning Re-Write Committee**

The meetings for April are scheduled for the 12th and 26th. The draft document is being formatted and other charts will continue to be amended. Thanks to all members for your continued volunteer work and dedication to this extremely important town project.

### **Announcements:**

#### **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.

## **Highway Department**

Spring clean-up May 12, 13, 14 for hours see the attached flyer. For any other information on clean-up, please call the Town Highway Department-(845)794-8069 . Burns Road is now open. The Highway Department is busy doing ditch work and brush work in Hartwood Club. We ask that you please don't blow your lawn leaves in the ditches as this clogs the pipes. Soon the highway crew will be filling pot holes when the Asphalt Plant opens around the 15th of April. Any other question contact the highway department.

## **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!

## **Forestburgh Fire Department**

Thank you for making our Corned Beef dinner a great success! On Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup> come join us at the Forestburgh Tavern to enjoy the music of Far Beyond Gone Band. The Forestburgh Playhouse is graciously donating a portion of the proceeds to the William "Billy" Steinberg Memorial Scholarship Fund. Doors open at 7pm for dinner and the show starts at 8pm. Tickets cost \$15 per person with a separate cost for dinner. Get tickets and info at: [www.fbplayhouse.org/spring-series-2022](http://www.fbplayhouse.org/spring-series-2022). Anyone wishing to make a donation to the William "Billy" Steinberg Memorial Scholarship Fund may make their check payable to Forestburgh Fire Co. and write in the memo: Billy's Memorial and send it to 2539 State Rt 42, Forestburgh, NY 12777. The Scholarship will be for any student going into a trade.

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

### **Dr. Jakchi Takamine and the Cherry Blossoms**

April is the official cherry blossom season, and the Tidal Basin in Washington D.C. is ablaze with thousands of pink flowering trees. In 1912, Dr. Takamine was responsible for gifting 3,000 cherry trees to America on the 27<sup>th</sup> of March. First Lady, Mrs. Taft helped plant the first tree. This started a custom carried out by all the following First Ladies. The first festival was established in 1927 by local school children and civic groups. In 2012 the celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the gifted trees observed. The festivities carried on for a 5-week celebration! This year it will resume after the COVID crisis cancelled the festivities for 2 years. People come from all over the world to see the splendor of the blossoms, watch a parade and attend a "Pink Tie Dinner". 2022 marks the 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and tickets have been sold out for months! The National Park Service is responsible for future plantings, care, and preservation of the original three thousand. Anyone can adopt a tree to help maintain the care by sending donations. Also, please go online to view a live picture of the trees and the massive pink blooms- National Cherry Blossom Festival. What started as a gift is now one of the world's greatest celebrations of spring! More to come about Dr. Takamini, who lived and worked in his home "Sho Fu Den" in Merriwold Park located in Forestburgh. Happy Spring! Stay well and Happy Holidays!

**Bridge Back to Life Mobile Treatment Center will be at the Forestburgh Town Hall on April 21, 2022, from 9a.m. – 3p.m. and on May 19<sup>th</sup>. For more information, please call 845-FOR-HOPE (845-367-4673)**



### **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.

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## **Town of Forestburgh Spring Clean Up 2022**

### **May 12<sup>th</sup> – May 14<sup>th</sup>**

Residents must separate materials into the following categories prior to bringing it to the town barn.

- A. Appliances and scrap metal (washers, dryers, stoves, water heaters, pipes, etc)
- B. Construction and demolition debris and bulky waste (furniture, mattresses, carpets, etc)
- C. Recyclables

**\*\*\*\*ANY BULKY WASTE SHOULD BE NEAT AND TIED WITH ROPE\*\*\*\***  
(For Example: shingles)

### **We cannot accept the following items:**

No tires  
No refrigerators or air conditioners  
No item greater than 4 feet in length (please cut to proper size)  
No fuel tanks, oil drums or large propane tanks  
No full or partially full cans of paint, petroleum products, pesticides or any other hazardous waste  
No brush, yard waste, bags of leaves, stumps or rocks  
No explosives, ammunitions, radioactive material, medical waste, medications or car batteries  
No household garbage or commercial waste  
No asbestos or liquids  
No electronic scrap

### **HOURS OF OPERATON**

**Thursday through Friday 7:00 am to 6:00 pm**  
**All day Saturday May 14<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 am to 6:00 pm**

**Please, no more than one pick-up truck load per family. We are only allocated for 12 tons.**

***IF YOU ARE DISABLED OR A SENIOR AND NEED ASSISTANCE***  
***Please call the town barn at 845-794-8069***  
***Joe Ruggeri – Highway Superintendent***