



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. You can also see postings for upcoming meetings at the Forestburgh Firehouse, Forestburgh Town Hall and in the Sullivan County Democrat newspaper.

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, March 7, 2024**. For the monthly agenda, meeting minutes and updates, please visit the town website at www.forestburgh.net. You can also see postings for upcoming meetings at the Forestburgh Firehouse, Forestburgh Town Hall and in the Sullivan County Democrat newspaper. For more information, please call the Town Hall at 845-794-0611 ext. 21.

Planning Board

The Planning Board held its regular January meeting. The one substantive item on the agenda was an application for site plan approval and special use permit and land division for a large scale, ground mounted Solar energy system (~5MW) (NY Forestburgh 1LLC) at 2380 State Rt 42. A Public Hearing on this matter was also held, and kept open, and will resume at the February Planning Board meeting, on February 27th, at 7pm. Also on the agenda is an application for a lot improvement and boundary adjustment between lots owned by the Schumann Trust and its neighbor Kozachuck. Also on the agenda is an application for a special use permit and site plan approval for commercial use in a residential zone on Forestburgh Rd, near its intersection with Plank Rd, on Black Brook brought by Trips to Win, LLC. Application and pertinent materials for each of these matters are available online at <https://forestburgh.net/boards-and-committees/planning-board/pending-applications/>

Announcements:

Scheduled Group Discussion for Forestburgh Short-Term Rental Property Owners

Attention all property owners currently operating a Short-Term Rental (STR) in the Town of Forestburgh: There will be a group discussion on February 26th from 6:00pm-7:30pm at Town Hall. This is a courtesy extended to, and limited to, STR property owners currently operating within the Town of Forestburgh. Those STR owners are REQUIRED to bring a hard copy of their rental listings including the following information: your primary residential address, the address of each rental unit, peak season rates for each unit and occupancy limits of each unit. Those in attendance will sign in when presenting the required information. Please be prompt as there will be a specific agenda. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Dog Control Officer

Reminder to all dog owners: by law all dogs must have current RABIES vaccinations and be licensed. Rabies and license tags must be attached to the dog's collar or harness at all times. There has been a significant increase in abandoned dogs, dogs roaming loose and bite incidents. Letting dogs run loose is not only illegal it also creates a safety hazard for the public, the dog and other pets. Please be a responsible dog owner and a good neighbor.

Rabies Clinic

FREE Rabies Clinic scheduled for Wednesday, April 3, 2024 from 6:00pm-7:30pm at the Livingston Manor Firehouse, 93 Main Street, Livingston Manor, NY. This event is for Sullivan County Residents ONLY! Bring a photo ID as proof of residency. All pet owners must clean up after their pets. Pets must be at least 3 months old, in a secure carrier or on a leash. Aggressive dogs must be muzzled. To receive a 3-year vaccination you must bring proof of prior vaccination, otherwise your pet will receive a 1-year rabies vaccination. Any questions can be directed to the Sullivan County Department of Public Health at (845)292-5910, ext. 0.

Forestburgh Fire Company

The Forestburgh Fire Company still has smoke detectors available. Please email adevlin@hvc.rr.com or call him at (845)794-1251 if you need a new smoke detector. There is a limited amount available at the Town Hall, as well. All residents are eligible.

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

The "Cousin" at Merriewold:

At one time in the past "Cousin Brucie", Bruce Morrow, America's most famous radio personality lived in Merriewold with his wife and two children. Whom I got to know because his daughter and mine were school chums. Bruce was famous during the 60's & 70's. He introduced the Beatles in 1965 when they played Shea Stadium. He dreamed of being a doctor, but his dream developed into healing with music. His son fulfilled that dream and is a practicing doctor now. Both of his children attended Monticello High School. This warm and friendly man was inducted into the National Radio Hall of Fame and the Broadcaster's Hall of Fame. He currently resides in Ulster County in an old farmhouse.

Highway Department

There is sand outside the town barn for residents only. Please don't plow your driveway out into the road! It's not only unsafe for travelers, but also against the law! Be safe. Please make sure to keep your garbage cans out of the roadway.

911 Signs

The Forestburgh Fire Department and the Town Board are requesting that 911 signs be properly posted on the roadside as well as on your house. There has been several instances lately where response times to emergencies have been impaired due to improper or no posting of 911 numbers. Please, for the sake of our volunteer first responders, and for the safety of yourself and family members, post your 911 numbers where easily visible.



IMPORTANT NOTICE 2024 Tax Bills

There seems to be some issues with tax bills sent by Telescent, the company Sullivan County contracts with for compiling and mailing the tax bills. According to our assessor and real property office at the county the company used the 2022 tax rolls and not the 2023 roll. Our assessor and the county are working to remedy this mistake. In all there seems to be approximately 70-80 parcels that are affected. We are being instructed to tell residents to pay their taxes as billed for now. If you have any questions, please direct them to the Town Assessor, Dennis Ketcham at (845)794-0611 ext. 26.



HIRING Summer Pool Staff

Even though the snow is flying, and the air is freezing we are prepping for the 2024 summer season! The Town of Forestburgh Recreation Department has P/T 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. Certification reimbursement at the end of the season, must stay for entire season! Weekends and Holidays are a must! Head Lifeguard MUST be available to open the pool in May and close the pool after Labor Day. Salary commensurate with experience. If interested, please call the Town Hall at (845)794-0611 ext. 21.

FREE Tax Preparation

FREE TAX HELP FROM AARP AND THE IRS

(For taxpayers with low and middle income. Although all ages are welcome, the program gives special attention to those age 55 and over)

Would you like help with your income tax preparation and filing? If so, volunteers trained as tax counselors by the IRS will prepare and e-file your Federal and State tax returns at several sites around Sullivan County, including Monticello, Liberty, and Eldred. For more information or to make an appointment at Cornell Cooperative Extension in Liberty, call (845)292-6180. To make an appointment at Ethelbert Crawford Library in Monticello, call (845)794-4660 EXT. 2. Sponsored by AARP and IRS, with help from the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Sullivan County.

Winter Blues

Please take the time to visit with your neighbors during winter. Especially if they are elderly. We've all been cooped up during these cold grey days and a little "Hello" always brightens the day! Go over for some tea, bring some baked goods or a meal to share, and maybe play some cards. Find out your neighbor's hobbies, listen to their family history, find out what they used to do before retirement, or maybe start a book club. Make a connection! Thankfully, Spring is right around the corner.

