



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 unless otherwise stated. The next scheduled monthly board meeting will be held on **Thursday, February 6, 2025**. 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. 101.

Planning Board

The planning board held its regular December meeting. Two items were on the agenda: an update from the approved Rt 42 Solar project by NY Forestburgh 1, and a sketch plan meeting for an upcoming application for a special use permit and site plan approval for a place of worship by the El Bethel International Ministries on Rt. 42 on its 17-acre site comprised of the former Cropley auto repair shop and an adjacent parcel. NY Forestburgh 1 reported that following the logging and clearing of its site, the topography was revealed to be much flatter than initially thought, and the potential impact of leveling the site would be far less than was anticipated in its application and approvals previously made. El Bethel International Ministries presented its sketch plan for a place of worship. A frank discussion of the requirements of our code, and topics the board felt were indicated for further elaboration in an application for the relief requested was held. January's regular meeting will occur on January 28. The sole agenda item is Trips to Win. The SEQRA public hearing for Trips to Win will resume, as it has now submitted additional required materials. Submissions for matters before the Planning Board can be accessed at <https://forestburgh.net/boards-and-committees/planning-board/pending-applications/>.

Announcements:

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. Sullivan County offers free rabies clinics throughout the year in various locations, or your veterinarian will administer the vaccine. 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.

**LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF FORESTBURGH
COUNTY OF SULLIVAN, STATE OF NEW YORK
TAX COLLECTION LEGAL NOTICE 2025**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that I, Teresa Collins, Tax Collector for the Town of Forestburgh, will collect taxes in the Town of Forestburgh during January, February, and March 2025 at the Forestburgh Town Hall, **Tuesday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Closed Weekends and Holidays.**

******SCHEDULE OF FEES******

January..... Par
February.....1%
March.....2%

- An additional \$2 penalty will be added to your bill when the unpaid notices are sent on or before March 3 (State Law).
- After March 31st, taxes are payable to the Sullivan County Treasurer, call 845-807-0200 for amount.

March 31st is the last day for collection of taxes by the Town Tax Collector in the Town of Forestburgh.

******PAYMENT SCHEDULE******

If paying in full, please return the entire tax bill with your payment.

Installment payments may be paid as follows:

January – 50% due by January 31, 2025, at 0% interest. Please send “Payment # 1” stub with your check.

February – 25% due by February 28, 2025, at 1% interest on remaining account. Please send “Payment # 2” stub with your check.

March – 25% due by March 31, 2025, at 2% interest + \$2.00 unpaid notice fee. Please send the entire bill with your check.

If payments are not timely (**postmarked**) they will **NOT** be accepted.

Receipts will be mailed for each payment. There is a \$20.00 returned check charge.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: IF YOU WISH TO PAY BY CREDIT CARD

Town of Forestburgh Tax Collector PLEASE CONTACT ME DIRECTLY.

NOTE: THERE IS A VENDOR CHARGE OF

MAIL PAYMENT TO: 2.65% OR \$3.00 MINIMUM.

FULL PAYMENT ONLY

Town of Forestburgh

Tax Collector

332 King Road

Forestburgh, New York 12777

All tax payments postmarked after January 31, 2025, will be subject to late penalty as listed above.

LATE PAYMENT PENALTIES ARE STRICTLY ENFORCED.

If you no longer own this property, please return the bill to the tax collector with the new owner’s name and address or forward the bill to the rightful owner.

If your address has changed, please note your correct address along with your SBL # and return it with your tax bill and payment.

You may obtain a duplicate tax bill/receipt or check the status of your payment at www.taxlookup.net.

If you are a Senior Citizen, a person with a Physical Disability and/or a Veteran, you may be entitled to a partial exemption from property taxes. Eligible homeowners have until March 1 to apply for such exemptions. For further information please call Dennis Ketcham, Assessor at the Forestburgh Town Hall

at 845-794-0611 ext. 103.

Highway Department

As Winter continues, we ask that you please keep your garbage cans and vehicle off the road while we work to clear the roads during plowing. Also, there is sand still in the shed outside the barn available for residents. Any questions for the highway please call 845-794-8069.

Free Tax Help from AARP & the IRS

**(For taxpayers with low and middle income,
with special attention to those age 50 and over)**

Would you like help with your 2024 income tax preparation and filing? Volunteers trained as tax counselors will prepare and e-file your Federal and State tax returns at no cost to you through the AARP Tax-Aide program, part of the AARP Foundation. Although intended for those taxpayers age 50 and over, there are no fixed age or income limits. However, complex returns and certain types of income are beyond the scope of the program. Preparation of tax returns, both Federal and NY State, will start on Monday Feb 3rd, 2025 and will continue through Wednesday Apr 9th. Contact the Cornell Cooperative Extension office, Ferndale Loomis Road in Liberty, 292-6180 or the Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library in Monticello, 794-4660 for additional information and to make an appointment. A limited number of appointments in March will also be available at the Liberty Public Library, 292-6070, the Sunshine Hall Free Library in Eldred, 5567-0578, and the Mamakating Library in Wurtsboro, 888-8004. Contact these libraries directly for availability.

Sponsored by AARP and the IRS, with help from the Cornell Cooperative Extension Service of Sullivan County, the Sullivan County Retired Senior Volunteer Program, and the participating libraries.

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