



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, April 3, 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 February meeting. There were 3 items on the agenda. Trips to Win (Black Brook Barn) submitted additional materials, responding to the comments made by the County and the Department of Public Works. Additional comments were made regarding the exterior lighting that had been installed but not reflected as required on the site plan. Since the meeting, a 5th revision of the site plan has been submitted, and is available online. A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for our March 25th meeting at 7pm. Also on our February agenda was a sketch plan review of an upcoming proposal for a project named "The Grand Luxury Retreat" - a hotel, conference center, spa, and other amenities, including approximately 40 clustered cabins on 200+ acres of the property of the former Another Sky Campground (formerly Forestburgh Country Club Golf Course) on Tannery Road. There was a fruitful discussion of this project, and no insurmountable legal issues were identified. It would appear that a formal application will be coming for this project in the future. The last matter before the Planning Board was an informal discussion of an impending application by the Inn at Lake Joseph for a lot line revision, to correct a situation where their driveway traverses a section of Lake Joseph Homeowners Association property. Since the meeting, a formal application for that relief has been submitted, and will be on our March agenda. **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.

Highway Department

Spring Clean UP on May 8th, 9th and 10th 2025; the do's and don'ts are still the same as last year and are posted on the town website-www.forestburgh.net. Any questions can be directed to the Highway Department-(845)794-8069. Also, the times will be May 8th and 9th 7:00 am till 5:00 pm, then on the 10th of May 7:00 am till 1:00 pm. Winter is still here! April 1st is when we start taking off plows. We've been busy cleaning and doing maintenance from the winter season. We will be doing brush work, ditching, and checking roads.

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.

Our Town(as submitted by Town Historian Sabina Toomey)

Forestburgh Folklore-Historical markers are always blue and yellow. If you see a red sign, it designates the information is passed down verbally from generation to generation or Folklore. It seems Forestburgh has a folklore tale about Elsie Winterberger, one of our historians who sat on one of the old stone walls about town as seen on Route 42 South just before and beyond the blinking light and on Route 48 (Hartwood Road). No one ever mentioned which of the stone walls she sat on, but she saved it from being used to establish a good safe road. Seems they used something else as crusher run. Our town of old used stone walls also used to designate property lines as were huge trees and length of chain. Please support the Sullivan County Museum and Daniel Pierce Library in Grahamsville. They have completed a "farm" as one of their exhibits-Sullivan County in Days of Old. They also need volunteers to keep alive. There is no recorded information about coach service, which ran through our town.

Grievance Day

This year grievance day will be held on Thursday, May 29th from 4pm-8pm. Please visit our website for the proper application and instructions. For more information, please call the Town Assessor's office at (845)794-0611 Ext. 104 or 103.

Join Us in Serving Forestburgh: Become a Volunteer Firefighter!

The Forestburgh Fire Company #1 is looking for dedicated, community-minded individuals to join our ranks. As our town grows, so does the need for volunteers who are ready to step up and support their neighbors in times of need.

Being a volunteer firefighter is about more than just fighting fires – it is about making a real difference in the lives of those around you. Our team responds to fires, medical emergencies, motor vehicle accidents, and other critical incidents, all while building a strong bond with fellow community members.

There is a Job for Everyone

Not everyone has to fight fires! We have various roles for all skill sets and interests:

- EMS: Help others in need as part of our emergency medical first response team.
- Fire Police: Manage traffic and secure scenes during emergencies to keep everyone safe.
- Driver Operator: Assist in operating our fire apparatus and other vehicles during emergencies.
- Firefighting: For those interested, you can receive training to respond to fires and other hazardous situations.
- Social/Auxiliary Members: If you are not interested in direct emergency response, you can still make a significant difference by supporting the department through fundraising, event planning, and assisting with non-operational tasks. Social and auxiliary members play a vital role in keeping the fire company running smoothly.

Who Can Join?

We currently welcome all individuals from the age of 16 up, to become a member of the Forestburgh Fire Co. #1. Whether you are looking for an active emergency response role or a supportive position, there is a place for you! We need new members to ensure Forestburgh remains a safe and resilient community. If you have the time, the drive, and a desire to help others, we would love to have you on our team.

RECRUIT-NY Weekend:

Visit us on April 26th from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM for a special recruitment event featuring fire extinguisher training, firefighting & rescue demonstrations, and a delicious barbecue! This is a terrific opportunity to see firsthand what it is like to be part of the Forestburgh Fire Company family, to ask questions, and get involved. All are welcome to stop by any Wednesday between 7:00 PM and 9:00 PM at the firehouse to learn more about how you can get involved and start making a difference. For more information visit www.recruitny.org, additionally feel free to call or text (845) 513-6787. (member recruitment line)

Also keep an eye out for our upcoming community training offers: CPR, First Aid, Stop the Bleed, and Fire Safety & Preparedness classes. Further information will be available soon. Follow us on Facebook @ForestburghFireCo1



SULLIVAN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

FREE

RABIES CLINIC

FOR DOGS, CATS, AND FERRETS



Public Health
Prevent. Promote. Protect.
Sullivan County
Department of Public Health

Wednesday, April 23, 2025 6:00-7:30 PM

Town of Lumberland, Town of Lumberland Pavilion.

1052 Proctor Rd. Glen Spey, NY

- ♦ All pet owners must clean up after their pets.
- ♦ All pets must be at least 3 months old.
- ♦ All pets must be in a carrier or on a leash.
- ♦ Aggressive dogs should be muzzled to prevent any biting incidents.
- ♦ Bring proof of prior rabies vaccination to receive a 3-year vaccination.
- ♦ If you do not have proof of prior rabies vaccination, your pet will receive a 1-year vaccination.

Sullivan County Residents Only!

- Please bring photo ID as proof of Sullivan County Residency.
- No Pre-registration at this time, there may be pre-registration at future clinics.

If you have any questions, please call:
Sullivan County
Department of Public Health
at : 845-292-5910, Ext. 0.

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SULLIVAN COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER
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PO BOX 5012
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For Immediate Release:

March 17, 2025

Burn Ban Now in Effect Statewide

Monticello, NY – With the New York State Burn Ban currently in effect and running **through May 15**, Sullivan County Fire Coordinator John Hauschild is emphasizing the fact that open burning isn't just illegal – it's incredibly dangerous.

"Snow and ice are still around, but vegetation is really dry and easily set aflame by sparks and ash," he explained. "I'm urging everyone to avoid open burning and the consequences that can come with it: callouts of local fire departments, damage to plants and properties, and injuries – even death. Even if you start a fire accidentally, you can be held legally liable for the consequences."

According to the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), open burning of debris is the single-largest cause of spring wildfires in the State. For details on the burn ban, visit the DEC's website at www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/32060.html.

Be Aware of Scams

The Commissioner & Chief Information Officer of Sullivan County Information & Technology Services issued an alert recently concerning phone scams. The Commissioner reports incidents of email and text scams involving E-Z Pass. The text messages can be different each time, but the senders always want one of two things: money or your personal information. These texts and email messages claim that you have an unpaid toll. They often include a link to a website. Remember, **DO NOT CLICK** on the link! If you are concerned about a Toll not being paid, you can always contact E-Z Pass directly and speak with a confirmed representative from the Thruway Authority-1-844-826-8400. Do not trust random text messages from E-Z Pass or Tolls by Mail. If you receive a suspicious call hang up! Don't believe them, don't trust your Caller ID, don't give them money or any personal information. Report the scam at oig.ssa.gov



RSVP

Join Us!

Retired and Senior Volunteer Program

You have gained a lifetime of experience. Now is the time to put your skills and talents to good use by helping others throughout Sullivan County. RSVP is part of AmeriCorps Seniors largest volunteer efforts in the nation for people 55 and over.

When you join RSVP, you get to choose the amount of time you want to give, and you choose how you want to give back.

- ~ Deliver hot meals to the homebound
- ~ Help a local non-profit with office related tasks
- ~ Help in a local thrift shop or food pantry
- ~ Help preserve local history
- ~ Drive an elderly neighbor to a medical appointment

These are just a few of the many service opportunities available to you through RSVP.

For more information, contact: Monika Roosa, RSVP Coordinator
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or by email: Monika.Roosa@sullivanny.gov

