



## **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. 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, May 1, 2025**. For the monthly agenda, meeting minutes and updates, please visit the town website at [www.forestburgh.net](http://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 March meeting. Two items were on the agenda: a lot line revision application brought by the Inn at Lake Joseph, and the application for a special use permit and site plan approval brought by Trips to Win, LLC for a Clubhouse in a residential zone. The Inn at Lake Joseph's application was found to be complete, and of such minor potential impact to neighbors, that a public hearing was waived. On review of the application, all of the requirements were found to have been met, and the application was granted. A public hearing was held for the Trips to Win application and following that a review of the zoning code's requirements was conducted and the Board determined that the application met these requirements. The Board conditionally granted the application, subject to correcting a number of existing code violations, and compliance with other legal requirements. As there are no pending, or new applications presented, there will not be a Planning Board meeting in April.

### **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**

We continue to ditch around town. If residents need ditch dirt, contact the highway dept. (845)794-8069. Don't forget spring clean up 8,9,10 May (details follow on next page) and also wishing the residents of the Town Happy Easter and Passover!

Spring Clean UP on May 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> 2025; the do's and don'ts are still the same as last year and are posted on the town website-[www.forestburgh.net](http://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 .

### **Our Town(as submitted by Town Historian Sabina Toomey)**

#### **Forestburgh:"Japan in the United States?"**

Dr. Jokichi Takamine was given the Sho-Fu-Den as a gift for efforts concerning the 1904 World's Fair Louisiana Purchase Exposition. Dr. Takamine believed it was important to establish strong cultural relations especially with the United State and Great Britain as well as the world at large. At this time the Russo-Japanese war was raging. Japan hoped to get money to help their war efforts. The Sho-Fu-Den was disassembled and moved to the United State, Merriwold Park, Forestburgh, because the good Doctor stated it was so like the climate and forests of Japan. It became his summer home and a place for many historic cultural events. Placed in the Town's Historical Collection; just recently organized in a binder, are many articles which detail Dr. Takamine's life and contributions to medical and agricultural achievements. Also, details of the 1904 World's Fair Japanese Exhibit and much about Sho-Fu-Den. Don't forget, we have all those Cherry Blossoms in Washinton D.C. to be thankful as well! If you're interested in viewing the collection of articles, please call the Town Hall (845)794-0611 Exr. 101.

### **Grievance Day**

This year grievance day will be held on Thursday, May 29<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Forestburgh Fire Company**

The Forestburgh Fire Company will host a pancake breakfast on Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup> from 8am-11am at the Firehouse. Adults \$13, Children under 12 \$8 and Children under 5 Free. Forestburgh Fire Company #1 has enough **File of Life** packets to supply every resident in Forestburgh and has been actively distributing them since Fall of last year; residents who have not yet received one are encouraged to stop by the firehouse on Wednesdays between 7-9 PM to pick up their packet. Any questions can be emailed to [info@forestburghfire.com](mailto:info@forestburghfire.com). **The "File of Life" program provides emergency responders with quick access to critical medical information when every second counts.** Participants fill out a form with important details such as medical conditions, medications, allergies, emergency contacts, and doctor information. This form is placed in a visible location, on the refrigerator, and a sticker on the front door alerts responders to its presence. In an emergency, this helps firefighters and emergency medical personnel make informed decisions faster, especially if the individual is unconscious or unable to communicate.

As noted in the March newsletter, the fire company is also in need of volunteers. If you're looking for a meaningful way to support your community, consider joining Forestburgh Fire Company #1 and making a difference. **To learn more, either stop by the firehouse on Wednesday evenings, email: [join@forestburghfire.com](mailto:join@forestburghfire.com), or text the recruitment team at (845) 513-6787.**



**BURN BAN IN EFFECT UNTIL MAY 15<sup>th</sup>**



# **Sullivan County**

# **Annual Litter Pluck**

**April 1<sup>st</sup> through October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025**

**New for 2025: Now includes Water bodies and Shorelines**



**Litter Plucked from public Sullivan County Roadsides, Trails, Water bodies and Shorelines accepted "FREE" at County operated Transfer Stations.**

**The required Free Disposal Coupons and Guidelines may be obtained at the following locations:**

- **Town and Village Halls throughout the County**
- **County Operated Transfer Stations**
- **Sullivan County Parks and Recreation Office: [scparks@sullivanny.gov](mailto:scparks@sullivanny.gov)**
- **Upper Delaware Council: [info@upperdelawarecouncil.org](mailto:info@upperdelawarecouncil.org)**
- **Catskill Mountainkeeper: [beth@catskillmountainkeeper.org](mailto:beth@catskillmountainkeeper.org)**
- **Mamakating Environmental Education Center: [Jackie.Broder@mamakating.org](mailto:Jackie.Broder@mamakating.org)**
- **Smallwood Civic Association: [smallwoodcivic@gmail.com](mailto:smallwoodcivic@gmail.com)**
- **Town of Liberty Parks and Recreation: [p.r.dept@townofliberty.org](mailto:p.r.dept@townofliberty.org)**

**For further information contact:**

**Sullivan County Parks, Recreation & Beautification Department**

**Email: [scparks@sullivanny.gov](mailto:scparks@sullivanny.gov) or Call: (845) 807-0287**





# **FORESTBURGH BEAUTIFICATION GROUP NEEDS VOLUNTEERS!**

**LET'S GROW SOMETHING  
BEAUTIFUL TOGETHER!**

Do you want to help make Forestburgh an even more beautiful place to live and visit?

- **WELCOME SIGN GARDENS**
- **COMMUNITY GARDEN SPOTS**

You don't need to be a gardener – we'll show you how!

- Adopt a spot
- Join a gardening team
- Bring a friend!

Every little bit helps, and your time makes a big difference. Come dig in, have fun, and help us keep Forestburgh blooming.

**CONTACT US TO GET STARTED:**

**Carmela Hugel: 845-428-0540**

**Susie Landis: 845-798-6353**



**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 maybe pre-registration at future clinics.

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