



## **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 July meeting has been cancelled. The next scheduled monthly board meeting will be held on **Thursday, August 7, 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 did not meet in May, as there were no pending matters. We have received an application for a lot improvement, so there will be a June meeting. Owing to the use of the meeting room for the Republican Primary for the office of Sullivan County Sheriff at our meeting time, we will hold our meeting outside in the Pavilion.

### **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 are done paving Plank Rd B, we will wait about 2 weeks to chip seal to complete the chips funding, we also are going to do more paving of potholes and ditching. Have a happy 4th July weekend!

## **Two Sullivan County Residents Are Top 'Older New Yorkers'**

Congratulations Sabina Toomey!

Albany, NY - Sullivan County's Gayle Irving and Sabina Toomey travelled last month to Albany to each receive the NYS Office for the Aging's "Older New Yorker" award.

"Gayle and Sabina exemplify the kind of 55+ volunteers we have in our County," said Sullivan County Office for the Aging Director Lise-Anne Deoul, who accompanied the duo to the ceremony. "They give without thought of getting anything in return, but I'm so happy that the State was able to recognize them in this wonderful way!"

Irving volunteers with the Alzheimer's Association and currently serves as a community representative, community educator, and on the Orange/Sullivan Walk to End Alzheimer's committee. "Don't let opportunities to help others pass by," the Grahamsville resident says. "By giving your time and skills, volunteering strengthens community bonds and supports those in need. It also creates positive change by learning new perspectives and building a more resilient, compassionate New York. You will find the reward is priceless."

For 22 years, Toomey has been a very involved member of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) Advisory Council Fundraising Committee and a member of the Sullivan County Office of Aging Advisory Council. This past year, as a member of her Sullivan County Women's Group, she engaged in a passionate effort to educate the community and legislators about domestic violence and the current status of support available in her county. "I genuinely feel that volunteering helps me pay back for what I have been given: family, friends, a beautiful place to live and work, enough to eat, a warm place to sleep and ... the peace of mind knowing that I have helped someone else feel thankful, too."

"These dedicated individuals are powering connections in so many profound ways, and New York State expresses profound gratitude for this spirit of altruism, which is a legacy of lasting benefit and inspiration to all New Yorkers," stated Governor Kathy Hochul, who proclaimed May as Older Americans Month in New York State.

Celebrating Older New Yorkers Day with close to 100 others in Albany were, from the left, Sullivan County Office for the Aging Director Lise-Anne Deoul, Debbie Bradley, 2025 awardee Sabina Toomey, NYS Office for the Aging Director Greg Olsen, 2025 awardee Gayle Irving, Karin Pantel and Sullivan Volunteers Coordinator Monika Roosa.



➡ VENDORS WANTED FOR THE COMMUNITY YARD SALE! IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN  
HAVING A TABLE PLEASE CALL (845)794-0611 EXT. 101

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**FORESTBURGH  
COMMUNITY YARD SALE  
&  
VENDORS MARKET  
SATURDAY JULY 12TH  
9AM – 4PM  
332 KING RD.  
FORESTBURGH, NY**

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We welcome everyone who wishes to set up a table  
and enjoy a day with friends.

This event is open to all.

If you are interested, please call the Town Hall  
at 845-794-0611 ext. 101 by June 30th. Space is  
limited.



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

Dr. Thomas Darlington, New York City Health Commissioner, was in the area to locate his dream of providing city residents a healthy place which would get them out of the city heat and bad air. He purchased what is now the Monmouth Council Boy Scout Camp on Route 42. "Camp Forestburgh" became the name of his venture. Weekly rates were \$21.50 for double occupancy and \$24.00 for a single room. On Monday, June 13, 1932 at 4:45 pm Dr. Darlington gave a long talk about vacation and the benefits of the fresh air. He talked about a stay at Camp Forestburgh, a Christian camp on Burnt-Hope Lake. Hammocks could be rented for 50 cents a week. Campers could arrange a trip to shop in Port Jervis for 25 cents. More about this special place in time will be found on Our Town History link on the town website. When out of doors, make sure to be well hydrated and use sun protection. Enjoy the serenity.

## **Tree Maintenance**

Beginning on or about July 1, 2025 and continuing for approximately four (4) weeks, Orange and Rockland will perform tree trimming and removal work along Route 42/Rio Dam Road, Plank Road, Mill Road, Route 43/Forestburgh Road, North Road, Sackett Lake Road, Merriewold Club Road, French Clearing Road, Dill Road, St. Joesphs Hill Road, Cold Spring Road, McCormick Road, Plank Road, and Associated Side Streets. Nelson Tree service under the supervision of O&R, has been contracted for this purpose. Residents will be contacted via letter to be apprised of the program trimming. Any questions should be directed at Orange & Rockland.

## **\*VACANCIES\* Board of Assessment Review**

The Town of Forestburgh BAR has 2 positions available. If interested please send a letter of interest to the Town Clerk, 332 King Road, Forestburgh, NY 12777 or if you have any questions please direct them to (845)794-0611 ext. 101.

## **Republican Primary**

The **Primary Election Day-Republican Primary for Sheriff**- in New York is Tuesday, **June 24, 2025**. Early voting runs from **June 14 to June 22**. Polls are open from **6 a.m. to 9 p.m.** on Primary Day. Early voting takes place at the Board of Elections in the Sullivan County Government Center.

