



2025

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, August 7, 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.

Letter From the Supervisor

On July 9, 2025, the U.S. District Court ruled in favor of the Town of Forestburgh by dismissing all discrimination and land use claims asserted by Lost Lake Holdings, LLC. These claims centered on the Town's enforcement of the 2011 Planned Development District regulations and the Resort Project approvals.

The federal court's ruling confirms the Town's long-standing position that the developer's material changes with respect to the Lost Lake project require further review by the Town and the Town's actions were lawful, appropriate, and consistent with its obligations under local and state law.

The Town remains committed to transparency and to preserving the integrity of its planning and zoning processes. We will continue to represent the interests of Forestburgh residents in the ongoing state litigation and remain focused on ensuring that any development within the Town complies with the law and the community's long-term vision.

Dan Hogue,
Town of Forestburgh Supervisor

Planning Board

The Planning Board had one matter before it at its June meeting: an application for a lot improvement. The application was granted. There will not be a July meeting as there are no pending matters, and no new applications for relief have been submitted.

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

Happy 4th of July to everybody! During the month of July, we finished chip sealing for the CHIPS program. We will be continuing paving within the next two to three months. Nelson Tree Service is going throughout the town of Forestburgh topping trees and cutting trees back. We also will continue doing brush work.

Our Town (As submitted by Town Historian Sabina Toomey)

The Stone quarry industry was a significant part of the economy of Forestburgh. The mountains around Bushkill creek housed quarries that yielded bluestone used for flagging, curbing and building. The largest was Paradise Quarry. Stone from it was used to build the Monticello Episcopal Church located on St. John Street and has served the community for over 100 years. Michael Galligan III still operates a quarry in Forestburgh to this day.

Still available for sale at the Town Hall are copies of the Sesquicentennial Journal. Noted on pages 66 & 67 is a still appropriate message of thanks to Forestburgh leadership in preserving the pristine nature of our town. The Journal was published in 1987. If you would like a copy, please stop into the Town Hall and visit the Town Clerk.

Added to the town archives is a collection of memorabilia regarding Dr. Darlington and Camp Forestburgh with some photos of the bedding that existed at the time. Donated by Peter Lubrect.

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.

Forestburgh Day

Mark your calendars! Forestburgh Day 2025

Please join us as we celebrate our beautiful town on **Saturday, September 20, 2025**, 12pm-4pm, Forestburgh Fire Department. Details to follow at a later date.

2025 Community Yard Sale

There were only a handful of vendors this year, but it was still a successful day for all! Next year we are planning on expanding and having many more vendors with lots more advertising.



Chickpea Salad^(loveandlemons.com)

Prep Time: 20minutes minsServes 4 to 6 **Ingredients:**

- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
- 1 garlic clove, grated
- 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
- 1 teaspoon sea salt
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 3 cups cooked chickpeas, drained and rinsed
- 2 cups mixed yellow and red grape tomatoes, halved
- ½ English cucumber, diced
- ½ cup Pickled Red Onions
- ½ cup kalamata olives, pitted and halved
- ½ cup chopped fresh parsley
- ¼ cup chopped fresh dill
- ¼ cup chopped fresh mint, plus whole mint leaves for garnish

In a large bowl, whisk together the olive oil, lemon juice, garlic, mustard, salt, and several grinds of pepper. Add the chickpeas, tomatoes, cucumber, pickled onions, and olives and toss to coat. Add the parsley, dill, and mint and toss again. Season to taste, garnish with fresh mint leaves, and serve.

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