



## **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, October 2, 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 met for its August meeting with two matters on the agenda - a subdivision of a 138-acre parcel on both sides of Sackett Lake Road into three lots (5 acres, 63.4 acres; 70.2 acres) and an application for a special use permit, and site plan approval for the Grand Luxury Retreat, on Tannery Road. Both matters were tabled after presentation and questioning by the Board. With regard to the first matter, the applicant determined during the meeting that what it was seeking was a land division, dividing the 138-acre parcel into two parcels, and not a subdivision into three parcels. Their application has been revised and submitted and will be on the agenda for our regular September meeting on the twenty third of the month. The second matter - the Grand Luxury Retreat - was tabled following a detailed presentation after noting that the application was incomplete in a number of respects. No further submissions have been received from the applicant, and so remains tabled, as its time to submit for the September meeting has expired. No new matters have been presented to the Planning Board, so the only matter on the agenda will be the land division of the 138-acre parcel. Materials pertaining to 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

The highway dept. will be taking care of potholes and doing brush work. Also, getting ready for winter with plows and preparing trucks . People keep throwing their trash out on our roads! If you see something, please get a license plate number and call it in.

## **\*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.

## 2025-26 Hunting & Trapping

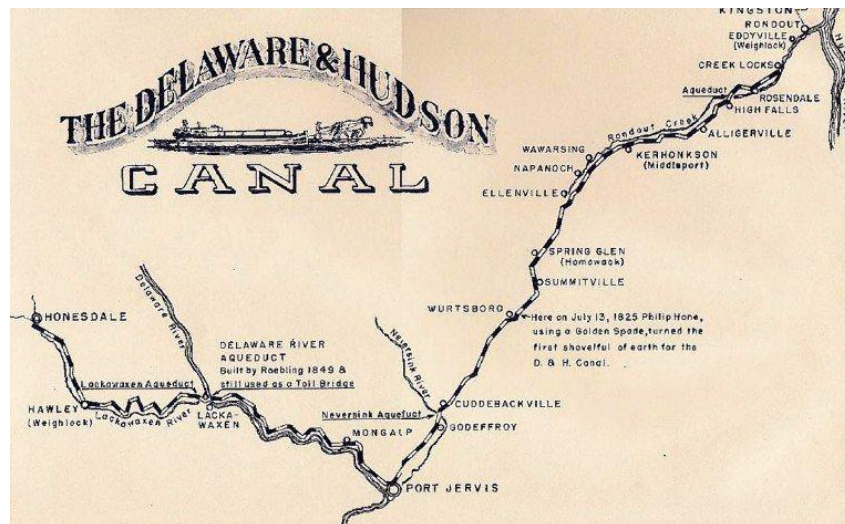
Licenses are on sale now in the Town Clerk's office. Deer Management Permits will be available via instant lottery from August 1 through close of business day on October 1, 2025.

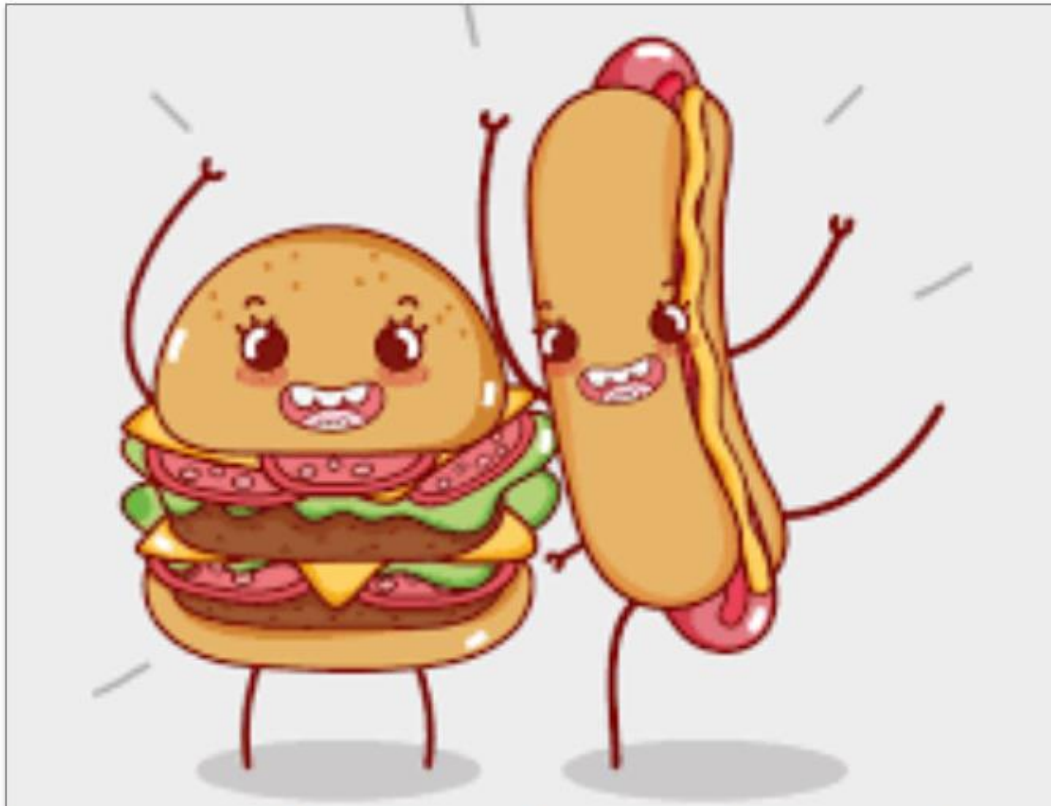
## Forestburgh Day 2025

Join us for Forestburgh Day on **Saturday, September 20, 2025, from 12 PM to 4 PM** at **Forestburgh Fire Co. #1, 2539 NY-42, Forestburgh, NY**. Bring your family, friends, and neighbors to enjoy an afternoon filled with delicious food, and to celebrate our beautiful town. A day to connect with one another and share in the warmth that makes Forestburgh such a special place to live. We look forward to seeing you there!

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

This past July was the bicentennial celebration of the D&H Canal. Although it is not located in our town, it has extreme importance to the property of it. The Town of Deerpark is so close it seems like a part or extension of Oakland Valley. In the late 1700's Philadelphia began buying coal in the Pennsylvania hills. It was not used as fuel until 1808. Bituminous coal was shipped from England. However, the War of 1812 shut off this supply which started the first energy crisis. William and Maurice Wurts believed their harder anthracite coal offered a new cheaper fuel. In 1823 the Wurts brothers hired Benjamin Wright and John Jervis to design a canal from the coal fields near Honesdale, PA to Eddyville, NY on the Rondout Creek near Kingston. From that point the coal could be shipped via the mighty Hudson River. This plan needed funding. Some came from the state, but much more was needed. The Wurts brothers devised a plan to invite investors to the Tontine Coffee House on Wall Street in New York City. There they demonstrated how anthracite coal would work. It was the country's first corporation capitalized at one million dollars. Wright and Jervis designed a canal four feet deep and 32 feet wide with 108 locks, 137 bridges and 26 basins 108 miles long. Ground broke on July 13, 1825 at Mamakating (Wurtsboro) by investor and President Philip Hone (Honesdale was named in his honor). The rest became part of "Our Town" industry and growth. So many places in our county and near by area's got their names.





YOU ARE INVITED TO A CELEBRATION OF  
OUR WONDERFUL TOWN AND ITS RESIDENTS!

## FORESTBURGH DAY

**WHEN:**

September 20, 2025

**TIME:**

12-4 PM

**WHERE:**

FORESTBURGH FIRE  
COMPANY #1  
2539 STATE ROUTE 42  
FORESTBURGH, NY

JOIN US FOR delicious  
FOOD, lots of FUN, activities  
with FRIENDS AND FAMILY

Delicious BBQ

Sullivan County Public Health  
Booth

County Fingerprinting for Kids

Used Book Exchange

Homemade Cards and  
Memorabilia for sale

Games for all AGES

Tours of Fire House, Engines  
and Highway Trucks

Star Dome & Bounce House

"Box of Cheer" Raffle

Forestburgh's best bakers'  
dessert spread

Town Vendors

SPCA Animals for adoption

Town Historian





**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, October 8, 2025 6:00-7:30 PM**

**Town of Thompson, Monticello Fire House**

**23 Richardson Ave. Monticello, 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.**