



## **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, December 4, 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 regular October meeting. There were two substantive matters on our agenda. The first was the application for a two-lot subdivision/ land division of a 138 acre parcel - which was tabled as there are additional materials required from the applicant. The second matter was the application for a special use permit and site plan approval for The Grand Luxury Retreat, at 80 Tannery Road. The Planning Board announced our intention to act as lead agency, under the State Environmental Review Act (SEQR) and notice of that was sent to potentially interested and involved agencies and organizations. It is anticipated that at our November meeting a public hearing date for that project will be set. The only other action taken by the planning board was to re-set the date of our December meeting from the fourth Tuesday, to the week before, December 16.

### **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**

People are dumping their trash on King Rd. 2-tons of construction garbage that we had to clean up, and also around town. Residents around town can call the highway dept for sand for this upcoming winter or drive in and get some. There is a shovel there so you can load your buckets. Vehicles that are on the road parked will be towed so that plow trucks can do their job, garbage cans also need to be off the edge of the road so they don't get hit. Any questions, contact the highway dept (845)794-8069. Seniors that need help call the Highway Dept and if we are not out we will help you.

## **\*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.

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

The Gunther Family- Recently one of our town members was given an award for "History Maker" by the Sullivan County Historical Society. Aileen Gunther long time member of the NY State Assembly. Aileen married into the Gunther family and lived with Jacob Gunther Jr. and their children in Forestburgh. She worked as a registered nurse at Harris Community Hospital (now Garnet Health Medical Center). Now lets go back to the past. Jacob Gunther Sr. and his beautiful wife Betty settled in Forestburgh. They had two boys, Jacob Jr. and LeRoy(Roy). Family tradition began when Sr. became a judge and served the community well. Jacob Jr. also became a judge and after ran for a seat in the NY State Assembly. After his untimely death Aileen was asked to fill his seat at the end of the term she then ran for and won her place. Recently, Aileen retired after serving many years. She still lives in Forestburgh as does Roy Gunther. Roy continued the family tradition and serves our town as judge for several years. Thank you to the Gunther's and Congratulations Aileen on your award. Our Town has had two other "History Maker" recipients, Judge Anthony Kane and past Town Historian Elsie Winterberg. Forestburgh is a special place pristine in nature. Populated, since its conception, with good, hard-working people who care. A big part of what we all should do this Thanksgiving is remember that. God Bless us all and Happy Thanksgiving. Please think about telling your family story. If you desire, the Sullivan County Historical Society is also a great place to become part of history!



### **Forestburgh Fire Department**

The Forestburgh Fire Department **Christmas Run is December 14<sup>th</sup>!** If you are new to Town or know someone who is new to Town and has children 12 and under or has an adult 70 or over, please contact Ron Geysen at (914)799-1664. Children 12 and under receive a gift, adults 70 and over get candy.

### **Forestburgh Fire District**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:** The annual election of the Forestburgh Fire District will take place on December 9, 2025, between the hours of 6:00PM and 9:00 PM at the Forestburgh Fire House at 2539 State Route 42, Forestburgh, NY 12777 for the purpose of electing:

- One Commissioner for a 5-year term commencing on January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2030.
- One Commissioner for a 2-year term commencing on January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2027.

All interested residents of the Forestburgh Fire District who wish to have their name placed on the ballot must submit a letter of intent 20 days prior to December 9<sup>th</sup>. Mail or hand deliver letter of intent to Forestburgh Fire District at 2539 State Route 42, Forestburgh, NY 12777.

All registered residents of the Forestburgh Fire District shall be eligible to vote.

