



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 meeting will be **Thursday, April 2, 2026**. 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 845-794-0611 ext. 101.

Planning Board

The Planning Board met for its regular February meeting. Following the issuance of a Negative Declaration for the potential for significant environmental impact, The Grand Luxury Retreat's application for a Special Use Permit and Site Plan Approval for hotel, with accessory uses including a restaurant, spa and event center was conditionally granted, subject to providing certain minor technical information, and obtaining various health, safety and environmentally related permits from various state agencies. The second matter on the agenda was an application by Eagle Creek Renewable for site plan approval for the rebuilding of their hydro-power's penstock - the original 1920's vintage wooden one having failed. The matter was tabled, allowing for the submission of certain additional documentation. The processing of this matter will continue at our March meeting. This project is also being done under the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and DEC supervision and permitting. Federal Statutes restrict the dissemination of the particulars of energy infrastructure so certain materials supporting this application will not be available for public review. Also on our March agenda are two sketch plan reviews, including one for a 28-home major subdivision at 40 Rod and Gun Club Road, and the second for a school at 1735 State Route 42.

Announcements:

Dog Control Officer

Update 2026! NYS has enacted a new law which requires stricter standards for shelter placement, care and veterinary services. This new law will present additional physical and financial challenges to provide services within an animal care system which is already in crisis as shelter space is extremely limited as is the availability of immediate veterinary care.

Please make certain that your dogs are vaccinated for rabies, are not permitted to run loose and are licensed with the Forestburgh Town Clerk (all of which are required as per NYS law). Microchips, identification tags and collars with phone numbers on them all assist me in getting your dog home safely without having to place them in a shelter.

I sincerely thank those members of our Forestburgh community whose efforts make possible the safety and care of dogs who are lost or abandoned. I appreciate you!

Tax Collector

Taxes are due by March 31st. If you haven't paid your 2026 property taxes yet, please be aware that the last day the Town of Forestburgh Tax Collector can accept taxes is March 31st.

VACANCIES Planning Board Member and Engineer & Board of Assessment Review

The Town of Forestburgh Planning Board will have 1 position available starting in January and is also seeking an Engineer. The 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 Fire Company

The members of the Forestburgh Fire Company would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who came out to support our annual Corned Beef Dinner. Thanks to the incredible support from our community, this event was a record for attendance and a complete sellout. Events like this help support the operations that allow our volunteers to continue protecting the Town of Forestburgh. We truly appreciate everyone who joined us and helped make the evening such a success. As we move into the early spring season, we would also like to thank our community for the continued support shown to our volunteers throughout the year. Whether it's attending fundraisers, stopping to say thank you, or supporting our events, it truly means a great deal to the members who serve this town. With the Easter and Passover holidays approaching, the members of the Forestburgh Fire Company would like to wish everyone in our community a safe and happy Easter and Passover. Springtime brings more travel, family gatherings, and outdoor activities, and we encourage everyone to enjoy the season while keeping safety in mind. With warmer weather approaching, we would like to remind residents that **New York State's annual burn ban is in effect from March 16 through May 14**. During this period open burning of brush and debris is prohibited to help prevent wildfires during the dry spring months. Small cooking fires, campfires, and certain other limited fires are allowed, but residents should review the current regulations before burning. For complete information on what is and is not permitted, please visit the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation burn regulations page:

<https://dec.ny.gov/environmental-protection/air-quality/open-burning>

As always, if you see smoke or fire that appears unsafe or unattended, please report it immediately by calling 911. The Forestburgh Fire Company is always looking for new members to help serve our community. You do not need prior experience to join. We provide training, equipment, and support for anyone interested in becoming a firefighter or helping with fire police, support roles, and community events. Volunteering is a rewarding way to give back to your neighbors while learning valuable skills. Anyone interested in joining is welcome to stop by the firehouse any Wednesday night between 7:00 PM and 9:00 PM to meet our members and learn more about how you can get involved. For more information about membership, email join@forestburghfire.com, upcoming events, or general questions, please contact us at info@forestburghfire.com. Or call the firehouse non-emergency line (845) 794-7899

Stay safe,
Chief Todd Petrowsky
Forestburg Fire Co. #1

Our Town (as submitted by Town Historian, Sabina Toomey)

America's 250th Anniversary 1776-2026

In the spirit of 1776, Sullivan County has launched a plan to celebrate all year long what is being called the Semiquincentennial. A mouthful for sure! The commission, according to the Hurleyville Sentinel, has begun with a radio series on Bold Gold Media called "A Look Back". It will talk about local personalities and events of the Revolutionary War. The Hurleyville Center for the Arts plans to show a film festival. The "Red Badge of Courage" written by our Stephen Crane is bound to be shown. Our Town was also involved when Joseph Brant and his Torries raided the farm of John Brooks and son in law Joseph Hubbard in Hartwood on Route 48 just beyond Route 101 (Cold Spring Road). A Historical Marker has been placed there. Brant had just left what is now called the Town of Deer Park after raiding many farms and Fort Decker as well as other forts in Port Jervis. He camped with his plunder at what is now the Hartwood Club. Unfortunately, the historical marker is missing. He proceeded to what is called the Neversink Ford. A ford being a shallow place in a body of water that may be crossed by wading. That body of water was the Delaware River, the other side now Pennsylvania and the way back home for him. Awaiting there were the militia men and officers. Lt. Col. Benjamin Tusten, a physician, was the leader. On July 22, 1779 the battle raged and the Goshen Regiment lost to the British Joseph Brant and his band. The Battle of Neversink Ford Historical park is to be the site of many events planned. Please see the Facebook site for more details. More to come about the battle ground. Be well, be proud of this special place we call Forestburgh.

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Thursday, April 2nd 2026 6:00-7:30 PM
Town of Rockland, Liv. Manor Fire House
93 Main St. Livingston Manor, NY

Wednesday, June 3rd 2026 6:00-7:30 PM
Town of Fallburg, Morningside Park Pavilion
638 Brickman Rd. Hurleyville, NY

Thursday, August 13th 2026 6:00-7:30 PM
Town of Liberty, Hanefee Park Pavilion
136 Sunset Lake Rd. Liberty, NY

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
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at : 845-292-5910, Ext. 0.

- All pet owners must clean up after their pets.
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Town of Lumberland, Town of Lumberland Pavilion.
1052 Proctor Rd. Glen Spey, NY

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