



## **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 meeting will be **Thursday, May 7, 2026**. 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 845-794-0611 ext. 101.

### **Planning Board**

The Planning Board met for its regular March meeting. There were 3 agenda items: Eagle Creek Renewable Energy's application for site plan approval for the replacement of the failed penstock; a sketch plan review for a training school at 1945 Rt 42, - on the lot that formerly was Baron's sawmill; and a sketch plan review of a 29 lot subdivision on Rod and Gun Club Road, across from Birchwood Estates development on the Thompson side of Rod and Gun Club Road.

**Eagle Creek;** A public hearing was scheduled for the next Planning Board Meeting – April 28 at 7pm. This project is also subject to DEC and FERC review and approval. Federal Law bars us from sharing drawings with the public.

**1945 Rt 42** – The Kaiser's sketch plan for a personal defense training school in the Residential zone was reviewed, comments provided, including the need for an area variance.

**Birchwood Estates** – Birchwood Estates presented a sketch plan for a 29-lot subdivision of 85 acres of their 286-acre Forestburgh parcel. Multiple issues were identified for the applicant, and their representative did not have answers available for many of these matters. Suggestions were made by the board as to further work that will be required in order for them when they present a formal application. There are two agenda items for the April Planning Board agenda, Eagle Creek's application for site plan approval and the public hearing on that matter, as well as a minor subdivision/land division on Griffin Road.

### **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!

### **\*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**

As we get further into the year, I just wanted to take a moment to say thank you. The support our community shows the Forestburgh Fire Company never goes unnoticed — whether it's a wave as we pass by, stopping by for events, a donation, or simply checking in. It truly means a lot to all of us. I'm also happy to share some great news — we've recently welcomed **four new members** into the department. That's always exciting to see, and it says a lot about the kind of community we have here. **At the same time, our need for additional volunteers remains critical.** We're always looking for more people who are willing to step up and get involved. There's a place for everyone, whether it's on the emergency response side or helping behind the scenes. No experience is needed — just a willingness to be part of something that really matters. As a reminder, the New York State **burn ban is currently in effect through May 14th**. Open burning of brush and debris is prohibited during this time to help prevent wildfires, especially during the dry spring conditions. For more information and guidelines, please visit the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation website: <https://dec.ny.gov/environmental-protection/air-quality/open-burning> We're heading into a busy (and fun) time of year, and there's a lot to look forward to. Our **Spring Breakfast will be held Sunday, May 3rd from 7:00 AM to 11:00 AM**, and we hope you'll come out and join us. It's always a great morning with good food and even better company. Beyond that, it's exciting to see all the gatherings being planned around town this year — from the Memorial Day celebration, to Forestburgh Day, the return of the Hospice 5K, our Annual Roast Beef dinner, and of course our Fall Breakfast. These events are what make this community special, and we're looking forward to being a part of all of it with you. This year also brings something special — the **250th anniversary of our country's founding**. It's a great reminder of the values we all share; service, community, and looking out for one another. Those are the same values that drive what we do every day. Thanks again for all your support. If you've ever thought about joining, now's a great time to reach out — talk to any member, send us an email at [join@forestburghfire.com](mailto:join@forestburghfire.com), or stop by the firehouse any Wednesday evening from 7-9.

Stay safe,

Chief Todd Petrowsky  
**Forestburgh Fire Company**

### **Grievance Day**

Grievance day will be held on Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup> from 4pm-8pm. Please visit the town website-forestburgh.net-for the proper application and instructions. For more information, please call the Town Assessor's office at (845)794-0611 Ext. 103 or 104.

# Helping More New Yorkers Manage Energy Costs

If you're having trouble paying your bill, we want to help. That's why we advocated for the Enhanced Energy Affordability Program, so even more New Yorkers can save on their energy bills.

**Now, New Yorkers with household incomes below the state median may be eligible for bill discounts.**

## About the Enhanced Energy Affordability Program (EEAP)

**What is EEAP?** The Enhanced Energy Affordability Program is a statewide initiative that provides customers with discounts on their energy bills.

**Who is eligible?** Households with incomes that fall below the state median may be eligible to receive discounts.

To qualify based on income, you must:

- Be a residential customer.
- Receive electric and/or gas service from Orange & Rockland.
- Not be enrolled in a qualifying government assistance program.
- Earn less than the household state median income thresholds.

Household Size	Income Thresholds
1	\$69,475
2	\$90,853
3	\$112,230
4	\$133,609
5	\$154,986
6	\$176,364
7	\$180,372
8	\$184,380

**How much is the bill discount?** Discounts range from \$1 to \$76.81 and vary based on whether you use electricity or gas for heating and your household income and size.

**Do the discounts expire?** Yes. You'll receive discounts for 18 months after you enroll, but you must reapply to remain in the program. You'll receive a letter, email, and/or text message with information when it's time to reapply.

**Energy Affordability Program (EAP)** You may already qualify for the Energy Affordability Program if you receive certain government benefits.



Find out more about both programs and enroll at [oru.com/EAP](https://www.oru.com/EAP).



**SULLIVAN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH**

**FREE**

**RABIES CLINIC**

**FOR DOGS, CATS, AND FERRETS**



**Public Health**  
Protect. Promote. Prevent.  
Sullivan County  
Department of Public Health

**Wednesday, April 23, 2025 6:00-7:30 PM**  
**Town of Lumberland, Town of Lumberland Pavilion.**  
**1052 Proctor Rd. Glen Spey, 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 maybe pre-registration at future clinics.

**If you have any questions, please call:**  
**Sullivan County**  
**Department of Public Health**  
**at : 845-292-5910, Ext. 0.**

# Town of Forestburgh Spring Clean Up 2026

May 7<sup>th</sup> – May 9<sup>th</sup>

Residents must separate materials into the following categories prior to bringing it to the town barn.

- A. Appliances and scrap metal (washers, dryers, stoves, water heaters, pipes, etc)
- B. Construction and demolition debris and bulky waste (furniture, mattresses, carpets, etc)
- C. Recyclables

**\*\*\*\*ANY BULKY WASTE SHOULD BE NEAT AND TIED WITH ROPE\*\*\*\***

(For Example: shingles)

## We cannot accept the following items:

No tires

No refrigerators or air conditioners

No item greater than 4 feet in length (please cut to proper size)

No fuel tanks, oil drums or large propane tanks

No full or partially full cans of paint, petroleum products, pesticides or any other hazardous waste

No brush, yard waste, bags of leaves, stumps or rocks

No explosives, ammunitions, radioactive material, medical waste, medications or car batteries

No household garbage or commercial waste

No asbestos or liquids

No electronic scrap

## HOURS OF OPERATON

Thursday through Friday 7:00 am to 5:00 pm

Saturday May 9<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 am to 1:00 pm

**Please, no more than one pick-up truck load per family. We are only allocated for 12 tons.**

*IF YOU ARE DISABLED OR A SENIOR AND/or NEED ASSISTANCE*

*Please call the town barn at 845-794-8069*

*Joe Ruggeri – Highway Superintendent*

## **Monticello School District**

The Monticello School District will hold personal registration on Thursday, May 7, 2026 from 4:00pm to 8:00pm at the Town Hall, located at 332 King Road, Forestburgh, NY 12777. Additionally, the Monticello School District budget election will be held on Tuesday, May 19, 2026 from 8:00am to 8:00pm also at the Town Hall. For more information on the budget please visit the school's website- [Budget - Monticello Central School District](#)

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