



2026

## **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, June 4, 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 held its regular April meeting. There were two agenda items. The First, Eagle Creek Renewable, included a public hearing on its application for site plan approval for the replacement of their 2600 foot long failed 8 foot in diameter penstock. No member of the public offered comment. The Planning Board presented additional questions, and the matter was adjourned to our May meeting. It is anticipated that action will be taken on the application at that meeting. The second matter on our April agenda was an application for a 2-lot subdivision on Griffin Road, which application was found to be incomplete in a number of ways, and was tabled. Nothing additional has been received regarding this application, and no other matters have been presented for our May meeting. At our May meeting we will welcome new Planning Board member Rom Gupta who was appointed by the Town Board at its May meeting. MHE Engineering was also hired by the Town Board to provide services to the Planning and Zoning Boards, as Tom Gotlieb, who has served as our engineer for nearly 20 years, is retiring. His wisdom, experience, professionalism and good nature will be missed, and a hard example to follow.

### **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\* 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 Fire Company**

As we head into the summer season, the members of the Forestburgh Fire Company would like to thank everyone who came out and supported our Spring Breakfast. Once again, the community showed incredible support, making this another record-setting event. Seeing so many friends, neighbors, and visitors coming together each year is something we truly appreciate, and it is a reminder of what makes Forestburgh such a special place. We are also happy to share that several new applicants are currently in the process of becoming members of the Fire Company. That is always encouraging to see, but our need for additional volunteers continues. Whether you are interested in firefighting, helping at community events, assisting behind the scenes, or supporting fundraising efforts, there is a place for everyone here. No experience is necessary — training is provided, and every member makes a difference.

The Forestburgh Fire Company is proud to host the annual **Memorial Day Service** at the firehouse on **Monday, May 25th at 9:00 AM**. We hope you will join us as we come together to remember and honor the brave men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our country. It is an important tradition in our community and one we are honored to continue each year.

Residents should also know that the new 911 address signs are currently in production and will be distributed and installed throughout town over the next several months. These signs will help emergency responders locate homes and properties more quickly when every second counts, and we appreciate everyone's patience as this important project moves forward.

Please join us for an upcoming fundraiser hosted by the Forestburgh Playhouse at The Tavern on **Friday, June 19th**. Doors open at 7:00 PM, and the band Fisher Cat will take the stage at 8:00 PM. A portion of the evening's proceeds will be donated to the Forestburgh Fire Company in support of our ongoing operations and community services. We also want to thank the Forestburgh Playhouse for their continued generosity and support of the Fire Company. We hope everyone can come out and enjoy what promises to be a great evening of music, fun, and community spirit.

As always, thank you for supporting your local volunteers. If you have ever thought about becoming a member, now is a great time to get involved. Any questions or to learn more, talk to any member, send us an email at [join@forestburghfire.com](mailto:join@forestburghfire.com), call the non-emergency line (845)794-7899, or stop by the firehouse on Wednesday evenings between 7:00 PM and 9:00 PM.

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](http://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.



## **Forestburgh Events Committee**

We've pulled together an amazing group of volunteers calling ourselves the "Forestburgh Events Committee". Our goal is to coordinate events in our beloved town, and foster community engagement. Please reach out to any of our members with ideas and comments for Forestburgh Fun! Our members are Teresa Collins, Karen Ellsweig, Bruce Ellsweig, Jim Galligan, Ron Geysen, Eileen Geysen, Susie Landis, Todd Pertowsky, Jim Steinberg. UP AN COMING: Please join your fellow residents at our beautiful **Memorial Day Service, May 25<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am – 11:00am** at the pavilion at the firehouse. There will be plenty of parking and refreshments. Hold date for our annual **Forestburgh Day- August 29**, from noon-4:00pm, also at the pavilion at the firehouse. This is a big celebration for our town, and will include some semiquincentennial events in honor of America's 250<sup>th</sup> birthday, with many more exciting details to follow.

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

Happy 250 Birthday America! Recently I attended a stage production of "1776". I strongly recommend you see the movie, which was filmed in 1973 and received a nomination that year for "Best Picture". It can be viewed on HULU for free. I learned a lot, which they never taught me in school. In 1774 the colonies, through their committee of correspondence, call a meeting with delegates from each colony to meet as always in Philadelphia. They called themselves the "Continental Congress". It was felt the crown and parliament should be sent and olive branch after the previous rebellious act of the Boston Tea Party. Instead, they passed "Articles of Association" to coordinate resilience of all the colonies to establish a non-importation and boycott. It also halted any participation in the slave trade. Most importantly, a committee was formed to inspect and monitor all the colonies for compliance. This, in a way, was the formation of central government. On July 2, 1776, at a meeting in Virginia Richard Henry Lee proposed the following resolution: *Resolved that these United Colonies are and or light ought to be free and Independent States, that they are absolved from all allegiance to the British Crown. That all political connections be totally dissolved. John Adams has been suggesting this concept repeatedly.* A committee was created to draft a Declaration of Independence. John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, and youngest member at 33, Thomas Jefferson were delegated the task. Both Jefferson and Franklin had previously written on the subject. Jefferson "A Summary View of Rights of British Americans", one of his publications. More to follow in celebration. Please be sure to attend the Memorial service at the Forestburgh Fire Company. This year, especially, a very meaningful service. We need to honor all those who fought for our independence and those who fought and died to keep it.



## **Monticello School District Budget Vote**

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

## **Sullivan Volunteers**

Sullivan Volunteers are looking for volunteer drivers for medical transportation. Qualifications: must love helping people. Must have a clean, reliable, insured vehicle. Must have a clean driving record. Must be able to drive out of county to places like Middletown, Goshen, Port Jervis, Ellenville. Must be professional and good communicator for client interactions. Must be 45 years of age or older. Must pass a background check and fingerprinting. Some benefits are: Unlimited monthly mileage reimbursed at the current standard IRS allowance (currently 72.5¢/mile). Supplemental insurance. Recognition events. Free emergency car kit. Anyone interested in volunteering should contact Monika, Sullivan Volunteers Program Coordinator, at (845)807-0255.



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