



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. 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, July 16, 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 held its regular May meeting. The sole agenda item was the Eagle Creek application for Site Plan approval for the replacement of its failed penstock. All requirements having been provided and met, and the public hearing having been completed at our April meeting, a Resolution was made and passed granting the application, subject to certain conditions. Since the meeting, a building permit has been issued, and work is expected to start shortly to replace this critical renewable energy infrastructure. There will be no June Planning Board meeting as no applications have been received.

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 paid 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 summer gets underway, I wanted to take a moment once again to thank everyone who came out to the annual Memorial Day ceremony. Despite the rainy weather, the turnout was outstanding. Seeing so many members of our community gather to honor and remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice was truly meaningful, and a reminder of what makes Forestburgh such a special place.

Over the past several weeks, members have also been busy producing and installing 911 address signs throughout town. While these signs are a crucial tool for helping emergency responders locate properties more quickly, they also provide us with an opportunity to evaluate access to homes and properties throughout the community. During these visits, we are able to identify issues such as overgrown driveways, obstructed access points, incorrect addresses, or other conditions that could delay emergency response when seconds matter.

When you receive your new 911 sign, please take a few moments on a regular basis to ensure it remains clearly visible from the roadway, from both travel directions, and that emergency vehicles can safely access your property. Small improvements made now can make a significant difference during an emergency. If you have any questions or would like for us to come out and discuss any concerns regarding property accessibility or safety, please feel free to reach out.

As a reminder, please join us for the upcoming fundraiser hosted by the Forestburgh Playhouse at The Tavern on Friday, June 19th. Doors open at 7:00 PM, and 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 to help support our ongoing operations and community services.

We would like to congratulate the Forestburgh Playhouse on their 80th Anniversary Season and thank them for their continued generosity and support of the Fire Company. We hope you will come out and enjoy what promises to be a great evening of music, fun, and community spirit.

As always, the Forestburgh Fire Company continues to welcome new volunteers. Whether you are interested in emergency response, supporting community events, or helping behind the scenes, there are opportunities for everyone to get involved. No prior experience is necessary—we provide the training, equipment, and support needed to become part of our team.

If you have ever considered becoming a member, now is a great time to get involved. To learn more; speak with any member, send us an email at join@forestburghfire.com, call the firehouse on the non-emergency line (845) 794-7899, or stop by the firehouse on Wednesday evenings between 7:00 PM and 9:00 PM.

Thank you for your continued support, and we wish everyone a safe and enjoyable summer.

Stay safe,

Chief Todd Petrowsky

Forestburgh Fire Company

Forestburgh Events Committee

On **Saturday, August 1** from **9-4** there will be a **COMMUNITY YARD SALE** happening throughout Forestburgh and also at the Forestburgh Firehouse. If you are interested in participating, you can either have a table at your house and we will provide a map for the shoppers, or you can set up a table at the firehouse. If interested in participating, please contact Teresa at (845)794-0611 Ext. 101 by July 23rd.

Forestburgh Town Hall

Please stop by and relax in the new gazebo at the Town Hall! Bring a picnic basket and enjoy a beautiful day bar-b-cuing and then sip some iced tea in the gazebo. Thank you to Grey's Woodworks, Forestburgh Highway Department, Susie Landis, Teresa Collins and Sabina Toomey for reviving the yard at the Town Hall.

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

John Adams was a 40 year old Massachusetts delegate to the Continental Congress and the leading force for Independence. He became the second President of the United States and the First Vice President under George Washington. John Adams became a lawyer and was admitted to the Bar in 1759. He married Abigail Smith and had six children, including the future President John Quincy Adams. In 1776 Adams senior organized a "Committee of Five" to draft the Declaration of Independence. The five were Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, Robert Livingston, and Robert Sherman. It was Adams political philosophy as written in his "Taught on Government", which advocated for a three-tiered system of government, a bicameral legislature, independent judiciary and strong executives that would heavily influence state governments as well. One of John Adams nicknames was "The Colossus of Independence". It's a good time to learn and review our founding fathers and remember Valley Forge.

Archtop UG Fiber Optic Installation

Archtop Fiber is working with Sullivan County to place underground fiber optic cables around the count connecting their 12 tower sites and providing residential internet service along the route to pre-determined locations. This is possible through a state grant the county received through Conical. The plans to place UG fiber optic cables along the roads listed below in the town of Forestburgh. Note: most of the roads listed will not be placing fiber on the entire road just on sections.

Rod & Gun Club Rd.

Sackett Lake Rd. (Co. 44)

Plank Rd.

North Rd.

Wildwood Way

Forestburg Rd. (Co. 43)

If you have any questions concerning the process, please contact Archtop Fiber.

Independence Day Celebration

Celebrating 250th Anniversary of Freedom, Democracy and Patriotism! July 2, 2026 starting at noon on the lawn of the County Courthouse at 414 Broadway Monticello. Featuring reflections by our judges on our nation's independence and the sheriff's ceremonial color guard. A celebration by Sullivan County Courts of the New York State Unified Court System. Followed by light refreshments.

2026 Primary Election

There will be a primary election held at the Forestburgh Town Hall on Tuesday, June 23rd from 6:00 am until 9:00 pm. To view the sample ballots please visit [Sample Ballots for Upcoming Elections | Sullivan County NY](#) or by visiting the Sullivan County Government Center website at www.sullivanyny.gov If you are interested in participating in early voting you may do so at the Sullivan County Board of Elections located downstairs in the Government Center, 100 North Street, Monticello.





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

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 Fallsburg, Morningside Park Pavilion
638 Brickman Rd. Hurleyville, NY

Thursday, August 13th 2026 6:00-7:30 PM
Town of Liberty, Hanofee 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
Department of Public Health
at : 845-292-5910, Ext. 0.

- 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

**FORESTBURGH
COMMUNITY YARD SALE
SATURDAY AUGUST 1
9AM – 4PM
FORESTBURGH FIREHOUSE
2539 STATE ROUTE 42
FORESTBURGH, NY**

We welcome everyone who wishes to set up a table at the Forestburgh Firehouse or at their home.

(Map of participants will be provided for at home yard sales.)

If you are interested, please call the Town Hall at 845-794-0611 ext. 101

by July 23rd.



Forestburgh Highway Department

On Monday, June 29th, for about 3 days, the town will be paving Plank Road A from CR43 to Eagle Creek. There will be signs up and trucks going in and out, so pay attention to flaggers and signs.



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