

Town of Forestburgh Newsletter

MARCH 2018



Forestburgh Town Hall hours are from 9-3 Mon. through Fri. (845)794-0611.

Board and Committee News:

For a copy of the minutes and/or agendas, please visit our website at forestburgh.net. While on the website, please check the calendar for upcoming events and meetings.

Town Board

The Forestburgh Town Board meetings are held the 1st Thursday or every month at 7pm in the Town Hall, located at 332 King Rd., Forestburgh. Be sure to check the Town's website at **forestburgh.net** for a list of upcoming meetings, times, agenda and minutes. The April board meeting will be rescheduled and held on **Wednesday, April 4th** to avoid conflict with the Monticello School District vote on April 5th.

Letter From the Supervisor

March sure has come in and stayed like a lion up to this point. I am hopeful everyone weathered the week long power outage without any severe effects. We are very fortunate to have such a dedicated volunteer Fire Department that manned their station 24 hours a day for over a week. The whole department and even some residents rose up to the challenge to provide food and shelter to not only our residents, but residents from surrounding towns, the National Guard, and the many line crews that came from across the country and even Canada to get us back on line.

A special thanks goes out to Chief Todd Petrowsky. He truly showed his leadership skills during this trying time. The fire department became a central hub for the relief and distribution of supplies for not only us, but surrounding towns as well. Todd and I worked together seamlessly to assess the damage, help coordinate debris clearing, and direct crews for restoration. Without such coordination and cooperation the results would have been much worse.

I, along with NYS Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther, were on many conference calls trying to hasten the restoration efforts. Thank you Aileen, you are a champion of the people!

On another topic, everyone should have received their assessment mailing from GAR, who the previous board contracted with for the REVAL. I have heard from many residents, some very happy, and some not so much. GAR came up with the valuations, and NOT our assessor. I cannot urge residents enough to set up an appointment as directed in the mailing to discuss or dispute any issues. I am. They advised me to bring any supporting data I may have, like comparable recent sales, bill of sale on any recent purchases, survey map, etc. Surf their website they provided, you don't have to "login", just click on the stuff on the right side of the page. Please, call GAR for correct and accurate advice on what to do. They are there to help us.

Be safe,

Dan Hogue

Planning Board

The next scheduled meeting for the Planning Board will be on **March 27, 2018 at 7:00pm** in the Forestburgh Town Hall, located at 332 King Road, Forestburgh, NY 12777.

Zoning Rewrite Committee

There will be a meeting of the Zoning Rewrite Committee on **April 10, 2018 from 7-9pm** at the Forestburgh Town Hall, located at 332 King Rd., Forestburgh, NY 12777.

Announcements:

Town Clerk's Corner

Starting in September 2018 the Harriman Toll Plaza will be going cashless. If you haven't done so already, come in to the Town Clerk and get your EZ Pass.

FREE RABIES CLINIC Tuesday, April 24th 6pm-7:30pm at the Livingston Manor Firehouse. Bring prior rabies certificate to receive 3yr. vaccine. All pets must be in carrier or on a leash. All pets must be at least 3 months old. For more information- 845-513-2268 or Rockland Town Clerk-845-439-5450 ext 300.

Forestburgh Senior Events

If you are interested in joining the Forestburgh Senior Club, please contact Sabina Toomey at 794-2702. This year the seniors will meet the first Monday of every month unless there is a holiday, then an alternate date will be scheduled.

Forestburgh Fire Department

The Forestburgh Fire Department will be hosting a Corned Beef Dinner on March 17, 2018 from 5-7pm. For more information call (845)794-7899.

Also, as a reminder, the State Wide Burn Ban will go into effect on March 15 until May 15. No outdoor burning of any sorts during this time period. The burning of leaves, grass, and garbage is prohibited at all times throughout New York State. Any questions can be directed to Chief Todd Petrowsky at 794-7899.

Forestburgh Renaissance Committee

The next scheduled meeting of the Forestburgh Renaissance Committee will be on **Tuesday, March 20th at 4:30pm** in the Town Hall. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Free Tax Preparation

FREE TAX HELP FROM AARP AND THE IRS

(For taxpayers with low and middle income. Although all ages are welcome, the program gives special attention to those age 55 and over)

Would you like help with your income tax preparation and filing? If so, volunteers trained as tax counselors by the IRS will prepare and e-file of your Federal and State tax returns at several sites around Sullivan County, including Monticello, Liberty, and Eldred.

For more information or to make an appointment at the Cornell Cooperative Extension in Liberty, call (845) 292-6180. To make an appointment at the Monticello Library, call (845) 794-4660, and for the Eldred Library, call (845) 557-6258.

Sponsored by the AARP and IRS, with help from the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Sullivan County.

Monticello Central School District

There will be a personal registration held at the Forestburgh Town Hall on March 22, 2018 from 4:00pm to 8:00pm. The Monticello Central School District will hold a Referendum Vote for the Monticello Capital Bond Project on Thursday, April 5, 2018 at the Forestburgh Town Hall. The polls will be open from 8:00am to 8:00pm. For information on this proposed project please visit the school website at monticelloschools.net.

HELP WANTED

The Town of Forestburgh Recreation Department is seeking qualified & certified candidates to apply for the position of Recreation Director. Send your letter of interest, along with your resume, and references to the Town Clerk, Joanne Nagoda, at 332 King Rd., Forestburgh, NY 12777 or by email to townofforestburgh@hvc.rr.com by April 3, 2018. This position is a part time seasonal position. For more information call the Town Hall at (845)794-0611.

Submitted Thank You Letter from Resident Nancy Kane

As we emerge from the ravages of another nor'easter, it is time to recognize those who gave extraordinary service to our community. The residents of the Town of Forestburgh owe a huge thank you to our volunteer firemen and volunteer residents who kept our firehouse open 24/7 for the duration of the emergency, providing meals and refuge to those without electricity. They went out in the community to check our homes to insure the homes and residents were safe and had supplies that they might need. Also, to the members of the National Guard who checked on our homes and helped clear fallen debris which impeded our travel and disrupted our electric service. Also, thanks to the electric workers who spent long hours in harsh and dangerous conditions to rehab our electric lines. In Forestburgh in addition to O&R, we had crews from Louisiana, Mississippi, Georgia, Alabama, Arkansas, and Quebec. But above all we owe a special thanks to our Fire Chief, Todd Petrowsky, who took the bull by the horns and imposed order on what appeared to be total chaos. He helped coordinate the electric crews and led them through the town to the damaged areas which he and our firefighters had previously surveyed and mapped. He spent the duration at the firehouse taking vacation days from his regular employment so that he could serve and protect our community. Many thanks to Todd, our firefighters, Supervisor Dan Hogue, the many community volunteers, the highway department, the electric crews and the National Guard. From grateful residents of Forestburgh.

Our Town (Submitted by Town Historian, Sabina Toomey)

Our little town was declared a disaster area. The National Guard was called out. We were exposed to what it means to have no electricity, no phones or internet! The men and women of our town who volunteer as Firemen showed how much they care. We owe them all a deep, heartfelt THANK YOU! Our highway department went hours without sleep to make our roads safe. A job well done. I am very proud to say that I live in the Town of Forestburgh. Our Supervisor, Daniel Hogue, Jr., worked along with the Fire Department, the Governor, Assemblywomen Gunther, and Orange & Rockland Utilities to get us back on track again. Thank you Dan!

As President of our Senior Club, I frequently call on our elderly members to see if they are o.k. Special Thank You to Jenna Hogue who helped evacuate a senior in dire need. A special angel and wonderful young woman!

Can Spring be far off?-Sabina Toomey

Spring Break Programs at EB Crawford Public Library

Come have fun at the library while school is out! Every day March 26th thru 30th they will be hosting a fun program at the Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library, located at 479 Broadway, Monticello.

March 26th-Construction Club- meet up with LEGOs K'nex and other awesome building mediums-4:30pm (ages 7+)

March 27th- Mini Maker Space- children will explore technology, crafts, and sensory play. 11:00am (ages 2-6)

March 28th- Marbled Art Project- children will use different methods to create unique marbled artwork. 11:00am (ages 6+)

March 29th- Movie Screening- complete with popcorn and movie snacks. 12:00pm (all ages)

March 30th- Upcycled Craft Project- Children will make some awesome wall art or superhero cuffs using recycled materials. 11:00am (Ages 5+)

For more information or to register for the program call 845-794-4600 ext. 5. To see a full list of library programs, visit ebcpl.org or follow them on Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter @ebcplibrary.

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