



## 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.

### **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. For your safety, masks are required. The next monthly meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 6, 2022. For the monthly agenda and meeting minutes, please visit the town website at [www.forestburgh.net](http://www.forestburgh.net).

### **Planning Board**

The November Planning Board meeting took place via Zoom and included 2 matters. The first, an application for a lot improvement was granted, with three lots in the Gorge being consolidated into two. The second matter on November's agenda was a request for a 2-lot subdivision of certain property on Rod and Gun Club Road, owned by Birchwood Estates, where they seek to divide a 2.3acre parcel from a parent parcel of over 200 acres. A public hearing date will be set for the January meeting.

### **Zoning Re-Write Committee**

Zoning Committee continues to meet. There was a meeting on November 9<sup>th</sup>. Future dates to be determined.

### **Announcements:**

#### **Highway Department**

There has been a lot of trash being dropped off around the town and seems to be getting worse at the top of Dill Rd. The Highway Superintendent spoke to the resident where the trash is coming from, and also left the code enforcer a message. The shed outside the gate is full for residents. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the Highway Department.

**Forestburgh Fire Department** Thank you to the Forestburgh Fire Company and members of the community for donating more than 25 gifts to Toys For Tots this year!

#### **Town Clerk**

Happy Holidays! Remember that NYS EZ Pass make a wonderful stocking stuffer! You can stop in to the Town Hall and purchase one from the Town Clerk.



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

Recently found at the Sullivan County Historical Society is a letter from Leo Toomey from Grievres France dated July 18, 1918. It will be added to the Historian portion of the town web site under "Forestburgh at War WWI". Available at the Museum for a small fee is a 57-page booklet titled "Dear Folks The Great War-Letters From The Front" which outlines the letters written from soldiers. If anyone has family related parts of this history, please share it with the SC Historical Society. Copies can be made of any letters or other information that you have and you will keep the original. Also, added to the Historian webpage is a copy from the Observer about Stephan Crane and a segment of "Our Town". Have a wonderful & peaceful holiday season. Stay safe.

### **Dog Control Officer**

Reminder to all dog owners; by law, all dogs must be licensed. Please see the Town Clerk for details. Dogs must always be on a leash or in complete control of the owner. It is against the law for any dog to be on private property without expressed permission from the property owner or wandering loose on any public road or on any public property. Letting dogs roam loose creates a safety hazard for the dog, the public and other pets. Please be a responsible dog owner and a good neighbor.

### **Volunteers Needed for AARP Tax Aide Program**

Are you looking for a way to help seniors? Then, AARP Tax Aide is looking for you. Who can volunteer for our program? Anyone who lives in Sullivan County. If you love people, volunteer as a client facilitator. You will greet taxpayers, help them organize their paperwork and assist in the smooth flow of work. If you have experience with computers, especially if you have prepared your own taxes, why not volunteer as a tax preparer? Volunteer tax preparers, schedulers and facilitators will be trained to assist seniors as well as low- to moderate-income individuals and families. AARP will provide this comprehensive training starting in December 2021 and January 2022. Starting February 2022, AARP Tax Aide will provide free tax preparation and counseling services at multiple locations throughout Sullivan County. When assigned to a site you need not worry about being left on your own. The Site Coordinator will coach you and another preparer will check all your work for accuracy. Interested? For more information on volunteering with TaxAide, please contact Carl Amaditz, Sullivan County New Volunteer Coordinator, at 845-794-3515 or email [camaditz@gmail.com](mailto:camaditz@gmail.com). Look forward to hearing from you!

### **Mortgage & Foreclosure Assistance Available**

Help is available through the NYS Office of the Attorney General's Homeowner Protection Program (HOPP) at no cost to you. If you are a NYS homeowner struggling to make payments, or in a forbearance agreement with your servicer, know your options. You may qualify for new federal assistance. Beware of scams and of companies asking for payment to help with your mortgage. Before you give up your home, have your mortgage checked by a qualified NYS professional for free. Call the NYS HOPP Toll-Free Hotline at 1-855-HOME-456 (1-855-466-3456) or go to [HomeownerHelpNY.org](http://HomeownerHelpNY.org) to get connected with a non-profit in your area. Attached is more information from Sullivan County Treasurer, Nancy Buck.





**LOCAL BREAK-INS HAPPENING!**

Please be aware that recently there have been multiple vehicle break-ins in town. Be certain to lock your vehicles and remove any valuable items from your cars. Also, make sure that your house doors are locked and your alarms are set, even while you are home. If you see something suspicious, please contact the Sullivan County Sheriff's Department-845-794-7100. Have a safe and happy Holiday.

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