



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. The next monthly meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, December 7, 2023**. 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 at 845-794-0611 ext. 21. Also, there will be a Budget Workshop on October 11, 2023, at 6pm at the Town Hall.

Planning Board

The planning Board did not meet in October, as there were no matters pending. There will be a November Planning Board meeting (11/28 at 7pm) where there will be two substantive matters on the agenda. The first applicant seeks site plan approval and special use permit for a tavern (Finnegan's) at 2864 Rt 42, in the B1 district. The second applicant seeks a site plan approval and special use permit for a five megawatt Large Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Energy System covering four percent of a two hundred and twenty six acre parcel on the east side of Rt. 42., north of the Forestburgh Pond subdivision in the Residential Recreation zoning district. These applications and supporting materials will be posted on the town's website in advance of the meeting.

Announcements:

Dog Control Officer

Reminder to all dog owners: by law all dogs must have current RABIES vaccinations and be licensed. Rabies and license tags must be attached to the dog's collar or harness at all times. There has been a significant increase in abandoned dogs, dogs roaming loose and bite incidents. Letting dogs run loose is not only illegal it also creates a safety hazard for the public, the dog and other pets. Please be a responsible dog owner and a good neighbor.

Forestburgh Fire Company

The Forestburgh Fire Company still has smoke detectors available. Please email adevlin@hvc.rr.com or call him at (845)794-1251 if you need a new smoke detector. All residents are eligible. Once again Santa has requested that the Forestburgh Fire Company escort him on his visit to Forestburgh on December 10th. Santa will once again visit all children in Forestburgh, ages from infant to 12 years old. He has requested that we update our files to ensure he gets to visit all the children. If you are a new resident of our town or know of any

new residents with children, or have had an addition to your family, please send their names, address and ages to adevlin@hvc.rr.com prior to December 10th. The company needs your help to keep us off Santa's Naughty List and make sure he gets to every child on Dec 10.

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

Henry George, along with two other gentlemen, purchased one thousand acres for sale from Gilman, owner of Gilman's Station. The property was devastated by a massive fire which started at the station from a spark from the wood burning engine of the O & W railroad stopped at Gilman's. The fire was tremendous and burnt thousands of acres thru Forestburgh and the Town of Thompson. So, in 1889 the Merriewold Park Co. was formed. Mr. George was a world renowned writer on economics and social theory. His book *Progress and Poverty* sold more copies at the time than the Bible. At the turn of the century his beliefs "the single tax theory" were better known as Communism or Socialism. And so the people who inhabited the park felt the same. It was to be a place where like minded people could commune with nature and make the world a better place. On a side note, a new book has been added to our library from which the above information was obtained. The book was a gift from Susan Hawvermale, Merriewold Historian. It is available to gain more information and to view. Thank you Susan!

Forestburgh Fire District HIRING

The Forestburgh Fire District is seeking an individual for the position of Secretary/Treasurer. The position requires attendance at 1 meeting per month, this individual would be required to keep, maintain and document minutes from meetings every month and retain same in files. This individual is responsible for paying all bills as directed by the Board of Fire Commissioners and documenting and filing same. This individual must be proficient in QuickBooks and Word, and be able to use a supplied computer. This individual must be able to be bonded. This position does have a monthly stipend. This individual must be a resident of the Forestburgh Fire District. For additional information you may contact Alan Kesten, Vice Chairman at 845-798-4725 or any other member of the Board of Fire Commissioners.

Highway Department

Winter is here! If you need sand stop by the Town Barn. No shovel, stop in and ask for one. If you are a senior in need of help, please ask. There is a lot of trash around town. If you see something let us know- 845-794-8069. Seems like a lot of drop offs. Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

911 Signs

The Forestburgh Fire Department and the Town Board are requesting that 911 signs be properly posted on the roadside as well as on your house. There has been several instances lately where response times to emergencies have been impaired due to improper or no posting of 911 numbers. Please, for the sake of our volunteer first responders, and for the safety of yourself and family members, post your 911 numbers where easily visible.





American Red Cross
Southern Tier Chapter

Do you know a Real Hero?

The American Red Cross is calling for nominations of everyday people who have exhibited extraordinary courage or made a meaningful impact in the community in 2023 to be recognized at our Real Heroes Breakfast!



Nomination Deadline:
January 31, 2024

Award Categories:

Animal Rescue
Blood Donor | Education
Fire Rescue
Good Neighbor
Good Samaritan Adult
Good Samaritan Youth
Law Enforcement | Lifeline
Medical | Military
Workplace Safety

**Nominate your hero today at
www.redcross.org/STRealHeroes**

Nominees must live in or the story must have occurred in the following counties: Steuben, Schuyler, Chemung, Tompkins, Tioga, Cortland, Broome, Susquehanna (PA), Chenango, Otsego, Delaware, or Sullivan.

Questions? Email Susie Chadwick at susie.chadwick@redcross.org.



MAKE-AHEAD TURKEY GRAVY WITH ONIONS & SAGE (Makes 4 Cups)

- **6 tablespoons ($\frac{3}{4}$ stick) unsalted butter**
- **1 large red onion, halved and sliced $\frac{1}{4}$ inch thick**
- **4 large garlic cloves, peeled and halved**
- **6 tablespoons all-purpose flour**
- **4 cups good chicken stock, preferably homemade**
- **2 tablespoons Cognac or brandy**
- **10 large fresh sage leaves**
- **2 bay leaves**
- **Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper**
- **1 cup dry white wine, such as Pinot Grigio**

Melt the butter in a large saucepan over medium heat. Add the onion and garlic and sauté, stirring often, for 15 to 20 minutes, until the onion becomes browned and starts to caramelize. Sprinkle on the flour and cook, stirring constantly, for 1½ minutes. Stir in the chicken stock, Cognac, sage leaves, bay leaves, 2 teaspoons salt (depending on the saltiness of the chicken stock), and 1 teaspoon pepper. Bring to a boil, lower the heat, and simmer for 20 minutes, stirring occasionally. Set aside at room temperature for 1 hour and strain, pressing the solids lightly and then discarding them. Refrigerate until ready to use.

After the turkey is cooked, remove it to a carving board to rest while you finish the gravy. Place the roasting pan on the stovetop over medium heat and add the wine. Bring to a boil, lower the heat, and simmer for 2 minutes, stirring and scraping up all the bits clinging to the bottom of the pan. Slowly whisk the gravy base into the pan. Simmer for about 5 minutes, until the gravy is smooth and slightly thickened. Taste for seasonings and serve hot. Copyright 2014, Make It Ahead by Ina Garten, Clarkson Potter/Publishers, All Rights Reserved

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AARP Tax Aides WANTED

Would you be interested in a meaningful volunteer position? If so, AARP Tax Aide is looking for you. Who can volunteer for our program? Anyone who lives in Sullivan County. You do NOT have to be a member of AARP, and Tax Aide will provide Chromebook laptops for your use. If you have any experience with computers, especially if you have prepared your own taxes, why not volunteer as a tax preparer? Volunteer tax preparers will be trained to assist seniors as well as low to moderate-income individuals and families. AARP will provide this comprehensive training beginning in November and continuing in December 2023 and January 2024. Most of it will be online, and you must pass a Certification test following training. Starting on February 5, 2024, we will provide free tax preparation and counseling services at several locations throughout Sullivan County, but we really need a couple of additional volunteers at our Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) site in Liberty, which is one of our two primary Sullivan County sites. Our tax preparation sessions are on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM through April 10. If you're interested, you don't have to worry about being left on your own. Experienced preparers will help you at the site in real time, and another preparer will check all your work for accuracy. Interested? For more information on volunteering with TaxAide, please contact Carl Amaditz, Local Coordinator, at 845-794-3515 or email camaditz@gmail.com. Hope to hear from you