



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, October 1, 2026**, and a 2027 Budget Workshop is scheduled for October 14th at 5pm. 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 did not meet in August, and will not meet in September as there have been no submissions. The Camp Turell property division requested by the Hartwood Club is being revised and is expected to be submitted for the October meeting.

Announcements:

***VACANCIES* Board of Assessment Review(2) & Dog Control Officer**

The Town of Forestburgh BAR has 2 paid positions available, and we are looking for a part time Dog Control Officer. 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.

Dog Control Officer(VACANT: POSITION AVAILABLE)

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.



Public Health
Prevent. Promote. Protect.
Sullivan County
Department of Public Health



Free Rabies Clinics

while supplies last



Call to Pre-Register
845-292-5910

Wednesday, September 16, 2026, 5:00-7:00pm

Narrowsburg Fire House

203 Bridge Street, Narrowsburg, NY

Wednesday, September 23, 2026, 6:00-7:30pm

Livingston Manor Fire House

93 Main St. Street, Livingston Manor, NY

Wednesday, October 7, 2026, 6:00-7:30pm

Monticello Fire Station

23 Richardson Ave, Monticello, NY

REQUIREMENTS

- ✓ Sullivan County residents (ID required)
- ✓ Pets must be 3 months or older
- ✓ Pets must be on a leash, in a carrier, muzzled if aggressive
- ✓ Please bring proof of previous vaccination
- ✓ Dogs, cats, and ferrets accepted



2026 Sullivan County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event

WHEN: SUNDAY, September 20, 2026 from 8:00 AM—2:00 PM

WHERE: Monticello Transfer Station

91 Landfill Drive

Monticello, NY 12701

WHAT TO KNOW:

- Pre-registration is NOT required
- Bring **ACCEPTABLE HHW** carefully packaged to prevent reactions, spills/leaks
- Bring **PHOTO ID and/or PROOF OF SULLIVAN COUNTY RESIDENCY**
- Remain in your car at all times

ACCEPTABLE		UNACCEPTABLE
Paint	Smoke detectors	Household garbage
Solvents	Fire extinguishers	Commercial/industrial/agricultural waste
Stains	Cleaning products	Medical waste/ pharmaceuticals
Ink	Poisons	Radioactive material
Pool chemicals	Roofing tar	Explosives
Acids	Bases	Ammunition
Wood preservatives	Adhesives	Bulk liquids/drums/tanks larger than 5 gallons
Fluorescent bulbs	Creosote	LP/gas tanks
Mercury containing devices	Stale fuels	Electronics
Pesticides/herbicides	Antifreeze	Tires
Batteries/ automotive batteries		Refrigeration devices

Questions?

Kassie Thelman, Recycling Coordinator
(845) 807-0291
recycling@sullivanyny.gov



A Word from Public Health About Measles

Liberty, NY – With 540 reported cases of measles across 36 counties in neighboring Pennsylvania, the Sullivan County Department of Public Health is closely and actively monitoring the spread of this contagious disease.

“Our Epidemiology and Disease Surveillance team maintains ongoing surveillance and is in regular communication with the NYS Department of Health regarding emerging risks, guidance, and any activity that may impact Sullivan County,” says Public Health Director Dr. Jessie Moore. “Our clinical and outreach teams also monitor local measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) vaccine coverage and maintain vaccination access.”

Measles is not just a concern for children. Adults who are unsure of their immunity status should speak with their healthcare provider about whether immunity testing (titers) or MMR vaccination is appropriate.

Should a suspected case or exposure occur in Sullivan County, Public Health stands ready to immediately investigate, conduct contact tracing, coordinate testing, provide treatment and vaccinations, and notify the community.

“Public health emergency preparedness is intentionally integrated across our programs rather than operating as a stand-alone function,” adds Dr. Moore. “This allows epidemiology, nursing, clinical services, outreach, communications, and leadership to respond collectively and immediately based on the needs of an event, with continued coordination and guidance from the NYS Department of Health.”

For more information on measles in New York State, visit www.health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/measles. To learn more about Public Health and the services it offers, visit www.sullivanyny.gov/Departments/Publichealth.

Forestburgh Fire Company

The Forestburgh Fire Company will be hosting a Roast Beef Dinner on Saturday, September 19th from 4-8pm. Adults \$15, children \$8, ages 5 and under are free.

Forestburgh Assessor

The Town of Forestburgh's increase in taxes for the current 2026 School Tax year, as well as the upcoming 2027 County Tax year, is attributable to several factors affecting the Town's overall taxable assessment and the manner in which the tax levy is apportioned among property owners.

1. Court-Ordered Assessment Reductions

There have been several significant court-ordered reductions in assessed values pursuant to Article 7 of the New York State Real Property Tax Law. These reductions have resulted in a reduction of the Town's overall taxable assessment and, consequently, a reduction in the amount of taxable value available to support the applicable municipal and school tax levies.

When taxable assessed value is reduced, the required tax levy does not necessarily decrease proportionately. The Town must still raise the revenues necessary to meet its budgetary obligations. As a result, when the overall taxable assessment is reduced, the remaining taxable properties must bear a greater share of the applicable tax levy. This directly affects the apportionment of taxes and may result in increased taxes for individual property owners.

2. Current Market Values

Properties throughout the County continue to sell for values substantially higher than their current assessed values. These sales demonstrate a continued disparity between the assessed values of properties and their actual market values.

The assessment and apportionment of real property taxes are affected by these differences in value. As property values and the overall tax base change, the proportion of the tax levy allocated among individual properties must likewise be adjusted. Consequently, changes in the relative value of properties within the Town and County can result in an increased tax obligation for individual property owners, even where there has not been a corresponding increase in the assessed value of their particular property.

Forestburgh Event Committee

The Forestburgh Events Committee (FEC) wants to thank everyone who helped make our Forestburgh Day 2026 so GREAT!! **Thanks to:**

- all the people who helped us enjoy such fabulous weather;
- the Forestburgh residents of all ages who made this event even more spectacular;
- the many vendors who offered different crafts and beautiful items for sale and loads of helpful information for our benefit (NAMI, Monticello Kiwanis Club, Sullivan County Public Health Services, Safety in the Crosshairs (SITC))
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Forestburgh Event Committee continued:

- the Fire Company for delicious food and drinks, a bouncy ride for the kiddos, a variety of outdoor games, and being the best emcees ever;
- Millie Hogue for arranging an awesome dessert table with goodies baked by Forestburgh residents;
- our speakers, Dr. Peter Lubrecht and Town Historian Sabina Toomey, who fascinated the crowd with historical tidbits about our Town, including information regarding Betsy Ross and our flag, an introduction to flag folding, and the reasons why our US flag is folded 13 times (!); and
- our fabulous FEC members - Todd Petrowsky, Jim Galligan, Jim Steinberg, Susie Landis, Bruce Ellsweig, Ron and Eileen Geysen, Teresa Collins - for all their incredible hard work and dedication to making Forestburgh Day possible!

The FEC is here to serve the residents of our wonderful Town. As we prepare for 2027 events, please watch for announcements of new and exciting activities for all of us! If you have ideas or recommendations, please contact Teresa Collins, Town Clerk, so we can start planning and implementing for all of us to enjoy.

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