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PRIMARY ELECTION HELD

A republican primary election was held on June 24, 2025 to determine who will run for the vacant Hague Town Board seats in November. The results were:

- Edna Frasier: 56 votes
- Maureen Cherubini: 52 votes
- Christopher Richards: 41 votes

HAGUE MUSIC IN THE PARK

Hague Music in the Park concerts will be on these **Wednesday** evenings:
July 9: Rick Bolton; **July 16:** Willie Playmore; **July 23:** Gold Dust Gypsies; and **July 30:** Lazy Suns Band.

All are from **6:30 to 8:30 pm**, except for **July 9th**, which is at **6 pm**. ▣

TOWN OF HAGUE INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

The Town of Hague is gearing up to host its Annual **3rd of July Celebration** — an unforgettable evening of delicious eats, summer fun, live music, and fireworks for the whole family.

These vendors will begin serving at **5:30 pm**: the Hague Fish & Game Club, the Hague Volunteer Fire Department, The Mac Factor, Bab-a-Dew Wood Fired Pizza, All Things Delicious, and Alaturco Gyros.

The local band "**Barkeater**" will take the stage at **6:30 pm**.

The evening will conclude with a fireworks display launched from the beach at **9:15 pm**. The show can be seen from the park, nearby neighborhoods, and by the amazing number of boaters who gather in Hague Bay for a unique view of the show.

"We're proud to bring the community together each year to celebrate Independence Day here in Hague. It's a great tradition for families, neighbors, and visitors alike," said Town of Hague Supervisor Joshua Patchett. "Events like this highlight what makes our small town so special."

For more details, visit www.townofhague.org or call 518-543-6161. For visitor information, an area event calendar, or a local business directory, go to www.ticonderogany.com or contact the Ticonderoga Area Chamber of Commerce (TACC) at 518-585-6619. ▣

MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION MAY 24, 2025

Sponsored by the Town of Hague and presented by the Hague Volunteer Fire Department (HVFD), the 22nd Annual Hague Memorial Day Celebration took place on Saturday, May 24, 2025. It was a rainy day, so the turnout was not as big as in previous years, but those who did come were treated to a quaint event that showed small-town America at its best.

From 10 am to 1 pm, the Funfest at the Park featured Mike's Karaoke Machine, crafters, jewelry, spices, and a white elephant sale. Family-friendly activities included games, a bounce house, a caricature artist, and Penelope the Clown. A live concert by the Cambridge Band began at 12:30 pm, and food was available from the Hague Fish & Game Club.

The parade, featuring bands, floats, clowns, and classic cars, began at 2 pm, traveling down Route 8 to the Hague Town Park.

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SENIORS CLUB NEWS

by Pat Hintze

We've got two fun trips planned for July 2025 and we hope you'll join us!

On **Wednesday, July 10th**, we're heading to the UVM Morgan Horse Farm in Middlebury. We'll meet at the community center at **10:30 am** to carpool. After our visit to the farm, we'll stop for lunch at Rosie's Restaurant and then enjoy a little shopping at a candy store and a consignment shop.

Then, on **Wednesday, July 24th**, we'll be visiting Hildene, the Lincoln Family Home in Manchester. We'll leave from the community center at **9:30 am**. This beautiful historic site, once home to Abraham Lincoln's descendants, has gorgeous gardens and interesting exhibits. ▣



LITTLE LIBRARY NOW AT THE HAGUE TOWN BEACH AND PARK

A little library, which was made by Maureen Cherubini's daughter-in-law and her students, has arrived at the Hague Beach.

Anyone can read a book, leave a book, love a book, or keep a book.

Appropriate book donations are welcome. ▣



HVFD

by EMS Captain Donna Trudeau



For the month of May, we had two fire calls, four drills, and four EMS assists, totaling 85 volunteer hours.

The Hague Fire Boat (MR3) is now equipped and in the water for the summer.

Hague Emergency Services had 11 calls and one transport, with two drills, totaling 58.5 volunteer and paid hours.

We always look forward to kicking our summer off with our chicken barbeque. We had a great turnout, even though the weather wasn't that great. We were happy to have the Vroom trailer here for everyone to enjoy and we had great entertainment by The Storm Doors. We were grateful for the donations to our basket raffle.

With the nicer weather and visitors coming to our beautiful town, we hope you will please be aware of each other and plan accordingly when going boating. Make sure you have flotation devices for everyone on your boat and follow other requirements to have a safe boating day.

With the weather heating up, we encourage everyone to find shade and make sure you stay hydrated. Be sure to keep an eye on the elderly and young children.

We are working on updating our website at Haguefireems.org. ▣

MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION MAY 24, 2025

This year's Grand Marshal was Bill Fritzky and the Seniors of the Year were Tom and Charlene Schaffer.

The following prizes were awarded: Seniors got Best in Show, Most Patriotic, Most Humorous, and Best Adirondack; Zach LaBounty got Adult Honorable Mention for "Fallen Fire Fighters"; and the Boy Scouts got Best Youth. The winners were announced at the Memorial Dedication Service, which was followed by a performance from the Ticonderoga Fife and Drum Corps.

Kelly McCoy from the HVFD was this year's chairman. Erin Mullen from the Ticonderoga Area Chamber of Commerce (TACC) and Desiree LaPointe from the Town of Hague helped her.

At 4 pm, the HVFD hosted its annual chicken BBQ. ▣

Photos courtesy of Seddon Beaty



THE MOUNTAIN VIEW GRILLE IS BACK

The Mountain View Grille at Silver Bay is open for the season.

It will operate every **Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from 4:30 to 8 pm**.

Anyone interested can reserve a time by calling Chef Anthony Basile at 518-543-8475 or by emailing him at abasile@silverbay.org.

To view the menu, click [HERE](#). ▣

RESULTS OF NY STATE PROFICIENCY AND REGENTS EXAMS

Ticonderoga Central School District ranked near the bottom statewide in the 2023–24 New York State proficiency and Regents exams, performing significantly below many neighboring North Country districts. According to data compiled from Syracuse.com and the NYS Department of Education, Ticonderoga placed 596th in Grade 3–8 ELA proficiency and 548th in Math out of roughly 600 participating schools.

In contrast, top regional performers like Keene and Lake George consistently ranked in the top 100 across most subjects.

While Ticonderoga achieved a strong 96% proficiency in the Geometry Regents (ranked 39th), its performance in core academic areas and middle school science, where it ranked 527th, highlights concerning academic challenges that may warrant closer attention and intervention.

To see the chart of the results, click [HERE](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1GKNvEr-VXLvoUulWziNoCYoibs78K6mB/view?usp=sharing). (<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1GKNvEr-VXLvoUulWziNoCYoibs78K6mB/view?usp=sharing>)

LGPC SEPTIC SYSTEM INSPECTION REPORT

The Lake George Park Commission (LGPC) was created by the State of New York to protect and enhance the resources of the Lake George Park and its surrounding environment. To this end, the commission is granted powers and authorities by the NYS Legislature to enact and carry out projects, programs and regulations that advance these causes. Article 43 of the NYS Environmental Conservation Law is where the commission's authorities and responsibilities lie and one of those responsibilities is to help ensure that wastewater discharges within the Lake George Park meet or exceed NYS standards.

The LGPC Wastewater Treatment Inspection Program is established in

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SAC UPDATE

by SAC Committee Chair Jack Bast

The 2024-2025 school year has ended, but the School Advisory Committee (SAC) is continuing its efforts to address the Ticonderoga Central School District's (TCSD) academic performance improvement.

The SAC is seeking a meeting with elementary school administrators and personnel to look into curriculum, policies, and practices and how we can effectively help.

Academic Performance Improvement (API) is a major thrust in the SAC's ongoing direct efforts with the district and its Board of Education (BoE). In that regard, parent participation, not just committee involvement, will be needed to make significant progress. The SAC will be reaching out to Hague and Ticonderoga parents with school-age children for their insight and their influence in dealing with the API.

The SAC efforts have continued to attempt to understand how we school taxpayers have seemingly been shortchanged in the several Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) agreements entered into by the Town of Ticonderoga and the TCSD.

The terms and conditions of the energy project PILOTs were actually negotiated by the Essex County Industrial Development Agency (ECIDA) in the early 2020s. The Town of Ticonderoga and the TCSD BoE were signatories.

The ECIDA was at the June 17th TCSD BoE meeting mainly to respond to the SAC's PILOT White Paper, which was presented at the March 13th Hague Town Hall. Hague citizens got to ask lots of questions, as did TCSD BoE members. The ECIDA defended its position, saying it was the best they could do at the time and that "something was better than nothing."

It was claimed that the solar projects would not have happened without PILOTs and it was stated that they thought they had no jurisdiction in Lake Champlain with the Canada - NYC cable project.

The representative did admit that 91% and 77% reductions for solar and cable projects respectively would "not be agreed to today." Based on an initial review, it appears we have little recourse regarding the existing PILOT agreements.

The SAC will continue to advocate with the TCSD BoE for inclusion of the Full Market Value of the energy projects in the calculation of the school tax levy apportionment, an option which is within the TCSD BoE's limited discretion.

The levy is largely determined by the TCSD BoE in July and finalized in August, so time is of the essence. ▣

LAKE PROTECTOR SUMMIT RECORDING

From expert insights on freshwater protection to real-world updates on LGA-led projects and community action, the 2025 Lake Protector Summit was packed with powerful moments and forward-looking solutions for the Lake George watershed. If you weren't able to attend this event, which was held in May, you can now watch it online. Click [HERE](#) to view. ▣

DOROTHY HENRY/THE HAGUE CHRONICLE SCHOLARSHIP

The 2025 Dorothy Henry/*The Hague Chronicle* \$1,000 Scholarship was awarded to Alyssa Mydlarz at the graduation ceremony of Ticonderoga High School on Saturday, June 21, 2025. Congratulations, Alyssa!

We hope to have an article about Alyssa in our August issue. ▣

PLANNING BOARD - 5/1/2025

Present were Chairman Sandra Powell and Board Members Pamela Peterson, Alane Vogel, and Henry Friedman. Absent was Judy Gourley, who was recently deceased. Also present were Zoning Enforcement Officer Ed Kirchberger, Recording Secretary Kathy Santaniello, and guest Ken Parlin.

There were no public hearings.

ZONING ISSUES: Parlin Subdivision

The board discussed a proposed subdivision involving four parcels owned by the Parlin family, located on Dot and Jack Lane and on Pudding Lane. The proposal seeks to rearrange the current four parcels — some of which are nonconforming — into four all-conforming lots. The purpose of the change is for future conveyances and estate planning.

Because one of the proposed lot line changes passes through wetlands, the Adirondack Park Agency (APA) has determined that this is a Class A Regional Project, which gives the APA jurisdiction as lead agency. The Hague Planning Board reviewed the application and proactively issued its advisory opinion, pending official notification from the APA.

After review, the board determined the application to be complete and voted to make a positive referral to the APA, with no conditions. Considerations included: conversion of two nonconforming lots into conforming ones, compliance with shoreline width requirements, and lack of new development or construction. The motion passed unanimously (4-0).

ZONING ISSUES: Viscardi Solar Panel Installation

The board reviewed a site plan application for rooftop solar panels and inverters at 7 Viewpoint. Because the project is located within 100 feet of the lake, it requires additional scrutiny under zoning code 160-23 C(1)(g). Questions were raised about the panel height, angle, glare, and direction. No applicant representatives were present. A site visit was scheduled for May 13th at 2 pm, and ZEO Kirchberger requested that a representative attend and be prepared to answer outstanding questions.

OTHER BUSINESS

The board recognized the recent passing of Judy Gourley, who had served on the Hague Planning Board since 2013 and was also active in the Hague Volunteer Fire Department (HVFD). A memorial service is planned for this summer.

The board also noted the upcoming memorial for Linda Mury on June 5th at the Episcopal Church in Ticonderoga.

Chairman Powell reminded members that attachments for their notebooks would be distributed soon and that she and Alane Vogel would attend APA training next week. Board vacancies remain and interested residents are encouraged to apply.

This article was written by the editor of The Hague Chronicle from final approved draft minutes of the Planning Board. ■

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - 5/22/2025

Present were Chairman Robert Goetsch and Board Members Jon Hanna, Tina Barth-King, and Chris Navitsky. Absent was Chris Richards. Also present were Zoning Enforcement Officer Ed Kirchberger, Recording Secretary Kathy Santaniello, and guest Todd Lincoln.

There were no public hearings.

ZONING ISSUES: Lincoln – 5 Bayberry Lane – VAR 16-23 & VAR 01-24

Lincoln previously received variances and completed his project, but a small change required review before final compliance. A door originally approved for the utility room was replaced with a window based on advice from the Warren County Building Inspector. The change avoided the need for a step and possibly another variance due to elevation concerns. Zoning Enforcement Officer Kirchberger confirmed the utility room's small size made the door impractical and that no other changes were made to the approved plan. The Cape Cod Homeowners Association was also agreeable to the change.

After discussion, the board approved the modification, stating it did not alter the original variance. The vote was unanimous.

Goetsch thanked those who attended the recent APA training. He also noted that there are current vacancies for alternates on both the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals, as well as one regular Planning Board member. Interested individuals are encouraged to contact ZEO Kirchberger.

This article was written by the editor of The Hague Chronicle from unapproved draft minutes of the Zoning Board of Appeals. ■

PLANNING BOARD - 6/5/2025

Present were Chairperson Sandra Powell and Board Members Pamela Peterson, Alane Vogel, and Henry Friedman. Also present were Zoning Enforcement Officer Ed Kirchberger, Recording Secretary Kathy Santaniello, Zoning Board of Appeals Chairperson Robert Goetsch, and ZBA Board Members Jon Hanna, Tina Barth-King, Chris Navitsky, and Chris Richards.

ZONING ISSUES: Baird Sketch Plan – 44 Pudding Lane

Robert Holmes of RU Holmes Engineers presented plans for the Bairds' proposed redevelopment at 44 Pudding Lane, involving a lot line adjustment, site plan review, and variance. The project includes replacing existing buildings with a three-bedroom home and garage/in-law apartment, maintaining a four-bedroom total. Setback improvements are planned, though parts remain within the 50-foot shoreline buffer. Board members asked about lot size, stormwater control, building height,

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shoreline buffering, impervious surface increase, and neighbor notification. The board thanked ZBA members for attending.

ZONING ISSUES: Fusco Sketch Plan – 20 Silver Bay Road

The applicant proposes a lot line adjustment that would reduce a conforming lot to non-conforming. The applicant was not present. ZEO Kirchberger noted unresolved joint ownership issues. The board expressed consensus against proceeding.

SUBDIVISIONS: Bullock – 6 and 18 Chipwick Lane

The applicant proposes separating the two lots, with Lot 6 receiving a 20-foot easement over Lot 18 for lake access. The board requested an updated survey, SEQR form, and clearer legal language on the easement. A site visit will be scheduled once materials are submitted. Action was tabled until July.

OLD BUSINESS: Viscardi – 7 Viewpoint

Following a site visit, the board made a negative SEQR declaration and deemed the application complete for rooftop solar panels. As neighbor notification is unconfirmed, the item was tabled to the July 10th meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: Walker – 9094 Lakeshore Drive

Architect Renee Poulin presented plans for a six-bedroom home on the former Lakeshore Garage site. The board raised concerns about potential soil contamination, shoreline buffering, neighborhood character, and insufficient parking. A SEQR form is pending, and the board requested additional information.

OTHER BUSINESS

Chairperson Powell thanked attendees of the recent APA conference.

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TOWN BOARD - 6/10/2025

Present were Board Members Jack Bast, Edna Frasier, Maureen Cherubini, Lara Smith, and Supervisor Josh Patchett. Also present were Deputy Supervisor Sally DeLarm Rypkema, Zoom Coordinator Tim Fiallo, Highway Superintendent Chad Dunklee, Town Clerk Kim Coffin, and 30 community members. Additional attendees joined via ZOOM.

A Moment of Silence was held for Jeffery Jordon and Debbie Shaw.

PUBLIC HEARING: Wastewater Variances for 28 Pudding Lane

Bob Holmes of R.U. Holmes Engineering presented the application for wastewater variances at 28 Pudding Lane,

tax map #60.13-1-20, owned by C. Stuart Kelley. Holmes detailed the need for eight variances and explained the system layout. There were no public questions. The board then approved the variances after reviewing a letter from Cedarwood Engineering dated June 6th.

ANNOUNCEMENT: July Hearing for Voss and Convery Trust

Patchett noted that public hearings regarding recommendations from the New York State Department of Health for the Voss and Convery Trust properties will be held in July.

PRESENTATION: Medicaid Cuts

Dr. John Rugge discussed potential Medicaid cuts and urged residents to join the Healthcare Coalition for the North Country by visiting www.northcountrymedicaid.org/tools-for-residents.

COMMUNITY REQUESTS AND UPDATES

Ginger Henry Kuenzel received permission to hang storyboards for the June 25th HHS event.

Residents again raised concerns about dredging Hague Brook. Patchett reported ongoing efforts with the grant writer and agencies.

The damaged railing near the DEC fish hatchery trail was discussed. DeLarm Rypkema will follow up with the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC).

HIGHWAY GARAGE RENOVATION

Nicholas Bandel of Cedarwood Engineering outlined the proposed scope of services for the highway garage renovation, including surveys, designs, permitting, and bid preparation.

REGULAR COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administrative: (Patchett) Computer services will begin at the community center on June 12th.

Buildings & Grounds: (Frasier/Patchett) The staining of the community center is three-quarters complete. Options for dog control equipment storage are being explored.

Highway: (Frasier/Cherubini) Blacktopping on Robin Hood and Overbrook Road will be June 16th through 20th.

Museum & Historian: (Bast/Smith) Online cemetery maintenance training is being considered instead of in-person workshops. The Hague Historical Society's summer newsletter has been issued. A program on "The Cave" will be held June 25th at 7 pm.

Personnel: (Bast/Cherubini) Don Vogel and Jami Janson were appointed as alternates to the Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Board, respectively. A Republican primary will be held on Tuesday, June 24th from 6 am to 9 pm at the community center.

Planning/Zoning/Stormwater: (Cherubini/Frasier) Forty-five short-term rental permits have been issued as of June 10th.

TOWN BOARD, 6/10/2025, CONT'D

Recreation & Youth: *(Smith/Patchett)* Silver Camp is soon.

Sewer Districts: *(Smith/Patchett)* The Cape Cod Village generator has arrived and will be installed this fall.

Town Park & Beautification: *(Smith/Frasier)* Grounds keeping at the park is going well. Milfoil at the boat launch needs attention.

Environmental Concerns: *(Cherubini/Bast)* No report.

Technology & Communications: *(Patchett/Bast)* Amanda Peterson was thanked for website updates.

School Advisory Committee: *(Bast)* The Ticonderoga Central School District budget passed on May 20th. SAC expressed dissatisfaction with responses from the superintendent and encouraged attendance at the June 17th board meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

- The Visitor and Community Center Committee meeting will be held July 2nd at 10:30 am.
- The public meeting on the Comprehensive Plan will be held on July 10th at 6 pm.

- The Ticonderoga School Board meeting will be held June 17th at 6 pm.

NEW BUSINESS

The board approved:

- a \$79,875 contract with Cedarwood Engineering for garage renovations.
- a \$13,000 contract with Ryan Burkum for Japanese Knotweed treatment (50% funded by the LGLC).
- purchase of a Buffalo Turbine for the highway department for \$15,500.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

The board agreed to purchase cement blocks for work at the transfer station.

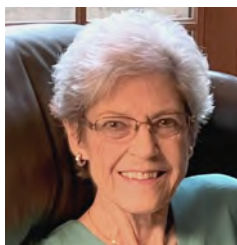
A celebration of life for Rolly Allen will be held July 19th at 3:30 pm at the Northern Lake George Yacht Club at Friends Point.

Next meeting: July 9th at 6 pm

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SOUNDINGS

DIED: Nadine W. Rogg, 92, of Goshen, Connecticut and Hague, on June 4, 2025, surrounded by her loving family. Nadine led a vibrant life marked by creativity and generosity.



A talented fiber artisan, Nadine created over 320 quilts, many of which were donated to wounded warriors and women in crisis. She and her husband were longtime antique collectors and owners of Country Folk Antiques. She was active in the Goshen Thursday morning quilting group, Goshen Star Quilters, and held an honorary lifetime membership in the Goshen Garden Club.

Each year from May to September, the couple enjoyed their cottage in Hague.

She was predeceased by her husband, Herman Rogg.

She is survived by her son, Douglas Rogg; daughter, Cynthia Baldwin;

daughter-in-law, Lindy Rogg; grandchildren, Kyle and Ryan Baldwin and Kevin and Stephanie Rogg; and great-granddaughter, Arianna.

Nadine will be laid to rest alongside her husband in Ticonderoga. A celebration of life will be announced at a later date.

Donations in her memory may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital at www.stjude.org. ■

ROLAND J. ALLEN CELEBRATION OF LIFE

A celebration of life will be held to commemorate the life of Rolly Allen, a remarkable man who brought energy and enthusiasm to everything he did. This gathering will be one Rolly would have loved – with food, drink and laughter on the shores of Lake George. Bring your memories and stories to share during a casual remembrance – we want to hear them all.

Saturday, July 19, 2025, 3:30 pm to 6 pm at Northern Lake George Yacht Club, 40 Friends Point Road South, Hague, NY ■

LGA'S DR. WILTSE TESTIFIES

On May 21, 2025, the New York State Senate Environmental Conservation Committee held a public hearing on Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs) to assess current monitoring efforts, policy effectiveness, emerging solutions, and state support for communities.

Dr. Brandon Wiltse presented the Jefferson Project's science-driven approach, including a Low Impact Development Certification Program used in the Lake George Watershed to reduce nutrient runoff.

This model has helped prevent toxic HABs on Lake George and could serve as a statewide solution. ■

HAIKU

by dl mattila

aqua-tot lessons
on Lake George
hatched eggs ■

SILVER BAY HAPPENINGS

There will be fireworks at Silver Bay on **July 5, 2025**.

These concerts will be held in the auditorium on **Saturdays at 8 pm**:

July 5th: *Kathleen Parks Band*

July 12th: *The Gibson Brothers*

July 19th: *Larry & Joe*

July 26th: *Glens Falls Symphony*

These book talks will be held in the boat house on **Wednesdays from 10 to 11 am**:

July 2nd: *The Lion Women of Tehran* by Margin Kamali (Content warnings: Political oppression, gender-based violence, loss of personal freedom, abuse)

July 9th: *The Boys of Riverside* by Thomas Fuller

July 16th: *Poetry of Mary Oliver*

July 23rd: *Trust Her* by Flynn Berry

July 30th: *Miss Morgan's Book Brigade* by Janet Skeslien Charles

LGPC OPINION SURVEY

The Lake George Park Commission (LGPC) is undertaking a comprehensive Recreational Use Study to better understand the current recreational use trends on Lake George and the public's perceptions of those trends. This important project will gather a tremendous amount of information on boating registrations and use patterns, new recreational uses on the lake, marina activities, and more. As part of the public participation process, the commission invites the public to take a short opinion survey that will provide it with some more detailed insights into resident and visitor perceptions and experiences.

Please click on the following link to complete the survey [HERE](#).

Or aim your camera at the QR Code. Thank you for your participation!



TI ARTS

SHOWS

From now until July 19, 2025: Katie Langford and Diane Swanson

From July 23rd through August 16th: Barb Lennox and Steve Kowalski

CLASSES AND EVENTS

- **Silk Scarf Painting I (Salt Method)**, Carolyn Corbo, Wednesday, **July 9th, 1 pm**
- **Silk Painting (Serti Method)**, Carolyn Corbo, Friday, **July 11th** and Thursday, **July 17th, 1 pm**
- **Splash and Dash Painting**, Fred Holman, Saturday, **July 12th, 10 am to 2 pm**
- **Storytelling**, Ginger Henry Kuenzel and Tim Rowland, Wednesday, **July 16th, 7 pm**
- **Worry-free Watercolor Class**, Diane Swanson, Friday, **July 18th, 11 am to 2 pm**
- **Writing Class**, Jacqueline Goodwin, Thursday, **July 24th, 10 am to 12:30 pm**
- **Watercolor Still Life with Glass**, Kate Hartley, Monday, **July 28th, 1 to 5 pm**
- **Charcoal Drawing Class**, Madeline Drexler, Wednesday, **July 30**

Located at 119 Montcalm St, Ticonderoga it is open from 10-4, Wednesday through Saturday.

Programming at Ti Arts is made possible by the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of the Office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature.



Top - "Reprieve" by Katie Langford;
bottom - "Night Lake" by Diane Swanson

STAFF UPDATES AT SILVER BAY



Lucas (Luke) Callahan has been named Chief Operating Officer (COO) of Silver Bay YMCA. He previously served as Vice President of Guest Experience and brings more than seven years of hospitality leadership to the role, including five years as General Manager of Blue Water Manor.

As COO, he will oversee day-to-day operations and lead efforts to improve efficiency and the guest experience.



Chet Lastowski has been promoted to Vice President of Programs. A dedicated staff member for 23 years, Lastowski began as a Lead Cook in 2006 and has since served in several departments, most recently as Assistant Vice President of Campus and Conference Programs. In that role, he earned certifications that supported the launch of Silver Bay's High Ropes Course in 2024.



Steve Butler has been hired as Vice President of Guest Experience.

He began his hospitality career in his family's restaurant and later earned a degree in Hospitality from the University of Pittsburgh. He has held leadership roles with Country Inns and Suites in Lake George and in Glens Falls.

Butler's YMCA career began at the Glens Falls Family YMCA, where he served as membership director and later as senior director of membership, marketing, and programs. He then joined the Saratoga Regional YMCA, advancing to executive director of the Saratoga branch and ultimately as the associate vice president overseeing the Saratoga and Glens Falls operations. Throughout his YMCA journey, Butler focused on community engagement, membership growth, and improving the member experience—skills he now brings to his new role at Silver Bay.

WRIGHT FAMILY TO PRESENT LAKE GEORGE JOURNEY BOOK

As part of the Silver Bay YMCA's summer lecture series, author Tamara Jacobi and the Wright family will present their new book, *Lake George Journey*, on **Sunday, August 3 at 2 pm** in Morse Hall. This special multigenerational event features all 11 Wright family members — from grandkids to grandparents Forrest and Nancy Wright, longtime members of the Silver Bay community. Each family member will share a story from their favorite letter of the Lake George alphabet such as "H is for Historic Hotels of Huletts and Hague," "L is for Loon Love," and "Y is for Yacht Clubs and YMCAs." Local artists Kathy Becker, Chris Quinn, Wendy Soliday, Andrew Thompson, Shay DeRusso, and Shaundra Bartlett will share their accompanying I-spy illustrations.

Author Tamara Jacobi married into the Wright family in 2019. "I had so much to learn about the lake and wanted my kiddos to learn alongside me," she says. "This book blends family storytelling, colorful I-spy artwork from seven local artists, and education together into one. It's a journey through nature, history, and community that is designed to be enjoyed by all ages — kids, parents, grandparents, and anyone who loves Lake George."

Co-authored by Jacobi and husband, Walter Wright, *Lake George Journey* is the result of a deeply local, collaborative effort. The book was crafted by local designer Chris Quinn and created in partnership with the Lake George Association (LGA) and the Lake George Land Conservancy (LGLC). It also includes contributions from the Waterkeeper Alliance, Darrin Freshwater Institute, and The Arts Project. It was made possible, in part, by a grant from the Lower Adirondack Regional Arts Council (LARAC). A percentage of the proceeds will support local conservation and education efforts.

Review by Ginger Henry Kuenzel:

Lake George Journey is more than a book — it's a treasure for anyone who loves Lake George. With every turn of the page, it stirs memories of early morning swims, evening campfires, and summers that seem to last forever. Blending local facts and lore with beautiful illustrations, it brings to life the lake's history, wildlife, and traditions in a way that speaks to readers young and old. Readers will also learn about the ecology of the lake and why it has earned its reputation as "the world's smartest lake." This is a book to share across generations — whether you're introducing little ones to a place you've long loved or reminiscing about your own past adventures. The authors' collaboration with local artists, leaders, and organizations adds a deeply personal touch, making Lake George Journey a beautiful reminder of the timeless magic of our lake community. ▣



LGPC SEPTIC SYSTEM INSPECTION REPORT, CONT'D

regulations at 6NYCRR 646-3.6. The program includes a mandatory, five-year recurrent septic system inspection for all systems located within 500 feet of Lake George or within 100 feet of AA-S streams designated or mapped by the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) (NYS ECL 17-0301).

There are roughly 2,500 septic systems that are in the septic inspection. This population of systems is split over a schedule of five years (2023-2027), which requires the inspection of approximately 500 systems per year.

Inspection years are split geographically evenly throughout the park with roughly 20% of the systems in each municipality intended to be inspected per year. This helps ensure that any given municipality is not overburdened with subsequent reviews and approvals for any new systems required. To assist local communities and homeowner's associations, such properties were grouped together by tax map block and lot numbers so neighborhoods would be inspected on a similar year.

Click [HERE](#) to see the 2024 LGPC Septic System Inspection Program Report. ▣

LGA LAKE PROTECTORS PODCAST

Episode 12 of the Lake Protectors Podcast features Executive Director of Camp Chingachgook Jiné Andreozzi, who explores how outdoor education shapes the next generation of environmental stewards.

From sailing and hiking to stream science and art, Camp Chingachgook welcomes over 2,000 kids each year to connect with nature on the shores of Lake George. Jiné shares how these hands-on experiences create lasting memories, build life skills and inspire young people to protect the natural world.

Click [HERE](#) to listen to this and previous podcasts. ▣

16TH ANNUAL STREETFEST

The 16th Annual StreetFest will take place in Historic Downtown Ticonderoga on **Saturday, July 26, 2025, from 10 am to 3 pm**. It will feature sidewalk sales, live music, arts and crafts, a wide variety of vendors, delicious food, a full schedule of kids' activities, and the brand-new Farmers Market Square, all in a pedestrian-only downtown celebration. Admission is free and open to the public. (Fees may apply for select activities.)

The Ticonderoga Area Farmers Market will be featured as part of the event in a new way as the Farmers Market Square, located directly across from the Ticonderoga Area Chamber of Commerce (TACC). Attendees can enjoy local produce, handmade products, live music, kids' activities, giveaways, and more throughout the day.

A portion of Montcalm Street—from Sunshine Laundry to Arrow Bank—will be closed to vehicle traffic from **6 am to 4 pm**, transforming the area into a walkable pedestrian mall filled with activity.

Live Entertainment Schedule (10 am to 2:30 pm):

- Marching along Montcalm Street with a final performance near Arrow Bank: *Fort Ticonderoga Fife & Drum Corp*, **10 to 10:30 am**
- Performing near Ledge Hill Brewing Company: *Brad Peria and Terrina Cook*, **10:30 am to 12:30 pm**; *Dan Rabideau*, **12:30 to 2:30 pm**
- Performing across from Ti Arts Gallery: *Mike Donahue, Pat Pengitore, and Lance Clark*, **10:30 am to 12:30 pm**; *Jim Gabler and Ken MacAlpine*, **12:30 to 2:30 pm**.

Kid-Friendly Activities Include: Caricatures, face painting, a scavenger hunt, an inflatable bounce house, fire truck exploration, safe child ID cards, games, giveaways, and more.

Merchant and Vendor Information: There's still time for merchants, vendors, and organizations to sign up! The registration deadline is **Thursday, July 18th at noon**. Forms are available at the TACC Office (94 Montcalm Street, Suite 1) or online [HERE](#) or [HERE](#). **All Montcalm Street merchants must pre-register to reserve their spaces.*

Important Reminder: Montcalm Street will be closed to all traffic between Lake George Avenue and Champlain Avenue from **6 am to 4 pm**. All parked vehicles must be removed by **6 am**.

For additional information, contact TMSP or TACC at 518-585-6619 or visit [HERE](#) or [HERE](#). 📍

FLOATING CLASSROOM TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE

Tickets for the Lake George Association's (LGA) Floating Classroom are now available for the 2025 season.

The program *All About Water Quality* is a 90-minute experience where participants are immersed in information about Lake George water quality and return to shore with a whole new understanding of what it takes to keep Lake George clear and clean.

Participants get an in-depth look at a Jefferson Project profiler, learning what it is sampling, and how frequently. Through hands-on experiments, participants will mimic a profiler from the deck of the Floating Classroom and will learn about the remarkable ecology and health of our lake.

Participants must pre-register as no tickets are sold at the dock. To register, click [HERE](#). 📍



GRACE CHAPEL SUMMER MINISTERS

On this, the 140th year (1885-2025) that services have been held at Sabbath Day Point's Grace Chapel, the following ministers will preach in July 2025:

June 29th — The Rev. Dr. Garth Allen, Hospice Chaplain from Albany, NY

July 6th — The Rev. Jack Craft, Retired, Donegal Presbytery, York, PA

July 13th — The Rev. Ted Mosebach, Retired, United Church of Christ, Lake George, NY

July 20th — Mr. Scan McFeely, Christian Camp Director, Dingmans Ferry, PA

July 27th — The Rev. Joe Testa, Chaplain, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI 📍

MUSIC FOR SUMMER EVENINGS IN GRACE CHAPEL

These concerts will be held this July 2025 in Grace Memorial Chapel on Sabbath Day Point at **7:30 pm**:

Thursday, July 10th — *McCarty Zito Duo* playing "Three Centuries of Music for Viola and Guitar"

Friday, July 11th — *The Storm Windows*

Saturday, July 12th — *The Silver Bay String Quartet*

Thursday, July 24th — *Thermophily*, which is a brass trio of horn, trombone, and tuba, presenting "New Perspectives," a concert featuring new arrangements of music from Renaissance Dances to Star Wars.

Freewill donations will be accepted at the door (suggested \$10 to \$20).

Additional information is available [HERE](#).

These concerts are made possible with support from

the Statewide Community Regrant Program of the NYSCA and administered by the Lower Adirondack Regional Arts Council. 📍



LOOKING BACK

by HHS Board Members Shelly Gautreau
and Nancy Young

July 1975 – 50 years ago – an interview

NELSON WATERS RECALLS

The name Sabbath Day Point was used in Rogers Journal, June 25, 1758, the season before General Amherst landed there. Therefore, says Nelson Waters, the origin of the name is still and always has been in doubt.

When the John Jay burned near Garfield's Bay, the six who jumped overboard drowned, the rest (number unknown) were rescued by boats from the shore.

The year the old town shed was built, a saw mill called an "up and down" mill was run by Nathan Yaw. Later he built a saw mill powered by a water wheel which was underneath it. Logs were reduced to lumber at ground level. Slabs and edgings were sold and dry lumber was planed into finished products upstairs.

I was in school, Mr. Waters continued, when we had the greatest downpour of short duration that I ever witnessed. The mill collapsed and some of the large timbers and parts of the mill went all the way down to the lake. The plane, a Champion, weighing approximately one to two tons, came to rest just below Stanley Frasier's house. Steel shafting was washed as far as the post office. The plane stopped at a point where there was once a bridge over the brook. The abutments for the bridge were washed away as well as two-thirds of the new state road which had just been built. Also washed away were two piers which had been on the state road side, a low wall, 16 to 20 feet long and two large millstones, one of which can still be seen in the brook.

After this loss, a new mill was built on the edge of the bank. The steam engine, boiler and saw mill were purchased from Zilbert Eichen in Ticonderoga and drawn to the site with horses.

When Frank Crossman's house burned my father sold him and Fred Fish the grist mill and adjoining brush back



buildings to tear down and build a new house for Frank. This is the house where Clifton Frasier now lives. The shafting and pulleys were sold to Nathan Yaw who built a new cider mill which was operated by water power into the 1920's. The mill was eventually moved to my property where it was operated with a gasoline engine from about 1931 to 1945. It could again be made operational in about 30 days.

According to the history of Warren County, the original name of Hague Brook was Quaker Brook. It flowed into Lake George at McDonald's Bay. Ed Davis and Henry Shattuck tell me they can remember when there was no road alongside this brook. In those days it was called Alder Brook by town residents. Others called it Mill Brook because of all the mills on its banks.

When the original road went over Battle Hill, up Split Rock Road and Toad Hollow Road, the first voting place was up there in a house later owned by my father. There was also a cider mill there. Cider Mill Hill received its name because of it.

Jabe's Pond was originally called 7th Pond which was near an abandoned iron mine which is on the south-southwest side of Spruce Mountain.

Written by Mr. Nelson F. Waters (1909–1982), son of Francis and Alta.

July 2025 — 50 years later

The Hague Historical Society has conducted many interviews of local, lifelong residents of Hague. Past historians, such as Mr. West, collected and personally wrote about the people, the social, religious, academic, and even comical events, comings and goings and just plain interesting facts about the Town of Hague and the characters who put a face on it.

Some interviews and/or stories may well be part of your past, your family and, perhaps, something to add to your own personal story. Many of these interviews are available to read while visiting the museum at the Hague Community Center. Please contact an HHS board member or Town Historian Sally DeLarm Rypkema and we will do our best to point you in the right direction. ▣

LGA GALA SET

The Lake George Association's (LGA) 2025 Summer Gala will be held on **Friday, July 11 at 6 pm** at the Sagamore Resort in Bolton Landing. Doors open at **5:30 pm**.

Guests will enjoy live music by the Silver Arrow Band, a lobster feast, and a live auction featuring exclusive experiences. Auction items include a Florida getaway for two couples at Opal Resorts, a private cocktail party at The Chateau on the

Lake, a dinner cruise for 30 aboard the Lac Du Saint Sacrement, a handcrafted black walnut sideboard with a Lake George inlay made by Hague resident Al Rider, and a DeSantis cocktail cruise and dinner party.

Tickets and sponsorships are available through July 8th, but are going fast. All proceeds support the LGA's mission to protect the Queen of American Lakes.

Click [HERE](#) for more information. ▣

LGLC GALA

Tickets to attend the Lake George Land Conservancy's (LGLC) annual gala at the Fort William Henry Carriage House on **August 1, 2025** are available [HERE](#).

The evening will feature a cocktail reception, gourmet plated dinner, live music and dancing, a silent auction, and the Fund-A-Need, all in support of vital land conservation efforts. ▣

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE FORT

Commemorations, reenactments, and educational events are taking place nationwide to mark the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution—and Fort Ticonderoga is leading the charge with a multi-year tribute to the early fight for independence.

Although the official anniversary spans 2025 to 2026, Fort Ticonderoga will extend its programming into 2027, reflecting the site's key role in the Revolution's early stages. It was here, in 1775, that American forces secured their first major victory by capturing the fort and its artillery.

The anniversary programming includes reenactments, immersive experiences, and new exhibitions designed to bring the period to life. Central to these efforts is *Real Time Revolution*, a living-history initiative that recreates events from 1775 through 1777 on a day-by-day basis, highlighting the choices and actions that helped shape the emerging nation.

Educational outreach will also expand, connecting students, teachers, and history enthusiasts with this critical time in engaging ways. ■



LGLC LIVING LAND EVENTS

In July 2025, the Lake George Land Conservancy (LGLC) will hold the following events:

July 16th from 5:30 to 6:30 pm: *History of Caldwell* — Before the 20th century, no individual had a greater impact on Lake George than James Caldwell. Participants will learn the little-known history of the man who helped shape land conservation in Lake George as we know it. This will be presented by LGLC Advisory Board Member Jeff Brozyna. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

July 23rd from 5:30 to 6:30 pm: *Our Native Snakes — Harmless & Venomous?* Attendees will view photos and learn from Dr. William S. Brown, one of the country's leading rattlesnake experts, about which snakes can be found in "our neck of the woods." Click [HERE](#) for more information.

The lectures are held at the Lake George Land Conservancy, 4905 Lake Shore Drive, Bolton Landing. ■

FARMERS MARKET

The 2025 Ticonderoga Area Farmers Market will be on Saturdays from **9 am to noon from July 12th through September 6th** in Downtown Ticonderoga. There will be an array of farmers, vendors, live music, kids' activities, giveaways and special events.

Additional information can be found on Facebook and [HERE](#). ■

TICONDEROGA FESTIVAL GUILD CONCERT SERIES

The 2025 Ticonderoga Festival Guild Summer Concert Series will be on Tuesdays at **7 pm** in the Knights of Columbus Pavilion in Downtown Ticonderoga.

Here is the line-up for July:

July 8th: *Desperado* — Eagles Tribute Band

July 15th: *Sirsy* — Rock, pop & soul duo

July 22nd: *Big Medicine* — R&B and Folk-Rock Grooves

July 29th: *Margaritaville in Ti* — Jimmy Buffet Concert

All concerts are rain or shine. Spectators are welcome to bring their own chairs. For more information visit www.tifestivalguild.org or call 518-984-0088. ■

BEST 4TH IN THE NORTH

The *Best 4th in the North* celebration will take place at Bicentennial Park in Ticonderoga from **Tuesday, July 1 through Friday, July 4, 2025**, offering four days of free activities, music, vendors, and fireworks.

From **4 pm to 9 pm on July 1–3**, the park will host food trucks, vendors, face painting, inflatable attractions, lawn games, and caricature artists. Evening concerts include *Hodge Podge* (**July 1**), *Living the Dream* (**July 2**), and *The Ultimate Journey Experience* (**July 3**). Thursday also features a Cow Plop Fundraiser at **11 am** and Touch-a-Truck from **4 pm to 7 pm**.

On **Friday, July 4**, events begin at **12:15 pm** with the Champlain Valley Chorale on the steps of the Ticonderoga Community Building, followed by a reading of the Declaration of Independence at **12:30 pm**. The Montcalm Mile starts at **1:45 pm**, with the parade at **2 pm**. That evening, Skeeter Creek will perform from **6 pm to 9:30 pm**. The event ends with fireworks over the beach at **9:30 pm**, which will be viewable from the park, nearby areas, and boats in Hague Bay.

Admission is free. Call 518-585-6619 for more information. ■

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JULY CALENDAR

July 2025

1		July <i>The Hague Chronicle</i> published	16	10 – 11 am	Book Talk – <i>Poetry of Mary Oliver</i> at SB
1 – July 4		The Best 4th in the North in Ti		5:30 – 6:30 pm	LGLC – <i>History of Caldwell</i>
2	10 – 11 am	Book Talk – <i>The Lion Women of Tehran</i> at SB		6:30 pm	Music in the Park – Willie Playmore
3	5:30 pm	Hague Independence Day Celebration	19	3:30 – 6 pm	Celebration of Life for Rolly Allen
	6 pm	Planning Board Meeting		8 pm	<i>Larry & Joe</i> at SB
4		INDEPENDENCE DAY/OFFICES CLOSED	20	6 pm	Deadline August <i>The Hague Chronicle</i>
5	8 pm	<i>Kathleen Parks Band</i> and fireworks at SB	22	7 pm	<i>Big Medicine</i> – K of C Pavillion
8	6 pm	Hague Town Board Meeting	23	10 – 11 am	Book Talk – <i>Trust Herat</i> SB
	7 pm	<i>Desperado</i> at K of C Pavillion		5:30 – 6:30 pm	LGLC – <i>Our Native Snakes</i>
9	10 – 11 am	Book Talk – <i>The Boys of Riverside</i> at SB		6:30 pm	Music in the Park – <i>Gold Dust Gypsies</i>
	6 pm	Music in the Park – Rick Bolton	24	9:30 am	Seniors trip to Manchester
10	10:30 am	Seniors trip to VT		6 pm	Hague ZBA Meeting
	7:30 pm	<i>McCarthy Zito Duo</i> at Grace Chapel		7:30 pm	<i>Thermophily</i> at Grace Chapel
11	5:30 pm	LGA Gala at the Sagamore	26	10 am – 3 pm	Streetfest in Ti
12	7:30 pm	<i>The SB String Quartet</i> at SB		8 pm	Glens Falls Symphony at SB
	8 pm	<i>The Gibson Brothers</i> at SB	29	7 pm	<i>Margaritaville in Ti</i> – K of C Pavillion
15	7 pm	<i>Sirsyat</i> K of C Pavillion	30	10 – 11 am	Book Talk – <i>Miss Morgan’s Book</i>
					<i>Brigade</i> at SB
				6:30 pm	Music in the Park – <i>Lazy Suns Band</i>

* Ti Arts shows, classes and events are listed on p. 7

TRANSFER STATION HOURS: Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10 am to 2 pm