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HAGUE SUMMER CONCERTS AND FIREWORKS 2025

Get ready for a summer of music and fun at the Town of Hague Beach Park.

On **Thursday, July 3rd**, celebrate Independence Day early with a special evening of live music and fireworks. The Barkeater Band will kick things off at **6:30 pm**, followed by spectacular fireworks at **9:15 pm**.

Enjoy **Wednesday** evening concerts throughout July and August, featuring a great lineup of regional talent. All concerts are from **6:30 to 8:30 pm**, except for two earlier shows from **6 to 8 pm** on **July 9th and August 6th**.

The 2025 concert schedule is:

- **July 9:** Rick Bolton
- **July 16:** Willie Playmore
- **July 23:** Gold Dust Gypsies
- **July 30:** Lazy Suns Band
- **August 6:** Bob Stump Band
- **August 13:** Fiori Brothers Band
- **August 20:** Storm Windows
- **August 27:** Rich Ortiz

A variety of food trucks will be at each event, with service beginning at **5:30 pm**.

Follow the Town of Hague on Facebook or visit [HERE](#) for updates on food trucks and more summer fun. ▣

HAGUE CHRONICLE NEWS:

Please send all news items to
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PUBLIC MEETING SCHEDULED FOR COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

The Town of Hague and the Comprehensive Plan Update, Grant Application, and Visitor/Community Center Committees invite all residents and stakeholders to participate in the first public meeting for the Town's Comprehensive Plan Update on **Thursday, July 10, 2025, from 6 to 7:30 pm** at the Hague Community Center.

This important workshop marks a key milestone in the town's process to create a consensus-based plan that will serve as a road map for Hague's future development. Public input is critical to developing a plan that truly represents the community's vision.

The meeting will begin with a presentation about the planning process and the findings of the recent Community Preference Survey. The presentation will begin at **6:15 pm** and then shift to an open house format where attendees will be invited to provide feedback at poster stations that will illustrate potential opportunities, actions, and projects that may have a positive impact on Hague's future.

For those unable to attend in person, workshop materials will be available online and comments may be submitted at the community center.

For more information, click [HERE](#) or email Tracey Clothier [HERE](#) ▣

SCHOOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SAC) UPDATE

by SAC Committee Chair Jack Bast

The School Advisory Committee (SAC) was honored to have Dr. Roger Catania attend its May 1, 2025 meeting. Dr. Catania is the New York State Education Department Regent for the 4th Judicial District. Prior to that position, he was the superintendent of the Lake Placid Central School District. Dr. Catania is well versed in academic concerns and the meeting was very informative.

In the May 20th School Board of Education (BoE) voting, Mark Russell was re-elected and John Dreimiller and James Wells, Sr. were elected.

Here is how the votes were cast:

John Dreimiller: 319
Mark Russell: 290
James Wells, Sr.: 284
Tracey Cross-Baker: 233

The 2025-2026 budget easily passed 341 to 86. The total budget increased by 0.03%, with a school tax levy increase of 1.07% compared to last year. ▣

SENIORS CLUB NEWS

by Pat Hintze

June first will be our last day running the Senior View Café at the Town of Hague Beach Park. It is our big Seniors Club Fundraiser.

So, please stop by and grab a bite to eat!

We look forward to seeing you all! Thank you for your support. ▣



HAIKU

by dl mattila

dropped line
laughter ripples
across the cove ▣

HVFD

by Donna Trudeau

The Hague Volunteer Fire Department (HVFD) wrapped up April with two fire calls, four drills, and four EMS assists, totaling 85 volunteer hours. The EMS team responded to 11 calls for service, contributing 26.5 volunteer and paid hours, along with completing two training drills.

With the burn ban now lifted, we remind residents to always burn safely, never leave a fire unattended, and to call 911 immediately if a fire gets out of control.

Everyone should wear a personal flotation device (PFD) when on the water and promote water safety with those around them.

In April, the department participated in New York State's Recruitment Weekend, welcoming visitors, offering food, and hosting a car wash. Members enjoyed working together on a spring clean-up at the firehouse as we prepare for the busy summer season.

Your ongoing support helps ensure the department has the tools and training needed to keep our community safe. We care and we thank you! ▣



Island Harbor Bay, courtesy of Seddon Beaty

PLANNING BOARD - 4/3/2025

Present were Chairman Sandra Powell and Board Members Pamela Peterson and Alane Vogel. Absent were Judy Gourley and Henry Friedman. Also present were Zoning Enforcement Officer Ed Kirchberger, Recording Secretary Kathy Santaniello, and attendees Tim and Karen Costello, Chris Richards, and Tony DeFranco.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

COSTELLO – 264 Summit Drive – Subdivision (SUB 02-24)

The applicant wants to subdivide an eight-acre parcel (Lot A) with a house and barn in OCII zoning from a 67-acre parcel (Lot B) that spans both OCII and RC zoning. The intent is to keep the house and gift the remainder to their son. No public comments were received or voiced in opposition. The public hearing was closed by unanimous vote.

SUBDIVISIONS/OLD BUSINESS

COSTELLO – 264 Summit Drive – Subdivision (SUB 02-24)

Board members reviewed requirements under Subdivision Code Article IV. The SEQRA was complete, all easements were in order, and approvals were received from Warren County and the APA. A site visit was waived based on available maps and an online review. A motion to approve the application passed unanimously. Chairman Powell signed the subdivision maps for filing.

NEW BUSINESS

PARLIN/RIGGER – Multiple Lots – Subdivision (SUB 01-25)

Applicants seek to reorganize four existing lots into four conforming lots for estate planning. The application was withdrawn from this meeting due to missing information.

BOSCO – 28 Friends Point South – Development (DEV 40-24, SP 09-24)

The project involves a lakeside stone patio and stone steps. Although previously granted a variance with Planning Board recommendations, the APA has reversed the ZBA's decision due to concerns about patio expansion and lake visibility. Tony DeFranco, representing the applicant, expressed concerns about the APA's ruling and documentation.

The next Hague Planning Board meeting will be held on May 1, 2025. ▣

TOWN BOARD - 5/13/2025

Present were Board Members Jack Bast, Edna Frasier, Lara Smith, and Supervisor Josh Patchett. Board Member Maureen Cherubini was absent. Also present were Zoom Coordinator Tim Fiallo, Highway Superintendent Chad Dunklee, Town Clerk Kim Coffin, Alane Vogel, Ginger Henry Kuenzel, Bob Holmes from RU Holmes, and 13 community members. Additional attendees joined via ZOOM.

A **Moment of Silence** was held for Judy Gourley, Walter Peterson, Sr., and John Dudley.

An application was made for the replacement of the current septic system at 28 Pudding Island Lane 60.13-1-20, owned by C. Stuart Kelley. The application will be forwarded to

Cedarwood Engineering Services. A public hearing is scheduled for **Tuesday, June 10th**.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- **Local Law #2 of 2025** – Approved: Named *The Sun Community News* as the town's official newspaper for legal notices and advertising.
- **Local Law #3 of 2025** – Approved: Corrected a grammar error in Zoning Code 160-27 OC1 District.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

- The public meeting on the Hague Comprehensive Plan is scheduled for **July 10th at 6 pm** in the community center.
- Alane Vogel was appointed to the Comprehensive Plan Committee.
- The Memorial Day Parade is scheduled for Saturday, May 24th.
- The Silver Camp registration deadline is **June 19th**.

WELCOME GUESTS / PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Planning Board Member Alane Vogel thanked the board for the opportunity to attend the planning board conference, shared information about the North Country Healthcare Coalition, and urged support for Medicaid.

Residents requested action to address debris in the Hague Brook near the beach. The board will explore grant options.

REPORTS:

- **Administrative (Patchett):** The community center is short staffed while Oum is out on maternity leave.
- **Building & Grounds/Community Center/ Enhancement (Frasier):** The staining of the community center is a noticeable improvement. The board will look into making the doors handicapped accessible.
- **Highway (Dunklee):** Tasks: Removing winter equipment; working on Battle Hill Road; and cleaning debris at the beach. A discussion was held on budget planning.
- **Museum & Historian (Kuenzel):** A storytelling event about "The Cave" is scheduled for **Wednesday, June 25th**; attendance was approved for a cemetery workshop on **Friday, June 27th**.
- **Personnel (Bast):**
 - **Legal Counsel:** Board appointed Miller, Mannix, Schachner & Hafner, LLC of Glens Falls
 - **Staff Updates:** Jessica Tuthill was promoted to Bookkeeper. Emily Gould will serve as temporary receptionist.
 - Donna Clarke is not returning; new temp coverage has been arranged.
 - There are three open seats on the Planning and Zoning Boards.
- **Technology (Patchett):** The board approved participation in Warren County shared IT services.
- **School Advisory Committee (Bast):** Regent Roger Catania attended the May 1st meeting. SAC continues advocating for school budget transparency. There are four announced candidates for three open Board of Education (BoE) positions. Mark Russell and Tracey Cross-Baker are incumbents running for re-election. John Dreimiller and James Wells, Sr. are also running. Both have previously been on the BoE.

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TOWN BOARD, CONT'D

Key Dates:

- May 20th: School Budget Vote and BoE Election
- **June 17th:** BoE Meeting

NEW BUSINESS:

- Approved attendance at 2025 Rural Schools Association (RSA) Summer Conference for Linda Fusco and Beth Barton-Navitsky.
- A storage shed purchase was tabled pending additional estimates.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

- The town accepted a mounted coyote display from Steve Ramant.

- Concerns were raised about summer boat trailer parking.
- Desiree LaPointe and Jessica Tuthill were praised for providing excellent front desk service.
- The HVFD's Chicken BBQ will be held on Memorial Day at 4 pm. Three members of the HVFD passed their New York State exam.

Memorial Service for Linda Mury:

- **June 5th at 12 pm:** Church of the Cross, Ticonderoga
- Repast to follow at Hague Community Center
- **June 6th at 2 pm:** Burial at Saratoga National Cemetery

Additional information is on Linda's FaceBook page.

The next town board meeting will be on **June 10, 2025.** ▀

SOUNDINGS

DIED: John Callanan McDonald, 94, of Ticonderoga and Westport on April 12, 2025, peacefully, at home.



John was born on May 15, 1930, in Plattsburgh. He lived most of his life in the Adirondacks, which he loved for its natural beauty and sense of community. Known for his deep baritone voice, he was a selfless public servant devoted to family and civic duty.

After graduating from Port Henry High School, he completed a post-graduate year at the Irving School for Boys in Tarrytown before attending Dartmouth College, class of 1952. He majored in history and played varsity football and basketball. Following graduation, he served in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Korean War, then earned his law degree from Albany Law School in 1958.

He married Anne Burleigh in 1964. John practiced law in Essex County and served as the town attorney for Port Henry, Ticonderoga, and Hague. In 1972, he was appointed Essex County District Attorney by Governor Nelson Rockefeller and was reelected six times, serving until 1993.

A dedicated outdoorsman, he enjoyed hunting, fishing, and gardening, and was a devoted Dartmouth football fan. He supported his community through

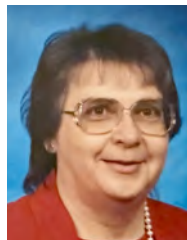
long-time service to many local organizations. He was president of the Black Watch Memorial Library for over 45 years and board chairman of AuSable Chasm for more than 50 years. John was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion, the Marine Corps League, the Elks Lodge, the Knights of Columbus, the Northern Lake George Yacht Club and the Gooley Club, among others.

He was predeceased by his sister, Helen; brother, Michael; and granddaughter, Meredith.

He is survived by his wife, Anne; children, Mary, John Jr. (Andrea), and Bridget Fawcett (Donald); and grandchildren, Margaret, Anna, Elisabeth, and Rudd. He is also survived by his brother, Thomas.

Donations may be made to the Ticonderoga Black Watch Memorial Library, 99 Montcalm Street, Ticonderoga, NY 12883, or to The John C. "Mac" McDonald Scholarship Fund at the Camp Dudley Foundation, Inc., HERE or at 126 Dudley Road, Westport, NY 12993.

DIED: Judith K. Gourley, 75, of Hague, on April 25, 2025.



Judy was born on December 9, 1949 in Pennsylvania, and is the fourth of five children born to Louise (née Warren) and Gordon Boyce. She grew up in

Ocean City, New Jersey and received her Registered Nurse License from Methodist Hospital in 1973. She went on to earn her Bachelor of Science from Glassboro State College and became a school nurse for the Mt. Ephraim School District.

Judy married Oliver William Gourley II in March of 1972, and they lovingly raised their three children in Williamstown, NJ. After serving the Washington Township Ambulance Squad for over ten years, Judy was recognized as a lifetime member.

Upon their retirement, Bill and Judy moved to Hague where she was a member of the HVFD and the Hague Planning Board for over ten years.

Avid boat lovers, Bill and Judy spent much of their time sailing, including two summers when they explored the Hudson River and the Erie Canal. They also spent a summer touring the country in an RV.

Judy was a needlecrafter and spent many evenings crocheting, knitting, or cross-stitching.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Fred; and sister, Leah.

Judy is survived by her three children, Cynthia, Todd, and Timothy; and six grandchildren.

A memorial service will be scheduled and announced at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, anyone wishing to honor Judy should send donations to the HVFD, at 4 West Hague Road, Hague, NY 12836. ▀

HAGUE HISTORICAL SOCIETY CELEBRATES “THE CAVE AND OTHER SPIRITS OF THE PAST”

by Ginger Henry Kuenzel

Most of us who are of a certain age and have been in Hague for most of our lives have a story or two to tell about the storied Hague bar known as The Cave. Located in the Beachside Hotel and Restaurant, across from the town park, The Cave attracted generations of residents and visitors from Hague and nearby towns.

The Hague Historical Society has been researching the history of the establishments on this site, beginning with Garfield's Tavern in the early 1800s. We've also been contacting bartenders and patrons to hear some of their stories. And, we've been collecting artifacts and photos.

Now, the time has come to share these. Our museum exhibit will open in early June and continue throughout the summer and fall.

On **June 25, 2025 at 7 pm**, in the Hague Community Center, we'll host our annual meeting, with a presentation we're calling “The Cave and Other Spirits of the Past.” We hope to hear a lot more stories and memories from those in the audience – regardless of how vague (or true) those memories might be. Join us for an entertaining evening, filled with facts and perhaps a bit of fiction. Are the stories of motorcycles roaring down the ramp really true? Was the men's room as bad as people remember? We'll be playing tunes from The Cave's legendary jukebox and offering a variety of Cave merchandise for sale -- including baseball caps, koozies, beer glasses, and bumper stickers. We hope to see you there! ▣

LAKE GEORGE: A PIONEER IN SMART LAKE TECHNOLOGY

In the latest Lake George Association (LGA) podcast, the Jefferson Project's Mark Lucius, senior software engineer, and Maria Pelusi, senior research specialist, explain how the Jefferson Project is turning Lake George into the smartest lake in the world.

The presentation explains how cutting-edge sensor networks, ultra-high-frequency data modeling, and advanced forecasting tools are contributing to a better understanding of Lake George.

The Jefferson Project is a collaborative effort between Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI), the Lake George Association (LGA), and IBM. It has been collecting and analyzing data for more than ten years. It's all part of the LGA's science-to-solutions approach to protecting Lake George.

Click [HERE](#) for this and previous LGA podcasts on a wide variety of topics. ▣

SILVER BAY HAPPENINGS

CONCERTS

There will be concerts at Silver Bay every week this summer. Genres represented in this year's Summer Concert Series include Christian jazz, alternative/indie, folk, reggae, Americana, bluegrass, Venezuelan and Appalachian folk music, classical, traditional West African music, funk, and country.

“We're excited for this year's lineup, as the majority of them will be coming to Silver Bay for the first time,” said Silver Bay YMCA's Assistant VP of Campus and Conference Programming Chet Lastowski.

The following 2025 Saturday Concerts will be from **8 to 9 pm** in the auditorium:

- **June 7th:** Mal Maiz
- **June 14th:** Profile Reggae Band
- **June 21st:** Cold Chocolate
- **June 28th:** The Storm Windows

For more information on the Silver Bay YMCA Summer Concert Series, click [HERE](#).

BOOK TALKS

This year's "Silver Bay Book Talks" will be held on Wednesdays on the Boathouse Porch from **10 - 11 am**. The June books are:

June 18th: *The Lost Story* by Meg Shaffer

June 25th: *After Annie* by Anna Quindlen

SILVER CAMP

Silver Camp is a FREE summer day camp for children ages five to fourteen who live in Hague. This program gives kids the chance to enjoy outdoor activities, make new friends, and experience the natural beauty of Silver Bay, all at no cost to families.

Registration is open now, but space is limited and fills quickly each year. Parents are encouraged to sign up as soon as possible to ensure their child's spot. To register, contact Desiree LaPointe at secretary@haguenny.gov or call 518-543-6161.

SWIMMING LESSONS

Silver Bay YMCA has received a \$5,000 Youth Swim Lessons Grant from YMCA of the USA to support swim instruction for local children. The grant will provide scholarships for families enrolling their children in swim lessons, including those attending Silver Camp.

In 2024, Silver Bay YMCA taught 224 children how to swim and hopes to expand that number in 2025. For more information or to enroll, click [HERE](#). ▣

LGA MEMBERSHIP PARTY ABOARD THE HORICON



The Lake George Association (LGA) will hold a sunset celebration aboard the *Horicon* on **Thursday, June 19, 2025**. The boat will depart the dock promptly at **6 pm**.

Tickets are \$50 per person, which includes LGA annual membership. Attendees will enjoy live music, a cash bar, and appetizers and will celebrate the start of summer with others who care deeply about protecting Lake George. Click [HERE](#) for more information. ▣

SUPERINTENDENT NEPHEW ANSWERS CITIZEN'S QUESTIONS REGARDING SCHOOL BUDGET

Some questions posed by a private citizen regarding the new school budget were answered by Superintendent Scott Nephew. This Q & A is public data and is shared here in its unedited entirety:

1. How does the budget reflect actions to address the learning needs of students not demonstrating proficiency in ELA, Math, and Science? (Appendix C)

There is no specific 'budget plan' for improving 3-8 test scores. Programs, curriculum, and instructional strategies are adjusted each year, month, week, and day by our staff to best give our kids the tools they need to be successful in our District, and ultimately to prepare them for Regents exams, graduation, and the path that they choose when they leave us.

2. What initiatives is the proposed budget funding to reduce chronic absenteeism? (Appendix C)

No initiatives are proposed in the budget to reduce chronic absenteeism. Our staff members (teachers, counselors, support staff, etc.,) work continuously with students/families who are having attendance issues. Outside agencies are also involved when necessary. Please also note that our chronic absenteeism rates of 21.6% (K-8), and 7.2% (9-12) could indeed improve, but are also well below the state average of 34.8%.

3. Does the TCSD have a near-term forecast of future PILOT revenue? How much PILOT revenue is the TCSD anticipating in each of the next few years?

An in-depth look at PILOT agreements is scheduled to be held at our regular June BoE meeting.

4. Health insurance represents a large chunk (27.3%) of the budget, excluding debt service. What options are being explored to

reduce the cost of health insurance to TCSD while still offering comparable benefits?

The district is part of a 15-school health care consortium which has helped to reduce costs. The consortium in conjunction with our legal advisors are continuously looking for ways to reduce costs, and our current 4.5% health care increase is far lower than neighboring groups. In reality, salaries and benefits will always make up a large portion of our budget, but we will continue to work on ways to bring down costs, while still providing proper benefits for our employees. A few other examples of how the consortium has helped reduce costs are:

- rate setting negotiations with Anthem
- centralized billing with oversight for all Districts
- wellness initiatives
- employee assistance programs

LGA SUPPORTS LEGISLATION TO REDUCE ROAD SALT

by Ginger Henry Kuenzel

As the lake temperature warms and our thoughts turn to lazy summer days in and on the water, winter driving and road salt might not be top of mind for most of us. But, protecting Lake George's legendary water quality is a year-round task. With that in mind, the Lake George Association (LGA) has issued a memorandum supporting legislation before the State Senate and State Assembly that would help reduce road salt in the Adirondacks. According to the LGA, road salt is one of the major threats to Lake George's pristine water quality.

Throughout the Adirondacks, state snowplow drivers drop an average of 37 tons of road salt per lane-mile per year on state highways. Things are better in Hague, where the town maintains the state highways under a contract with the state.

And, as reported in past issues of *The Hague Chronicle*, Hague is a leader in salt reduction efforts, with funding assistance from the LGA. The result is a win-win-win situation. By reducing its

use of salt, Hague is not only protecting the lake, but has also lowered its costs, all while maintaining safe driving conditions on our roads. As the LGA stated in a recent memorandum, "The Town of Hague is a perfect case study illustrating what can happen when simple adjustments to winter road maintenance techniques are made, saving taxpayer dollars and protecting our water, which benefits the economy, public health, and the environment."

Legislation currently before the State Senate and Assembly (A.4481-A located [HERE](#) and S.6976-A located [HERE](#)) would establish the New York Road Salt Reduction Council and a Citizen Advisory Committee to help advance the recommendations issued in 2023 by the Adirondack Road Salt Reduction Task Force. This would ensure that the recommendations don't simply remain on the pages of the study but are put into action.

You can help by sending an email to Assemblyman William B. Magnarelli, chair of the Assembly Committee on Transportation, urging him to pass this legislation. Click [HERE](#) to learn more.

LGLC JUNE EVENTS

Here are the activities offered by the Lake George Land Conservancy (LGLC) during June:

Saturday, June 7, 2025 from 8:30 through 11 am: Discovery Series: Intro to Hiking on National Trails Day, FREE

Saturday, June 7th from 5 through 7 pm: Guided Paddle at Dunham Bay, FREE

Wednesday, June 11th from 5:30 through 6:30 pm: Living Land Series: Moose in the ADK Park, FREE

Saturday, June 14th from 7 through 9 pm: Chamber Music Benefit, \$20

Friday, June 20th from 5:30 through 9 pm: Next Gen Summer Solstice Luau Party, \$30

For more information on LGLC events, click [HERE](#).

LGA GALA RETURNS TO THE SAGAMORE

The 2025 Lake George Association's (LGA) Gala will take place at The Sagamore Resort on **Friday, July 11, 2025 at 6 pm**, with doors opening at **5:30 pm**.

This annual event brings lake lovers together for a night of cocktails, dinner, live music, dancing, and the exciting Live Auction—all in support of the LGA's mission to protect the clear, clean waters of Lake George.

This year's highlight? A decadent Lobster Feast Buffet! Guests can enjoy fresh lobster, beef, fish, chicken, vegetarian dishes, sides, salads, and desserts.

Admiral Sponsors and the first six Captain Sponsors will be invited to arrive by boat and enjoy VIP valet dock service.

This popular event sells out every year, so early ticket reservations are encouraged. It's a night of great food, fun, and fellowship — all for the lake we love.

Get tickets and information [HERE](#). ▣

LGLC ANNUAL GALA IN AUGUST

The Lake George Land Conservancy's (LGLC) annual gala will be held at the Fort William Henry Carriage House in Lake George on **Friday, August 1, 2025**.



Tickets to attend as part of the Honorary Committee are still available; this committee strengthens the impact of this event and inspires others to rise up as leaders in our community to ensure the continued success of the LGLC's land conservation efforts.

General tickets will be available soon. Support the organization that protects the land that protects the lake. Click [HERE](#) for details. ▣

LGLC LAUNCHES FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

The Lake George Land Conservancy (LGLC) is conducting its largest fundraising campaign ever as it strives to raise \$9 million to permanently protect more than 1,200 acres of land around Lake George.

The LGLC is under contract to purchase 517 acres of Pilot Knob Mountain, including its 2,159-foot summit and 1.6 miles of streams.

The fundraising campaign also includes multiple conservation projects in the Town of Bolton that will total more than 700 acres in the Indian Brook and Northwest Bay area. Together, these forested lands have 2.8 miles of streams and more than 26 acres of wetlands that are critical to maintaining Lake George's exceptional water quality. Click [HERE](#) to learn more about the campaign and how you can support it.

In addition, the Lake George Club is hosting a benefit dinner on **Tuesday, June 17, 2025**, with proceeds going to benefit the LGLC land campaign. The event features Cakebread Cellars wine and culinary pairings by Chef Desmond Smith. Tickets are \$300 per person. Call 518-668-5734 for reservations. ▣



The LGLC will protect 517 acres of Pilot Knob Mountain, as seen here from Diamond Point.

BARTLETT NAMED GRAND MARSHAL FOR TICONDEROGA INDEPENDENCE PARADE

The Best 4th in the North Committee has selected John Bartlett of Ticonderoga as the 2025 Grand Marshal for its annual Independence Day Parade. A dedicated volunteer and community leader, Bartlett was chosen for his long-standing service and contributions to the Ticonderoga area.

He currently serves as a Ticonderoga Montcalm Street Partnership (TMSP) Board Member and is the Grants and Fundraising Coordinator. He founded and coordinates the Ticonderoga Area Backpack Program and has volunteered for StreetFest, FallFest, the End of Winter Carnival, and the Best 4th in the North events. Bartlett is a former Deputy Supervisor and has served on the town's Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) and Economic Development Committee (EDC).

Parade applications are open now and due by **Monday, June 23rd, 2025**. Forms are available [HERE](#) or [HERE](#) or at the TACC office at 94 Montcalm Street. Participation is free but requires preregistration and adherence to parade rules.

The 2025 celebration runs July 1st through 4th, featuring fireworks, a parade, Montcalm Mile, music, food, games, and more. Volunteers and donations are always welcome. For updates, follow the Best 4th in the North on Facebook or the links above. ▣



STREETFEST 2025

StreetFest will be held on **Saturday, July 26, 2025** in Downtown Ticonderoga from **10 am to 3 pm**. It is a day-long celebration with sidewalk sales, shopping, a variety of food, live entertainment all day, arts and crafts, a Farmers Market Square, kids' activities, and much more. Admission to the event is FREE and it's open to the public.


The StreetFest committee is in the process of registering merchants and vendors for the 2025 event. If you are interested in participating in StreetFest, you must fill out a Merchant/Vendor Form and be approved. All applications must follow all StreetFest guidelines. Merchant and Vendor applications are available [HERE](#) or [HERE](#), or from the Ticonderoga Area Chamber of Commerce (TACC) office. Completed applications can be mailed to TMSP, PO Box 379, Ticonderoga, NY 12883 or to the TACC Office (TMSP Coordinator) at 94 Montcalm Street, Suite 1, Ticonderoga, NY. Vendor fee checks must be made payable to the Ticonderoga Montcalm Street Partnership.

Applications have been mailed or emailed to all 2024 participants. Downtown merchants, area businesses, retail stores, restaurants, retail vendors, food vendors, non-profits, artisans, farmers, arts and craft vendors, and vendors with local hand-crafted products are encouraged to participate. Non-profits and organizations looking to participate must offer a kids' activity that will enhance the event.

Information only, raffles, and political vendors are NOT allowed. Downtown Ticonderoga and other Merchants are asked to have products for sale and create exciting displays in front of their business (on the street) that will attract customers. Merchants must register to participate.

The 2025 Vendor Fee is \$40 before June 6th and \$50 after that date. There is no fee for Montcalm Street merchants/businesses, TACC and event partners, as well as StreetFest sponsors, but you still must fill out a registration form to participate and be included on StreetFest materials.

The deadline to register is **Monday, July 14th**. Space is limited and is on a first come first serve basis. No refunds.

For more information on StreetFest or for a Vendor Application call 518-585-6619, email [HERE](#) or click [HERE](#). 


SUMMER CHILDCARE AVAILABLE AT THE EARLY LEARNING CENTER

This summer, childcare will be available at the new Ticonderoga Community Early Learning Center (TCELC) for any family in the region that needs childcare support. Children from six weeks up to six years of age are eligible to attend the center.



Flexible short-term and part-time hours are available for summer visitors, and full-time care is available to support local universal pre-kindergarten (UPK) families who need childcare support when school lets out for the summer. Registration for summer support is open until **Sunday, June 15th**. Additional children will be accommodated as availability allows.

The TCELC is located in the former St. Mary's School at 64 Amherst Avenue in Ticonderoga and is operated by Silver Bay YMCA. This brand new, beautifully-equipped center opened in September 2024 and is staffed by a team of early learning teachers and professionals following the *Creative Curriculum for Early Childhood Development*. Age-appropriate breakfast, lunch, and snacks are served daily.

For more details, tours, and registration, click [HERE](#) or contact Jackie Palandrani or Samantha Ledger at the TCELC at 518-585-7433 or email [HERE](#). 

FREE T'AI CHI CLASSES


FREE T'ai Chi classes will be held at the Black Watch Memorial Library in Ticonderoga on the following **Thursdays in 2025 at 1 pm**:

- **June 19th**
- **July 10th**
- **July 24th**
- **August 7th**
- **August 21st**
- **September 11th**

T'ai Chi, often called "meditation in motion," is a gentle, no-impact aerobic practice that blends physical movement with relaxation and mindfulness. It is known to promote mental, emotional, physical, and spiritual well-being. Participants describe it as the art of moving through life with ease, grace, and balance.

Research has shown that regular T'ai Chi practice can:

- Reduce stress
- Increase vitality and resilience
- Improve balance and flexibility
- Benefit heart and cardiovascular health
- Lessen arthritis symptoms
- Boost the immune system
- Ease breathing problems
- Optimize overall health

For more information, call 518-586-6780 or email [HERE](#). All are welcome to join and experience the many benefits of this ancient practice. 

HAGUE STUDENTS ON THIRD QUARTER HONOR ROLL

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First Honors: Wyatt Barnes and James DeFranco

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Second Honors: Breyton Andersen and Zebulon Denno

Grade 11: Second Honors:
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Grade 12: First Honors:
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LOOKING BACK

by HHS Board Members Shelly Gautreau and Nancy Young



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HAGUE'S HISTORICAL SITES

With the assistance of Town Historian, Mrs. Vila Fitzgerald, the Warren County Bi-Centennial Commission has published a list of historical markers, historical sites and points of interest in the Town of Hague. Here, in capsulated form, is the list.

Historical Markers

Sabbath Day Point adjoining James Young's place which reads: "Through this place passed General Henry Knox in the winter of 1775-76 to deliver to General Washington at Cambridge the train of artillery from Fort Ticonderoga used to force the British out of Boston". It was erected during the Sesquicentennial of the American Revolution. **(marker #1)**

Another marker, erected by the Warren County Centennial Commission in 1913 and which can be seen at the town park, reads: "The Town of Hague, known as Rochester until April 6, 1808 formed from the Town of Bolton February 28, 1807". **(marker #2)**

Historical Sites

Rogers Rock– Where Major Robert Rogers, in the winter of 1757-58, being pursued by Indians, went on snowshoes with his men to the top of the mountain, only to be stopped at the precipice leading to the lake. He turned his snowshoes around and retraced his steps down a ravine eventually reaching the lake. He had earlier thrown his supplies over the precipice.

Friends Point– This was once an Indian Scout encampment. On a dark night, two scouting parties met here during the French and Indian Wars and prepared for combat. They discovered they were friends and not foes; hence the name.

Sabbath Day Point– In July 1759 General Amherst landed here with a force of 12,000 men and passed the Sabbath Day in religious services; hence the name.

Points of Interest

Calamity Rock–About one-half mile north of Hague where the John Jay burned on July 29, 1856. Six lives were lost.

Graphite Mines–On Route 8 where graphite mines operated from about 1880 to 1924.

Silver Bay Association–Where the first Boy Scout training camp for leaders in the United States was held in 1910.

Old abandoned cemetery–On Route 9N about one-half mile south of the town park, where five Revolutionary War veterans are buried.

Wardboro– About 12 miles south of the town park, three miles off Route 9N, was once a thriving settlement named for a number of Ward families who first settled there. An old cemetery marks the spot.

West Hague– An area about four miles west of Hague on Route 8. This was the most thickly populated part of the town in the 1800's. An abandoned cemetery remains but there are no other markers.

Tannery Site– Located below the bridge on Tannery Brook in West Hague; it was run by Irish and Wright.

Cooper Shop– Located on West Hague Road and operated by Andrew Bevins in the early 1800's.

Two Mill Wheels– Can be seen atop stone pillars on either side of the bridge leading to the New York Department of Environmental Conservation fish weir.

Lower Falls– Site of the first grist mill built in the early 1800's. Owned by a Mr. Kenny, later by Rufus Rising and operated by H.H. Harrison.

Upper Falls– Site of a gristmill brushback factory and cider mill which were operated until 1910. The flume and water wheel can still be seen.

Four Chimneys– Brick house about four miles north of Hague on Route 9N. It was built in 1822 by Warner and William Cook and is now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Stanley. The bricks were made on the premises.

Jabe Pond– Named for Jabe Patchen, is located a mile west of Route 9N in Silver Bay. Jabe Patchen was the son of Samuel, the first supervisor of the Town of Hague and a Revolutionary War hero.

Lake Shore Graphite Mines– Located off Route 9N about a quarter mile atop Rising Hill. This unsuccessful mining operation continued from 1898 to 1901. The foundations of boarding houses and store, a waste pile and closed off mine entrances are all that remain.

50 YEARS LATER – JUNE 2025

Additional markers are now at various sites in Hague:

Marker #3 – Arcady – on 9N – Camps from 1917 to 1970

Marker #4 – Hague Heritage Cemetery – off 9N – 1803 to 1870

Marker #5 – Hague Steamboat Landing – 9N – circa 1850

Marker #6 – Garfield's Hotel and Tavern – 9N – 1810

Marker #7 – Annual Outboard Marathons – 9N -1954 to 1964

Marker #8 – Hague Central School – Rt. 8 – 1927 to 1979

Marker #9 – Graphite – Rt.8 – 1880 to 1921

Signs describing churches and other places of interest are also in various places in Hague for you to enjoy while walking about town.

Since we are celebrating the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution this year, we hope some of our own history will be of interest and pride to you and all of us who call this place home. ▣

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE FORT

Fort Ticonderoga has officially added four Spanish cannon and two mortars to its permanent collection, a historic gift from the Yale University Art Gallery. On long-term loan since 1943, these iconic bronze pieces have been a central feature of the fort's landscape for over 80 years.



The announcement comes during National Preservation Month, highlighting efforts to protect historic sites and artifacts.

Cast in the early 1700s during the reign of King Philip V, the artillery includes two massive 24-pounder cannon and two 16-pounders, all bearing intricate inscriptions like *Violati Fulmina Regis* — “the offended King's thunderbolts.” Also included are two 13-pulgada mortars, each weighing more than two and a half tons.

Originally donated to Yale in 1928 by World War I veteran and Yale alumnus de Lancey Kountze, the pieces were transferred to Fort Ticonderoga with Yale's approval in 1943. Kountze, a dedicated supporter of museums, served as a Patron of the Fort Ticonderoga Museum until his death in 1946.

“These Spanish artillery pieces have shaped the Ticonderoga experience for generations,” said Curator Dr.

Matthew Keagle. “We're grateful to Yale for entrusting us with their long-term care.”

The artillery can be seen in Fort Ticonderoga's daily exhibitions and Cannon and Coffee Tours. Learn more [HERE](#). ▣

TICONDEROGA FLY-IN

The Town of Ticonderoga will hold its second annual Fly-In and Community Open House on **Saturday, June 14, 2025 from 10 am to 2 pm**, at the Ticonderoga Municipal Airport on Shore-Airport Road. The event will include exhibitions, demonstrations, aircraft on display, food trucks, important airport information, and more.



The airport, which dates back to 1939, is an important aspect of economic development for the community and is utilized more frequently than many realize. Attendees will be able to connect with town officials to learn more about the airport, ask questions, and tour airport facilities.

The Fly-In will be an opportunity for the town to showcase the airport, recent improvements, and investments, as well as possible future plans.

For information, call 518-585-6677 or click [HERE](#).

A rain date of **Sunday, June 15th** has been scheduled; an announcement will be made on the Town of Ticonderoga Facebook page. ▣

TACC 100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

On **Friday, June 13, 2025**, the Ticonderoga Area Chamber of Commerce (TACC) will hold its 100th Anniversary Celebration at the Barn at Lord Howe Valley. The auction preview will be at 5:30 pm, the appetizers at 6 pm, and dinner at 7 pm. There will be a silent auction, a live auction, music, dancing, fireworks, and more.



APPETIZERS: Bacon-Wrapped Scallops, Short Ribs, Bruschetta, Lobster Bisque, and a Charcuterie Table

ENTRÉES: Filet Mignon or Chicken Marsala, Mashed Potatoes, Garlic Green Beans, Strawberry Spinach Salad, Rolls. Vegetarian/Vegan/Dietary options are available. Please select your entrée when you RSVP.

DESSERT: White Chocolate Raspberry Cheesecake with Chocolate Drizzle

BEVERAGES: Water, iced tea, coffee, and a cash bar with signature cocktails

Tickets are \$100 per person and include appetizers, dinner, dessert, and two drink tickets.

Early reservations (call 518-585-6619 or email [HERE](#)) are suggested as space is limited. Please provide your name(s), phone number, mailing address, and email address.

Formal attire (suits and dresses) are requested. Guests must be 21 years or older. ▣



TI ARTS

Ti Arts Downtown Gallery is hosting a show from now through **Saturday, June 21, 2025**, featuring the works of the winners of last year's juried show: Pam Lemza Putnam, Lisa LaMothe, and Karen Parker — a painter, a pastel artist, and a jeweler.

The gallery is located at 119 Montcalm Street, Ticonderoga and is open from 10 am to 4 pm, Wednesday through Saturday.

All are welcome. ▣



TOP: *Cathedral* by LaMothe;
BOTTOM: *Spring Thaw* by Putnam

PLANETARIUM PROGRAM

by Linda Fusco

On **Sunday, June 8, 2025 at 3 pm**, the community is invited to the Ticonderoga High School planetarium's presentation, *The Summer Sky, Colonization in the Solar System*, which will preview upcoming celestial events appearing in the Adirondack sky.

Joe Defayette, Ticonderoga Jr./Sr. High School earth science teacher, will present the program that will include constellations appearing in the summer sky from June 21 through September 20, 2025.

Planetary exploration regarding future colonization will also be included in the program.

The presentation will include sky chart handouts and a schedule of special viewing events.

Summer 2025 is an exciting time to stargaze as the weather is cooperative, providing continuous nighttime viewing as we camp out with friends and family.

Space is limited. To register, email Linda Fusco [HERE](#) or call/text 914-380-2130.

Please include the number of people you are planning to bring, your email address, and your phone number.

The planetarium is at 5 Calkins Place in Ticonderoga. ▣

TI'COUSTICS CHANGES FORMAT

Ti'coustics, the twice-a-month music shows in Ticonderoga, is trying out a new format. Its events will now be on the second and fourth Thursday of each month and will be from 6 to 8 pm, which is earlier in the evenings.

So, in June, they will be held on **Thursday, June 12th** and **Thursday, June 26th from 6 to 8 pm** on the first floor of the American Legion Hall at 104 Montcalm Street in Ticonderoga.

Musicians will sit in a circle and take turns playing and singing, with the other musicians and the audience joining in. This is an opportunity to play and sing along with others, learn some new songs and riffs, and enjoy the camaraderie and some beer.

No need to sign up in advance — just come on down! ▣

CHICKEN BBQ TO SUPPORT BACKPACK PROGRAM

The 18th Annual Brannock Properties LLC Backpack Program Fundraiser will be held on **Saturday, June 7, 2025**, at the Ticonderoga Knights of Columbus. All proceeds will benefit the Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York, supporting students in Ticonderoga, Crown Point, Hague, and Putnam.

Basket raffle sales will begin at **2 pm**. The Chicken BBQ will start at **4 pm** and will continue until sold out. A \$15 dinner includes a half of a chicken, a baked potato, coleslaw, a roll with butter, and a dessert.

Thanks to a generous donor, all contributions will be matched up to \$5,000. Donations of any amount are appreciated. Checks may be made payable to Brannock Properties LLC or the Ticonderoga Area Backpack Program. Baskets and donations may be dropped off at Brannock Properties, 146 Race Track Road.

For more information, call 518-585-3020. ▣

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ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS WE PRINT

JUNE CALENDAR

June 2025

1	June <i>The Hague Chronicle</i> published	17	6 pm	TCSD BoE Meeting
1 – Jun 21	Ti Arts Show	18	10 – 11 am	LGLC Dinner at Lake George Club
5	12 pm 6 pm	18	10 – 11 am	SB Book Talk — <i>The Last Story</i>
7	8:30 – 11 am	19		JUNETEENTH
	4 pm		1 pm	Silver Camp registration deadline
	5 – 7 pm		6 pm	Tai Chi
	8 – 9 pm		6 pm	LGA Horicon cruise
8	3 pm	20	5:30 – 9 pm	LGLC Next Gen Luau
10	6 pm		6 pm	Deadline for July issue of <i>The Hague Chronicle</i>
11	5:30 – 6:30 pm	21	8 – 9 pm	Cold Chocolate at SB
	5:30 pm	23		Parade applications for Best 4th due
12	6 – 8 pm	25	10 – 11 am	SB Book Talk — <i>After Annie</i>
13	5:30 pm		7 pm	HHS Annual Meeting/"The Cave" talk
14		26	10 am – 3 pm	StreetFest in Ti
	10 am – 2 pm		6 pm	Zoning Board of Appeals Mtg.
	7 – 9 pm		6 – 8 pm	Ti'coustics
	8 – 9 pm	27		Cemetery Workshop
15	FATHER'S DAY	28	8 – 9 pm	The Storm Windows at SB
	Deadline for TCELC			

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