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ANNUAL LAKE GEORGE OPEN WATER SWIMS

The Annual Lake George 2.5k, 5k, and 10k Open Water Swims were held on Saturday, August 16, 2025, from 7:45 am to 12 pm. Conditions were favorable with an air temperature of 68 degrees and water at 76 degrees.

Five hundred swimmers participated, including 220 in the 2.5k, 190 in the 5k, and 90 in the 10k. Athletes ranged in age from 13 to 81 and represented 24 U.S. states, along with Mexico, Hungary, and Bermuda.

Overall Winners

2.5k Male – Kevin Baird, 17, Gansevoort, NY – 34:24

2.5k Female – Sarah Blaum, 16, Ballston Spa, NY – 37:25

2.5k Non-Binary – Emily Fogle, 34, Brooklyn, NY – 36:54

5k Male – Keegan Wooding, 21, North Chili, NY – 1:07:10.2

5k Female – Tatiana Kundla, 43, Middletown, NY – 1:16:22

10k Male – Angus McLean, 27, South Berwick, ME – 2:35:34.0

10k Female – Erica Silverman, 28, New York, NY – 2:28:39

Organizers thanked the many volunteers and supporting partners, including the Town of Hague, Hague Volunteer Fire Department and EMS, Dockside Landing Marina, Warren County Sheriff, Lake George Park Commission, and WorkSmart CoWorking & Meeting Space.

Next year's event will be held on Saturday, August 15, 2026. ▣



MOUNTAIN MUSIC FESTIVAL

Silver Bay YMCA will host its Mountain Music Festival from **September 12-14, 2025**, bringing a weekend of live performances, scenic views, and community gathering. Formerly known as *Bluegrass in Heaven*, the festival features an extensive lineup, including The Kruger Brothers, Barefoot Movement, Becky Buller & Ned Luberecki, Bloodroot Gap, Griffin William Sherry, Cole Quest and The City Pickers, On the Trail, and others.



Performances span Friday evening through Sunday, with a mix of acoustic and full sets across indoor venues. Festival goers can expect a range of genres from bluegrass to Americana, as well as opportunities for intimate performances. A VIP ticket option includes a special dinner with artists,

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SENIORS CLUB NEWS

by Pat Hintze

We had a surprise 95th birthday party for Gladie Graser, which was a great success. Gladie was so surprised — she had no idea!

Her niece came up from Delaware, which made it even better, as they hadn't seen each other for ten years. What else made it great was that nobody leaked it out, even with it being on Facebook. (Gladie doesn't go on Facebook.) The post, "SHHH!!! Surprise," worked and the town cooperated! Thank you to all who came out to celebrate Gladie and make her day wonderful.

And what do you give a 95-year-old lady - something that she wants and doesn't have? Her friends knew what that was: to have a tree taken down in her yard. So, we went to work and made it happen. We collected donations from her friends, businesses in town, and some people who heard about what we were doing and made donations without even knowing her.

So, we, the Hague Seniors and Gladie, would like to send out a big THANK YOU to the community of Hague for coming together for such a beautiful member of our community, Miss Gladie Graser. May God Bless You all.

Tentatively, on **September 11, 2025**, we will have our Snowbird Dinner at the Adirondack Café. If you want to go, call me at 201-575-2570.

We have tentatively planned a trip to Adirondack Experience, The Museum on Blue Mountain Lake, for **September 18th**. We'll leave the community center at **9:30 am**.

On **September 23rd at noon**, we'll have our Senior Meeting at the community center. Bring an appetizer and wear a crazy hat. We'll have our nominations for officers at the meeting.

On **September 25th**, we'll travel to the Whiteface Veterans Memorial Highway at Lake Placid. Meet at the community center at **9:30 am**. ▣



HVFD

by Donna Trudeau

The Hague Volunteer Fire Department (HVFD) ended the month with four fire calls, two marine rescue calls, one standby, and 11 EMS assists for a total of 167 volunteer hours.

EMS had a busy month, ending with 19 EMS calls and two standbys for a total of 117.5 volunteer and paid hours.

Hague Fire was busy with many calls of service. We were also able to stand by at the Hague Beach on July 3, 2025 for our annual fireworks.

We've had a lot of interest in our junior program, which gives young people a chance to explore the Fire and EMS fields so they can decide whether they'd like to pursue either one as a career or as a volunteer in any community they might want to serve. The program also offers the opportunity to strengthen their college resumé if they choose.

We are excited to welcome our newest members. Maria Shaffer has joined as a junior member and is beginning her EMS career here in Hague alongside her older sister, Serenity Shaffer, whose goal is to become a certified firefighter. Their mother, Seana Shaffer, has both fire and EMS experience. She has just completed her finals and is preparing to take the state exam to become a certified EMT.

We also welcome Chris Gourley, who is pursuing his goal of becoming a firefighter. He is already enrolled in Basic Exterior Fire Operations, which will prepare him to advance to Firefighter 1.

We always welcome new members. No training is required — just complete an application, which is available on our website or at the fire station at 4 West Hague Road. We'll be happy to help you fill it out. You can also call 518-543-6059 for assistance.

The Hague Fire Department is deeply grateful for the continued support of our community. ▣



MOUNTAIN MUSIC FESTIVAL, CONT'D

preferred seating, and exclusive merchandise.

The festival takes place in Silver Bay, offering both music and access to Silver Bay YMCA programming. Tickets are available in several categories including youth and family options, with free admission for children under two. ▣



HAIKU by dl mattila

cliff jumping
into the clouds
mirror lake ▣

SCHOOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SAC) UPDATE

by Jack Bast, SAC Chair

In August, the SAC observed the second anniversary of our founding by the Hague Town Board in 2023. The SAC has been actively engaged with the Ticonderoga Central School District (TCSD), and particularly with its School Board of Education (BoE), for two full years now. We've learned much along the way.

Initially, it was just about the 56% school tax apportionment (like three previous town efforts had been directed) and then it was also about the shortcomings of the recently negotiated Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) agreements granted to energy projects in Ticonderoga. These PILOTs directly affect our Hague school taxes, yet we were not involved in their approval in any way.

We then turned our attention to TCSD's troubling academic rankings. All of the situations were fully reported to the public and widely disseminated in the Hague Town Hall Meeting conducted on March 13, 2025.

Despite multiple Hague Town Board Resolutions and requests, the BoE was unresponsive. It declined to adopt Multi Year Assessment Averaging (MYAA) or Full Market Values (FMV) of PILOT projects, refused to stream BoE meeting or to meet in Hague for Budget presentations, and most recently, it refused to meet regarding academic improvement. The district even stated that it will no longer respond to Hague or SAC communications unless it is legally required to.

While progress has been limited so far, the SAC remains committed to advocating for better academic performance and fairer financial policies — on behalf of parents, students, and taxpayers. And we sincerely believe that this advocacy is for the benefit of not only Hague but also Ticonderoga. The SAC and the Hague Town Board are compelled to press on with the good fight...we are and we will.

To succeed, we need more than committee involvement — we need

parents and citizens engaged. We will be reaching out to families for their insights and advocacy.

We also encourage community members to consider running for the BoE, where Hague's voice and votes are urgently needed. Together, with persistence and collaboration, we can make a meaningful difference.

Seven SAC members attended the August 19th BoE meeting and we were encouraged! For the first time in two years, the BoE specifically addressed academics. Superintendent Nephew presented goals for the next three years in academic performance areas! We're pleased with this new public declaration by the BoE and hope it signals a turning point in our mutual endeavors.

In the BoE meeting, the 2025 school tax levy apportionment was approved. The total 2025 levy is **\$13,220,509** and school tax payments are due by September 30th. The Hague rate is **\$7.72934766** per \$1,000. This is **1.07%** higher than the 2024 levy and is **56.53%** of the total levy. The assessment equalization rates used in this year's apportionment are 100% for Ticonderoga and 93.2% for Hague.

The next BoE meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, Sept 17th at 6 pm** at the high school cafeteria. Hague residents are encouraged to attend! ▣

LGLC GALA SUCCESSFUL

Nearly 300 guests gathered on Friday, August 1, 2025 for the Lake George Land Conservancy's (LGLC) sold-out Gala at the Fort William Henry Carriage House in Lake George.

LGLC Executive Director Mike Horn opened the evening by announcing that the organization had completed its \$9 million 2025 Land Campaign ahead of schedule. He credited the generosity of supporters in the room and invited them to continue building on this momentum. By the end of the night, the gala raised an additional \$330,000 to support the LGLC's ongoing work to protect the land that safeguards Lake George.

Horn also thanked the Honorary Committee, business sponsors, silent



MIDDLE (L to R): Seddon Beaty, Evelyn Spann, and Andrea Noel

BOTTOM (L to R): Bruce Hatfield, Nancy Scarzello, Lari Dhein, Diane and Rick Rottier, all of Hague. Photos courtesy of Janice Prichett

auction donors, and volunteers who made the event possible.

Guests enjoyed entertainment by Hey Neighbor!, dinner and dancing with DJ Trumastr, and a silent auction featuring works by local artists including Al Rider, Andrew Thompson, Susan Beadle, Pam Siddall, Laurie Sapakoff, Wendy Soliday, Seddon Beaty, Susan Darrin, Kathleen Becker, Ivor Guest, Brenda Rider, and Kat Cramer.

More information about current projects and events can be found HERE at <https://lglc.org>. ▣

PLANNING BOARD - 7/3/2025

Present were Chairperson Sandra Powell, Pamela Peterson, Alane Vogel, Henry Friedman, and Alternate Jami Jordan. Also present were Zoning Enforcement Officer (ZEO) Ed Kirchberger and Recording Secretary Kathy Santaniello.

There were no public hearings, sketch plan reviews, or subdivisions approved. Minutes from the June 5th meeting were accepted.

Old Business

Viscardi – 7 Viewpoint: The board reviewed a proposal to install 20 solar panels and two Tesla inverters within 100 feet of the lake. After a site visit and notification of nearby neighbors, members determined that a public hearing was not necessary. The project was found to be in harmony with the district, not burdensome to public services, and without hazard. The application was approved unanimously.

Walker – 9094 Lakeshore Drive (*The previous Dock 'n Dine location*): Architect Richard Hanpeter presented plans for a new single-family dwelling with attached garage, sewer connection, and stormwater controls. The property had previously undergone soil remediation for a petroleum spill, and safeguards for any further contaminants were explained. Board members asked questions about tree removal, parking, stormwater management, and building design. The project was deemed complete, a site visit was set for July 10th, and a public hearing was scheduled for August 7th.

Bullock – 6 and 18 Chipwick Lane: The applicant seeks to separate two parcels, with updated maps showing clarified easements and dock assignments. The board issued a negative declaration for the environmental review and deemed the application complete. A public hearing was scheduled for August 7th.

New Business

Baird – 44 Pudding Lane: A proposed lot line adjustment to acquire .26 acres from a neighboring property was found to constitute a subdivision, not a lot line adjustment. Additional documents including surveys, deeds, and updated environmental forms will be required before the application is complete.

Daley – 9 Lakeshore Hills Drive: The applicant proposed a one-bedroom addition and screened porch on a nonconforming lot with a side yard setback issue. Questions arose about measurements and placement of the addition. After discussion, the board voted 4-1 to give a positive recommendation to the Zoning Board of Appeals, contingent on written support from the homeowners' association.

Other Business

Chairperson Powell outlined a new procedure for reviewing draft minutes, beginning with her and the ZEO and then circulating to board members for final input.

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

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - 7/24/2025

Present were Chairman Robert Goetsch, Chris Navitsky, Chris Richards, Tina Barth-King, and Donald Vogel, alternate. Absent was Jon Hanna, recently deceased. Also present were Sandra Powell, chairperson of the Hague Planning Board, John DuCharme, Mr. Bosco, Tony DeFranco, Ed Kirchberger, Zoning Enforcement Officer (ZEO), and Kathy Santaniello, recording secretary.

Public Hearings:

Daley, 9 Lakeshore Hills Drive

The applicant sought approval to build a one-bedroom addition and a screened-in porch on an existing nonconforming lot. The zoning issue concerned a side yard setback of ten feet. The porch corner will be 7'11" from the sideline.

Daley confirmed stormwater management is in place and will add gutters to the new porch roof. A neighbor spoke in favor of the project, and the homeowners' association raised no objections. With no opposition voiced, the public hearing was closed.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes from the June 26, 2025 meeting were approved, 4-0-1, with Navitsky abstaining as he had been absent.

Old Business:

Daley, 9 Lakeshore Hills Drive

The variance request was considered under the board's criteria. The project was determined not to cause an undesirable change in the neighborhood, was not substantial, and had adequate stormwater protections in place. The difficulty was deemed self-created but not significant.

Barth-King suggested adding conditions, but the board declined. The variance was approved (4-1), with Barth-King opposed.

Other Business:

Bosco, 28 Friends Point South

The applicant is seeking revisions to previously approved plans to reduce size, construct a permeable lakeside stone patio, and replace timber steps with stone steps. ZEO Kirchberger explained that the Adirondack Park Agency (APA) had overturned the ZBA's earlier approval in February, but the applicant filed an Article 78. Revised plans aim to make the project more conforming.

The applicant's attorney and engineer detailed revisions, including a loose boulder placement instead of a traditional wall. APA concerns included the 50-foot lake setback, lack of vegetative screening, and insufficient record documentation. Board members discussed alternatives, setback measurements, and design changes.

After discussion, the applicant requested to table the project until the August meeting to address concerns and

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revise plans. The board agreed. A joint site visit with the Planning Board was scheduled for July 30th at 3 pm.

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TOWN BOARD - 8/12/2025

Present were Supervisor Joshua Patchett and Board Members Jack Bast, Edna Frasier, Lara Smith, and Maureen Cherubini.

Also present were Deputy Supervisor Sally DeLarm Rypkema, Zoom Coordinator Tim Fiallo, Highway Superintendent Chad Dunklee, Town Clerk Kim Coffin, Keith Manz, Bob Holmes, and about 20 community members. There were also attendees via ZOOM.

A moment of silence was held for Donald Loveland and Steven McCranel.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Keith Manz of Saratoga Septic Systems gave overviews of the requested variances for the applications submitted on behalf of Thomas Yohanan and Sarah Pickert.

The board scheduled a public hearing for September 9th for wastewater system variances for **Thomas Yohanan, 279 Silver Bay Road** and **Sarah Pickert, 268 Silver Bay Road**.

Hearings for **Charles and Sheila Voss, 9665 Lake Shore Drive** and the **Convery Irrevocable Trust, 17 Oneida Drive** were tabled until September 9th, as requested by Bob Holmes of RU Holmes Engineers.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Community members voiced concerns about sediment ponds along Lake George that have not been properly maintained in recent years, causing odor and possible phosphorus runoff. The board will review the original agreement with the Lake George Association and Supervisor Patchett will present findings at the next meeting.

Other topics included:

- Suggestion to move concerts to the community center in bad weather.
- Opposition to shooting Canadian geese at the town beach, with calls for more humane methods.
- Fire Chief Dave Snow reported that some driveways are inaccessible to emergency equipment. The HVFD will conduct driveway evaluations at the end of August using vehicles marked with the HVFD logo.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Buildings & Grounds:** (*Frasier and Patchett*)
Discussion of budgeting for handicap accessibility upgrades and electric repairs at the visitor center.
- **Highway:** (*Frasier and Cherubini*)
Work continues on Padanarum Road. Dunklee said that a down payment will be made toward construction of a cold

storage building for the department, partly funded through CHIPS monies.

- **Museum & Historian:** (*Bast and Cherubini*)
The Hague Historical Society repeated its presentation on the Cave on July 30th with strong attendance. The Historical Society Board meets August 14th. The town historian's office remains busy with genealogy requests.
- **Personnel:** (*Cherubini and Bast*)
Bookkeeper Oum Hilliard returned to full-time work. Staffing issues continue at the transfer station. Manager Peter Maltese and Attendant Marcelo Maltese have kept it open. Shane Graser will report for training and work at the transfer station tomorrow morning. The town is still accepting applications. Openings remain for alternates on both the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals. Bill Gourley was appointed to the ZBA, filling the term of Jon Hanna, who passed away, and Chris Richards was appointed deputy chairperson of the ZBA. The Property Owners of Silver Bay (POSB) held their annual meeting at the community center on July 28th with over 100 attendees in person and online.
- **Planning/Zoning/Stormwater:** (*Cherubini and Frasier*)
Sixty-three short-term rental permits are now complete.
- **Sewer Districts #1 and #2:** (*Smith and Patchett*)
Discussion was held on directing \$33,000 in cell tower revenue to the sewer department and the possible purchase of a new truck.
- **Town Park & Beautification:** (*Smith and Frasier*)
Local contractor Joe Sheridan was commended for work at the town beach.
- **Environmental Concerns:** (*Cherubini and Bast*)
Knotweed treatment will continue through September. Concerns were raised about state work along Hague Brook that was left incomplete.
- **Technology & Communications:** (*Patchett and Bast*)
The ZOOM program and equipment have been upgraded.
- **School Advisory Committee:** (*Bast*)
The committee marked its second anniversary, noting ongoing concerns with TCSD's academic rankings and PILOT tax agreements. Hague residents are encouraged to attend the August 19th School Board meeting at 5:30 pm in Ticonderoga.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

- Fort Ticonderoga will hold a reenactment at the town beach on August 30th and 31st.
- NYSDOT responded regarding speed limits on Route 9N.
- The New Hague Company began cleanup work at the town beach in July following feedback that was given at the Comprehensive Plan meeting.
- Hague is no longer eligible for the NY BRICKS grant for community center improvements. According to Tracey Clothier with Clothier Planning and Consulting, this is because Hague no longer falls under the BRICKS definition of a community center. Monies paid to Clothier will be refunded to the town.
- A part-time Transfer Station attendant is being sought.
- Information on senior citizen property tax exemptions is available from the assessor's office.

TOWN BOARD, CONT'D

- A grant application has been submitted by Tracey Clothier for a Local Waterfront Revitalization Program through the New York State Department of State.
- The budget for the new salt storage shed has risen to \$285,000.
- The town food pantry, managed by Amanda Peterson, remains open during community center hours.

NEW BUSINESS:

The board approved:

- A \$6,275 down payment for a cold storage building at the Hague Highway Department.
- A budget amendment creating a new \$6,000 occupancy tax code for economic development.
- Hiring Luke Lang in the highway department.
- Hiring Shane Graser part-time at the transfer station.
- Appointing Chris Richards as ZBA deputy chairperson.
- Appointing Bill Gourley as a ZBA member.

- Purchase of a new sewer billing program from Williamson Law.
- A transfer of \$7,961 for software startup costs.
- Acceptance of a \$48,500 state grant to study a third sewer district along Lake George.
- Replacement of water pressure tanks at the community center for \$5,762.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

- Residents praised the beach cleanup.
- Concerns were raised about safety at a local waterfall and about erosion along Hague Brook.
- The board entered executive session at 8 pm and reconvened at 8:17 pm.
- The next meeting of the Hague Town Board will be September 9, 2025 at 6 pm.

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WELLBEING WEEKEND AT SILVER BAY YMCA

Silver Bay YMCA invites the community to take part in its upcoming Wellbeing Weekend **September 14 -16, 2025**. It is a program designed to encourage relaxation, renewal, and connection. Set against the peaceful backdrop of the Adirondacks, the weekend will offer participants the opportunity to focus on physical, emotional, and spiritual well-being.

The schedule includes a variety of sessions led by expert instructors and supported by a welcoming community. Whether attending alone or with friends, guests will find space to reset, recharge, and leave feeling refreshed and inspired.

All are welcome to attend this restorative event. To register, call 518-543-8415. ▣

LGLC PROGRAM ABOUT BEAVERS

On **September 6, 2025, from 8:30 to 10:30 am**, the Lake George Land Conservancy (LGLC) will host *Beavers*, a Discovery Series program at Amy's Park in Bolton Landing.

Participants will enjoy a guided walk along the Yellow Trail to explore

beaver activity, observe a beaver pond and lodge, and create their own beaver dam model.

The program features an easy, one-mile round-trip hike and is free.

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

STORMWATER MITIGATION GRANTS FROM THE LGA

The Lake George Association (LGA) has announced a grant program to support homeowners and businesses who undertake projects to reduce stormwater runoff and keep pollutants out of the lake. Stormwater runoff has been identified as one of the key threats to Lake George water quality. Heavy storms increase the runoff, which carries high levels of phosphorus and other pollutants into the lake. These nutrients can degrade drinking water, create low oxygen "dead zones" where aquatic life cannot survive, and fuel harmful toxic algal blooms.

LGA Stormwater Grants of up to \$10,000 each will be awarded on a rolling basis until funding is depleted. Applications are evaluated on both environmental and financial need. Click [HERE](#) for full details and application instructions. ▣

LGA PUBLISHES ANNUAL REPORT

In its recently published 2024 Annual Report, the Lake George Association (LGA) highlighted its investment of more than \$338,000 in projects aimed at preventing invasive species, reducing road salt use, upgrading failing septic systems, and keeping sediment and nutrients out of the lake.

The report also details key lake health trends identified through the Jefferson Project's long-term monitoring.

The Jefferson Project's network of real-time sensors, weather stations, tributary monitoring sites, and vertical profilers now collects over 250 million data points each year.

This wealth of data provides a clearer understanding of the challenges facing the lake's ecosystem and enables the LGA to take targeted actions using a science-to-solutions approach.

The full annual report is available [HERE](#). ▣

CAVE MERCHANDISE STILL FOR SALE

The Hague Historical Society (HHS) still has Cave merchandise for sale at the community center. The T-shirts, which had sold out, were reordered and are available once again. In addition, koozies and glasses are still available.

These items make excellent gifts.

The T-shirts are \$25 each, glasses are \$10 each, and koozies are \$5 each. ▣



LGLC HUNTING PERMITS

Applications to hunt on select Lake George Land Conservancy (LGLC) lands may be [submitted online HERE](#) from now until **September 14, 2025**. For complete rules for hunting on LGLC lands and the online application, visit [LGLC.org/hunting HERE](#).

The LGLC allows deer hunting on some of its preserves as part of an overall effort to maintain healthy lands.

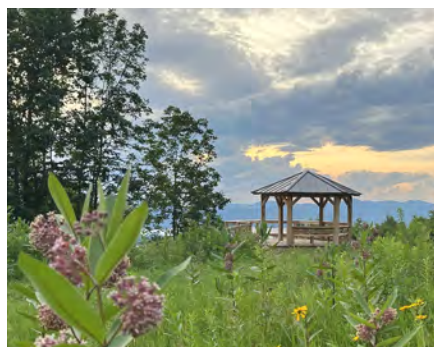
An overabundance of deer can harm the health of the herd and prevent forest regrowth. ▣

NEW GAZEBO AT SCHUMANN PRESERVE

The Lake George Land Conservancy (LGLC) hosted a ribbon cutting on July 29, 2025 to celebrate the new Teresa M. and George E. Lawrence Memorial Gazebo at the Schumann Preserve at Pilot Knob in Fort Ann.

The original gazebo, built after the LGLC purchased the preserve in 2000, welcomed tens of thousands of hikers but had deteriorated beyond repair. With support from the Lawrence family and other generous donors, the structure was fully replaced this spring by Tahawus Trails, along with trail upgrades leading to the site. The new gazebo mirrors the original's design while improving safety and durability.

The Lawrence family, whose Lake George vacations began in the 1960s and often included hikes to the preserve, spoke of their deep ties to the site. Daughter Loretta Lawrence Keane said the dedication honors "the lifetime of memories our mother and father created for their family and friends." ▣



TOP: Photo courtesy of Janice Prichett;
BOTTOM: Photo courtesy of Monica Dore

LGLC 2025 LAND CAMPAIGN COMPLETED

The Lake George Land Conservancy (LGLC) purchased 517 acres of Pilot Knob Mountain on Tuesday, July 29, 2025, marking a pivotal moment in the LGLC's \$9 million 2025 Land Campaign.

The \$3.8 million purchase includes a densely forested mountainside and Pilot Knob's 2,159-foot summit and ridgeline.

With 1.6 miles of streams that ultimately flow into Kattskill Bay, this land is incredibly important for protecting the water quality of Lake George.

The permanent protection of Pilot Knob Mountain was a keystone project in the LGLC's 2025 Land Campaign, which was completed in record time.

In addition to Pilot Knob Mountain, the campaign also included the protection of more than 700 acres in the Indian Brook and Northwest Bay area of Bolton.

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. ▣

LGLC HOSTS AMY'S RACE FOR THE LAKE

The Lake George Land Conservancy (LGLC) invites runners to participate in a trail race on **Saturday, October 4, 2025**. Participants may choose between a 4.5-mile course or a 10-mile route, both featuring forested trails, single-track sections, climbs, and scenic views. Following the race, runners are welcome to gather at the After Party hosted by Bolton Landing Brewing Company.

Proceeds from the event will support LGLC's land protection projects, sustainable trail development, and efforts to expand outdoor access in the Lake George region. Click [HERE](#) for more information. ▣

REDUCING ROAD SALT IN LAKE GEORGE

by Ginger Henry Kuenzel

While we're still enjoying the amazing warm days of late summer and early fall, it's not too early to start thinking about the coming winter and what we all can do to reduce the amount of salt being used on roads and driveways – which eventually runs into Lake George. The Lake George Association (LGA) has identified road salt as one of the major threats to Lake George's legendary water quality. The others are invasive species, nutrient pollution, Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs), and climate change.

Whether the salt is put on roads by the state and municipalities or on our walks and driveways by individuals, it ends up in our groundwater, wells, streams, and the lake. The good news is that many municipalities, including Hague, have been very successful in reducing their use of road salt, while still ensuring safe roads. In fact, working in tandem with scientists from the LGA and industry experts, Hague has cut its use of road salt by well more than 50 percent. *The Hague Chronicle* has reported extensively on this in the past. If you google "Hague NY road salt reduction," you'll also find several other media articles about how our town is a leader in this effort.

Learn what you can do to reduce the use of salt on your property [HERE](#).

Continuing its commitment to working together with its partners, the LGA will hold its 10th Annual Salt Summit at the Fort William Henry Hotel & Conference Center in Lake George on **Wednesday, September 24, 2025 from 7:30 am to 3 pm**. The free event includes speakers, presentations, live demos, and panel discussion with experts in the field, municipal leaders, politicians, and vendors dedicated to the reduction of winter road salt use.

Listen to a podcast with Lake George Waterkeeper Chris Navitsky about the risks posed by road salt entering the lake. Click on Episode 5 on the [podcast page HERE](#). ▢



LGPC RECREATION SURVEY

The Lake George Park Commission (LGPC) is inviting the public to participate in a short, confidential survey about their experiences on the lake.

The survey asks questions such as whether favorite bays feel too congested, if boater behavior seems out of control, and whether marine patrols are doing enough.

Responses will help guide decisions on public safety, resource protection, and regulatory programs in the Lake George Park. The survey will remain open until **September 15, 2025**.

Click [HERE](#) to take the survey. ▢

HAGUE CHRONICLE NEWS:

The Hague Chronicle is happy to publish announcements of births, marriages, graduations, anniversaries of 50/55/60/65+, awards, or deaths.

We will include a high quality photo for publication in Soundings.

Please send information and photos to editor@thehaguechronicle.org.

SUBMISSION DEADLINES:

All articles must be submitted by 6 pm the 20th of each month, for inclusion in the following month's issue. Send to editor@thehaguechronicle.org.

LOOKING BACK

by Hague Historical Society Board Members
Shelly Gautreau and Nancy Young



The Hague Chronicle (Excerpts) September 1975

Hague 1830–1855

The earliest federal census on file in the Warren County Clerk's office covered the year 1830. The state census of agriculture and industry taken in 1855 is also on file. From these censuses much of Hague's early history can be gleaned.

The population of Hague in 1830 was 720; 375 males and 345 females. Persons aged 20 and younger numbered 415; those over 20 numbered 305. There were only 21 "senior citizens", those 65 and older, about 3% of the population. This should be compared with 10.5% in 1950; 13.1% in 1960; and 14.6% in 1970. There were 117 families averaging about 6 persons per family.

The census listed on one page "white people" and on the other "slaves and free colored persons".

The census of 1855 came in two parts – the regular census which listed the 615 people now residing in Hague and the census of agriculture and industry. The latter listed 123 persons as farmers, 7 as school teachers, including three daughters of the McClanathan family, 10 coopers, 4 sawyers, 3 blacksmiths, 3 carpenters, and two men engaged in lumbering. There was a Baptist minister, a physician, a miller, a seamstress and a tailoress, and a millwright and a wheelwright. A hotel keeper, Charles Garfield, and a merchant, O.C. Baker rounded out the list.

There were 100 homes in the town – one brick owned by William Cook, one of "blocks" owned by John McClanathan, 12 of logs, and 86 were of frame construction.

The farms ranged in size from about 500 acres down to 8. The average size was 163 acres – 56 acres described as

"improved" and 107 as "unimproved". The value of the farms was stated to be \$48,711. or an average value of \$547 with an average value per acre including buildings of \$3.35. Farm stock was valued at \$23,000 for the entire town, an average of \$258 per farm. The average value of farm tools was \$60.

Principal farm crops were wheat, oats, corn and potatoes. The farms produced 6179 bushels of apples plus 78 barrels of cider, 997 pounds of maple sugar and 12 gallons of maple molasses, and 1056 pounds of honey and 54 pounds of beeswax. No wine was produced.

There were no shops, factories or mines in the town but five saw mills are listed with an output of 117,000 board feet of lumber produced in one year. The only power was water power.

Wages, exclusive of board, were from \$14 to \$26 a month.

Update – 50 years later

The first Federal Population Census was taken in 1790. (National Archives). In the census of 1980, the "senior citizens" percentage in Hague was 45%.

As of 2025, the population of Hague is at 635 persons; 581 of these are adults, which boasts a "senior citizen" count of 240 and a median age of 62.4 years. (Imagine – in 1830, those age 20 and younger numbered 415. In our timeline, that number is less than 60. So sad!)

The "World Population Review" puts the poverty rate in Hague at 11.8%.

"Bizapedia" lists 58 active registrations of companies in Hague, while the Hague, NY Business Directory lists 25.

There is so much information collected in a Federal and/or State Census, including ancestry. To access Federal and State census records, you can utilize online resources like FamilySearch.org and Ancestry.com, visit the National Archives (NARA), or go to your local library.

Try it, you may happen upon something of interest! ▣

TI ARTS

The Adirondack Pastel Society show will be from now **until September 13th.**

Ti Arts will host its annual *Petals and Paintings* event on **September 11, 12, and 13, 2025.** Participants are invited to create a flower arrangement inspired by a work of art, using elements such as line, color, composition, and mood.

Those wishing to take part may sign up at the gallery **by September 10th** during open hours, which are **Wednesday through Saturday, 10 am to 4 pm.** Participants may select a painting from the member room or from the Adirondack Pastel Society Show. After choosing, they will record their name, contact information, the title, and the artist's name on the sign-up sheet. Paintings already selected may not be chosen



LEFT: Pastel painting by Diane Leifheit; RIGHT: Art from the *Petals and Paintings* Show

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again and a photo of the artwork is recommended for reference.

Arrangements must be in watertight containers and delivered

Wednesday, September 10th, between 10 am and 4 pm. They may be picked up on **Saturday, September 13th, from 3 to 4 pm or on Wednesday, September 17th.**

The gallery will provide podiums, though participants may bring their own displays. Each arrangement should include a list of plant names for visitors' reference.

The opening reception with the artists for the Adirondack Harvest Plein Air Festival will be **Friday, September 19th from 5 - 7 pm,** with the show on **Saturday, September 20th from 10 am to 3 pm.**

The Annual Juried Show will run from **Thursday, September 25th through Saturday, October 18th,** with the opening reception on **Friday, September 26th from 5 through 7 pm.**

The gallery is located at 119 Montcalm St, Ticonderoga and is open from 10 to 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. ■

FORT SECURES THE ROBERT NITTOLO COLLECTION

Fort Ticonderoga has secured \$12 million in gifts and pledges to acquire the Robert Nittolo Collection, the most significant private collection of 18th-century militaria in North America. This milestone strengthens the fort's role as a leading resource on Colonial and Revolutionary War history.

The collection, nearly 3,000 objects assembled over decades, includes rare weapons, uniforms, equipment, and manuscripts — many never before seen by the public. Together they offer a vivid connection to the soldiers and civilians of the 17th and 18th centuries.

"This is transformative for Fort Ticonderoga," said Beth L. Hill, president and CEO. "The Nittolo Collection preserves irreplaceable artifacts and allows us to tell the story of our nation's founding in new ways."

The campaign drew wide donor support and is central to Fort Ticonderoga's plan to expand exhibitions, outreach, and preparations for the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution.

Select objects are already featured in the new exhibit *A Revolutionary Anthology*, with the full collection to be integrated into programming over the coming years. ■

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE FORT

Fort Ticonderoga is welcoming visitors with a wide range of fall activities designed for all ages. Highlights include the REAL TIME REVOLUTION™ living history programs, signature events, a six-acre corn maze, hands-on family adventures, and exclusive behind-the-scenes tours spread across the site's 2,000 acres.

The fort is open **Tuesday through Sunday from 9:30 am to 5 pm through October 26.** Admission tickets, available online or at the booth upon arrival, are valid for two consecutive days.



Those interested can click [HERE](#) to view the site map and plan their adventure at the fort. ■

MASON/STAR PUBLIC DINNER

A chicken and biscuits dinner, sponsored jointly by the members of Mount Defiance Lodge No. 794, F. & A.M., and Fort Ticonderoga Chapter No. 263, Order of the Eastern Star, will be open to the public on **Monday, September 22, 2025, from 4:30 to 6 pm** at the Ticonderoga Masonic Temple, 10 Montcalm Street, Ticonderoga (across from the Stone House). Take-outs will be available. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children 12 years old and under and will be available at the door. Parking will be along Montcalm Street and in the Hancock House parking lot. ■

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The Lake George Photo of the Week, courtesy of LakeGeorge.com. A breathtaking sunset over Indian Bay .

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CALENDAR

September 2025

SEPTEMBER

1	LABOR DAY <i>Town of Hague offices closed</i> September issue of <i>The Hague Chronicle</i> published	17	6 pm	TCSD BoE Meeting
1 – 13	ADK Pastel Society at Ti Arts	19	5 – 7 pm	Ti Arts ADK Harvest Plein Air Festival Opening Reception
4 6 pm	Hague Planning Board Mtg.	20	10 am – 3 pm	Ti Arts Plein Air Show
6 8:30 – 10:30 am	LGLC program on Beavers		6 pm	Deadline for the October issue of <i>The Hague Chronicle</i>
9 6 pm	Hague Town Board Mtg.	22	4:30 – 6 pm	Mason Star Dinner
11 – 13	Ti Arts Petals and Paintings	23	noon	Seniors Meeting
12 – 14	Silver Bay Mountain Music Festival	24	7:30 am – 3 pm	Tenth Annual Salt Summit
14 – 16	Wellbeing Weekend at Silver Bay	25 – October 18	6 pm	Ti Arts Annual Juried Show
14	Deadline for hunting permits			Hague Zoning Board of Appeals Mtg.
15	Deadline for LGPC Recreation Survey	26	5 – 7 pm	Opening Reception Ti Arts Annual Juried Show

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