

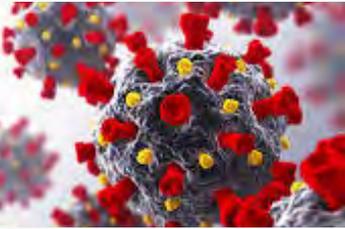


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COVID-19 UPDATE NUMBERS TO DATE



As of Jan 21, 2023:

Governor Hochul has announced the statewide indoor business mask-or-vaccine requirement has been lifted and is now optional for businesses, local governments, and counties to enforce.

LOCATION	CASES	DEATHS
Worldwide	669M	6.74M
US	102M	1.11M
NYS	6.67M	78,497
Warren County	18,690	152
Essex County	7,560	77

Sources:

— <https://www.statnews.com/2020/03/26/covid-19-tracker>

— Additional source statistics can be found [HERE](#) and [HERE](#)

Local resources during COVID-19:

Warren County Public Health –
518-761-6580

Mental Health Assistance –
518-792-7143

Domestic Violence Assistance –
518-793-9496

State COVID-19 Hotline –
1-888-364-3065

COMING SOON: MANDATORY SEPTIC INSPECTIONS FOR PROPERTY OWNERS

by Ginger Henry Kuenzel

As noted in previous issues of *The Hague Chronicle*, the Lake George Park Commission (LGPC) is implementing a recurring (every five years) septic system inspection program for properties within 500 feet of the lake's shoreline and 100 feet from streams feeding the lake, an area considered the critical environmental area (CEA). If a system is found to have issues, the property owner will be given time to correct or upgrade the system as needed. The annual fee for residential property owners in the inspection area is \$50 per year, which will cover most of the cost of the program. Commercial property owners will pay \$100 per year.

The LGPC has identified 290 parcels in Hague that are within the CEA and will thus require inspections. One-fifth of these properties (58) will be inspected in 2023, and another one-fifth in each succeeding year. Property owners whose property is scheduled to be inspected in 2023 will receive a letter with details about the process. They will need to schedule a pumpout of their system by a septic hauler and inform the LGPC of the date so they can conduct the inspection at the same time as the pumpout. If a system is found to have broken components or if simple corrections are needed, most septic haulers have the ability to make those repairs relatively quickly. Systems with larger issues, such as failing infiltration beds, will require additional attention. In the case of major septic system upgrades, an engineer is required along with approval by the town.

If you have an older system that you think is in need of replacement, you may be eligible for state funds to help with the costs under a program being administered by the counties. More information, including whom to contact, is available [HERE](#).

SENIORS OF THE YEAR

by Judy Stock

Art and Joan Steitz were presented with the 2022 Hague Senior of the Year Award at the annual holiday dinner of the Hague Senior Club. According to Senior Club President Pat Hintze, "Art and Joan are a staple of our community. They deserve this award for all they have done for our town and its residents."



Art and Joan became well known in the community in 1979 as owners of The Hague Market, which they ran for nearly 20 years. Art was already familiar with Hague, having hunted on the DeLarm farm as a young man. He has also been a member of the Hague Snowmobile Club, now the Sno-goers, for over 60 years.

Art and Joan have been active members of the Hague Senior Club. Joan has been one of the main designers of the award-winning senior club floats at the Hague

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SENIOR CLUB NEWS

by Pat Hintze

The Senior Club is up and running for the New Year. We had our International Dinner on January 28, 2023.

On February 2nd, we'll have Game Night at my house at 6:30 pm. On February 4th, we'll be heading to the Saranac Lake Winter Carnival and the Ice Castle where we'll watch the lighting and fireworks display. If you're interested, please contact me as it gets closer to check for final information or



to sign up if you didn't sign up at the January meeting.

On February 16th, we'll be having Soup and Sandwiches at the Hague Fire Department at 4:30 pm.

Our regular meeting will be on the 28th at the Hague Fire Department at 1:30 pm. It will be Crazy Hat Day and Baked Potato Day, so bring a topping or a dessert to share.

Please sign up for all events you are interested in at that meeting. If you're unable to make the meeting, contact me to sign up. ▣

HVFD

by Macie Peer

For the month of December, we had 18 fire calls and drills and four EMS calls using 175 volunteer hours. Our total for 2022 was 216 fire calls and drills and 104 EMS calls, using 2,632.5 volunteer hours.



The Hague Volunteer Fire Department will be hosting a Firemen's Breakfast on February 18, 2023 from 9 - 11 am at the firehouse at 4 West Hague Road. The fee is \$12 for adults and \$8 for children under 12. All proceeds will go toward a new fire truck.

On February 19th, we will have our annual Chili Cook-off from 3 - 8 pm, also at the firehouse. There is a \$15 entry fee. All proceeds will go toward the Vermont Children's Hospital in honor of Katy Wells. If you would like to compete in the cook-off, please have your chili at the firehouse at 1 pm. The top three winners will be selected and prizes will be awarded.

During the cook-off, we'll be serving cheeseburgers and French fries for \$10 and hotdogs and French fries for \$6.

The Hague Chronicle would like to thank Meg Haskell for her many years of reporting the news of the Hague Fire Department. Welcome aboard, Macie! ▣

HAGUE FISHING TOURNAMENT RETURNS

The Hague Fish & Game Club will hold its annual fishing tournament February 25 and 26, 2023. It will be hosted by the Hague Fish & Game Club, the Town of Hague, and the Ticonderoga Area Chamber of Commerce.

It will be held in all public Essex and Warren County waters.

The entry fee for fishermen ages 16 and up is \$40 for both days. Those under 16 are free.

There will be a 75% payout for adult registration. Junior prizes will be donated from local merchants.

The categories are: lake trout, perch, salmon, and pike.

Participants can pre-register at: The Silver Bay General Store in Silver Bay, Norm's Bait & Tackle in Crown Point, FMB Bait Shop in Port Henry, Fish 307 in Lake George, and Crossroads General Store in Chestertown.

Weigh stations Saturday from 8 am - 3 pm will be at the Hague Fish & Game Clubhouse in Hague, Crossroads Country Store, and Norm's Bait & Tackle.

On Sunday from 8 am - 3 pm sharp, the weigh station will be at the Hague Fish & Game Clubhouse, 488 West Hague Road. Awards will be handed out at 4 pm. ▣

INCOME TAX PREP

by Jan and Bob Whitaker

It's that time of year when many of your neighbors are training for the upcoming tax season. Our local Hague AARP TaxAide team will prepare your federal and state income tax returns, free of charge to you.

Once you have received your Social Security benefits for Tax Year 2022, along with W2 (if you are employed) and your interest, dividend, and pension statements, call the Hague Community Center at 518-543-6161 to schedule your appointment.

We'll start preparing returns Thursday, February 2, 2023. We'll prepare returns on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 9 am to 3 pm until Thursday, April 13, 2023. We look forward to seeing you! ▣



MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

Maureen Cherubini will be organizing the Hague Memorial Day Parade again this year. If you are interested in helping or marching, please call her at 518-543-6463. ▣



2022 HAGUE MEMORY TREE

Hague's Memory Tree was launched in 1988 in memory of Dale W. Frasier, who passed away on Fathers' Day 1987. The goals of the Memory Tree were to keep Dale's spirit alive and to support the Hague Ambulance Squad.

In the past 34 years, the event has raised thousands of dollars through one-dollar (or higher) donations that people have made. Here are the names of the people remembered this year:

Achey, Jamie	Craig, Bruce	Frazier, Valeda	LePage, Lee	Santaniello, Sierra Rose
Alkema, Peggy	Cronan, Cory	Frazier, William	Lindsay, Jean	Santaniello, Silvio
Balcom, James A	Cummings, Irv	Fricke, Laura Robbins	Lindquist, Evert & Georgina	Santaniello, Jasper
Balcom, Olive P	Cummings, Nelly	Galarnea, Thomasina	Lopes, Carol	Schoolcraft, Phillip T
Balcom, Ralph	Cunningham, Catherine (baby)	Gautreau, Theresa M.	Luyster, Dorothy	Scott, Leroy
Balcom, Cassie	Darrin, Peggy	Gautreau, Erene T.	Luyster, Al	Scott, Sara
Balcom, Harvey T	Davis, Kathy Palone	Gautreau, Evelyn M	Luyster, Wendy	Sherman, Mary May
Barnaby, Andrew N. Jr & Marge	DeCarlo, Phyllis & Tony	Girard, James	Lyon, Marge	Simmons, Arthur
Barnaby Family, Andrew N. Sr.	Denno, Bernard "Buck" & Anna Robbins	Graser, Ron	Maki, Gerry	Skahan, Donald R.
Barnes, Don	Denno, Joseph J	Guerrieri, Patrick	Marapoti, Barbara	Skahan, Elizabeth C
Barnett, "Spike"	Denno, Marie (Murray)	Guerrieri, Robert	Marcy, Don (Duck)	Smith, Unde Jim
Barnett, Ruth & Spike	Denno, Marie (Murray)	Guerrieri, Grace	Masten, Wes & Anita	Smith, Rick the "Bud Man"
Bednell, Mary	Denno, Barbara (Tyler)	Guerrieri, Patsy	Matarazzo, Mary	Smith, Tom
Beaty, James	Denno, Robert A.	Hanley, Thomas	Mathews, Daddy Bill	Sorcinielli, Rose
Beaty, Janet "Nootsie"	Denno, Mabel Rock	Hanson, Tom	Mathews, Mammaw	Spath, Korinna Rockwell
Beaty, Julia	Denno, Ralph H	Hargett, Mark	McCormick, Rose Belden	Stacy, Genavive
Beekley, Bobby	Denno, James R	Henry, Dottie & Jack	McCoy, Beatrice Denno	Stacy, Carlton
Bennett, Della Robbins	Denno, Nicholas (baby)	Henry, Wren	Megow, Linda Fish	Stacy, Carl
Bernard, Alfreda Gautreau	Densmore, Floyd & Betty	Henry, William L	Middleton, Leonard	Stacy, Joe
Bevins, Dorothy A & Steven A.	Denton, George & Martha	Henry, Leona	Middleton, Aaron	Stacy, Vic & Judy
Bevins, Stephen J	Dhein, Delmar	Hill, Pauline Robbins	Middleton, Alvin	Stormer, Carol
Bevins, Ernest & Elizabeth	Diskin, Adolph N	Hintze, Ron	Middleton, Emma	Stormer, Richard Sr.
Bevins, Maud	Dolbeck, Merrill W	Hirakawa, George & Dorothy	Middleton, Scotty	Stormer, Richard Jr.
Bevins, Morris	Dunsmore, Jack	Hoffay, Janet	Middleton, Beatrice "Midge"	Stormer, Michael
Bevins, Frank	Dunsmore, Sue	Hostig, Greg	Denno	Stratton, Leona Robbins
Bevins, Thor (Bud) & Doris	Elethorpe, Nathan	Hudak, Beverly	Middleton, Julia	Strum, Norman
Bolton, R. J.	Elethorpe, Anna	Hudler, George & Marion	Middleton, Linda	Swinyer, Clarence & Dolly
Bolton, Dick & Penny	Elethorpe, Asel	Hudler, Gloria	Middleton, Walter "Shorty"	Tilton, Edna Robbins
Bolton, Doris	Elethorpe, Myra	Hudler, Ron	Moore, Gerald	Tomczak, Jennifer Mury
Bolton, Earl R	Elethorpe, Cecil	James, Tom	Morehouse, Karl	Trudeau, Ernest Sr.
Bolton, Elizabeth	Elethorpe, Elwin	Johnson, Louis & Bessie	Morin, Mary Hoffay	Trudeau, Sandra
Bonestell, Sara & Sherm	Elethorpe, Norman	Jordon, "Mam" & "Pap"	Mosca, Nicholas A. (baby)	Trudeau Family, Clifford
Braisted, John & Betty	Elethorpe, Earl	Jordon, Margaret	Moses, Grand Ma	Tucker, Jan
Braisted, Jody Lambert	Elethorpe, Gladys	Jordon, Charles	Mury, Ray	Tucker, Mary Elethorpe
Brink Family	Fish, Herm	Jordon, Curt	Nadeau, Meagan	Ursell, Betty Scott
Broderick, Father Rich	Futzgerald, Jane	Kennedy, "Dolly"	Nestor, Juanita Robbins	Van Kleeck, Bud & June
Bryant, Bob & Shirley	Foote, Charlie	Kihss, Peter & Alice	Nielson, Margaret & Fred	Van Kleeck, William & Anna
Burgess, Arlene	Foote, Mary (Maggie)	Kihss, Wendy	Ornmsby, Elizabeth Elethorpe	Van Kleeck, Marian
Burgess, Lee	Forgette, Pat	Krueger, Alberta & Richard H	Ostrander, Irene	Van Kleeck, Hatch
Butler, Edna Middleton	Forgette, Roland	Kuebler, Richard	Patchett, Lynn & Bob	Van Kleeck, Ray & Edna
Calden, Irene Arsenault	Frasier, Clifford & Mary	Kuebler, Kay	Pendarvi, Makeisha Hoffay	Van Kleeck, Dr. William J.
Caldera, Bob	Frasier, Mitchel & Imogene	Lambert, Florence "Topsy"	Perkins, Jackie	Vickerson, Hank & Lucille
Caldera, Kay	Frasier, Dale	Lambert, Beach	Peters, Duke	Vickerson, John & Julie
Cassidy, Edward F.	Frasier, Donald	Lambert, Alice	Peters, Gertrude	Vradenburg, Billie Jo
Cherubini, Michael F	Frasier, Christopher Lee	Lambert, Harold	Pomponio, Camille Santaniello	Watson, Ray "Skip"
Cherubini, Mario	Frasier, Slip & Gerldine	Lambert, Betty	Rathbun, Alyce Bennett	WAZ
Cherubini, Jack	Frasier, Clinton	Lambert, John	Robbins, Bertha Spaulding	Wells, Katy
Clark, Bruce	Frasier, Veril & Carl	LaPoint, John	Robbins, Paul	West, Marguerite
Coffin, Linda	Frasier, Stanley	Laundree, Michael	Robbins, Benajah M.	Whisher, Bradley E.
Coffin, Mike	Frasier, Janice	Laundree, Michelle	Robbins, Ernest	Whitaker, Jimmy
Corscaden, James	Frasier, Beatrice Robbins	Laundree, Jason	Rypkema, Judy Hoffay	Whitaker, Ed & Eva
Costello, John "Bgood"	Frasier, Lee & Alice Family	Laundree, Doug	Santaniello, Ally	Withrow, Pryce R
Costello, John M	Frasier, Kenny	Laundree, Raymond & Marjorie	Santaniello, Sal	Woody, Jack & Ruth Hudler
Costello, Lucille	Frasier, Juston	LaVallee, Clara & Victor	Santaniello, Ted & Lucy	Zeyak, Doug

PLANNING BOARD - 1/5/2023

Due to a lack of agenda items, the Planning Board meeting scheduled for January 5, 2023 was canceled. ❑

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - 1/27/2023

The Zoning Board of Appeals meeting scheduled for January 27, 2023 was canceled. ❑

TOWN BOARD - 1/10/2023

Present were Supervisor Edna Frasier, Council members Steve Ramant, Jack Bast, Joshua Patchett, and Maureen Cherubini.

Also present were Deputy Highway Superintendent Matt Coffin, Richard Trudeau from Trudeau Engineering, Zoom Moderator Ginger Henry Kuenzel, Barbara Trainor, Linda Mury, Karen and Leo Lucas, Peggy and Mike Kowalsky, and David Martucci.

A moment of silence was held for Jim Modestino.

PUBLIC HEARING

Weisgerber septic variance (Sec.12.14, block 1, lot 5) VAR SEP 14-22 & VAR SEP 15-22

The applicant is seeking a variance for a replacement of the on-site wastewater treatment system. The proposal will upgrade an existing system to accommodate the replacement of a failed steel tank with an NSF 40 Class 1 Certified Treatment Unit at 450 GPD and new infiltrator absorption field.

The applicant is also seeking a variance to allow the existing field to be installed within 100' (69' to the neighbor's well) of the well setback requirement. The wastewater distribution box is proposed to be approximately 18' from the dwelling crawl space and is down gradient.

Richard Trudeau from Trudeau Engineering stated that the property owner's current septic system is old and is showing evidence of failure. Trudeau explained how the new system and UV system work. He reviewed the letter from Cedarwood dated January 4, 2023, stating that Cedarwood's recommendations have already been addressed and that he feels their letter was written before Cedarwood had a chance to review the second set of plans. He will contact Cedarwood to review the letter with them.

He confirmed the home is a seasonal use home.

Via Zoom, Ginger Henry Kuenzel asked that the town board look into means to make sure that septic inspections are completed throughout the town as needed. Frasier stated the town will continue to work with the Sewer Advisory Committee to address the issues.

Both variances were unanimously approved.

REGULAR COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Administrative/Assessor/Justice: The Assessor's Office is continuing to work with Maxwell Appraisal Service and is waiting for the state's responses, with hopes to have the revaluation completed soon.

Highway: Matt Coffin reported that the town received a lot of damage from the last storm and there are still trees that need to be removed from lines around town. He also stated the the highway crew found two culverts that are washed out causing the road to be impassable. It will remain closed until Wardsboro Road can be repaired.

Ramant said Spectrum told him they will not clear the trees from their lines. The Town of Hague Highway Department is not permitted to clear lines that produce power, so Ramant contacted the state to ask them to do so. The state has cleared some lines in town.

Planning/Zoning/Stormwater: Frasier reviewed the Zoning Board report.

Town Park/Beautification: Ramant reported that music and food trucks are in place for this summer. He will be working on the employee schedule for the visitor center and boat launch in the upcoming month.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Dry hydrant at McCoy Road: After some discussion, Frasier tabled the dry hydrant placement until more research can be done to find the best location.

NEW BUSINESS

1. A resolution was passed to change the time interval for payment to the Safety Officer and the Deputy Supervisor from monthly to semi-annually.

2. The board approved a motion to hire Matthew Magee as full-time Zoning Enforcement Officer (ZEO) with the following stipulations:

- Starting 01/01/2023, Magee will become a Hague employee.
- His services will be provided by Hague to Horicon on a shared basis until such time that he can be replaced at Horicon.
- Magee's employment will include health benefit coverage, paid holidays, eight days of personal time, and two weeks of vacation time. These expenses are included in the 2023 Budget.
- Magee's full-time 2023 Hague salary will be \$58,800.
- Until shared services end with Horicon, his Hague salary will be \$29,400.
- Cathy Clark will continue to serve as ZEO as long as needed and then will fill the Zoning Clerk position.

3. Martucci stated that the Impact Statement regarding the reevaluation is not ready. He plans to attend the town board meeting on February 14, 2023 with more information. ❑

TICONDEROGA RECEIVES \$10 MILLION FOR DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION

Ticonderoga will receive \$10 million in funding as part of New York State's Downtown Revitalization Initiative. The state announced in late January that Ticonderoga is this year's winner for the North Country, one of ten economic development regions in the state. A Local Planning Committee made up of municipal representatives, community leaders, and other stakeholders will lead the effort to develop a Strategic Investment Plan for Ticonderoga's downtown revitalization. The committee will be supported by a team of private sector experts and state planners. The Downtown Revitalization Initiative was created by New York State in 2016 to accelerate and expand the revitalization of downtowns and neighborhoods in all ten regions of the state. For more information, click [HERE](#). ❑

2022 AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES PREVENTION REPORT

by Ginger Henry Kuenzel

The Lake George Park Commission's (LGPC) mandatory boat inspection program, which has been in force since 2014, is successfully helping to keep invasive species out of Lake George. According to the LGPC's recently released Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Prevention report, no new aquatic invasive species have been discovered in Lake George since the program was implemented.

The inspection program, originally created in response to two new invasive species – Asian clam in 2010 and spiny water flea in 2012 – is operated and administered by the LGPC. Of the more than 250,000 boats inspected over the past nine years, 1,200 had invasive species on them. The good news is that all these boats were stopped prior to launch into Lake George and decontaminated – at no cost to the boats' owners, thanks to an extraordinary alliance between State and local partners, who fund 100 percent of the cost of the program.



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SENIORS OF THE YEAR, CONTINUED

Memorial Day parade. Together they have decorated the senior parade stand for years.

Joan has planted, watered, and kept the arrangements beautiful in the large flower pots next to the Hague Baptist Church.

Art has served on both the Hague Zoning Board and the Hague Town Board. He is also well known as an electrical inspector in a six-county area.

They were also active members of the Hague Chamber of Commerce and Joan worked at the Hague Café.

The Steitz's purchased their current home in 1980. The downtown area of Hague is brightened by their delightfully-decorated home and antique shop on Hague Brook. During the summer, their lovely garden is admired by all. ❑

EMERALD ASH BORER THREATENS TREES IN OUR AREA

As you walk through the woods or relax in the shade of trees, there could be a lot more to see than just their quiet beauty. For the past few years, our trees have been under attack by sponge (or gypsy) moths and the [hemlock woolly adelgid](#). Now property owners and residents are being warned to keep an eye out for [emerald ash borers](#) (EAB) on their ash trees. Infestations of this invasive insect were found in 2020 along the Schroon River in Chestertown and Warrensburg, and more recently in Queensbury and Lake George. Jim Lieberum, Warren County Soil & Water Conservation District Manager (WCSWCD), noted that EAB kill ash trees within two to four years of infestation. "Landowners can treat their ash trees to try to prevent EAB from damaging them, but it has to be done quickly before EAB begin to severely damage a tree," he said.



Learn more [HERE](#) about how to identify EAB and signs of damage as well as what to do if you find EAB. WCSWCD staff can be reached at 518-623-3119 if you have questions. ❑

ORAL ARGUMENTS SCHEDULED IN PROCELLACOR CASE

New York State Supreme Court Justice Robert Muller has announced that he will hear oral arguments on February 17, 2023 on the question of whether the Adirondack Park Agency (APA) followed proper procedures and legal requirements in granting a permit last year to the Lake George Park Commission (LGPC) to apply the herbicide ProcellaCOR in Lake George at two sites.

Background: In June of 2022, Judge Muller issued a temporary restraining order against the use of ProcellaCOR. The LGA, joined by the Lake George Waterkeeper, the Town of Hague and a private citizen whose property abuts one of the proposed application sites, had requested this injunction. Judge Muller will now hear oral arguments on the merits, in other words on whether the APA was remiss in not holding a hearing before granting the permit, following statutory requirements regarding wetlands protection and prior agency precedent. The Adirondack Council, which supports the LGA's position, has now also signed onto the case as a friend of the court.

The need for an APA hearing: APA's own regulations set forth specific criteria to be employed in determining whether a hearing should be conducted. One criterion is "the degree of public interest in the project, as evidenced by communication from the general public, governmental officials or private organizations."

This criterion has most certainly been met: More than 4,550 people have signed a petition asking the LGPC to defer its use of the herbicide until more research can be carried out showing the effects of ProcellaCOR on Lake George. Furthermore, before voting to approve the LGPC's permit, the APA received 325 letters from the public, 300 of which (more than 90%) opposed the use of the toxic chemical in Lake George at this time. Additional criteria that trigger the need for a hearing include the possibility that "information presented at a public hearing would be of assistance to the agency in its review" and "the presence of significant issues relating to the criteria for approval of the project." The litigation papers demonstrate that these criteria, among others, were met and that the APA should have scheduled public hearings. There are numerous scientists and other subject matter

experts – as well as property owners on lakes where ProcellaCOR has been applied – who can present testimony that could be of assistance to the APA in reviewing this permit application should the LGPC reapply in 2023, which is highly likely to be the case.

Presentation of oral arguments open to public: The February 17 presentation of oral arguments by the LGA and the State is open to the public. It will be held at 10 am at the Warren County Court House, located in the Warren County Municipal Center on Route 9. We will keep you updated on Judge Muller's decision. ❑

The Hague Chronicle is happy to publish announcements of births, marriages, graduations, anniversaries of 50/55/60/65+, awards, or deaths. We will now include a high quality photo for publication in Soundings. Please send to editor@thehaguechronicle.org.

LGLC EXCEEDS ITS \$300,000 CHALLENGE FOR THE FUTURE OF LAKE GEORGE

For the second time, the Lake George Land Conservancy (LGLC) has exceeded the \$300,000 *Challenge for the Future of Lake George* presented by Manning and Virginia Rowan Smith of Silver Bay, thanks to 35 individuals who pledged to provide support to the LGLC in their estate planning. As a result, the Smiths have donated \$300,000 to the Virginia Rowan Smith Endowment Fund, which provides annual support for important land conservation projects in the watershed.

The Challenge was presented to encourage those who support the protection of Lake George to join

LGLC's Land and Water Society through a pledge of planned giving. The LGLC's legacy giving program has grown to 154 members.

The Land and Water Society celebrates those who include the LGLC in their estate planning. It can be through a simple bequest, by naming the LGLC as a beneficiary in a life insurance policy or retirement fund, or one of many other options available. The gift can be large or small, and its benefits will continue long after one's lifetime. Showing the true versatility of estate planning, two of the pledges received for this Challenge were in the form of land to be held for permanent conservation.

"We are incredibly honored that each Land and Water Society member believes in our mission deeply enough

to include us in their estate planning," said LGLC Executive Director Michael Horn. "Many thanks to Ginny and Manning for providing this matching challenge. Through their foresight and encouragement, they have significantly bolstered the LGLC's long-term success."

Virginia Rowan Smith is a member of the LGLC's Advisory Board, a director emeritus, and a champion of the LGLC's legacy giving program. The Smiths presented their first challenge in 2020, which ultimately exceeded their offer and resulted in a total of \$406,000 in matching funds for the LGLC's Virginia Rowan Smith Endowment Fund, income from which provides annual support for important land acquisition projects in the watershed that protect the water quality of Lake George. ❑

BECOME PART OF THE LAKE ICE OBSERVATION NETWORK

The Adirondack Watershed Institute is calling on ice fishermen, skaters, and walkers, as well as people who live near a lake or pond in the North Country, to help gather data on the duration and extent of ice cover on these bodies of water. People in the lake ice observation network will make simple observations indicating whether a lake or pond has no ice cover, is partially covered, mostly covered, or completely covered. These observations help scientists understand the timing of the onset, duration, and loss of ice each year. You can submit regular observations throughout the winter, not just on the first and last days of ice cover each year. Any data, no matter the time of year, helps advance researchers' understanding of how lake ice changes. Learn more [HERE](#). ❏

SILVER BAY WINTER WEEKEND

February 17 – 20, 2023 will be Silver Bay Winter Weekend. On Friday from 7 – 9 pm, there will be sledding and S'mores on Collins Lawn. For guests who are 21 years and older, there will be a Paint-n-Sip from 7 – 9 pm at the William Boyd Center Board Room. The cost is \$10 per person and \$5 for drinks (beer, wine, or cider).

On Saturday, there will be a good old-fashioned broom ball game at the ice rink from 10 – 11:30 am. At the same time, there will be indoor arts and crafts for children and adults at Gullen Lounge. Projects will be easy winter hats, scarves, and patches on the hat loom. A micro disc golf tournament will be held from 1 – 2:30 pm. Those interested should meet in front of the Collins Equipment Center. From 3 – 4 pm, folks can try their hand at cookie decorating in the William Boyd Center Board Room.

There will be an ice carving demonstration on the WBC screen porch from 7 – 9 pm. To round out the day, there will be a community concert by Uncle Juan's Band from 7 – 10 pm at the William Boyd Center Dining Hall. The fee is \$5 at the door for non-members and a cash bar of beer, wine, and cider along with snacks will be available.

On Sunday, there will be an Ecumenical service for all in the chapel. From 1:30 – 3 pm, in the South Field, there will be a snow sculpture competition and prizes will be awarded.

From 4 – 5 pm, a real mermaid will have story time in the library just off Gullen Lounge. The weekend will wrap up with a giant horseracing board game with prizes and fun for the whole family in the Gullen Lounge. ❏

DAVIS HONORED FOR 50 YEARS OF SERVICE

At a recent Christmas dinner, Steve Davis was honored by Alice Patchett for his 50 years of service to Trout House Resort.

Steve is a lifelong resident of Hague and has built and renovated many of the homes in and around Hague over his career.

"Steve has poured out his heart and soul into building and renovating the resort," said Patchett. Steve's dedication to his trade of master carpenter and cabinet maker is a testament to his pride and passion of his life's calling.

Patchett added, "We wish Steve and his lovely wife Collette godspeed, as he struggles with a serious heart diagnosis. Well-wishers can send him a note at 29 Lakeshore Terrace." ❏



SILVER BAY HAPPENINGS

Generous donations will allow Silver Bay to add four outdoor Pickleball courts, resurface their hard tennis courts, and resurface their basketball court.

Silver Bay has simplified their existing membership options and have added new options. For more information including rates, click [HERE](#) or email membership@silverbay.org.

The Federal Government has appropriated \$1,000,000 to Silver Bay, which will be used to add heating and air-conditioning to Fisher Gymnasium, making it a year-round space. This project will start after 2023.

Climbing Wall and Sledding Community Day

All are welcome (memberships not required) to come to Silver Bay on February 25, 2023 between 2 and 5 pm for climbing, sledding, and games. There will be free sledding in front of Fisher Gym and free games inside the gym. For \$5 per person, children four and over can climb on the climbing wall. Those under age 18 must have a waiver signed by a legal guardian. Fisher Lounge will be open for people to warm up and there will be outdoor fire pits set up near the sledding hill. Food, hot beverages, soda, soup, made-to-order sandwiches, and desserts will be available for sale.

February Movie Night

Enjoy a free movie night on Thursday, February 9th at 7 pm. *The Upside* from 2019, which is rated PG-13 will be shown. This is the plot: A recently-paroled ex-convict, Dell, strikes up an unusual and unlikely friendship with a quadriplegic billionaire, Philip Lacasse. From worlds apart, Dell and Philip form an unlikely bond, bridging their differences and gaining invaluable wisdom in the process, giving each man a renewed sense of passion for all of life's possibilities. The movie stars Kevin Hart, Bryan Cranston, and Nicole Kidman. Popcorn and fountain drinks will be available for sale. ❏

LAKE GEORGE LAND CONSERVANCY NEWS

The Lake George Land Conservancy (LGLC) will hold a NextGen Committee hearing on February 8, 5:30-6:30 pm, to plan its calendar for 2023. All are welcome. To register, click [HERE](#).

Are you interested in learning more about the invasive hemlock woolly adelgid and how to survey for infestations? Join the free zoom training on February 24, 10-11:30 am.

To register, click [HERE](#).

The LGLC is accepting applications for a paid summer internship position for 2023 to help the staff with summer programs. Help promote educational programs digitally and in print, work with volunteers including the NextGen Committee, network with fellow Lake George and regional organizations, and learn the inner workings of a land trust. Click [HERE for more information](#).



2022 AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES PREVENTION REPORT, CONTINUED

During the 2022 boating season, invasive species were found on 131 boats. These were primarily Eurasian watermilfoil, zebra mussels and water chestnut. Other very concerning invasives found during the inspections this year include quagga mussels, which could massively alter the lake's ecology if introduced and established.

Approximately 9.1 percent of boats receiving an inspection in year 2022 did not meet the "clean, drained, and dry" standard of the program and required decontamination prior to launch into Lake George. This is the lowest percentage of decontaminations required in any year since the program began. "This is encouraging," said LGPC Executive Director Dave Wick, "as boaters seem to be taking more care in ensuring that their vessels are clean prior to arriving in Lake George to launch."

Although there are no LGPC-certified inspectors at the Town of Hague launch, the town does have launch staff who check to ensure that trailered boats have been inspected. They also put a clip on every boat coming out of the lake at the launch. If the clip is intact at the time of the next launch, the boat does not need to be reinspected. In Hague, the closest inspection and decontamination station is at Roger's Rock State Park.

Learn more about the boat inspection program on Lake George and read the full report [HERE](#). 



View of Lake Champlain from Mount Defiance in Ticonderoga on Martin Luther King Day, courtesy of Sandy Powell.

HONORING THE LAND AT TI ARTS DOWNTOWN GALLERY

The land seems permanent and constant, yet the seasons, the weather and other factors exert their influence. Ti Arts Downtown Gallery will pay tribute to the majesty of our land with its Honoring the Land exhibit. It will be on display February 2 - 25, 2023, with an opening reception on February 3 from 5-7 pm. Artists, working in a variety of media, will showcase their visual interpretations of the land.

The March show is titled "Essence: Faces & Figures." It will feature universal faces and figures stripped down to elemental forms or abstractions. The show will run from March 2 - 25, 2023.

The Ti Arts Downtown Gallery is located on Montcalm Street in Ticonderoga. Visit Ti Arts [HERE](#). ▣

NORTH COUNTRY COMMUNITY COLLEGE'S NEW OFFERINGS

Aspiring teachers can get their start at North Country Community College by enrolling in a new Teaching Assistant certificate program. The one-year Teaching Assistant certificate – offered at the Ticonderoga campus as well as in Saranac Lake and Malone – was created to help fill a growing need for more teaching assistants in the region and the state.

In addition, the college will now offer its two-year Human Services and Child and Family Services degree programs online. This degree is for students who want to pursue a career as a counselor, care coordinator, or youth advocate. Click [HERE](#) for more information. ▣

TI'COUSTICS MUSIC SHOWS

Ti'coustics is a music show that provides a chance to enjoy good music and support your local musicians. It started in 2013 and has had 180 shows to date.

Shows are held on the first and third Thursday of each month from 7-9 pm (please note the time change). Each show is made up of several acts, featuring mostly guitars, with songs spanning a wide range of music genres. The musicians play for free. Voluntary donations from the audience go to local charities.

The next show will be on Thursday, February 2, from 7-9 PM at the Knights of Columbus hall at 103 Montcalm Street in downtown Ticonderoga. The K of C generously provides this venue free of charge.

If you want to receive email notices of the shows, please contact Lance Clark at lanceclark49@gmail.com. And if you are a musician interested in playing in Ti'coustics, please contact Roberta Whiteley at rsw57@nycap.rr.com.

We hope you'll come out and join us – either in the audience or as a musician. ▣

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FORT TICONDEROGA RECEIVES PRESERVATION GRANT

Fort Ticonderoga has been awarded a \$4,000 technical assistance grant from the Preservation League of New York State. The grant will support a building condition survey for the remains of a circa 1761 smith's forge used by soldiers at Ticonderoga. The standing masonry wall is one of the few unrestored and untouched 18th-century architectural features still standing on the site that has withstood the test of time, despite the winter freezing and thawing cycles and the encroachment of vegetation.



Shortly after establishing Fort Carillon (later named Ticonderoga), the French Army began the construction of a series of ancillary structures, including the smith's forge, to the south of the fort, beginning in early 1756. This area, known as the lower town, or the French Village, housed a number of proto-industrial structures that supported the military activities of the armies who garrisoned at Ticonderoga in the 18th century. ▣

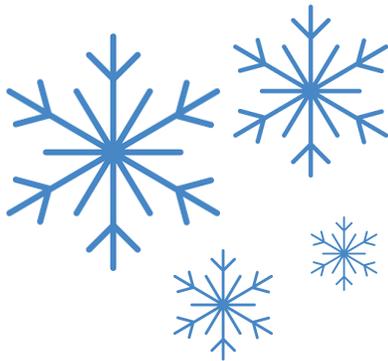
MASON/STAR DINNER

A roast turkey breast 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 served Friday, February 24, 2023, from 4:30 pm at the Ticonderoga Masonic Temple, 10 Montcalm Street in Ticonderoga. Take-outs will also be available. Tickets will be sold at the door for \$12 for adults and \$8 for children 12 and under. ▣

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CALENDAR

February 2023

FEBRUARY

2	5 - 7 pm	Ti Arts Gallery "Honoring The Land" Opening Reception
9	7 pm	Silver Bay Movie Night
12		Lincoln's Birthday
14		Valentine's Day
17 - 20th		Silver Bay Winter Weekend
18	9 - 11 am	Fireman's Breakfast, Hague Volunteer Fire Department

19	3 - 8 pm	Annual Chili Cookoff, Hague Volunteer Fire Department
20		President's Day and Washington's Birthday
24	4:30 pm	Turkey Dinner Masonic Temple Ticonderoga
25	2 - 5 pm	Silver Bay Climbing and Sledding
25 - 26		Annual Fishing Tournament Hague Fish and Game

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