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TOWN OF HAGUE-ON-LAKE GEORGE MEMORIAL DAY

by *Maureen Cherubini*

The Town of Hague-on-Lake George is having its 20th annual Memorial Day Parade and Funfest on Saturday, May 27, 2023.



10 am to 4 pm: Funfest at Hague Town Park

- 10 am to 12:30 pm - Mike's Karaoke Machine
- 10 am - 1 pm - Phil Singer, caricature artist
- 12:30 pm - Cambridge Band Live Concert
- Penelope the Clown
- Crafters, jewelry, spices, and the Senior Citizens Club's White Elephant Sale
- Games for the whole family
- A bouncy house
- A food concession by the Hague Fish & Game Club including hot dogs, burgers, and soft drinks
- Larry Henderson funnel cakes and fried Oreos

2 pm: Memorial Day Parade on Route 8 from Hague Community Center to Hague Town Park

- Bands, floats, clowns, classic cars, and more

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HAGUE PROPERTY REASSESSMENT AND TAXES

All properties in the Town of Hague have now been reassessed by Maxwell Appraisal Services. Based on Maxwell's appraisals, the value of each property in Hague has been updated and information has been sent out to property owners.

Those who question the assessment of their property may make an appointment for a phone conversation with Town of Hague Assessor Dave Martucci by calling 518-543-6161, ext. 23. Available dates and times for appointments are April 3rd, 10th and 17th from 10 am - 2 pm, May 8th, 10th and 15th from 10 am - 2 pm, and Saturday, May 13th from 4 pm - 8 pm.

The next step in determining a property owner's future taxes is that the school board, the town, and the county will determine their budget needs for the following year. Based on those budgets, a tax **rate** will be determined by each jurisdiction. That rate will be applied to the newly-appraised values of each individual property in Hague to determine the tax liability for each owner.

In September, owners of property in Hague will receive their resulting individualized school tax bill. In January, owners will receive their individualized county tax bill and fire district tax bill. It should be noted that the Town of Hague is fortunate to have no town tax, as many other communities do.

Martucci plans to attend the next Hague Town Board meeting on Tuesday, April 11th at 6 pm to update the assessment process and to answer questions that have been posed. Residents are urged to attend this meeting in person or via ZOOM. The ZOOM link to that meeting will be on the Town of Hague's website at townofhague.org and on the town's Facebook page.

For related information, see the Hague Town Board report on page 5. ▣

TOWN OF HAGUE MUSIC IN THE PARK 2023

The North Country's Best Summer Concert Lineup

All shows begin at 6:30 pm except the ones marked with an asterisk, which begin at 6 pm; all are two hours long. Bring your chairs and dancing shoes and enjoy!

July 3rd: Barkeater Band
9:15 pm - FIREWORKS!
July 5th: Rick Bolton
July 19th: Stony Creek Band
July 26th: Running the River
August 2nd: Ben Rounds Band

August 9th: Scotty Mack Rock Show
August 16th: *Bob Stump American Roots
August 23rd: *Rich Ortiz
August 30th: *Lazy Sun's Band

Come hungry for delicious meals and snacks starting at 5:30 served by:

Red Wagon BBQ
High Noon Foods
Wind Chill Pizza

Alaturco Gyros
Crab Shack
Hague Fish & Game Club

Inclement weather site is the community center. Thanks, Town of Hague! ▣

APRIL DINING AT THE BAY *by Judy Stock*

Whether you have enjoyed several dinners in the Dining at the Bay series at Silver Bay or you have been hoping to try it after our review last month, you are in luck. The dining room will be open to the public again on April 6 and 7, 2023.



Reservations can be made by calling 518-543-8480 or by emailing foodservice@silverbay.org. There is a limit to the number of people who can be accommodated.

When making reservations, include your full name, number of guests, phone number, email, any food allergies or dietary restrictions, or anything else the dining staff needs to know. Guests can be seated from 4 pm to 7 pm. ❑

HVFD

by Macie Peer



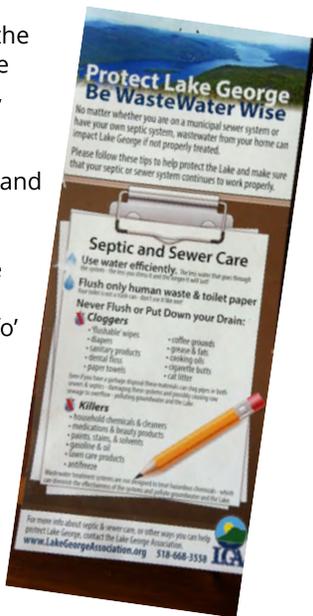
For Fire, we had 15 calls and drills for a total of 291 volunteer hours. For EMS, there were ten calls totaling 69.5 hours.

On April 19, 2023 at 5:30 pm at the Hague Firehouse at 4 West Hague Road, there will be a Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) class taught. It is open to the public and free to members.

If non-member participants just want to learn, the fee is \$10 per person. If they want to learn and get a pocket mask, it will be \$25 per person. If they want to learn and get a certificate and a pocket mask, it will be \$35 per person. ❑

PROTECT OUR SEWER SYSTEM

Let's all do our part to keep our system functioning efficiently and effectively. Please be sure that everyone using your home is informed about proper disposal of wastewater. The town has rack cards, created by the Lake George Association, that can be placed in bathrooms and kitchens to educate guests. One side of the card has info' about sewers and the other side has info' about septic systems. These cards are available free of charge at the Hague Community Center.



Wastewater Treatment Plant contact information:
Phone: 518-543-8862
Emergency phone: 518-222-1464
Email: WWTP@TownofHague.org ❑

NORTHWAY EXIT 24 CLOSURES AND DETOURS THIS APRIL - NOVEMBER

From the New York State Department of Transportation:

The Warren County Route 11 bridge over I-87 (the Northway), as well as the southbound Exit 24 on and off ramps, will be closed indefinitely for a bridge replacement project starting Monday, April 3, 2023. There will be alternating lane closures northbound and southbound as work progresses. There will be occasional shutdowns of I-87 northbound and southbound from 12 am to 6 am, and advance notice will be given before this occurs.

The bridge, known as NY 915P, will be fully closed to traffic during

construction. I-87 southbound ramps will be closed during construction while I-87 northbound ramps will remain open to traffic.

I-87 Exit 24 southbound off-ramp traffic will be detoured to Exit 23 and come back on I-87 northbound to exit via the Exit 24 northbound off-ramp. This detour adds approximately 16 minutes to travel time. County Route 11 traffic heading to I-87 southbound will be detoured to the north and enter I-87 southbound at Exit 25. This detour adds approximately 11 minutes to travel time.

The detours are expected to be active during the construction of the bridge from April to November 30, 2023. ❑

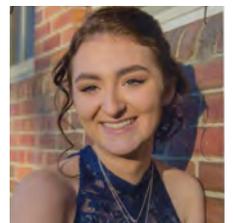
BESTE SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS 2023

by Kathy Santaniello

Last month, *The Hague Chronicle* published the 2023 winners of the Beste Scholarships. Here are their photos. Congratulations! Hague is proud of you! ❑



TOP RIGHT: Madalynn Hubbard
BOTTOM RIGHT (L to R): Madison Fish, Skye Mason, Nevaeh Trudeau



FIREWORKS OVER HAGUE BAY MONDAY, JULY 3RD

Spectacular fireworks will be held this year over Hague Bay on Monday, July 3, 2023 at dusk.

Thanks to the generosity of the Town of Hague, residents and visitors from all over Lake George are treated every year to an amazing display, made even better by the fireworks being reflected off the lake's sparkling water.

Grab a boat and motor on out for a show that will thrill your friends and family members of all ages. And, when it's over, sound your horn in appreciation and marvel at the hundreds of red, green, and white boat lights heading back home.

It's one of Hague's best traditions. Thank you, Town of Hague! 🗒

A POSSIBLE SOLUTION TO THE EURASIAN WATERMILFOIL PROBLEM

by Linda Fusco, Ph.D.

I am relieved that the Lake George ProcellaCOR experiment will not be executed. I thank Judge Muller for his decision, as well as the LGA and the Hague and the Ticonderoga communities for their support. My family has enjoyed our home in Silver Bay (and drinking the water of Lake George) for the past 75 years.

However, there is still milfoil in the lake that needs to be removed! So, what are the alternatives? My avocation as a SCUBA diver has taken me to the depths of the lake from its north to south basins. I can relate to the tedium and difficulty of hand harvesting the milfoil – especially in the hard-to-get places.

I was wondering if the following alternative has been considered: We are in the 21st century and herbicides are so 20th century! Robots have now been integrated into all aspects of our lives. We have bots on planets evaluating soils, bots that perform surgery, bots that build cars, and bots that vacuum floors and rugs.

Why can't we build a system of bots to harvest the milfoil? What a great

NO PROCELLACOR HERBICIDE IN LAKE GEORGE IN 2023

by Ginger Henry Kuenzel

In a decision issued on March 3, 2023, NY State Supreme Court Justice Robert Muller ruled that the Adirondack Park Agency (APA) acted arbitrarily and capriciously in 2022 in granting a permit to the Lake George Park Commission (LGPC) to put ProcellaCOR in Lake George to combat Eurasian watermilfoil.

Brief recap of the history: Last June, in a suit brought by the Lake George Association (LGA), the Lake George Waterkeeper, the Town of Hague and property owner Helena Rice, Judge Muller issued a temporary injunction against the use of ProcellaCOR until such time as he could hear oral arguments from both sides. The LGPC planned to test the herbicide in two bays on the east side of Lake George – in Blairs Bay in Glen Burnie and in Sheep Meadow Bay in Huletts Landing. Both sites fall within Hague's jurisdictional boundaries. The town governments of Hague, Ticonderoga, and Dresden (where Huletts Landing is located) have all adopted resolutions opposing the use of ProcellaCOR. In addition, more than 4,600 people have signed a petition against its use and hundreds have written letters of opposition.

The oral arguments were heard in February of 2023 and Judge Muller issued his opinion on March 3rd. In his detailed decision, Muller noted that APA staff had painted a one-sided picture about ProcellaCOR in their presentation to the APA commissioners. "Of the 110-page PowerPoint presentation," he wrote, "only nine pages were devoted to the 325 public comments in opposition — with these comments minimized during the presentation itself." Muller also pointed to other issues with the APA's review process, including the fact that many public comments ended up in an APA spam folder. In addition, the APA counsel provided questionable advice to commissioners on the timeline for holding an adjudicatory hearing.

The APA and LGPC are currently weighing their options for next steps. Even if the LGPC chooses to pursue its application, there is not enough time to complete the permitting process before the May/June date when ProcellaCOR would need to be applied.

The LGPC argues that the herbicide is safe, pointing to the fact that it has been approved by the Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC). But there are many open questions: How will it affect Lake George specifically, where it could potentially upset the lake's delicate ecosystem balance that keeps our waters pristine? Furthermore, according to its product label, ProcellaCOR is designed for use in quiescent waters, not for fast-moving bodies of water like Lake George. And another question: The manufacturer guarantees the effectiveness of its product for three years, yet its proponents say it dissipates very quickly. Waterkeeper Chris Navitsky questions how both statements can be true.

In a [joint letter](#) to the APA and DEC on March 16th, the LGA and the Lake George Waterkeeper detailed a number of serious scientific deficiencies in the current permit applications. They noted, "Lake George is simply too special an ecological and economic resource to risk long-lasting damage to its water quality, plants, and organisms from an unnecessary experiment.

Albany's *Times Union* newspaper agrees, stating in a [March 21st editorial](#), "We can't seem to say this enough: One of the nation's most pristine lakes is not the appropriate place for a chemistry experiment that could risk its water quality and all that depends on it."

Click [HERE](#) for more information, including a link to email Governor Hochul and other state officials asking them to hit the pause button on these permit applications.

Click [HERE](#) to read a related editorial in the March 26th *Daily Gazette*. 🗒

project for a team of engineers and/or secondary school STEM students. I'm sure Woods Hole has some undersea bot prototypes.

Just think - bots could work year-round harvesting milfoil and they could spend long hours underwater and not be affected by the cold! 🗒

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - 3/9/2023

(Rescheduled from 2/23/23 due to inclement weather)

Chairman Robert Goetsch and Board Members Jon Hanna, Ray Snyder, and Alternate Cathy Clark were present. Chris Navitsky and Linda Mury were absent. Also present was ZEO Matthew Magee.

RYPKEMA (93.12-1-17) 115 Sabbath Day Point Road (TR1)

In preparation for a house remodeling, the owners would like to construct a new two-bay garage in the northwest corner of their property. The proposed location would not meet the required 15-foot rear lot line setback. A public meeting was held. The owner’s son indicated a garage could be built within the required setbacks, but would block their rear neighbor’s lake view, whereas the proposed location would not. In support of the variance, a letter was read from the neighbor who adjoins the rear lot line. The neighbor has a shed near the corner of their property that is in line with the proposed garage location and feel they would not be materially inconvenienced. No one spoke against the variance. The board unanimously approved the application.

WILSON/DAVIS (93.12-1-11) 7930 Lakeshore Drive (TR1)

The applicants are requesting the total replacement of a non-conforming structure requiring two variances. The proposed structure would result in a lot coverage of 38.8% compared to 30% allowed by code. The current lot coverage is 36.2%. The increase of the proposed changes would be 52%. (Code allows only 25%.) The structure shoreline setback would remain at 16 ft. and the sideline setback would be increased by 1½ ft. Neither of the original setbacks met existing code. A site plan review by the Planning Board is required for a total replacement of a non-conforming structure. This is a jointly-owned lot with two principal residential structures, each belonging to a different owner. The lot has a shared septic system and the lot is unable to be subdivided, per code. A site visit was scheduled and a public hearing will be held at the next ZBA meeting on March 23rd. ❑

Lot 39. All three lots are owned by the applicants. A public hearing was waived. The lot line change was unanimously approved with no conditions.

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The meeting was left open to allow decisions on a referral to the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) to be made after the site visit on March 16th.

After the site visit, the board made a unanimous referral to the ZBA to approve the application with the following conditions:

1. The structure should be moved away from the lake as far as possible without encroaching on the 25-foot lot line setback.
2. The lot coverage percentage must remain at the current 36.2%.
3. The lakeside foundation should only have a service door and no windows.
4. All components of the structure must be kept out of the deeded easement.
5. If a Lake George Park Commission stormwater permit is not required, then the applicant will submit a stormwater permit to the Hague Zoning Enforcement Officer (ZEO) for approval. This must be implemented prior to the certificate of occupancy (CO)
6. A new wastewater system must be approved and implemented prior to the CO. ❑

PLANNING BOARD - 3/2/2023 & 3/16/2023

Deputy Chairman Pam Peterson and Board Members Judy Gourley and Sandy Powell were present. Meg Haskell was present on video chat. Chairman Dick Frasier was absent. Also present were ZEO Matthew Magee and Recording Secretary Cathy Clark.

TROUT HOUSE VILLAGE RESORT, LLC/HENRY KNOX REALTY, LLC (26.17-2-39 & 26.147-2-38 & 26.17-2-41.1) 9117 Lakeshore Drive (HP)

The applicants wish to reconfigure Tax Lot 39 to increase the lakefront property line length from 89 ft. to 154 ft. to make an existing dock compliant with the LGPC spacing and setback requirements. The additional lakefront footage would be taken from the lots to either side of Tax

TOWN BOARD - 3/15/2023

Present: Supervisor Edna Frasier and Board Members Steve Ramant, Jack Bast, Joshua Patchett, and Maureen Cherubini

Also present: Mike Kowalsky, Assessor David Martucci, Tom Jarrett, Pat Hintze, Carol Barnwell, Luann Fritzky, Linda Barber, EMS Captain Donna Trudeau, Donna Wotton, Don Vogel, and 11 individuals via ZOOM.

A moment of silence was held for Dick Dykstra and Phillip Feldman.

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TOWN BOARD, CONTINUED

PUBLIC HEARING

Steve Robb (Sec. 93.16 Block 1 Lot 43) 24 Sabbath Day Point Road (TR-1R)

Jarrett from Jarrett Engineers, PLLC reviewed the application. Cedarwood Engineering suggested two additions that will be added to the approved application.

WELCOME GUESTS/PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Fritzky stated the Highway Department did a great job during the storm. Trudeau thanked the community for its help when they offered a warming station, food, and water during the snow storm.

Assessor David Martucci once again reviewed the reval (property values reassessment) procedure and how assessment equity is the goal of the Assessor's Office. Change in the market trends and demands were key in choosing to do this reval. Martucci stated about 10% of the community has responded to the reval.

Martucci is scheduled to sit with the assessment records to review inventory and values on April 3rd, 10th and 17th from 10 am – 2 pm, May 8th, 10th and 15th from 10 am – 2 pm, and Saturday, May 13th from 4 pm – 8 pm. Property owners who dispute their appraisal should call 518-543-6161, ext. 23 to make an appointment within those dates and times to have a telephone conversation with the assessor. The assessor and appraiser have been working with the State of NY and many other agencies that are involved in monitoring procedures and certifying the level of assessment.

Several audience members and ZOOM members questioned Martucci. Their primary concerns were how the reval will affect the school taxes, whether the elderly community members will be unable to pay higher taxes, and the accuracy of new assessment amounts. Martucci will continue to address the questions and concerns of how the assessment will or will not affect taxes.

REGULAR COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Administrative/Assessor/Justice: The Assessor's Office has been working on exemption applications, general file maintenance sales, address changes, and data management.

Highway: There were a couple of truck breakdowns during the last big storm. They have also been busy with smaller storms.

Personnel: As the Town of Horicon has hired a new Zoning Enforcement Officer (ZEO), Matthew Magee will begin as Hague's full-time ZEO on March 16th.

On April 1st, after 43 years to the day of faithful service, Hague Administrator Diane Trudeau will transition from full-time to part-time employee status. She will maintain an office in the community center and will be available on a schedule TBD. Thank you, Diane, for all you've done for so long, for all you are still doing, and for all we know you'll continue to do to faithfully and competently serve Hague. And thank you, Donna Clark, for stepping up to be a Hague administrator!

It was noted that there are five open positions on the Town of Hague ballot for the election in November 2023: supervisor, clerk, two board members, and highway supervisor.

The following have declared their intention to run: Supervisor – Edna Frasier (R) and Joshua Patchett (D); Town Clerk – Kim Coffin (R); Town Board, two positions – Steve Ramant (R) and Jack Bast (R). No one has declared an intention to run for Hague Highway Superintendent as of yet.

Town Park/Beautification: The staff and schedules for this season at the beach, boat launch, and visitor center are in the process of being lined up. Food trucks are set for Music in the Park. The visitor center will be open June 12th. Ramant and Patchett are looking into having a boat show at the park this summer.

Sewer District #1 & #2: Bast reported that on February 21st, an overflow event occurred at a sanitary sewer manhole located on Lake Shore Drive in the vicinity of the Lake Shore Drive Pump Station. The manhole overflow resulted from a blockage of wipes and grease and caused a discharge of untreated wastewater into Lake George. Direct discharge of pollution is a prohibited NYS DEC event and Hague duly filed a Report of Noncompliance on February 22nd. Hague is now required to formally respond to the DEC's Notice of Violation by May 2nd.

To address this violation and prevent future impacts, Hague's Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Chief Operator John Sheehan will reach out to all sewer users, and specifically to those in the immediate area of the overflow, to educate them on proper sewer use. This assignable cause of a blockage by wipes and grease is entirely preventable by proper attention.

Hague will inform the DEC of the town's plans to update the sewer system operation and maintenance procedures to more frequently inspect and clean manholes. In the February 21st event, the discharge into the lake was a very small amount, thanks to prompt and effective action by an individual and by the WWTP staff. However, a discharge of any amount is not acceptable; a penalty of up to \$37,500 per day *for each violation* is possible.

All Hague property owners on the town sewer system are strongly urged to be attentive and careful in the operation of their individual systems and their responsibilities to protect Lake George. (See article on page 2.)

Environmental Concerns: NY Supreme Court Justice Robert Muller denied the Lake George Park Commission the use of ProcellaCOR to treat Eurasian watermilfoil in Lake George.

Ramant thanked Phil Swanson for making the signs that Al Rider, Leo Lucas, Gil Engler and he carried outside the Warren County Courthouse.

NEW BUSINESS

A new resolution was unanimously passed to establish the Community Center Reserve Fund in the amount of \$1,000,000 to be used to finance the cost of capital improvements.

Several other resolutions were amended by unanimous votes.

Motions were passed to allow:

- Town Clerk Kim Coffin to attend NYS Town Clerks Conference April 23rd – 26th.
- Eric Kramer to attend sewer classes on activated sludge June 20th – 23rd and Basic Ops classes from August 21st - September 1st. ▣

“WALK ON WATER” TO DOME ISLAND BECAME “HIKE TO BRADLEY’S LOOKOUT”

It was a stunning bluebird day at Lake George for the Lake George Land Conservancy’s annual “Walk on Water” to Dome Island. The only problem was, there was no ice, so the participants would have had to literally walk on water.



Hike participants posing with “domes” in tribute to the island

That not being possible, about 20 people took a snow hike up to Bradley’s Lookout, part of The Pinnacle Preserve, where Henry Caldwell and Bill Horne told them about the history of Dome Island, the work done there by John Apperson, and the assistance provided by the previous owners of Bradley’s Lookout. ❑

LGA'S NEW EDUCATION MANAGER

The Lake George Association’s new Education for Action Manager is Jaimi DeFeo.

Jaimi brings more than 15 years of experience as an environmental educator, from K-12 curriculum development to in-classroom instruction and as a community college professor. She will bring new energy and ideas to such programs as Bay-by-Bay, Business-by-Business, and the LGA Floating Classroom. Learn more about Jaimi by clicking [HERE](#). ❑



LGA SUMMER GALA

The Lake George Association (LGA) Summer Gala returns to The Sagamore Resort on Friday, July 14, 2023. Lake Protectors from around the lake and other supporters of the LGA will gather for a memorable evening of cocktails, dinner, music, and dancing.

Tickets will go live on their website on Monday, April 3rd, and, as seats will be limited, they expect this event to sell out. Click [HERE](#) to purchase tickets. ❑

STUDENTS GRADUATE FROM TI-ALLIANCE PROGRAMS

Two students have recently graduated from their Ti-Alliance Scholarship programs. Andrea Paige graduated from the Advanced Welding Institute in Burlington and David Bechard graduated from the Linemen School of the Northeast. Congratulations! ❑



BURNING BAN

The annual statewide burning ban in New York prohibits burning residential brush from March 16, 2023 through May 14th. ❑

LOCAL DINING OUT - JIMBO’S CLUB AT THE POINT *by Judy Stock*

It’s still winter. You still live in Hague. You’re still hungry. At the moment, there is no place to go out to eat in Hague, but, if you take a mere 20-minute drive over Graphite Mountain Road, you can be in Brant Lake at Jimbo’s Club at the Point (7201 Route 8).



This restaurant is typically open from mid-December to the end of March (when Point O’Pines Camp for girls is not in session) and when they aren’t booked up with wedding weekends. Jimbo’s is open Thursday, Friday, and Saturday starting at 5 pm. This gem is open to the public, but reservations are suggested at 518-494-4460. Takeouts are also available.

The Point property is owned by the Himoff family, which has longtime ties to the Brant Lake area.



The large Adirondack dining room has several tables, with a fireplace on one side next to a well-stocked bar. Along with appetizers and lighter fare, the fine-dining features are: Char-Grilled Steak (\$29), Chicken Parmigiana (\$20), Vegetarian Ravioli (\$19), as well as fish selections followed by delicious desserts! You can see their full menu on their website [HERE](#) and specials and current dates on their Facebook page.

For years, many folks from our area have made the trek to Brant Lake; we saw many friendly faces there. ❑

PROPERTY OWNERS OF SILVER BAY *by Linda Fusco, Ph.D.*

Since 1975, the members of Property Owners of Silver Bay (POSB) have assembled each summer to address issues concerning the Silver Bay and Hague communities.



Our mission statement reads:

The mission statement of the Property Owners of Silver Bay is to provide opportunities for educating members and sharing information on issues and activities that pertain to the residents of the Silver Bay area.

In the past four plus decades, POSB has grown from representing just property owners in Silver Bay, Arcady, and Sabbath Day Point to now including all property owners from Hague to Sabbath Day Point. The POSB records, going back to 1975, reflect the connection of issues germane to both the Silver Bay and Hague communities.

Due to that strong connection, *The Hague Chronicle* will now be carrying a bi-monthly column on POSB to update the community on our initiatives.

The board of the POSB is a dynamic group; we have supported the group's evolution in the 20th and on into the 21st century. In the past, we had two board meetings in June and a follow-up meeting in August.

However, significant issues this year, such as the ProcellaCOR decision, property tax assessments, and new septic regulations, prompted us to meet "off season" during the fall, winter, and spring via ZOOM.

One example of our activism is that the POSB board members were livid with the Lake George Park Commission's plan to dump an herbicide into our pristine lake! Many of us drink the lake water! So, Carol Kanis and I joined Hague community members in attending the ProcellaCOR hearing in Bolton Landing.

Our summer 2023 membership meeting will be on July 31st at 1 pm at the Hague Community Center. Hague POSB members and non-members are welcome to attend. Property owners

can become members for an annual fee of \$10, payable at the meeting.

The topics to be discussed include: a presentation of Silver Bay YMCA programs and outreach, updates on garbage recycling, donations made to local charities, and short-term rentals.

On the agenda are:

- A welcome by POSB President Carol Kanis
- Updates on assessments by Town of Hague Assessor Dave Martucci
- Hague community updates by Town of Hague Supervisor Edna Frasier
- A report of the POSB 2022 member survey by Blake Mitchell and me
- A report of the Silver Bay Association programs and outreach by Silver Bay CEO Peter Doliber
- A brief history of the POSB by me

Feel free to email me at (lindafuscophd@gmail.com) with any community issues you would like to see addressed and visit www.facebook.com/SBPropertyOwners.

Linda Fusco is the Vice President of the Property Owners of Silver Bay. ■

BLUEGRASS IN HEAVEN MUSIC FESTIVAL

Silver Bay YMCA will be hosting its first ever Bluegrass in Heaven (BGIH) music festival Friday, September 15, 2023 through Sunday, September 17th.

BGIH will bring together some of the top bluegrass artists such as 2019 Grammy Bluegrass Album of the Year winner Michael Cleveland & Flamekeeper, Jamcrackers, Blue Highway, Rock Hearts, Bob & Sarah Amos, April Verch & Cody Walters, and Drank the Gold.

The festival will be spread throughout Silver Bay's 700-acre property, so, between concerts, festival attendees will be encouraged to paddle boats on the lake, read books in the Silver Bay library, play disc golf, and more. This will be a one-of-a-kind venue for artists and fans alike.

Silver Bay is partnering with local businesses to highlight what the northern part of Lake George has to offer.

Zac Smalley, Silver Bay YMCA director of guest and member programs said, "I am especially excited about the level of community partnership we are dealing with here – the economic and cultural impact the Bluegrass in Heaven will have on the Northern Lake George area (and beyond) is phenomenal. We are so excited to have an event like this that will benefit our community of Hague and Ticonderoga most directly!"

There are two ticket options available: a Festival Pass and an All-Inclusive Festival Pass.



The Festival Pass costs \$40 and includes access to workshops, vendors, and performances by local and regional talent.

The All-Inclusive Festival Pass costs \$80 and includes everything in the Festival Pass plus access to headliner performances, which will take place in the historic auditorium.

Tickets can be purchased online [HERE](#). September may be months away, but reservations are filling up fast!

The latest updates can be found [HERE](#) or on social media at Silver Bay YMCA. For more information call Silver Bay YMCA at 518-543-8833 or visit <http://www.silverbay.org>.

Festival attendees may stay onsite in one of Silver Bay's many accommodations. Camping and RV attendees can utilize local RV parks or campsites. ■

MEMORIAL DAY IN HAGUE, CONTINUED

- Seniors of the Year Joan and Art Steitz

Prizes will be awarded for Best in Parade, Most Creative, Most Patriotic, Best Adirondack, Most Humorous, Best Youth, and Honorable Mention Adult and Youth.

After the parade: The HVFD Chicken Dinner

If anyone is interested in marching, having a band perform, or entering a float, please contact me, Maureen, at 518-543-6463.

The Hague Memorial Day Celebration is sponsored by the Hague Senior Citizens' Club and is sanctioned by the Town of Hague Town Board. ❑

LGLC PROGRAMS IN APRIL

The Lake George Land Conservancy (LGLC) is holding three educational programs in the month of April 2023.

April 15th, 9:30 am: Signs of Spring - Amphibians

With spring comes vernal pools and the frogs and salamanders that rely on them. The next Discovery Series outing will be with naturalists from Up Yonda Farm for an exploration of Godwin Preserve. Get info' or RSVP [HERE](#).

April 22nd, 9 am - noon: Earth Day Trail Clean Up

The LGLC staff will lead basic trail cleanup and stewardship at the Pinnacle Preserve. There will be tasks that are suitable for most ages, so bring the family! Get info' or RSVP [HERE](#).

April 29th, 6:30 - 9:30 pm: Owl Prowl

Ornithologist and Licensed Guide Alan Belford is back with an LGLC favorite: an evening/night-time walk in search of owls at Amy's Park! Get info' or RSVP [HERE](#). ❑



DIALING 211

Everyone knows about 911, but most people don't know about 211, the number to call to find help with life's challenges. In New York State, 211 is available 24/7 and is provided by local non-profits and United Way agencies. Kelly Dodd is the director of 211 NY.

211 is a vital service that connects millions of people each year to help in their communities in these ways:

1. 211 connects people to resources like: Employment and job training, health and mental health assistance, child care and after-school programs, financial coaching, addiction treatment, transportation, affordable housing and rent assistance, legal services, disaster recovery, utility assistance, disability resources, veteran services, and free tax preparation.
2. 211 can help with job loss, illness, natural disasters and other events that can upend anyone's life. The service is available to everyone, regardless of income level.
3. A trained, expert specialist answers the call. The person helps identify the root causes of the problem, and connects the caller to local resources.

4. 211 is available 24/7/365.
5. 211 helps during disasters like the Buffalo Blizzard.
6. Ninety-nine percent of the U.S. population had access to 211 starting on February 11, 2023.
7. 211s across NYS made over 2.6 million connections between people in need and local help.
8. Translation is available in 180+ languages.
9. 211 changes lives.

In addition to calling 211, you can now contact 211 by text. To start a conversation, text your zip code to 898-211. ❑

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 information and photos to editor@thehaguechronicle.org.



Photo courtesy of Susan Darrin

TACC FUNDRAISER SLATED FOR JUNE 9, 2023

The Ticonderoga Area Chamber of Commerce's (TACC) 21st Annual Fundraiser Dinner and Auction will be held on Friday, June 9, 2023 at The Barn at Lord Howe Valley. The theme of this year's event is "SHIPWRECKED."

TACC is a non-profit organization. When TACC members, area businesses, and community members support this event, it allows TACC to reach its mission of providing services, programs, events, initiatives, and other efforts to the residents of the greater Ticonderoga area, which includes Ticonderoga, Hague, Crown Point, Moriah, and Putnam.

TACC is now seeking monetary contributions, auction items, or a combination of the two to underwrite the dinner and auction.

The following sponsorship levels are available:

- Chamber Champion - \$1,000
- Visionary Supporter - \$750
- Pivotal Supporter - \$500
- Distinguished Supporter - \$250
- Sustainable Supporter - \$125
- Community Supporter - under \$125

All donations and sponsorships should be received by May 29th. Donations can be mailed or brought to the TACC office in Downtown Ticonderoga or arrangements can be made for them to be picked up.

All sponsors will receive recognition for their level of contribution during the evening and after the event in a variety of ways.

Click [HERE](#) for additional information about sponsorship levels. Email us [HERE](#) to make a pledge. ❑

PASTEL CLASS AT TI ARTS GALLERY

Artist Joann Quinlivan, who is a member of the Adirondack Pastel Society, will teach a free (donations accepted) pastel class on Saturday, April 8, 2021 from 1 – 3 pm at the Ti Arts Downtown Gallery at 119 Montcalm Street in Ticonderoga.



Respite on the River

Enrollment is limited to 12 people. To sign up, email seddon@thejbeatys.com. ❑

TI ARTS DOWNTOWN GALLERY

The Adirondack Pastel Society Show, which opened on March 30, 2023 and had its opening reception on March 31st, will run through April 22nd.

From April 27th - May 13th will be the Ticonderoga High School/Middle School Art Show. The gallery is located at 119 Montcalm Street in Ticonderoga. ❑

BLOOD DRIVE IN TICONDEROGA

There is currently an urgent need for blood in the North Country and you can help!

The University of Vermont Health Network is holding a blood drive on Thursday, April 13, 2023 from 1 – 4 pm at Elizabethtown Community Hospital, 101 Adirondack Drive in Ticonderoga.

Appointments are required and can be made by calling 518-585-3761. For information call 518-585-3700 or visit www.ech.org. ❑



Luke Dow Photography

The Northern Lights over the Lac du Saint Sacrament in Lake George Village on Thursday, March 23, 2023. Photo courtesy of Luke Dow Photography

TI-ALLIANCE CAREER TRAINING SCHOLARSHIPS

The Ticonderoga Revitalization Alliance is accepting applications for their Career Training Scholarship Program. The goal of these scholarships is to encourage students in our community to pursue careers in skilled trades and practice their trades in our community where jobs await. Last year, Ti-Alliance awarded \$33,000 to five students for programs in Applied Art, Welding, Environmental Studies, and Nursing.

The Career Training Scholarships are available to residents of Hague, Ticonderoga, or Putnam. Applicants can be a graduating senior, a GED graduate, or a post-high school graduate from Ticonderoga High School who wants a career in a skilled trade and hopes to work in the Ticonderoga area after receiving their degree or certification.

Eligible associates programs include (but are not limited to) Associate in Applied Science and Associate in Occupational Science and certificate programs such as (but not limited to): Agriculture Farming and Sustainable Food, Auto and Diesel Mechanics, Auto Body Repair, Computer Electronics and Information Technology Systems, Construction Management, Construction Trades (Carpentry, Masonry), Culinary Arts/Restaurant Management, Criminal Justice/Security, Early Childhood Education (Daycare and Teaching Assistants), Electrical, Environmental Technology (Water Quality, Conservation), Facility Maintenance Tech/Mechatronics, Fire Science and Paramedic, Forestry, General Construction - All Trades, Health and Dental Sciences and Services, HVAC/Plumbing, Landscaping, Land Surveying, Lineman School, Mechanical and Industrial Technology (Paper/Pulp, Plastics, Computer-Assisted Manufacturing (CAM), Nursing, Outdoor Education, Powersports and Marine Performance and Repair, Radiology Technician, Renewable Energy Technology (Wind and Solar Installation Technology), Veterinarian Technician, and Welding.

Scholarships will cover the costs of tuition (after other financial aid) and non-tuition costs such as room and board, transportation, books/tools/supplies, certification or other exam fees, and childcare costs. The scholarships represent a commitment to the student for up to two academic years.

This scholarship program is a fantastic opportunity for current or former students of Hague, Ticonderoga, or Putnam (including GED holders) to follow their dreams. Ti-Alliance is committed to making sure that no student from our community is constrained from getting desired training for lack of funding. Our community needs many skills in our local job market and the Alliance's hope is that people will want to further their education and bring those skills back into their community.

For more information on the program and an application, go to www.ticonderoga-alliance.org/career-training-scholarships, contact the Counseling Office at Ticonderoga High School, or email Donna Wotton at donna@ticonderoga-alliance.org.

DONATE TO THE FUND

These scholarships are funded by the Ti-Alliance, the Tony J. and Jean H. DiFebbo Educational Foundation, the George C. Singer Scholarship Endowment Fund, and generous donors to the scholarship fund.

To contribute, visit the Ti-Alliance website and click on a DONATE button; you can designate your donation to the scholarship fund or to the George C. Singer Scholarship Endowment Fund in the drop-down menu OR send your donation to Ti-Alliance, P.O. Box 247, Ticonderoga, NY 12883, and note "Scholarships" or "Scholarship Endowment Fund" in the memo area.

More information on how to donate and invest in the future of our students can be found at www.ticonderoga-alliance.org/career-training-scholarships.

Contact: Donna Wotton, Executive Director of Ti-Alliance
Email: donna@ticonderoga-alliance.org
Phone: 415-385-4544

SPRING JOB & CAREER FAIR TO BE HELD

The Ticonderoga Area Chamber of Commerce (TACC), in coordination with North Country Community College, will host the Ticonderoga Area Spring Job & Career Fair on Thursday, April 27, 2023 from 4 – 7 pm at the North Country Community College Ticonderoga Campus located at 11 Hawkeye Trail in Ticonderoga.

The Job & Career Fair is a chance for the public to visit with Ticonderoga area employers and learn about job and career opportunities. TACC will be showcasing their employment opportunities online database as a regional tool for job seekers.

All attendees will be entered to win an array of door prizes. Complimentary refreshments and hot dogs will be provided. Participating employers will also have a chance to win a number of door prizes, as well as have access to a business lounge where a light dinner will be provided.

There is no cost for TACC members and partners to participate in this event.

There is a \$25 registration fee for not-yet members. TACC members, partners, businesses, and organizations can register for this event by emailing Megan Bambara at coordinator@ticonderogany.com or by calling 518-585-6619.

"The Ticonderoga Area is continuing to grow and succeed. We want to ensure we are working diligently to address one of the business community's greatest needs, staffing. The launch of our Employment Opportunities database and this Spring Job & Career Fair are part of our efforts to serve our members and the entire Ticonderoga Area business community to the best of our ability. We are collectively working hard to ensure the Ticonderoga area is an exceptional place to live, work, and visit, and truly succeed. We encourage all job seekers to join us to meet with area employers. Continued great things are ahead," shared TACC President and CEO Matthew Courtright.

FORT TICONDEROGA OPENS FOR THE SEASON

On May 6, 2023, Fort Ticonderoga will open for the season. The days and hours are Tuesday – Sunday from 10 am – 5 pm through October 29th.

Visitors will experience a blend of history and natural beauty like nowhere else when they come to the fort. They can explore 2,000 acres of America's most historic landscape located on the shores of Lake Champlain, near Lake George, and nestled between New York's Adirondack and Vermont's Green Mountains.



Photo courtesy of Carl Heilmann II

Those who come to the fort will make lasting memories.

Guests will follow the story of 1760, as British and American provincial soldiers made one last push into the heart of French Canada. They will see Fort Ticonderoga's garrison of British regular soldiers, guarding this supply and the naval base along Lake Champlain.

Membership categories can be found [HERE](#). The virtual programs are free to Fort Ticonderoga members and are \$10 per program for non-members.

General admission to the fort is free to Fort Ticonderoga members or \$27 for adults, \$25 for seniors, and \$13 per child five and above. Children four and younger are free. ❑

MASON STAR CHICKEN AND BISCUITS DINNER

A public 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 served on Monday, April 24, 2023, from 4:30 pm until all is gone at the Ticonderoga Masonic Temple, 10 Montcalm Street, Ticonderoga (across from the Stone House).

Note that the day for the dinner has been changed to a Monday. Because no public dining places in Ticonderoga are open on Mondays, the members decided to provide a Monday dining option for residents.

Takeouts will also be available. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$8 for children 12 years old and under and will be sold at the door. Parking will be available along Montcalm Street and at the Hancock House parking lot. ❑

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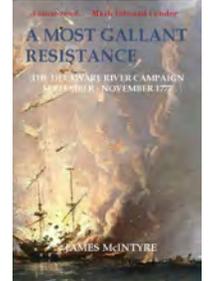
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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE FORT

The Fort Ticonderoga Author Series features presentations by authors of books related to Fort Ticonderoga's history.

On April 16, 2023, from 2 – 3 pm, the series will feature Jim McIntyre. He will focus on the often-omitted story of the reduction of the Delaware River defenses that engaged the bulk of the resources and attention of both George Washington and William Howe through October and November of 1777.



McIntyre will explain how on the American side, maintaining the integrity of the river defenses involved an attritional campaign, waged by an intrepid group of defenders, which brought together the efforts of the Continental Army, as garrisons of the various forts, the Continental Navy, and the Pennsylvania State Navy. He will explain the concept that if the Americans could hold their positions until winter set in, they would prevent William Howe from capitalizing his capture of Philadelphia, and possibly force him to abandon the city for want of supplies.

The Fort Ticonderoga Fort Fever Series features presentations by Fort Ticonderoga staff. On April 19th, from 7 - 8 pm, the program will be: "Building British Ticonderoga." Director of Interpretation Cameron Green will explain the work that put Ticonderoga on the map.



Participants will explore the many construction projects such as barracks, boats, blockhouses, and more that transformed a destroyed French fort into a key post in the British Empire. ❑

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CALENDAR

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APRIL

1		April issue of <i>The Hague Chronicle</i> published	19	7 pm	Fort Ticonderoga Fever Series - "Building British Ticonderoga"
6	7 pm	Planning Board Meeting	20		Deadline for the May issue of <i>The Hague Chronicle</i>
6 and 7	4 - 7 pm	"Dining at the Bay" at Silver Bay	22	9 am - 12 pm	LGLC "Earth Day Trail Clean Up"
8	1 pm	Pastel Class at Ti Arts Downtown Gallery	23	7 pm	Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting
9		EASTER SUNDAY	24	4:30 pm	Chicken and Biscuits Dinner at the Ticonderoga Masonic Temple
11	6 pm	Town Board Meeting	25		Senior Club Meeting
13	1 - 4 pm	Blood Drive at Elizabethtown Community Hospital of Ticonderoga	27	4 - 7 pm	Spring Job Fair at North Country Community College
15	9:30 am	LGLC - "Amphibians"	27 - May 13		Ticonderoga Middle and High School Art on Display at Ti Arts Downtown Gallery
16	2 - 3 pm	Fort Ticonderoga Author Series - Jim McIntyre	29	6:30 pm	LGLC "Owl Prowl"

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