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## FOURTH OF JULY IN HAGUE

Come celebrate the Fourth of July in Hague on July 3, 2023. The food trucks (see article on right) will start serving at 5:30 pm at the Hague Town Park and Beach.

Barkeater band will play from 6:30 – 8:30 pm. The fireworks will begin at dusk, around 9:15 pm.

We expect hundreds of boats in Hague Bay, eager to get a close-up view of the fireworks. There's nothing like seeing fireworks over water and hearing the echos of the explosions coming off the surrounding mountains! ❏

## LGA HOLDS INAUGURAL LAKE PROTECTOR SUMMIT

*by Ginger Henry Kuenzel*

It's summertime, and the living is easy: lazy days on the dock, refreshing dips in the lake's crystal waters, cruising the calm waters at sunset, and creating memories around a campfire. Whether you've been here your entire life or discovered this little bit of paradise more recently, whether you are here year 'round or just during the summer months, it's Lake George that makes life in Hague so special.

Yes, we are very fortunate to live in this special place. But we must never forget that we also have a special responsibility to preserve and protect it for future generations. And that means that each of us must do our part to form a ring of protection around the lake. This was the message of the Lake George Association's (LGA) inaugural Lake Protector Summit on June 22nd, held at Fort William Henry. The event attracted more than 100

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## TOWN OF HAGUE MUSIC IN THE PARK

Once again, the Town of Hague is bringing Music in the Park to the Hague Town Park and Beach for residents and visitors to enjoy. Thank you, Hague!

The following food trucks will start serving at 5:30 pm: Red Wagon BBQ, High Noon Foods, Wind Chill Pizza, Alaturco Gyros, Crab Shack, and the Hague Fish & Game Club, so come hungry!

All shows in July start at 6:30 and are two hours long!

The the line-up for July is:

July 5th – Hague's own Rick Bolton  
July 12th – Willie Playmore

July 19th – Stony Creek Band  
July 26th – Running the River

Inclement weather site is the Hague Community Center. Bring your chair and your dancing shoes and enjoy the shows!

For more information call 518-543-6161 or visit [www.townofhague.org](http://www.townofhague.org). ❏

## HAGUE CELEBRATED MEMORIAL DAY IN STYLE



Hague came alive on May 27th as we again celebrated Memorial Day. It was a gorgeous, sunny, 79-degree day, the kind many of us call a "perfect Lake George Day."

The park was abuzz with adults reconnecting after the long winter, shopping at the White Elephant Sale, and watching their children having a blast tossing Frisbees, jumping in the bouncy house, having their faces painted, sliding down the red slide (which we and our children have all gleefully enjoyed), swinging on the swings, and squealing with joy as they chased each other around the park.

There were food trucks with fried dough, sandwiches, and drinks to cater to all the hungry folks.

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## MEMORIAL DAY IN HAGUE, CONTINUED

As 2 pm neared, the spectators took their places along the parade route, eagerly anticipating the beginning of the procession. The pageantry was small town USA at its best – local dignitaries including Grand Marshals Bob and Jan Whitaker, Seniors of the Year Art and Joan Steitz, rousing bands, the Scottish Highlanders playing their bagpipes, soldiers in uniforms dating back to the Revolutionary War, firetrucks, firetrucks, and more firetrucks, EMS trucks, the giant man and woman on stilts, and, of course, candy being tossed at the eager children by the parade participants.

Then the annual ceremony was held in the park. Supervisor Edna Frasier, Town Board Member Steve Ramant, and Parade Chair Maureen Cherubini made presentations.

The awards for the floats in the parade were announced:

- Best in Parade:** Hague Fish & Game Club
- Most Creative:** Cheerleaders
- Best Adirondack:** Hague Senior Citizen Club
- Most Humorous:** The Next Generation Krauss Family
- Most Patriotic:** Stilt Walkers
- Best Youth:** Ya-da, Ya-da Bible Study
- Honorable Mention Adult:** Stuart Cartwright
- Honorable Mention Youth:** Silver Bay YMCA

The winner of the 50/50 raffle generously gave the \$196 prize money back to the Hague Fish & Game Club anonymously.

Those atten remembered those who sacrificed their lives for our freedom as the ceremony concluded with "God Bless America" and "Taps." Many shed a tear as they took in the solemnity of the moment.

Parade Chair Maureen thanked everyone who came out and all those who participated in the parade. She said she could not have done the parade without the support of our Town of Hague and her committee, which was with her from March until the day of parade. The members were: Dawn Withrow, Patricia Hintze, Bill Gourley, Bertha Dunsmore, Christine Swinton, Joan Steitz, Gladys Graser, Luann and Bill Fritzy, Peggy and Mike Kowalsky, Ray Snyder, and Mike Begnoche. She also sent out a big thank you to the judges: Matt Cartright, Joyce Cooper, and Tom Thatcher. She told them all, "Thank you all from the bottom of my heart."

Maureen went on to state, "We have had a good run for 20 years. This will be the last year for the parade unless someone wants to take it over. Anyone willing to do that should call me at 518-543-6463."

Everyone in Hague is grateful to Maureen for all her years of service and we truly hope someone will step up to continue this longtime tradition in Hague. ▣

## HAGUE HISTORICAL SOCIETY RECORDING PODCASTS

The Hague Historical Society has done a number of video interviews with people who have fascinating stories to tell about their lives in Hague. If you're willing to share your tales of life in Hague on video or with just audio, please contact Mary at [marybehr@hotmail.com](mailto:marybehr@hotmail.com). ▣



### HAGUE CHRONICLE NEWS:

Please send all news items to Editor Bobbi Bryant Taylor at: [editor@thehaguechronicle.org](mailto:editor@thehaguechronicle.org).



Photos courtesy of David Taylor

## CHANGES TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE HAGUE CHRONICLE

At the annual board meeting of *The Hague Chronicle* on June 7, 2023, the board reluctantly accepted the resignation of board member Jan Whitaker. Jan served as a board member for over ten years. The board appreciates her many contributions over the years and we wish her well.

The board approved the election of Paul Budd as the new director taking the position vacated by Jan. Paul and his wife JoAnne are the owners of the Silver Bay General Store. Paul is a charming man who is eager to be involved with our community; we feel fortunate to have him on our board.

Jan's husband, Bob Whitaker, will be phasing out his role as treasurer between now and June 2024. Many thanks to Bob for his work in the past ten years; we look forward to continuing to work with him for another twelve months.

The board also approved Charlene Schaffer as our new treasurer. She will be working with Bob in the next year and will fully assume the duties of treasurer between now and June 2024. She is a delightful woman with a great deal of experience serving as the treasurer of numerous organizations, big and small. Thanks, Charlene, for joining *The Hague Chronicle* Team! ❏



TOP, L to R: Paul Budd, Jan Whitaker  
BOTTOM, L to R: Charlene Schaffer, Bob Whitaker

## CONCERTS AT GRACE MEMORIAL CHAPEL

Grace Memorial Chapel on Sabbath Day Point continues its Saturday "Music for Summer Evenings" series with concerts on July 15 and 29, 2023. The concerts begin at 7:30 pm and freewill donations (suggested \$10 - 20) will be taken at the door. Additional details will appear on the Facebook page [HERE](#).

On Saturday, July 15th, the *Silver Bay String Quartet* will feature a mix of classical and popular pieces.

On Saturday, July 29th, the *Hohenfels Trombone Quartet (HTQ)* from Rochester, NY will present their "A Night in Old Vienna" program. This features music from Renaissance dances to traditional folk tunes and arrangements of popular opera melodies, including the World Premiere of a new work written just for this concert. The members of HTQ are graduates of the Eastman School of Music and hold positions with symphony orchestras and educational institutions in western and central NY.



*The Hohenfels Trombone Quartet*

## WHAT'S NEW IN HAGUE'S PAST

Last year, the Hague Historical Society (HHS) erected a roadside marker at the entrance to Arcady. Their research turned up so many interesting details that they decided to expand from the seven lines on the sign to a room-sized exhibit.

The exhibit has several photos of Arcady from the J.S. Wooley collection, some of which haven't been seen in decades or maybe even ever! Richard Timberlake, the owner of the collection, author of *J.S. Wooley, Adirondack Photographer*, and curator of the exhibit by the same name at the Hyde Museum in 2017 loaned them to the HHS.

They also have information from the Lowe family who owned the property and fun tales from former campers. It will be an ongoing exhibit, so items can be submitted at any time. Please contact the HHS if you would like to contribute or loan any items or add your story about Arcady.

There will be a special evening program about Arcady on July 18, 2023 at the Hague Community Center.

Membership dues for the HHS are \$20/person. Checks should be made out to "Hague Historical Society" and mailed to: HAGUE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, PO BOX 794, HAGUE, NY 12836 with the following information: Your name, permanent address and phone, e-mail, and seasonal address and phone (if applicable). ❏

## PROGRAMS AT HANCOCK HOUSE IN TI

There will also be two presentations at the Hancock House in Ticonderoga in July:

- On July 14th at 7 pm - "The Champlain Canal: Helping Transform New York."
- On July 21st at 7 pm - "The Crown Point Road and the Opening of Northern New England." ❏

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**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - 5/25/2023**

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

**ASIEL (60.9-1-46) 20 Bobkat Lane (TR-1)**

The applicants propose constructing a screened porch over their existing deck. The house and deck were constructed on this lot in 1981. The original application was approved stating all components of the structures were to be 50 ft. from the MHWM of Lake George. A new survey has found a small, long, and narrow portion of the existing deck to be within the 50-foot shoreline setback. The total area within the setback is approximately 75 sq. ft. The proposed project will not make the deck more nonconforming. The applicants are requesting a shoreline setback variance for the 42-year-old miscalculation. A public hearing was held. A March 2023 letter was read from Arcady Bay Estates Homeowners Association Inc., approving the construction of a screened porch as presented. No one spoke for or against. The application was unanimously approved with two conditions: the screen porch roof gutters tie into the existing storm water downspouts and all window openings are screened only, e.g., no use of glass or similar window material.

**RIZZA (42.20-1-6.3) 8835 Lakeshore Drive (TR1)**

On July 23, 2020, the owners received approval from the Zoning Board of Appeals to construct a 625 sq. ft. accessory structure on a vacant parcel. The approval has since expired and the owner would like to re-apply to build the same structure now. A public hearing was held with no one speaking for or against. The application was unanimously approved with the same conditions as the 2020 approval: no construction into the steep slope and no removal of vegetation on the steep slope.

**SDP HOLDINGS LLC (93.06-1-34) 50 Sabbath Day Point Road (TR-IR)**

The owners request replacing an existing wood seawall and would like to add a shorefront stone paver patio with stairs within the 50-ft. shoreline setback. The applicant's representative indicated several changes were made to the plan since the last meeting. It was determined that the changes were significant enough to require a revised application to be submitted. No action was taken. ❑

**PLANNING BOARD - 6/01/2023**

Present were Deputy Chairman Pam Peterson and Board Members Judy Gourley, Meg Haskell, and Sandy Powell. Chairman Dick Frasier was absent. Also present were ZEO Matthew Magee and Recording Secretary Kathy Santaniello.

**INGREY (60.5-1-14) 31 Pine Cove Road (TR-1)**

The applicants propose constructing a second-story addition and a new first-floor entry addition to an existing nonconforming house. The proposed second story addition (781 sq. ft.) and new entryway (80 sq. ft.) will increase the applicant's living space by 861 sq. ft. or 55.9%. Lot coverage would go from 29.8% to 30.3%. The zoning issues are new

construction within 100 ft. of the lake, a proposed living space increase of more than 25%, and more than 30% lot coverage. Maximum structure height per code is 40 ft. and the proposed building would be approximately 24.2 ft. Deputy Chair Pam Peterson recused herself due to jointly owning a nearby property. The application was deemed complete. Two letters from joint owners of a neighboring property were read. The first letter expressed concern that the applicant's addition of a second floor would block the view from the letter writer's second floor living/dining/kitchen area (bedrooms are on the first floor) and would result in a 20% devaluation of their property or a devaluation of approximately \$75,000. The second letter made the following requests: that the boards take into consideration protecting property values of neighbors as stated in the code, that the applicant keep to the 25% increase in living area in a nonconforming structure allowed by code, and that the applicant consider other ways to increase living area without impacting views from across the street such as expanding living area into the existing garage.

The following motion was approved with two members for and one member against (Gourley). The Planning Board neither gives a positive or negative recommendation and expresses the following concerns and recommendations for the application:

- This application would have a significant devaluation of a neighboring property and should be taken into consideration by the Zoning Board.
- The request is for a significant amount of expansion of the living area and recommend that, if approved, a condition that no further expansion be considered.
- Recommend landscaping to reduce impact on neighbors' views. ❑

**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - 6/22/2023**

Chairman Robert Goetsch and Board Members Jon Hanna, Linda Mury, Chris Navitsky, and Ray Snyder were present. Also present were ZEO Matthew Magee and Recording Secretary Kathy Santaniello.

**INGREY (60.5-1-14) 31 Pine Cove Road (TR-1)**

The applicants propose constructing a second-story addition and a new first-floor entry addition to an existing nonconforming house. The proposed second story addition (781 sq. ft.) and new entryway (80 sq. ft.) will increase the applicant's living space by 861 sq. ft. or 55.9%. The proposed lot coverage would increase from 29.5% to 30.29%. The zoning issues are new construction within 100 ft. of the lake, a proposed living space increase of more than 25%, and more than 30% lot coverage. A public hearing was held. The applicant spoke in favor of the project. Joint owners of property across the street spoke against, expressing concern that, if approved, the proposed addition would devalue their property as much as 20% equating to \$75,000 decrease. The two letters they submitted were read. A local realtor provided a letter that stated, in their opinion, at this time, the property values for homes on the same street that have a view can sell for as much as 20% more than homes without a

## ZONING BOARD, CONTINUED

view or access to Lake George. A motion passed to approve the proposed lot coverage increase of 30.29%, with the condition that all proposed additions be connected to the existing stormwater management system. Three members voted for and two against (Mury and Snyder). A motion to approve the proposed living space increase passed. Three members voted for and two against (Mury and Snyder).

### **SDP HOLDINGS LLC (93.06-1-34) 50 Sabbath Day Point Road (TR-IR)**

The owners request replacing an existing wood seawall and would like to add a shorefront stone paver patio with stairs within the 50-foot shoreline setback. The applicant's representative reviewed numerous changes that were made to the plan based on the Planning Board's feedback. A public hearing was held. The applicant spoke in favor of the project. No one spoke against. Navitsky expressed concern that the plan does not appear to comply with some DEC and LGPC regulations. The board agreed that it was not their role to enforce DEC and LGPC regulations and that reviews of this application would be required by these organizations. A motion to approve the variance request with no conditions was approved. Four members voted for and one against (Navitsky).



## TOWN BOARD - 6/13/2023

Present were Supervisor Edna Frasier and Board Members Jack Bast, Steve Ramant, Joshua Patchett, and Maureen Cherubini. Also present were Recording Secretary Nancy Young, Chief Audio-Visual Technician Tim Fiallo, Deputy Highway Superintendent Matt Coffin, Engineer Tom Jarrett, and numerous audience and zoom attendees.

The Moment of Silence was held for Kay Halliday and Richard Winters.

### **WASTEWATER TREATMENT PRESENTATION**

Tom Jarrett from R.U. Holmes, PLLC explained the proposal for "Shanty Point," (Wilson, Wilson & Cohen) at 7930 Lakeshore Drive. The proposed system will require two variances: a setback from the highway right-of-way and for the soil application rate. One well supplies all three homes and all parties will have easements to access the water system. There will be a public hearing on July 11th at 6:15 pm.

### **PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

Alice Patchett requested that the town explore the possibility of installing electric car charging stations. All agreed it would be a necessary service for the town to provide. Cherubini will explore it.

### **REGULAR COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **Administrative/Assessor:**

- Frasier noted concerns expressed by many in Hague about the property reevaluation and its effect on school taxes. Noting that only 83 people from Hague participated in the

recent school budget vote, she encouraged concerned parties to vote in the future.

- Bast and Frasier had a cordial meeting with Ticonderoga Central School System (CSD) representatives Cynthia Johnston-Ford and Laurie Cossey. All agreed something must be done to reduce the unfair burden residents of Hague pay. The CSD is considering the concept of a 3- to 5-year averaging of changes in assessments and/or apportionments, potentially reducing our tax rate. Thanks were expressed to David Little, executive director of the Rural School Association of NYS, who also attended the meeting. Members of the Hague School Tax Advisory Committee will be selected soon.
- The Assessor's Report noted that "Grievance Day" was held May 23rd and May 25th. A total of 49 grievances were heard. Determination Notices will be mailed out later in June. The Final Assessment Roll will be submitted to Warren County on June 20th. The Assessor's Office will send its file to the school system on August 15th. Address changes should be made to the Assessor's Office before then; after that, residents should contact the School Tax Collector.

#### **Highway:**

- At the transfer station, the dumpster station is in the process of being rebuilt, along with other improvements.
- Work has started on the FEMA project at Yaw Road.
- The department is investigating companies who might buy its surplus equipment.
- The International truck will arrive in August. A motion was unanimously passed to purchase a sander for it.
- Fiallo and Coffin recently attended a highway conference where they were recognized for their efforts in salt reduction. Both will attend the fall conference, where Fiallo will speak on the topic.

**Planning/Zoning/Stormwater:** To date, in 2023, ZEO Magee has had 30 Land Use Development Applications.

#### **Town Park/Beautification/Stormwater:**

- Ramant met with the visitor center personnel and will meet with lifeguards soon.
- The solar speed limit sign in Silver Bay is working well; one more will be installed north of town.
- Transfer Station summer hours resume July 5th.
- A motion to hire Jim Rosamilia as a substitute attendant at the Transfer Station unanimously passed.

#### **Sewer District #1 & #2:**

- Eric Kramer successfully completed classroom training and will soon be eligible to sit for his 2A Operator License Exam.
- Protocols related to applying for a sewer system permit and to billing for sewer system fees will be addressed in a meeting on June 20th.
- The Dodd Hill grinder pump may be fully operational by July.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Josh Patchett, Assessor's Clerk Amanda Peterson, and Town Clerk Kim Coffin are looking into several programs to assist with the development of a town-wide email database.

## TOWN BOARD, CONTINUED

### COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

In response to a request from the Hague Senior Citizens Committee, the board agreed to allow the Floating Classroom to do a pickup at 2:30 pm and a dropoff at 4 pm at the Hague Beach on June 22, 2023.

The board received a thank you from the AARP Tax Volunteers for their use of the community center. Frasier noted the wonderful service they provide to the community.

### NEW BUSINESS

By a unanimous vote:

- Sandra Hutchinson was reappointed to the Board of Assessment Review.
- Silver Bay’s request for a liquor license for the Silver Spirit was approved.
- The ZEO was authorized to issue Third Notices of noncompliance of connection to the Hague Sewer System to the owners of properties 26-17-1-20 and 60.5-1-3.1.
- The 2023 contract for Adirondack Escapes for Landscaping was approved.

### OTHER BUSINESS

On behalf of the Hague Seniors, Pat Hintze thanked the board for use of the Hague Beach and Visitor Center for Memorial Day and the Americade Café. ❑

## SPECIAL TOWN BOARD - 6/21/2023

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

Short-Term Rental Committee members present were Chairman Joshua Patchett, Edna Frasier, Bill Fritzky, Chris Richards, Jonathan Smith, Sandra Rust, and Frank Burkle. Via ZOOM: John Macionis. Absent: Alice Patchett.

Also present: Zoom Technician Tim Fiallo, Peter Tracy, Paul Tracy, Tony Dawson, Sandra Smith-Cehowski, Chad Dunklee, Don Vogel, and Alane Vogel. Approximately six persons attended via ZOOM.

The purpose of this Special Town Board Meeting was to give the Hague Town Board and the Short-Term Rental Committee an opportunity to review and discuss the proposed Short-Term Rental Ordinance document jointly.

Patchett shared with *The Hague Chronicle* that the committee's Purpose and Intent is:

*The Town Board acknowledges the increase in short-term rentals in residential zoning districts, and recognizes that this proliferation has the potential to be incompatible with the character of residential neighborhoods. Many members of the community wish to engage in short-term renting of their properties, just as many members of the community are concerned about increased noise and a reduction in available, affordable housing. The Town Board desires to strike a balance between maintaining the peace, privacy, and safety of our northern Lake George residential neighborhoods, while recognizing individual property rights and the fact that Hague has a tourist based economy in which short-term rentals provide accommodations,*

*customers for Hague businesses, income for property owners, and tax revenue for Warren County.*

*The Board recognizes that the increasing number of short-term rentals has affected the local housing market, reducing the availability of affordable housing—a pattern that has been documented in resort communities across the United States. This trend can provide hardship to members of our community who provide needed services to us all. In addition, the increasing number of short-term rental properties—especially those with absentee owners—may well depress the number of year-round residents, with the effect of reducing the off-season population from which we draw local fire and emergency volunteers, as well as the children in our local schools.*

*All these factors lead the town to conclude there is now a need to provide local law including supplementary rules and regulations to ensure that short-term rentals operate in the best interests of the entire community.*

In a phone interview with *The Hague Chronicle*, Patchett explained that the issue of short-term rentals was brought up about two years ago when many of the nearby towns began passing short-term rental ordinances. There was an outcry in Hague, largely from residents who rent out their homes. Frasier appointed Patchett to form a short-term rental committee to study the issue. When he chose the members of the committee, he sought to have all perspectives represented and to have a diverse mix of people. Some committee members rent out their properties, some are the neighbors of the rental properties, and there is also a variety of people from all walks of life.

Patchett continued to explain to *The Hague Chronicle* that the Hague Short-Term Rental Committee recognizes that people need to pay their taxes and local businesses need to thrive as we preserve a community feel. The committee is attempting to design an ordinance that will protect the integrity of the community as it maintains a balance. It wants the owners of the houses in Hague to be vested in the community rather than to be simply investors who don't live here and only want to operate the houses as a business. The committee also wants the generational families to be able to hold onto their homes as they find themselves with increasing tax burdens. This new ordinance is being designed to allow traditional family home buyers to acquire property in the community, rather than being priced out of the market by those able to purchase houses to be used for rental businesses.

At the special town board meeting, Patchett stated that the three following changes will affect the current Short-Term Rental Ordinance:

- stronger enforcement and proposed penalties
- the requirement of a six-day rental minimum from May 15th thru October 15th
- a three-year waiting period for a new home/property sale to become a short-term rental (this only applies to "arm's length transactions.")

Patchett emphasized to *The Hague Chronicle*, "The single most important thing in this ordinance that will protect the integrity of the community for generations to come is the three-year waiting period."

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## SPECIAL TOWN BOARD, CONTINUED

At the meeting, the board members thanked the committee for its work. They voiced the following concerns:

- The three-year waiting period is too long or unnecessary.
- The proposed fines/penalties are too low.
- How portions of the proposed ordinance will be overseen and enforced.
- How to obtain and maintain the list of properties that will be considered short-term rentals.

Key points of the conversation at the meeting included:

- There is no current suggestion of grandfathering current short-term rentals.
- The \$300 permit will be required by current and new short-term rentals every three years and must be on file with Warren County.
- There are many different types of rentals in the town.
- This ordinance would hold property owners more responsible.
- Moving forward with an updated ordinance is needed.

Frasier stated that the Short-Term Rental Ordinance will be put on the agenda of the July 11th Hague Town Board Meeting. ▣

## GRACE CHAPEL, CONTINUED

These concerts are made possible with funds from the Statewide Community Regrant Program, a regrant program of the NY State Council on the Arts, with the support of the office of the Governor of NY and the NY State Legislature. They are administered by the Lower Adirondack Regional Arts Council. ▣



## FIGHTER JETS ROAR OVER HAGUE

On Wednesday, June 14, 2023, between about 10 and 11 am, residents of Hague may have seen and definitely heard F-15 fighter jets thundering overhead. Some of us heard four jets one right after another, but the National Guard squadron, based at Barnes Air National Guard Base in Westfield, Massachusetts, reported that they scrambled two F-15s as part of an air defense exercise.



This exercise was conducted with the Civil Air Patrol to train pilots for intercept procedures. National Guard spokesman Eric Durr said the exercise helps assure that the Massachusetts Air National Guard is prepared to defend the Northeast airspace against airborne threats. ▣

## BEST 4TH IN THE NORTH IN TI

The Best 4th in the North Celebration will take place July 1 - 4, 2023 in Ticonderoga, with a parade, a variety of live music, food, vendors, kid's activities, a grand fireworks display, and much more throughout the multi-day event.



All events are open to the public and donations are appreciated to defray the cost of the fireworks. All events are in Bicentennial Park in Ticonderoga unless otherwise stated. Times and information are subject to change.

### 2023 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

#### Saturday, July 1st

- 4 - 9 pm - Food trucks, vendors, and rides - bracelets - \$20
- 5 - 9 pm - Kids Inflatable Fun Zone; includes rock climbing wall and two obstacle courses - bracelets - \$10
- 6 - 9 pm - Live Music - Hodge Podge

#### Sunday, July 2nd

- 4 - 9 pm - Food trucks, vendors, and rides - bracelets - \$20
- 5 - 9 pm - Kids Inflatable Fun Zone; includes rock climbing wall and two obstacle courses - bracelets - \$10
- 6 - 9 pm - Live Music - Opening Act: Johnny Clifford with a Tom Petty Tribute; River of Dreams with a Billy Joel Tribute Band

#### Monday, July 3rd

- 4 - 7 pm - "Touch a Truck," kids petting zoo and full-face art
- 5 - 9 pm - Kids Inflatable Fun Zone; includes rock climbing wall and two obstacle courses - bracelets - \$10
- 6 - 9 pm - Live Music - Johnny Cash Tribute Band

#### Tuesday, July 4th

- 12:30 pm - Reading of *The Declaration of Independence* by the Town of Ticonderoga Supervisor Mark Wright on the steps of the Town of Ticonderoga Community Building
- 1:15 - Parade route to close (Welcome Sign at Wicker Street and Montcalm Street to Tower Avenue)
- 1:30 pm - Motorcycle Parade in honor of Mike Rancour
- 1:45 pm - Montcalm Mile (advanced registration required: [my.racewire.com/event/779](http://my.racewire.com/event/779))
- 2 pm - Patriotic Parade - Montcalm Street  
Grand Marshal: Sister Sharon
- 4 - 5 pm - Stilt Walkers
- 4 - 10 pm - Food trucks and vendors
- 5 - 9 pm - Kids Inflatable Fun Zone; includes rock climbing wall and two obstacle courses - bracelets - \$10
- 6 - 9 pm - Live Music - Super Stars and Legends Live - Tributes to Elvis, Michael Jackson, Marilyn Monroe, and Judy Garland
- About 9:30 pm - Grand Fireworks Display: Fireworks by Santore World Famous Fireworks

For more information visit [www.timainstreet.org](http://www.timainstreet.org) or [www.ticonderogany.com](http://www.ticonderogany.com), call 518-585-6619, and follow the Best 4th in the North Facebook page. ▣

## SOUNDINGS

**DIED:** Katherine Galbreath Armes Holliday, 100, of Silver Bay and Quarryville, PA on May 27, 2023 in Quarryville.

Kay was born and grew up in Philadelphia, PA, but enjoyed summers with her family at Silver Bay starting in the 1930s.



She was a graduate of Wilson College, where she was very active in choir and athletics. She then attended Faith Theological Seminary, where she met her future husband, the late Reverend Charles B. Holliday, Jr. She said they “met on a street corner in Wilmington, DE when he smiled at her.”

They were married June 7, 1947 and served together in various church ministries until their retirement to Silver Bay in 1993. At Silver Bay, Kay quickly became involved in many activities including book club, chorale, and painting classes. She traveled with Charlie as he preached in other congregations in upstate NY and VT.

In 2015, they relocated to the Quarryville Presbyterian Retirement Community.

She was preceded in death by her husband, the Reverend Charles B.

Holliday, Jr. in 2017 and three beloved siblings: the Reverend John Armes, the Reverend Willard Armes, and Janet Ludlam.

She is survived by four children: Jean Troxell (Tom), Charles B. Holliday, III (Debra), Katherine Beebe (Don), and Thomas G. Holliday (Sharon); 13 grandchildren; and 37 living great-grandchildren. ❑

**DIED:** Richard J. Winters, 71, of Hague, peacefully, in his home on Sunday, June 11, 2023.

Richard was born and raised in Forest Hills, Queens, NY, and Hague. He was an accomplished swimmer and competed at the pre-Olympic level as a young man. Richard, a prolific writer with a Master's in Creative Writing, published two mystery/crime books.

His greatest commitment, by far, was as a father to his children, who were raised in Lake George Village. He had an immense love for Tyler and Brooke and dedicated his life to them. To say he devoted himself to the welfare of his son Tyler, who passed away after a long illness at the age of 18, is an understatement. Throughout that time and beyond, he was always there for Brooke when she needed his support and guidance. Brooke and Tyler were his life's meaning and purpose.



Richard spent a great deal of time with his mother while she lived nearby in Ticonderoga after his father passed. They spent many special hours together in her home and they could frequently be found enjoying a meal together at local restaurants.

Richard loved the lake all his life. He could often be found enjoying a swim, checking the water temperature, or reading a good book by the water's edge. He was an enthusiastic conversationalist and a willing participant in spirited discussions and competitions over the years with his sisters and brothers. He had a special fondness for his nieces and nephews and treasured his role as uncle to them. Richard had a deep faith, always liked to travel, and loved music and boat rides.

He was preceded in death by his loving son Tyler and his own parents, Ellen and Paul Winters.

Richard is survived by his: loving daughter, Brooke Brown (Justin); and ten siblings and their families. We all miss him terribly, but trust with his passing, that he has reunited with Tyler.

A celebration of Richard's life will be held at the Hague Beach, July 8, 2023, noon - 2 pm.

In lieu of flowers, his family requests donations to the Make-A-Wish Foundation. ❑

## MEMORIAL SERVICE

There will be a memorial service for Heidi Spencer on July 23, 2023 at 2 pm at the clubhouse of the Northern Lake George Yacht Club. Come celebrate her life! ❑



*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.

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*Summer's here, so it's time to cruise!*

## LAKE PROTECTOR SUMMIT, CONTINUED

property owners, business representatives, scientists, and other lake lovers, who gathered to learn about the threats facing our lake and the concrete actions each of us can – and must – take to address them. These people are part of a growing community of Lake Protectors™.

One way the LGA is helping strengthen this community is by providing a personalized property profile for anyone who signs up to be a Lake Protector. At the summit, LGA Managing Program Director Monika LaPlante gave a demonstration of the new and unique [Lake Protector app](#), showing the range of information available to property owners about their specific parcel. Some of the actions that might be recommended for a specific parcel include planting trees, buffers, or rain gardens or reducing impervious surface areas to help filter and slow the flow of stormwater into the lake. Other recommendations are septic system maintenance in order to keep harmful nutrients out of the lake and eliminating the use of fertilizers and salt.

Summit attendees learned how the LGA not only identifies threats to the lake, but also creates science-based solutions to address them. LGA President Eric Siy, told attendees they should view the LGA as a service provider who can help them to understand the issues on their property and to implement appropriate solutions.

Senior Research Specialist at The Jefferson Project Brian Mattes and LGA Water Quality Research Manager Brea Arvidson explained the research that is being done on Lake George. Brian noted that the Jefferson Project (JP) – a partnership between RPI, IBM, and the LGA – is creating a high-resolution view of the lake's ecosystem in order to enable informed decisions for lake protection. JP's more than 500 sensors on 50 platforms around the lake continuously transmit data to

research scientists to help them understand, anticipate, and respond to how the pressures of climate change, road salt, invasive species, and nutrient loading and runoff affect the lake's water quality. One particular focus of the research is on Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs). Although none of the HABs found in Lake George to date have been toxic, we have a much better chance of preventing them in the future if we have a detailed understanding of how and why they form. Check out the [Jefferson Project's live dashboard](#).

LGA Lake Protection and Geospatial System Analyst Randy Rath, presented a case study of lake protection, with before and after renderings of a fictional property. Amy Houghton, a landscape architect, showed how the landscaping on an actual property – Canoe Island Lodge – was recently redesigned to provide better lake protection while also being more visually appealing.

President of the Warren County Economic Development Corporation and LGA Board Member Jim Siplon spoke about the relationship between lake protection and the economy. "Our future is fundamentally based on the economy of the lake," he said. Not only are property values tied to the health of Lake George, but the tourism economy is as well. Furthermore, he noted, the focus on lake protection can attract new business to the area such as manufacturers that equip Highway Department trucks to apply brine. Because Lake George is a leader and pioneer in salt reduction, he added, this is where these companies should be setting up shop. The lake also plays an important economic role far beyond its shores. Employers in the capital district, for instance, can tout the lifestyle and recreational value of Lake George when recruiting new hires. There is a direct correlation between the water quality of Lake George and the economy of the entire region. Of course, there needs to be a balance between economic growth and the capacity to accommodate that

growth, Jim noted. He cited the new wastewater treatment plant in Lake George as an example of how the region is investing to ensure that we have the infrastructure necessary to protect the lake.

Audience members also had plenty of time to ask questions, both during the summit and in individual conversations with presenters afterward. In summary, LGA, as the host, emphasized that lake protection is everyone's responsibility. As a service provider, the LGA can help by offering information, expertise, and support. By creating a community of Lake Protectors, raising awareness about the threats to the lake, and offering science-based solutions, LGA is partnering with the other lake advocates to ensure a sustainable future for Lake George. ▣

### **BECOME A LAKE PROTECTOR**

Did you know...

- An increase of one meter in water clarity = 3 - 37% increase in home value
- There are 5,849 private septic systems in the watershed, 45% are within 500 ft of the lake, and 66% are inadequate
- Benefits of a rain garden: A 10' x 10' rain garden can capture ~780 gallons of runoff, which is the amount of runoff from 1" of rain on a 1,250 square foot roof
- One large tree can intercept up to 40% of annual rainfall
- Amount of runoff captured by: 100-ft. buffer – 73%; 50-ft. buffer – 58%; 35-ft. buffer – 48%; grass only – 18%
- Low-cost loans for septic system replacement are available from Glens Falls National Bank and Adirondack Trust click [HERE](#)

## POSB MEETING

The Property Owners of Silver Bay (POSB) will hold its membership meeting (which is open to everyone in the Hague community) on Monday, July 31, 2023. Dave Martucci, Hague Town Assessor, will be one of the speakers. He will address the March 2023 property tax assessments.

Linda Fusco will provide a brief history of the POSB based on her review of the POSB archives, beginning in 1975. ❏

## NLG REALTY CELEBRATES ITS 5TH ANNIVERSARY

Hague's own NLG Realty will celebrate its fifth anniversary on July 23, 2023.

NLG, as it has come to be known, has been a leader for the past three years among the Lake George real estate agencies in the northern basin in terms of dollar volume and the number of high-end property sales.

We congratulate NLG Realty as a mainstay of Hague's downtown business area. We applaud its professional/licensed brokers and agents who have brought this recognition and commerce to our town. Owners Bob and Donna Levenstien attribute the firm's success to the group's focus and expertise.

Happy Anniversary to NLG Realty and thanks to Bob and Donna Levenstien for bringing this successful business to Hague!

For more information, go to [www.NLGRealty.com](http://www.NLGRealty.com). ❏

*PHOTOS, TOP TO BOTTOM: Bob Levenstien, Donna Levenstien, and Marketing Director Josie Litchfield.*



## HARMFUL ALGAL BLOOMS: KNOW IT, REPORT IT

Harmful algal blooms (HABs) appear on the surface of the water, usually looking like pea-green-colored paint has been spilled on the water. If you see something like this, you should report it immediately to the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), through their easy-to-use reporting tool on the [NYHABS site](#). You'll be asked for the location of the HAB and a photo.

In addition to the reporting tool, the DEC site provides a wealth of information, including photos and descriptions of HABS, an interactive map of current and archived HAB locations, how to keep yourself safe from HABS, and HAB action plans - including the [plan for Lake George](#).

By learning about HABs and by reporting sightings to the state, you can not only protect yourself and others, but also help researchers learn more about the causes. This information plays a critical role in helping to prevent future HABs. ❏

## SILVER BAY HAPPENINGS

There have been many changes at Silver Bay in the past year. Most noticeable is that their historic and iconic inn has gotten a fresh coat of paint in a new color scheme.

Along with their ice cream, pizza, and crepes, Silver Bay's store now houses their gift shop. They carry Grab-and-Go meal items and fresh coffee all day long. To shop online, click [HERE](#).

Silver Camp for ages 3 -17 is back. Participants will again learn to swim, go to the climbing wall, and play at the gym. There are some full and partial scholarships available.

Tennis, Pickleball, and the use of Fisher Gymnasium require a wellness membership, which is free to all year-round residents. The clay tennis courts are being relined. The hard courts are being resurfaced. And the new Pickleball courts are ready. Pickleball and tennis require reservations. Fisher Gym features a climbing wall, fitness center, dance room, courts, yoga, square dancing, and other fun activities.

There will be lectures and a music series this summer such as the Evening of Dance and the Glens Falls Symphony.

September 15 - 17, 2023 will be Silver Bay's inaugural Bluegrass in Heaven Music Festival. Top bluegrass groups from around the country will perform. Tickets are on sale now - click [HERE](#).

New staff from El Salvador, Poland, Mexico, Columbia, Czech Republic, Turkey, and Ukraine will be EMPS at Silver Bay this year.

The Reverend Karen Skalla is the new chaplain. Uriah Rodriguez is now the vice president of programs and Luke Callahan is the vice president of guest experience.

CEO Peter Doliber invites all members of the community to come by and say hello when they are on campus. His office is the second door on the right in the administration building.

For more information, go to [Silverbay.org](http://Silverbay.org). ❏



## LGLC LIVING LANDS LECTURE SERIES

The Lake George Land Conservancy (LGLC) is once again holding its weekly Living Lands lectures at its headquarters in Bolton Landing. These presentations examine the people, history, and wildlife of Lake George and the Adirondacks, past and present. These free presentations start at 5:30 pm. Registration is required as space is limited. Click [HERE](#) for more information. July 2023 events:

**July 12th: Keystones in the Web of Life**

Hague's own Herbalist, Naturalist, Artist, and Writer Nancy Scarzello

**July 19th: Fort William Henry - Moments in Time**

Maritime Archeologist Joseph Zarsynski

**July 26th: Conservation Through the Lives of Adirondack Loons**

The staff from the Adirondack Center for Loon Conservation

## LETTER FROM THE 2023 DOROTHY HENRY/ THE HAGUE CHRONICLE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

Dear Board of Directors of *The Hague Chronicle*,

First of all, I would like to thank you for this opportunity to finally be famous and in the paper. Of course, I can't forget thanking you for the \$1,000 that I will definitely use for my future education (man, that room and board really kills you).

Allow me to tell you a bit about myself. I am the son of Thomas and Shanna Gargan. I have a little sister who is eight years old and her name is Elizabeth Gargan, as well as an older sister who is 26 years old and lives in Tennessee. Her name is Ivy Harmon and she is the mother to my two nieces, Kierra and Elise, and my nephew, Korbin.

I live on the tip of Graphite Mountain in the middle of nowhere, basically.

My favorite subject in high school was probably biology because Frank Shaw was my favorite teacher and he really worked the kids hard to show our true potential.

I have been on the Honor Roll my entire high school career.

I was on the Ticonderoga Sentinels Varsity Football team for my junior and senior year and I was also the bookkeeper for the Varsity Baseball team my senior year, but my favorite extracurricular I was in was Drama Club, where I had the lead male role for all three of my years in the program and it really showed me the talent I have in acting.

Some of my hobbies are watching sports, playing blitzball (basically a wiffle ball clone), playing video games, fishing, and spending time with friends and family. I plan to attend the University of Buffalo (SUNY Buffalo) for four years to get my Bachelor's degree in accounting. When I finish my education, I plan to become a Certified Public Accountant and work for a top 100 business in the country as a corporate accountant.

For readers who are my age and/or younger, I would like to tell you to just keep on putting in at least 90% of your potential in everything that you do and great things will come. Once you put in less than 90%, you will start falling behind. Days will come where everything feels drawn out and slow, but in the end, it will always be up to you to speed it up. You control your own future.

To the board of *The Hague Chronicle*, I would like to once again thank you. People like myself really appreciate the amount of help you provide to the community. People like you help make the world a better place.

Sincerely,

Quentin Gargan



## LGLC DISCOVERY HIKES

The Lake George Land Conservancy (LGLC) is partnering with Up Yonda Farm Environmental Education Center to offer a series of hikes led by Up Yonda's naturalists in 2023. Hikes vary in location and difficulty, but are generally easy/moderate and take one-and-a-half to two hours. Registration is required at least 24 hours in advance. Click [HERE](#) for more information. July hikes:

- **July 8th: Create a Field Guide Through Nature Journaling** – Amy's Park – Ornithologist and Licensed Guide Alan Belford
- **July 14th: Adirondack Geology** – Pinnacle Preserve
- **July 21st: Pond and Stream Life** – Amy's Park

## TI ALLIANCE MAKING PROGRESS ON CHILDCARE ALLIANCE

A year ago, Ti Alliance created the Ticonderoga Community Childcare Alliance, a team of all the right employers, school leadership, licensing agencies, and professionals from the community that could help create a plan for a public childcare center in Ticonderoga.

The Ti Alliance has now identified a location, had state inspections, assessed renovation needs, built the business plan, determined needs with two community surveys, and are ready to move their plan forward.

They're excited to announce that the Adirondack Foundation's Generous Acts Fund, in partnership with the Bill and Lisa Powers Family Fund and the Birth to Three Fund, is leading off their funding drive with a \$16,000 grant in support of the Childcare for Ticonderoga Initiative.

In the coming months, they will be raising \$1.1 million for the childcare project. Approximately \$475,000 will be used for renovations and start-up costs to get the center open. Another \$625,000, equal to one year's operating expenses, will be used as an endowment fund to help support living wage salaries and employee benefits.

## CELEBRATE THE FOURTH AT THE FORT

There will be special events and programs at Fort Ticonderoga throughout the Independence Day weekend, July 1 - 4, 2023. Visitors can experience the Revolutionary War on the very ground where Continental Army soldiers fought for liberty. Guests will see first-hand the struggle for freedom and explore the events of 1777 as costumed museum staff recreate the struggle for independence. Guests will see the power of artillery and the crackle of muskets, march to the beat of a Fife and Drum Corps, and join special family tours and hands-on programs throughout the weekend.

Fort Ticonderoga President and CEO Beth L. Hill said, "There is no better place to celebrate our freedom and learn about the struggle for independence than at Fort Ticonderoga...there is something for everyone to make meaningful connections to our past and its importance to us today."

### INDEPENDENCE DAY WEEKEND HIGHLIGHTS:

- **Search for Liberty** — This is a hands-on exploration of historic trades, including tailoring, shoemaking, and boat building. Guests will visit soldiers' quarters and discover the food and gardens that kept them fed.
- **Fife and Drum Concerts**
- **Key to the Continent Guided Tours**
- **Musket Demonstrations** — See how an army of farmers and tradesmen used their muskets and bayonets to hold back British and German soldiers.
- **The Power of Oxen** — Immensely powerful oxen were vital to the Continental Army at Ticonderoga.
- **Guided Tours of the Fort Ticonderoga Museum** — See North America's largest and most important collection of 18th-century military material and cultural objects.
- **Cannon Demonstrations**
- **Hut Building** — Work along Continental Army Soldiers to build simple wooden soldiers' huts as they continue to hold the line for liberty in 1777.

- **Mount Defiance** — Witness to History Guided Tours

For more information, go to [www.fortticonderoga.org](http://www.fortticonderoga.org).

Advance reservations are required for the following special event at [www.fortticonderoga.org](http://www.fortticonderoga.org):

### Sunset Boat Cruise Saturday, July 1st only

A relaxing summer evening aboard the Carillon with a complimentary cocktail of soldiers' rum punch as you discover Ticonderoga's rich maritime history. Gates open at 6 pm; boat departs promptly at 6:30 pm. ▣

## TICONDEROGA FESTIVAL GUILD

The Ticonderoga Festival Guild 2023 Summer Concert Series will take place at 7 pm on Tuesdays this summer at the Knights of Columbus Pavilion and will be held rain or shine. Spectators are welcome to bring their own chairs. For more information, visit [www.tifestivalguild.org](http://www.tifestivalguild.org) or call 518-984-0088.

### July 11th —

**Singer-songwriter Phil Henry** with his upbeat acoustic rhythm and melodic sensibility and lush instrumentals.



### July 18th —

**The Adirondack Jazz Orchestra** is a group of talented musicians from the Adirondack area. They play all styles of Jazz including Dixieland, Blues, Bebop, Post-Bop, Avant Garde, and Modern Jazz. ▣



## TI ARTS DOWNTOWN GALLERY

The current show at the Ti Arts Downtown Gallery is Ichthyography by Master Gyotaku Printmaker Mutsugoroh (Stephen DiCerbo). The show runs through July 9, 2023.

Mutsugoroh will do a free live direct-method printing demonstration and discuss Gyotaku (Japanese Fish Printing) on Saturday, July 8 from 4 - 5:30 pm at the gallery. For more information, visit <http://www.ticonderogaarts.org>.



Summer hours are Wednesday - Saturday, from 10 am - 4 pm. For this show, the gallery will also be open Sunday, July 2nd and Sunday, July 9th from 10 - 4.

Mutsugoroh will also teach Direct Gyotaku (Chokusetsu-ho) at his Stormtree Studio in North Hudson, NY on Saturday, July 15th, from 8:30 am - 5 pm. To register for the class, click [HERE](#).

From July 12th - 29th, art inspired by David Smith and Dorothy Dehner will be exhibited at the gallery.

The Opening Reception will be July 14th from 5 - 7 pm, with Hague's own Mary Lou Doulin speaking about Dorothy Dehner.

The gallery is at 119 Montcalm Street, Ticonderoga. ▣

## LOOKING BACK

### The History of the Annexation of Hague Central School District



by Linda Fusco

The annexation of the Hague Central School District to the Ticonderoga Central School District occurred over four decades ago.

The following information seems relevant to our understanding of the situation we find ourselves in today. This article is based on archived documents of the Property Owners of Silver Bay (POSB).

In 1976, the issue facing the Hague Central School was based on the New York State Board of Regents' findings that the school did not meet NY State standards (See "State Recommends Hague, Ticonderoga School Consolidation," *Post Star*, Glens Falls, NY Tuesday, August 3, 1976). The Board of Regents recommended that the Hague Elementary School be upgraded and that the secondary students be sent to the Ticonderoga Schools, which provided a New York State Regents accredited four-year graduation program.

The Hague School Board and parents were up in arms against any annexation. They argued that annexation would mean higher taxes, the Hague School would be abolished, public use of the school building would be eliminated, the bus ride to Ticonderoga schools would be too long, there would be no opportunity for a Hague resident to be elected to the Ticonderoga Board of Education, there would be a reduction of state aid, and Hague would lose complete control of decision making. The claim also questioned whether with no school, Hague would still exist as a town.

In 1977, a group calling themselves "The Concerned Citizens of Hague" summarized the pros to annexation: "We have examined the State Education Report and feel that it definitely is in the best interest of the students and taxpayers and the best thing that could happen to our community. Not only will Hague be able to keep its school, but the school will be upgraded to the standards of other area schools. The junior and senior students will benefit from greater educational opportunities. Increased facilities will be made for public use. A proposed new library, art room, and music room will greatly benefit the elementary grades."

The annexation controversy continued, as reflected in the 1978 archived "Fact Sheet Concerning the Hague School," written by Dorothy Henry. The cons she listed were: "[Hague] school taxes due in September 1978 have been raised over 37%; less than 4% of the school taxes is paid by the parents of Hague students (the balance of over 96% is paid by those who do not have children in school - many are summer residents); the cost per pupil in Hague is \$3,456 in grades K-12. Ticonderoga's cost per pupil is \$2,400; there is no library, although a library has been mandated by the state; and the Hague School has never been accredited and is still considered a three-year high school by NY State. Ticonderoga has been accredited since 1898."

Henry concluded, "While taxes are important to all of us, the education of the Hague children is more important. We are certainly not getting our money's worth for the amount we spend in taxes."

It is interesting that this is the sentiment of many of the taxpayers here in Hague 45 years later.

By 1978, the Hague School Board had voted down the 1976 annexation plan from NY State multiple times. On June 29, 1979, a seventh school annexation vote was conducted by the NY State Education Department when the Hague School Board was unwilling to hold another vote. The results of the vote to annex were 242 in favor and 190 opposed. The annexation was final.

The Ticonderoga School Board became the owner of the Hague Central School properties and controlled all decisions regarding the annexation process. (Recorded in the April 12, 2004 memorandum to: Dan Belden, Supervisor and Members of Hague Town Board: Subject Tax Assessment Advisory Committee Report).

So, Hague had the opportunity to keep its elementary school, make renovations, and pay tuition to send secondary school students to Ticonderoga Central School District, thus keeping taxes lower and overseeing a quality education program for our elementary students. But, that option was voted down and now we are paying for it.

The Town of Putnam kept its elementary school and tuitioned their grade 7-12 students to Ti, an arrangement which remains today.

Over the past forty years, the number of students sent to Ticonderoga Schools has declined as our property taxes have increased. Currently there are 36 students from Hague attending Ticonderoga schools.

The question we have today is "Are the 36 students, at over \$200,000 per student, receiving the best education our money can buy?"

The POSB has always had the welfare of Hague students at heart as well as concerns regarding the existing school tax structure. The July 12, 1977 POSB minutes stated:

"There was a lively discussion of the voting rights of tax paying summer residents. Dorothy Goodfellow, in reply to her inquiry: 'This is in reply to your letter of Aug. 23, 1976, concerning the qualifications for voting in school district elections...The fact that a person pays school tax on his property has absolutely no bearing on that person's right to vote in a school election. Only bona fide, permanent residents do so. Kenneth Pawson Staff Att'y, The State Education Dept, Albany, N.Y, 12234.' Needless to say - 'Taxation without representation' was heard loud and clear."

And today, we're hearing that cry once again.

Residents are again wondering what can be done to rectify this situation. ▣

## TI'COUSTICS

Ti'Coustics will have shows on the first and third Thursday of each month this summer, playing from 7 - 9 pm.

Among their venues will be the Knights of Columbus, Seymour's Restaurant (at the golf course), the Hague Beach, and the new Paper and Pencil restaurant next to La Chute in Ti (the former Roofers).

So, come on out for a good time and to support your local musicians! ▣

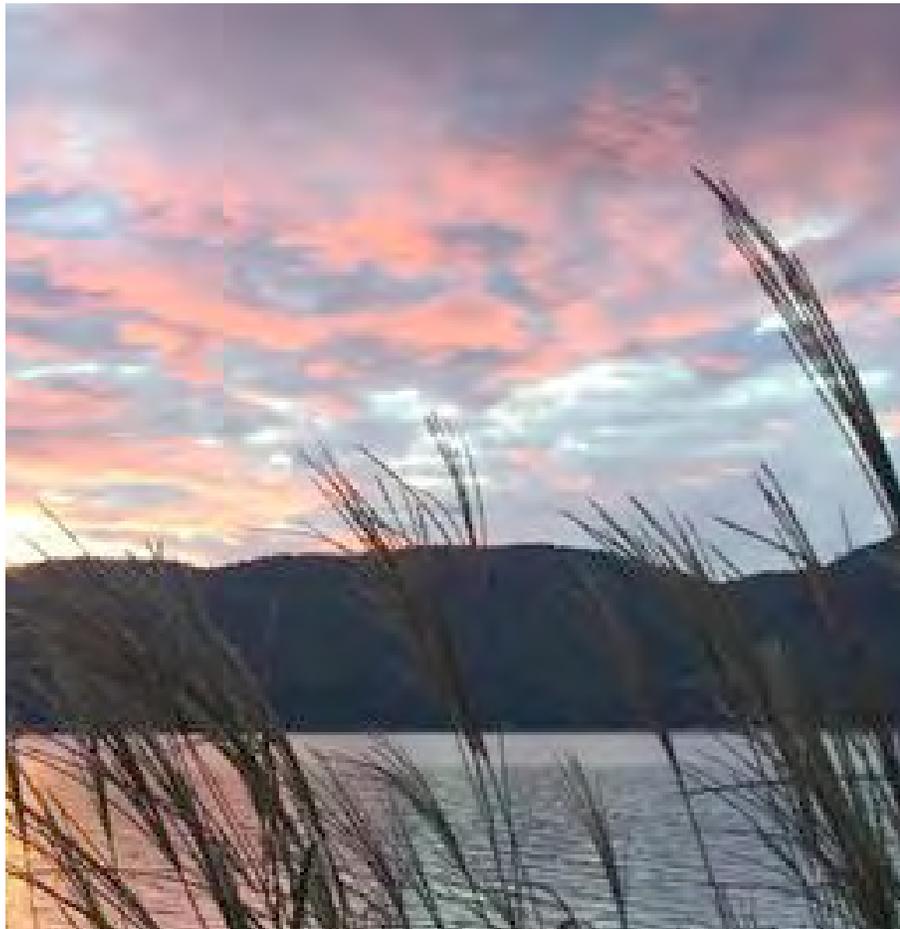


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## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE FORT

Never-before-seen artifacts from the Robert Nittolo Collection will be on exhibit throughout the summer at Fort Ticonderoga as part of the new 2023 Exhibit "Success: The End of the Seven Years' War."

Included in the exhibit are Prussian and French artifacts that highlight the ongoing war in Europe, along with British and Spanish artifacts that show the expansion of the conflict with Spain's belated entry in 1762, culminating in the British siege and capture of Havana, Cuba. The exhibit reveals how the Anglo-American public responded to the unparalleled British victories across the globe by producing and consuming items like punch bowls and teacups that promoted popular commanders and battles.



Fort Ticonderoga and Mount Defiance are open for visitation Tuesday – Sunday from now through October 29th from 10 am until 5 pm (last ticket sold at 4:30 pm). Tickets can be purchased online in advance by visiting [www.fortticonderoga.org](http://www.fortticonderoga.org) or the day-of at the admission's booth. General admission tickets are valid for two consecutive days. ▣

## CHICKEN BARBEQUE DINNER

There will be a chicken barbeque dinner and basket raffle on Saturday, July 1, 2023 at the Ticonderoga Knights of Columbus. The raffle tickets will be sold from 10 am – 4 pm and the drawings will start at 5 pm. The dinner will be served starting at 4 pm until sold out. Take outs are available. Call ahead to order at 518-585-6520. ▣

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**CALENDAR**

July 2023

**JULY**

1 - 4	Best Fourth in the North - Ti	14	LGLC Discovery Hikes -
1 - 4	Special events at the fort		<i>Adirondack Geology</i>
1 - 9	<i>Ichthyography</i> - Ti Arts	14	7 pm Hancock House - <i>Champlain Canal</i>
	Downtown Gallery	15	7:30 pm <i>Silver Bay String Quartet</i> -
1	10 am - 4 pm BBQ chicken dinner -		Grace Chapel
	Knights of Columbus	18	7 pm Ti Festival Guild - <i>Adirondack</i>
3	5:30 pm INDEPENDENCE DAY -		<i>Jazz Orchestra</i>
	Hague Town Park and Beach	19	6:30 pm Music in the Park - <i>Stony Creek Band</i>
5	6:30 pm Music in the Park - <i>Rick Bolton</i>	19	5:30 pm LGLC Living Land Series -
6	7 pm Planning Board Meeting		<i>Ft. William Henry</i>
8	LGLC Discovery Hikes - <i>Journaling</i>	21	LGLC Discovery Hikes -
8	4 - 5:30 pm Ti Arts Japanese Fish Printing Demo		<i>Pond and Stream Life</i>
11	10 am Hague Historical Society (HHS)	21	7 pm Hancock House - <i>Crown Point Road</i>
	Board Meeting	25	1:30 pm Senior Club Meeting
11	6 pm Town Board Meeting	26	5:30 pm LGLC Living Land Series - <i>Loons</i>
11	7 pm Ti Festival Guild - <i>Phil Henry</i>	26	6:30 pm Music in the Park - <i>Running</i>
12	6:30 pm Music in The Park - <i>Willie Playmore</i>		<i>the River</i>
12	5:30 pm LGLC Living Land Series - <i>Trees</i>	27	7 pm Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting
		29	7:30 pm <i>Hohenfels Trombone Quartet</i> -
			Grace Chapel

**TRANSFER STATION HOURS:** Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10 am to 2 pm  
As of July 5th, 10 am to 4 pm