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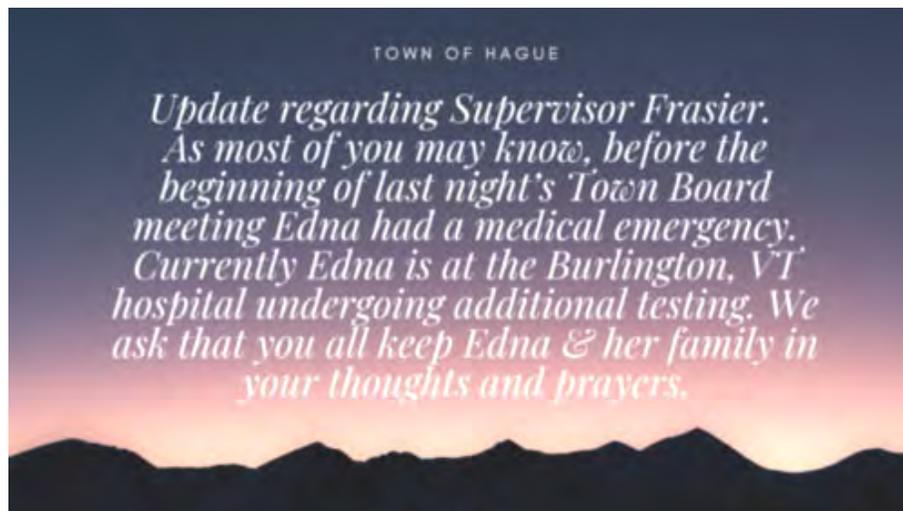
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## SUPERVISOR HAS MEDICAL EMERGENCY

The following statement was posted on the Town of Hague's website on September 13, 2023. ▣



## HAGUE ELECTIONS 2023

On November 7th, the residents of Hague will vote for these positions:

- **Town Supervisor**  
Two-year term - vote for one  
*Republican Party - Edna Frasier*  
*Democratic Party - Josh Patchett*
- **Town Clerk**  
Four-year term - vote for one  
*Republican Party - Kim Coffin*
- **Member of Town Council**  
Four-year term - vote for two  
*Republican Party - Jack Bast*  
*Republican Party - Steve Ramant*
- **Superintendent of Highways**  
Four-year term - vote for one  
*Republican - Chad Dunklee*  
*Winters Party - Luke Winters*

We hope to include up-to-date details in the November issue. ▣

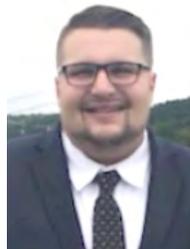
## NEW ZEO HIRED FOR HAGUE

The Town of Hague has hired a new Zoning Enforcement Officer (ZEO). Tristan Shappy will start work on October 2, 2023.

Shappy earned a Bachelor of Business Administration, cum laude, from Plattsburgh State University and has been working for the New York State Department of Conservation (NYSDEC). For the past four years, he has been the supervisor of the Rogers Rock Campground here in Hague. Rogers Rock is NYDEC's second largest facility, with an extensive array of sites, buildings, boat launch, islands, and staff of over 20 employees.

The members of the committee who interviewed him selected Shappy because they were impressed by his DEC experience at Rogers Rock, particularly in administration and compliance, his direct experience with customers, and the fact that he has a degree with a minor in the legal area. He came well prepared for the interview. His family is in Port Henry and he expressed a strong interest in staying in Hague for "a long time." Welcome, Tristan Shappy!

The Town of Hague is grateful to Cathy Clark, who has been filling in as ZEO while the position has been open. Cathy will continue to serve as she trains Shappy. Thank you, Cathy! ▣



## DONNY SMITH RETIRING

Donny Smith has worked for the Town of Hague for a total of 42 years. He learned his skills on the job, working for Manpower and CETA in Warren County.

He spent 23 years in various jobs, reporting to several different bosses. He said they each had their individual strengths. He decided he could combine the best of what he had learned from each of these bosses and decided to run for highway superintendent. He is proud to have won that election and to have served as Hague's Highway Superintendent for the past 19 years.

Smith stated, "The most challenging part of the job was keeping the roads

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## CARS NEEDED FOR FISH & GAME TRUNK OR TREAT

The Hague Fish & Game Club is seeking additional cars for its Halloween "Trunk or Treat" event on October 28, 2023 at the Hague Community Center parking lot. More cars will mean more fun!

Those willing to have their cars be used should contact Bobbie Jean Fish at 518-354-1439. ▣

## ROAD SALT REDUCTION TASK FORCE REPORT

NY State's Adirondack Road Salt Reduction Task Force has released a 27-page report (the result of two years of research), which explains the extent of the damage road salt has caused to the environment, infrastructure, and people's health in the Adirondack Park, while proposing several paths to study solutions and reduce road salt application in the coming years.



As stated in the report's executive summary, *"The legislation attempts to address the conflicting paradigms between the use of road salt and the protection of public health and the environment. On the one hand, the all-weather use of transportation corridors and privately-owned paved surfaces is essential and the application of road salt to roads and other surfaces to control ice and snow for the safety of the traveling public has become an established practice. On the other hand, the protection of public health and the environment from contaminants is also essential and the migration of road salt onto nearby lands and waters has detrimental effects on natural resources, humans, property, and infrastructure."*

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## DONNY SMITH, CONTINUED

clear during ice storms. The hardest thing has been trying to read the storms to use brine effectively."

When asked what he'll be doing now that he's retired, he said he still has his backhoe and he never has any trouble finding something to do around the house. He said his wife is not ready to retire, but he hopes to talk her into it sometime. He quipped, "Maybe it's finally my turn to go on vacation."

He has a son in Hague and daughter in Albany who he'll be seeing often.

When asked what else he wanted the people of Hague to know, he said, "Thanks for your support. It's time for new blood."

We in Hague thank Donny for his 42 years of service and wish him a happy and healthy retirement! ▣



## THREE HABS SPOTTED ON LAKE GEORGE

Three confirmed harmful algal blooms (HABs) were spotted in three different bays on Lake George on September 12, 2023: Basin Bay, Huddle Bay, and Oneida Bay. The Oneida Bay one is the *first ever* sighting of a HAB in the northern basin of the lake.

The blooms in the lake's southern basin were discovered by researchers for The Jefferson Project, while the bloom near Hague was spotted by LGA Water Quality Research Manager Brea Arvidson. Photos for all three were sent to NY's Department of Environmental Conservation, which confirmed the sightings as HABs and put them on its NYHABS map.

The Jefferson Project is currently analyzing samples of the blooms for genome and toxins to determine which species they are, if they are toxic, and if they carry the gene for toxins. Previously occurring HABs in Lake George have NOT been toxic.

The Jefferson Project team will also analyze the data it collects on Lake George to help identify the cause of these blooms.

What is immediately apparent is that the two HABs in Basin Bay and Huddle Bay appeared in the same vicinities as last year, but this time, it was a month earlier than the confirmed October 26, 2022 blooms. ▣



## SEEKING TAX VOLUNTEERS

Since 2006, local volunteers have prepared federal and state tax returns free of charge for taxpayers in Hague, Ticonderoga, and surrounding areas. In the past several years, the volunteer group has served over 300 taxpayers *annually* at the Hague Community Center.

AARP provides the resources and training for local volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering to be a part of this team, call Local Coordinator Jan Whitaker at 518-543-6826. ▣



## ALERT RESIDENT CALLS IN SEWER ALARM

by Hague Town Councilman Jack Bast

At about 9 pm on the Friday night of Labor Day weekend, Karolyn Kimble heard an alarm coming from the sewer system's nearby Lakeshore Pump Station on Route 9N. All the wastewater from the northern parts of Sewer Districts 1 and 2 is collected at this pump station and pumped up to the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) on Decker Hill Road. If an alarm is going off at this, or at any pump station, it could mean *big* trouble.

Karolyn alerted her husband, Rich; neither knew who to call. They asked their neighbor, Alice Patchett of Trout House Village. Alice gave Karolyn the emergency call number - 518-222-1464; Karolyn promptly called it. In normal cases, an automatic dialer at the pump station would have called the WWTP staff when there was an issue. However, the dialer had failed, which meant that the staff was unaware of the problem until the Kimbles called.

Eric Kramar, WWTP Operator, was on call that night. He immediately drove to the pump station and determined the primary pump had failed, which had properly set off the alarm. The system had successfully automatically switched over to the secondary pump. By 10 pm, Eric had reset the system with no interruption of service to residents and never a danger of a spill.

On Saturday morning, Eric and Joe McDowell, Hague's backup WWTP operator, replaced the primary pump and everything was back to normal.

On Tuesday, Town Administrator Donna Clark contacted MetTel, making it clear that the failure of the automatic dialer was a serious issue; it was fixed the next day.

Supervisor Frasier and the entire Hague Town Board appreciate everyone who helped this story have a happy ending!

The town has stickers that display the emergency call number; one should be affixed to your sewer box. If you don't yet have one, please get one from Bertha at the community center.

**PLEASE NOTE:** If you ever hear an alarm at any of the pump stations, call **518-222-1464**. Even though the automatic dialer should call the WWTP staff, it's better to be safe than sorry! ▣

## HAGUE'S AL RIDER CRAFTS TABLE FOR LGA

Al Rider, a true craftsman who lives and works in Hague, is a long-time friend and supporter of the Lake George Association (LGA). He recently crafted a one-of-a-kind American black walnut table with inlays of curly maple, which he donated to the recently-renovated LGA office at 2392 State Hwy 9N in the Town of Lake George.



He styled the table after the work of Sam Maloof (1916–2009), a self-taught woodworker who pioneered a furniture aesthetic that embraced simple, sculptural shapes and a dedication to function. In addition to placing inlays of the Lake George silhouette on the base and the LGA initials on the top, Al dedicated the table to [Jeff Killeen](#), the former LGA chair, with a plaque that says, "In honor of Jeff Killeen and his legacy of lake protection."

Al Rider operates under the business name *The Local Woodworker* and counts Rachael Ray and the [Phinney Design Group](#) as clients. Click [HERE](#) to view a video of Al's work. ▣

## GOOD AND BAD NEWS IN ASIAN CLAM SURVEY

For the past 12 years, the Lake George Park Commission (LGPC) has been conducting a lake-wide survey of invasive Asian clams, which were first discovered in Lake George in 2010 in Lake George Village.

The good news is that even though Asian clams continue to spread throughout the lake, the numbers have stabilized at most of the identified sites. As the report notes:



"This invasive species has not affected either recreational activities or water quality to any considerable degree at this stage."

There is, however, a need for all of us to be vigilant as more new Asian clam locations were identified this year than in any previous year. Two new sites were identified in Hague – one in Arcady Bay and the other at a private sandy beach north of Pine Cove.

Asian clams live in sandy areas and can potentially grow into very large populations (millions of clams per acre). This is why the LGPC conducts an annual lake-wide survey to monitor if and how the clam populations are spreading throughout the lake and to estimate the population densities at known locations.

In addition to its own staff, the LGPC relies on partners and other volunteers to conduct this annual survey. The report contains a wealth of information about the history of Asian clams in Lake George and actions the LGPC has taken, as well as a list of Asian clam sites around the lake and their densities. To read the full report, click [HERE](#).

The LGPC's mandatory boat inspection program is doing a great job of keeping even more invasive species out of Lake George. Boaters can help combat the spread of invasives by cleaning their anchors after use and by disposing of clams or other invasives responsibly to avoid transporting them to a new site. ▣

## ROAD SALT, CONTINUED

*Long-term, successful balance of these objectives depends on engaging these competing tensions using the best available science and management practices.”*

The full report can be viewed by clicking [HERE](#).

In the past two years, about 193,000 tons of road salt has been dumped annually on almost 9,000 miles of paved roads in the Adirondacks. The salt makes roads safe in snowy and icy conditions by creating friction. But, it's a pollutant because it runs off into waterways and wells, where its sodium content can have corrupting effects like: altering aquatic life toward more salt-tolerant species, causing trace metals to accumulate in fish, causing cyanobacteria blooms, damaging or killing plants along roadsides, making well water undrinkable, causing problems for people with high blood pressure, heart diseases, and kidney or liver diseases, rusting out the plumbing and appliances in houses, rusting vehicles, and damaging public infrastructure such as bridges.

Assemblyman Matt Simpson, a Republican representing the 114th Assembly District, stated, “I represent Lake George, one of the cleanest lakes in the country, and we've seen the detrimental effects happening in that lake where it's changing the ecology.”

The report calls specifically for the state to fund ongoing Department of Transportation (DOT) and Lake George pilot programs on State Routes 86 and 9N in Warren County and here in the

Town of Hague to determine best practices and standards to be recommended parkwide.

The report stated that more protective limitations specific to the Adirondack Park may be required to prevent further deterioration of the region's water quality, wildlife, and environment.

It includes numerous recommendations including implementing new water quality and monitoring guidelines and implementation of best management practices, including the frequency and amount of road salt use.

Some of the report's specific suggestions are:

- The creation of the Adirondack Park Road Salt Reduction Pilot Program
- “Chloride-free zones” in low traffic areas
- Researching the environmental impact of chloride alternatives
- Seasonal speed reduction zones with signs warning motorists
- Better maintaining roads because a road free of potholes is easier to clear of snow
- “Cold spot management,” which involves cutting back coniferous trees from the roadside to thin the canopy that creates shade on roads, which allows for more ice build-up. (This concept is complicated by the “Forever Wild” clause of the state constitution, however.)
- Long-term water quality monitoring data collection stations
- Training programs to educate highway crews on best application practices
- Educating the public on the harms

of current road salt practices

- Getting private property owners to implement salt reduction practices
- Requiring major public and commercial snow and ice removers to report their methods and the amount of road salt they use

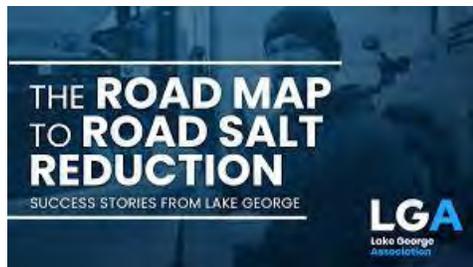
There are alternatives to traditional road salt, but they all have drawbacks. Some are more corrosive and others have different environmental or performance drawbacks. The report said these alternatives should be studied extensively before being used.

The report also says these solutions will need money from local, state, and federal governments. It suggests the state provide funding for local municipalities to take on best practices and that it provide funding for water quality testing of private wells.

Adirondack Council Spokesman John Sheehan is pleased that the report has finally been issued. He explained, “The report identifies the problem pretty well. It goes right on to say that essentially that the state's been applying too much salt in a variety of places based on the scientific studies that have been done and that they've identified ways that they can reduce that salt. What we don't see here is a specific implementation plan. We'd love to see detail on how the state intends to carry out the recommendations in here. There are some good pilot projects identified. There are good goals identified. But, we don't know how much money the state has to spend on this and we don't know how many personnel it intends to devote to the job.”

## LGA SALT SUMMIT

The eighth annual Lake George Association (LGA) Adirondack Champlain Regional Salt Summit will convene at Fort William Henry Hotel and Conference Center in Lake George Village from 8 am – 4 pm on October 3, 2023. It will be streamed live.



The free event welcomes highway superintendents, municipal leaders, businesses, contractors, and citizens to learn the latest in road salt reduction as a proven way to protect the environment and to save money. Click [HERE](#) to register.

*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](mailto:editor@thehaguechronicle.org).

**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - 8/24/2023**

Present were Chairman Robert Goetsch, Ray Snyder, Jon Hanna, and Linda Mury. Absent was Chris Navitsky. Also present were ZEO Cathy Clark, Recording Secretary Kathy Santaniello, and Tony DeFranco. Dr. Jesberger was present by phone.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. Mathews (93.8-1-20) 24 Bass Bay Road (TRI) VAR 13-23.**

The applicants want to repair their eroding waterfront bank. They propose installing a four-foot-high boulder wall along 35' of shoreline, along with native plantings and erosion control blankets.

**Zoning Issue:16-50 B. Shoreline.**

Tony DeFranco presented the proposal with details.

Results: Motion to allow passed unanimously.

**2. JESBERGER (43.13-1-29) 7 Bayberry Lane (TR-1) VAR 08-23, VAR 09-23, VAR 10-23**

The applicant is applying for three variances for the total replacement of a nonconforming structure. The home is in the sewer district and their project has received approval from the Cape Cod Village Association.

**Zoning Issues:**

**160-23 (A) Percentage Lot Coverage**

**160-23 (A) Front Yard Setback**

**160-65 (A) (1) More than 25% increase to a nonconforming structure.**

**SP 05-23 160-65 (A) for total replacement of a nonconforming structure.**

Result: Motion passed unanimously to accept the application as complete, to schedule a site visit, and to include this on the agenda for the next meeting.

Site visits were scheduled for Tuesday, August 29, 2023 at 3 pm for Mathews and Jesberger. ▣

**PLANNING BOARD (PB) - 9/7/2023**

Present were: Deputy Chairman Pam Peterson, Judy Gourley, and Sandy Powell. Absent were Chairman Richard Frasier and Meg Haskell. Also present were Zoning Enforcement Officer Cathy Clark and Recording Secretary Kathy Santaniello.

**REFERRAL TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS (ZBA):**

**1. JESBERGER (43.13-1-29) 7 BAYBERRY LANE (TR-1) DEV 37-23, VAR 08-23, VAR 09-23, VAR 10-23.**

The applicant is applying for a variance to a non-conforming, pre-existing structure to increase lot coverage from 36.6% currently to 37.9%. The home potentially being expanded is in the sewer district and does not require wastewater upgrades. The applicant is also applying to increase the living space of the home beyond the 25% threshold. A Type II Site Plan Review is required for the living space increase at the PB.

Variance approval by the ZBA is also required for the lot-coverage increase. The front-yard setback is supposed to be at a 25-foot minimum. Currently, it is 23.1 feet and the applicant is asking to move even closer to 19.5 feet. The increase requested in living space is 110.06%.

Dr. and Mr. Jesberger joined the meeting via ZOOM.

Result: Unanimous positive referral to the ZBA, with the following conditions:

- 1. The footprint of the project be maintained without a bump-out.
- 2. Evaluate the feasibility of another parking space through approval of the Cape Cod Homeowners' Association.

**2. Mathews (93.8-1-20) 24 Bass Bay Road (TRI) VAR 13-23.**

The applicants want to repair their eroding waterfront bank. They propose installing a four-foot-high boulder wall along 35' of shoreline, along with native plantings and erosion control blankets.

Result: Unanimous positive referral to the ZBA with no conditions.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. JESBERGER (43.13-1-29) 7 BAYBERRY LANE (TR-1) DEV 37-23, SP 05-23, VAR 08-23, VAR 09-23, VAR 10-23.**

The PB will await the ZBA's decision on the variances.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**1. WOLFSON & OLIVER (26.10-1-30.1) 103 Friends Point North (TR-1R) DEV 32-23, SP 04-23**

The applicant is applying to demolish an existing single-family residence and construct a new residence. It is in the sewer district.

**Zoning Issues: 160-24 (c) (1)** Land use or development within 100 feet of any body of water. The application stated that the main structure does not require any variances. Upon further review, it was identified that the patio structure is within 50 feet of the MHWM. The PB is getting clarification from the Adirondack Park Agency (APA) on whether this will trigger a variance, be considered landscaping, or fall within the allowable 100-square-foot maximum.

Present for this discussion were homeowner Adam Wolfson, Jason Williams of Phinney Design, and Jeffrey Anthony of Studio A Landscaping and Engineering.

Result: Unanimous vote to approve the application.

**2. INGREY (60.5-1-14) PINE COVE ROAD (TR1) SP 01-23, VAR 04-23, VAR 05-23**

The applicants propose constructing a second story addition and a new first floor entry addition to an existing house. The second story addition (781 sq. ft.) and the new first floor entry addition (80 sq. ft.) make for an 861 sq. ft. increase in living space beyond the current, which translates to a 55.9% increase of square footage of living space proposed.

## PLANNING BOARD, CONTINUED

All variances have already been approved with no conditions. Because Peterson (who is an owner of nearby property) recused herself, there was no quorum, so action on the project could not be taken at this time. It was decided that the meeting would stay open until Thursday, September 14, 2023 at 7 pm at the latest so the issue could be resolved.

### CONTINUATION OF THE SEPTEMBER 7, 2023 PLANNING BOARD MEETING – 9-11-2023

Members present: Deputy Chair Pam Peterson, Sandy Powell, Meg Haskell, and Judy Gourley. Cathy Clark was also present.

#### **INGREY (60.5-1-14) 31 Pine Cove Road (TR1) SP 01-23 VAR 04-23 VAR 05-23**

See first paragraph above under **INGREY**.

#### **Zoning Issues: 160-23 C. (1) (g) New Construction within 100' of the lake.**

Peterson recused herself for this application and turned the meeting over to Powell.

Result: Unanimous vote in favor of the Site Plan Review, with these conditions:

- The maple trees on the southeast side of the property be relocated so as not to block the view from the adjacent neighbor's house.
- Future plantings there can't grow over four feet high.

owners of hotels, campgrounds, short-term rentals or multiple-room dwellings who would consider housing migrants receive permission from the Warren County Board of Supervisors.

Warren County Administrator John Taflan has organized a task force of county agencies to review the county's procedures and options should Warren County receive a significant number of migrants.

- A tentative budget meeting will be held on October 4th at 5 pm at the community center.
- A town wide yard sale will be held in Hague on October 7th from 9 am – 4 pm. Contact Meg Haskell for details at [mhaskell14@yahoo.com](mailto:mhaskell14@yahoo.com) or 518-543-2015.
- There will be two public hearings on October 10th.
- The town boat launch will close on October 15th.
- Tim Fiallo is now the Acting Deputy Highway Superintendent replacing Matt Coffin.
- No action was taken on the Short-Term Rental Ordinance.

The official minutes of the September 12th, 13th, and 20th meetings will be posted on [townofhague.org](http://townofhague.org). Go to "Boards," then "Town Code and Minutes," then "Minutes," and then Town Board Minutes."

On September 22nd, in a phone conversation with *The Hague Chronicle*, Deputy Supervisor Steve Ramant stated, "At the last board meeting, we said a prayer that (Supervisor) Edna (Frasier) gets well quickly and returns to work."

## TOWN BOARD - 9/12/2023

This meeting on September 12, 2023 was canceled due to a medical situation.

A brief emergency meeting was held the following day to approve the payment of bills.

Another meeting was held on September 20th to handle the items on the agenda from the canceled meeting. Highlights of that meeting were:

- The Warren County State of Emergency originally issued in May amid concerns about NY City unilaterally relocating by bus large numbers of migrants seeking asylum to counties around NY State was updated on September 25th. Board of Supervisors Chairman Kevin Geraghty noted, "A rapid increase of individuals in need of social services, public health assistance and other services provided by our county, city and town agencies has the potential to create significant problems for Warren County and municipalities across the county without proper planning and funding." Click [HERE](#) to see the updated order.

Declaring a state of emergency preserves the county's ability to receive federal and/or NY State financial assistance should the migrant crisis have a financial impact on Warren County. In addition, it requires that



*Jabe Pond, September 5th, courtesy of Sandy Powell*

## CLEAN UP LAKE GEORGE DAY A BIG SUCCESS

In a show of community unity and strength, more than 100 residents and businesses, plus state and local organizations, spent the morning of September 17, 2023 picking up trash along the shoreline of Lake



George Village at the first annual “Clean Up Lake George” event.

Volunteers included families, schools, and sports teams as well as realtors, restaurants, motels, and boat rental companies. Also volunteering their time and skills in and on the water were the Warren County Sheriff’s Office Divers and Marine Unit, the Lake George Park Commission, and the North Queensbury Fire Department. Click [HERE](#) for more information. ▣

*PHOTO LEFT: LGA Development Manager Danielle Brown gives instructions to the Clean Up Lake George volunteers.*

## ANNUAL MEETING OF THE POSB

by Linda Fusco

On July 31, 2023, the Property Owners of Silver Bay (POSB) held its annual membership meeting at the Hague Community Center. Residents (POSB members and non-members) attended the meeting to find out about issues that impact the Silver Bay/Hague community.

Carol Kanis, the outgoing POSB President, welcomed 95 members from the Silver Bay/Hague community. She extended special greetings to representatives from Forest Bay and Pine Cove. Note: POSB continues to expand to represent property owners from Hague to Sabbath Day Point by appointing a liaison for each neighborhood.

Kanis provided updates for 2022-23 on: the Septic System Inspection Program (with inspections scheduled in the Hague area for the year 2026); POSB’s opposition to the LGPC’s introduction of ProcellaCOR into the northern basin; the upcoming LGA Lake Protector Program at Silver Bay on August 18, 2023; and short-term rental implications in Hague.

After the update, Kanis introduced the following speakers:

- 1. Hague Town Supervisor Edna Frasier** addressed the success of “Music in the Park” (with food trucks); new efforts to promote hiking; a tax discussion via Jack Bast with the State Board of Education regarding ongoing school tax payments by Hague residents; and an update on the short-term rental policy.
- 2. CEO Silver Bay YMCA Peter Doliber** distributed a flyer with Silver Bay’s accomplishments, program additions, and free or fee-based community service options for residents of Hague, Bolton Landing, and Ticonderoga.
- 3. Hague Tax Assessor Dave Martucci** reviewed the impact of the two-year evaluation process that resulted in the increase of land values. He invited residents to make appointments with him regarding any questions they may have regarding property tax assessments.

- 4. Executive Director of Ti-Alliance Donna Wotton** explained the Ticonderoga Revitalization Alliance and how its work impacts the business community and supports the Ticonderoga Central School District.
- 5. POSB Vice-President Linda Fusco** presented a brief review of what she found in the POSB archives (1975-present) on recurring themes that have been germane to the membership throughout the years such as education, environment, taxes, and safety.
- 6. POSB Facebook Administrator Blake Mitchell** shared the summary of the results of the POSB Survey conducted last summer.

Kanis concluded the meeting with the vote to elect the new officers: President - Linda Fusco; Vice-President and Website Coordinator - Bill Klebe; Corresponding Secretary - Laura Lee Yohanan; Recording Secretary - Gail Haldeman; Treasurer - Rick MacDowell; and Past Presidents - Sandy Mitchell and Carol Kanis. POSB members-at-large are: Chris Parlin, Richard Berls, Paul Budd, Blake Mitchell, Mimi Behr, Marge Mengers, and Carolyn Hoeschele.

The much-larger-than-usual attendance at the meeting can be attributed to articles published in *The Hague Chronicle* (much thanks!) and to the 24/7 presence of information on our website <https://propertyownersofsilverbay.wordpress.com>. When POSB members join, they have the choice to receive emails from the website. Bill Klebe, the website coordinator, keeps the members informed of happenings in Hague and Ticonderoga and encourages our members to support the various fundraisers and concerts.

The POSB board does not hibernate for the off season, but keeps active with ZOOM meetings throughout the fall, winter, and spring. We are planning seminars for the 2024 season on tax assessment and local education. POSB seminars are open to the public.

For more information, please contact Linda Fusco, [lindafuscophd@gmail.com](mailto:lindafuscophd@gmail.com). ▣

## BLUEGRASS IN HEAVEN A SUCCESS AT SILVER BAY

Silver Bay YMCA held its first musical festival, *Bluegrass in Heaven*, September 15 - 17, 2023 on its 700-acre campus. The event drew festivalgoers from across the east coast and from as far as San Diego.

Over 300 people bought tickets, creating a warm and lively atmosphere at Silver Bay during a normally slower part of the year on the northern end of Lake George.

From start to finish, the festival was filled with music, starting with the opening performance Friday night by Blue Highway and ending Sunday morning with music by the Upstate Bluegrass Band.

Crowds grew to an all-time high during the Saturday night performances. Tony Trishka and Michael Daves with Bruce Molsky kicked off the evening performances at 7:30 pm, followed by the Bob and Sarah Amos Band, and culminating with the main performance of the night by Grammy-winner Michael Cleveland and Flamekeeper.

VP of Guest Experience Luke Callahan said, "We were excited to host such a great event, drawing people from both around the country and the local community. The energy on property was overwhelming and everything we could have hoped for; it was an overall great weekend and great festival."

"For a first-year music festival, we are pretty darn happy with the turnout that we got and the other thing that is kind of making me happy is that the musicians are through the roof about the location," said Terry Baker, a long-time Silver Bay and the visionary of the festival.

Silver Bay thanks the sponsors, volunteers, and staff who made this event possible. It also thanks the festivalgoers for coming. It brought great joy to everyone involved to see new guests exploring the campus for the first time, long-time guests seeing Silver Bay in a new light, and to hear the campus filled with laughter as people enjoyed the festival.

To learn more about Silver Bay YMCA and its mission visit [silverbay.org](http://silverbay.org) or follow it on social media at Silver Bay YMCA. ▣



TOP: Tony Trishka and Michael Daves with Bruce Molsky; MIDDLE: Upstate Bluegrass Band; BOTTOM: Drank the Gold

## SILVER BAY RUN/WALK FOR BREAST CANCER AWARENESS



There will be a run/walk for breast cancer awareness at Silver Bay on October 21, 2023. Money raised will go toward Silver Bay's Cancer Respite Program. Registration is \$15 for one person or \$50 for four persons and that includes a day pass after the run and light refreshments.

Check-in starts at 9 am at the inn circle and the run/walk starts at 10 am. The walk is a quarter-mile long; it will start at the Silver Bay YMCA entrance sign by Fisher Gymnasium and end at the inn circle. The run is a mile long and will start and end at the inn circle. To register, click [HERE](#).

And, remember to wear pink! ▣

## LGLC OCTOBER EVENTS

The Lake George Land Conservancy (LGLC) will hold the following events in October 2023:



**October 14th:** Discovery Series, Falling into Winter at Godwin Preserve at 9:30

am. They will explain how Adirondack plants and animals prepare for winter. The moderate 1.6-mile hike includes a stop at the overlook to see changes on a larger scale. Click [HERE](#).

**October 19th:** Paint & Sip with Patrice at the LGLC office, 5-7 pm. Patrice Jarvis-Weber will guide this painting session to replicate her piece, "Fall Birch," and to consider the changing leaves and signs of fall around us. All welcome! \$35 per person. Click [HERE](#).

**October 22nd:** Fall Foliage Hike to the tops of Cat and Thomas Mountains, 9 am - 3 pm. Led by John Crist, Jr. The challenging, seven-mile round-trip loop starts/ends at the Valley Woods Road Trailhead. Click [HERE](#). ▣

## SILVER BAY HAS PICKLEBALL

Silver Bay YMCA has added four pickleball courts. They were unveiled on July 7, 2023, thanks to the generosity of many donors. Enough money was raised in a year to not only build the new pickleball courts, but to resurface the hard tennis courts and basketball courts. Pickleball court lines were also added to the basketball courts to allow more games to be played when all the courts are full.

Silver Bay partnered with local Patty Hogan from Lake George Paddle and Pickleball to bring in local community members to play on the new courts this season. It was a rainy summer, but if the sun was out, the new pickleball courts were full!

Hogan and her team of volunteers instructed and organized the play of over 1,000 players this summer. For most of them, it was their first time playing pickleball.

In addition, Hogan organized and directed a week-long pickleball camp with pickleball's number-one-ranked doubles player, Collin Johns. Participants

fine-tuned their skills with advice and feedback from Johns. The camp filled with its maximum of 32 participants.

"I was thrilled to be a part of the first-ever destination pickleball camp, with Silver Bay being the perfect backdrop with its brand new state-of-the-art pickleball facility. Every player was thrilled to take in the natural beauty of Silver Bay's campus, including Johns, who had never been to Lake George before. Pickleball is a phenomenal amenity for Silver Bay, which will lead to unlimited future participation," stated Hogan.

Silver Bay will continue offering pickleball to the community throughout the winter with indoor courts in Fisher Gymnasium.

To learn more about Silver Bay, visit [silverbay.org](http://silverbay.org). ▣



*TOP: New pickleball courts at Silver Bay; MIDDLE: Participants in the week-long pickleball camp; BOTTOM LEFT: Pickleball Pro Collin Johns; BOTTOM RIGHT: Patty Hogan*



*Lake George's Northern Basin looking south from Anthony's Nose, courtesy of Sandy Powell*

## TI-ALLIANCE ANNUAL MEETING

On August 23, 2023, Ti-Alliance held its 2023 annual meeting at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Ticonderoga. With 110 people present or on ZOOM, Executive Director Donna Wotton welcomed Assemblyman Matt Simpson, Essex County Supervisors, Ticonderoga Town Board Members, and Ti-Alliance partners and supporters.

She provided the highlights of the Ti-Alliance's work over the past year and what it is looking forward to in 2024. A recording of her presentation can be found on their website at [www.ticonderoga-alliance.org/about-us](http://www.ticonderoga-alliance.org/about-us) (Click the "2023 Annual Meeting Recording" link to be redirected to YouTube. To view it, click [HERE](#).)

This year, Ti-Alliance gave eight Ticonderoga/Hague/Putnam students over \$40,000 in scholarships to follow their dreams in nursing, excavation, masonry, dental hygiene, accounting, and culinary. Read the full story on this year's Ti-Alliance Scholars on their website at [www.ticonderoga-alliance.org/news](http://www.ticonderoga-alliance.org/news). Attendees to the meeting were able to meet with six Ti-Alliance Scholars, including two recent graduates from the program who are pursuing their fields.

Mike and Meg Singer Huffman were not able to attend the meeting, but issued a \$10,000 match challenge donation to the George C. Singer Scholarship Endowment that helps to fund the Skilled Career Training Scholarships every year. Those who value education are encouraged to contribute to this match challenge.

The Ti-Alliance has been working with a team of people for a year-and-a-half to figure out how to bring reliable and sustainable childcare to Ticonderoga area families and employers. It's a critical need and a difficult challenge. This year, Ti-Alliance built a workable business plan, secured a facility at St. Mary's School, and advanced some funding hurdles to enable construction to begin this fall.

On August 23rd, just before the meeting, Ti-Alliance received notification from legislators Kristen Gillibrand and Elise Stefanik that it will be receiving \$248,500 from the Northern Border Regional Commission (a federal agency) to support the construction and start-up of the childcare center. Early this year, the Adirondack Foundation took the lead with a \$16,000 donation to help them move this project forward. In July, Sylvamo Corporation took the employers' lead, contributing \$50,000 toward the center. Just prior to the meeting, Anne and Terry Beaty of Hague matched that contribution with \$50,000.

What remains is to fund the rest of the start-up costs and all the fixtures, toys, cribs, and books, as well as some start-up operating funds. Each room costs about \$25,000 to outfit. Local couple Jan and Dave Arthur have "purchased" a room and issued a challenge to others to do the same. Wotton encourages those who understand how much a lack of childcare holds back Ticonderoga's families, employers, and community, to please consider "buying" a room, getting their friends together to buy one, or just contributing any amount to this project. ▣



*Pictured here (from left to right) are Brandon Provoncha (welding), Donta Brown (masonry), Connor Rafferty (excavation and Class B CDL), Michael O'Donnell (art and media), and Yarr Tyler (culinary).*

## LGLC PROTECTS TEN ADDITIONAL ACRES

The Lake George Land Conservancy (LGLC) has purchased ten acres in the Town of Bolton, permanently protecting another important piece of land within the Indian Brook and Northwest Bay Conservation Initiative. This property includes three acres of wetlands and about 700 feet of Saddlebrook stream corridor, which flows into Indian Brook, Lake George's second-largest tributary. Click [HERE](#) for more information. ▣

## BELL ELECTED PRESIDENT OF LGLC

The Lake George Land Conservancy (LGLC) has elected Paul Bell as president of its board of directors. Bell succeeds Jeff Brozyna, who reached his term limit.



Bell joined the LGLC board in November 2020 and has served two years as vice president of conservation.

A resident of Silver Bay and Laurel Park, NC, Bell is a retired senior media executive and business strategist with experience in advertising, broadcasting, marketing, and publishing. For more than 30 years, he has volunteered in non-profit organizations, in the areas of leadership development, fundraising, and governance.

Under Brozyna's leadership, the LGLC worked to permanently protect more than 3,000 acres of land around Lake George. He will continue to serve the LGLC as a member of its advisory board.

Other new appointments to the LGLC Advisory Board are Elizabeth Avery, Ed Becker of Sabbath Day Point, Jeff Brozyna, Elizabeth Guest, and Elizabeth Meigher. In addition, the LGLC elected the following new board members: Diane Marr Asiel of Hague, Tracey Clothier, William K. Bixby III, and Michael Barrett. ▣

## NEW DISNEY TRAVEL COMPANY IN TI

The Ticonderoga Area Chamber of Commerce (TACC) recently held a ribbon cutting at Middle of the Magic Travel to officially welcome Pam Arzberger to the Ticonderoga Area Business Community. Pam is a travel advisor specializing in all things Disney. Reservations for Disney stays, park entrances, dining reservations, and other special services can be made directly through her with no fees to the customer.



*Pam Arzberger, her husband Steve, Supervisor Mark Wright, TACC staff members, TACC board members, and TACC ambassadors*

"I am honored and excited to share my passion for travel and Disney with my friends, family, and the community," stated Arzberger.

For more information, call 276-698-5415 or like and follow Pam at Middle of the Magic Travel on Facebook and Instagram. ❑

## HANCOCK HOUSE SPOOKY MOVIE

The Ticonderoga Historical Society will celebrate the Halloween season with a free movie on Friday, October 6, 2023 at 7 pm at the Hancock House, 6 Moses Circle, Ticonderoga.

"We will be watching *The Uninvited*, a 1944 movie that centers around ghostly happenings in a seaside Gothic mansion," said Hancock House Managing Director Diane O'Connor. "This should not be confused with a more recent remake. The older movie is much more suspenseful and promises to keep viewers on the edge of their seats, without a lot of gore and violence."

O'Connor went on to note that the film features several stars and character actors of the era and beautifully illustrates the black and white film format. In addition, the musical soundtrack is memorable. The movie was nominated for an Academy Award.

Reservations are strongly encouraged and can be made by calling 518-585-7868 or via e-mail to [tihistory@bridgepoint1.com](mailto:tihistory@bridgepoint1.com). Free popcorn will be served. ❑

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## EXPERIENCE TICONDEROGA MAP

The Cultural Arts Initiative (CAI) has released its new, updated Experience



Ticonderoga map. Arts, culture, and history sites are identified from the Liberty Monument to the Percy Thompson Bicentennial Park.

These maps are available at the Ti Arts Gallery, Ticonderoga Heritage Museum, Black Watch Memorial Library, Ticonderoga Community Building, Hancock House, and the Ticonderoga Area Chamber of Commerce. ❑

## TACC DINNER AND AWARDS CEREMONY

The Ticonderoga Area Chamber of Commerce (TACC) will host its Annual Ticonderoga Area Community Appreciation Dinner and Awards Ceremony on Thursday, October 19, 2023 at 6 pm. The complimentary Italian dinner and ceremony will be held at the Knights of Columbus in Downtown Ticonderoga.

All chamber members, businesses, organizations, committees, and area volunteers are invited to attend. Space is limited. RSVP is required. Call 518-585-6619, email [emullen@ticonderogany.com](mailto:emullen@ticonderogany.com), or go online at [www.ticonderogany.com](http://www.ticonderogany.com).

The event will recognize area businesses, organizations, and volunteers, give out appreciation awards, and award the 2023 "Business of the Year," "Organization of the Year," "Chamber Volunteer of the Year," and "Community Volunteer of the Year."

Nominations for these awards are now being accepted; forms are available at the TACC office at 94 Montcalm Street or online at [www.ticonderogany.com](http://www.ticonderogany.com) and must be received by **October 5th**.

This event is made possible by the sponsorship of area businesses and organizations. Businesses interested in being sponsors should contact Erin Mullen at [emullen@ticonderogany.com](mailto:emullen@ticonderogany.com). ❑

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**CALENDAR**

October 2023

**OCTOBER**

5	7 pm	Hague Planning Board Meeting	19	5 - 7 pm	Paint & Sip at the LGLC Office
6	7 pm	Spooky Movie at the Hancock House	19	6 pm	TACC Awards Ceremony Dinner
9		COLUMBUS DAY	21	9 am	Breast Cancer Awareness Walk/Run Silver Bay YMCA
9		INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY	22	9 am - 3 pm	Fall Foliage Hike at Cat and Thomas Mountains
10	6 pm	Hague Town Board Meeting	26	7 pm	Hague Zoning Board Meeting
14	9:30 pm	Discovery Series Falling into Winter at the Godwin Preserve	31		HALLOWEEN

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