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ELECTION 2023 IN HAGUE

The unofficial final results for the elections held in Hague on November 7, 2023, based on a total of 313 ballots counted were:

Town Supervisor

Joshua Patchett – 159
Edna Frasier – 149

Town Clerk

Kim Coffin – 239

Town Council

(Voted for two; both will serve)

Jack Bast – 229
Steve Ramant – 212

Superintendent of Highways

Chad Dunklee – 131
Luke Winters – 101

State Proposal 1 – Eliminates the constitutional debt limit placed on small city school districts, which are defined as districts partly or fully within a city with less than 125,000 inhabitants.

In Hague, it passed 168 to 92. In Warren County, it passed 8,760 to 4,916. In NYS, it passed 1,386,898 to 769,630.

State Proposal 2 – Extends the authority of counties, cities, towns, and villages to exclude from their constitutional debt limits any debt incurred for the construction of sewage facilities. This exclusion was already in place, but was set to expire at the end of 2023. The passage of the proposal means that the exclusion will be extended for ten years, until January 1, 2034.

In Hague, it passed 178 to 87. In Warren County, it passed 9,304 to 4,360. In NYS, it passed 1,460,904 to 685,518. ▣

WORK AT PEGGY'S POINT COMPLETED

The Lake George Land Conservancy (LGLC) has completed the work to improve accessibility at Peggy's Point, including crushed stone paths that lead to the Friendship Garden, gazebo, and waterfront.

An accessible picnic table was also added and the entrance gate was widened.

Final touches on landscaping and the gardens, including memorial plantings, will be completed next spring, at which time the LGLC will also install a new kiosk and educational signage.



The project is supported with funding from the NYS Conservation Partnership Program (NYSCPP) and New York's Environmental Protection Fund. The NYSCPP is administered by the Land Trust Alliance, in coordination with the State Department of Environmental Conservation. ▣

NEW TOWN COUNCIL MEMBER TO BE APPOINTED

The Hague Town Board will be appointing a new town council member to fill the remaining two years of Joshua Patchett's unexpired term of office, Patchett having been elected Town of Hague Supervisor in the November election.

A council member must be a resident of the Town of Hague.

The appointed person will commence responsibilities in 2024. The salary is \$6,473 per year. Persons interested in serving the town and being considered for this position should promptly submit a written expression of interest to Personnel Chairman Jack Bast at jackbast@nycap.rr.com.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA AT FISH & GAME CLUB

The Hague Fish & Game Club will have Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 9, 2023 from 9 -11 am at its clubhouse in Hague. There are only 50 spots available, so those interested should RSVP on the Fish & Game Club's Facebook page soon. For more information, call 518-543-6401. ▣

SENIORS CLUB NEWS

by Pat Hintze



In October, we had a great meeting and Halloween Party with many wonderful dishes to share. Our theme was a Football Tailgate Party. Many people came dressed in their favorite team colors. One of the best costumes was the New England Patriot with a deflated football. That got a lot of laughs!

Then, we were off to Lakeside Farms in Ballston Spa where we had a good lunch and got some nice goodies and jewelry from their Gift Shop. Then, we were off to Clifton Park to go shopping at Boscov's. Everyone came out with some good finds.

At our November 14, 2023 meeting, we had a pizza party and played Bingo. What a fun afternoon!

Our Annual Christmas Party will be on December 5th at Frederick's Restaurant in Bolton Landing. This will be a great time with good food, good people, and gifts of all kinds. Looking to see you all there to kick off the holiday season!

On December 7th, we'll have Game Night at my house at 6:30 pm. We'll have snacks, much laughter, and fun.

We would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year. Looking forward to seeing you all in 2024! ❏

IT'S HAGUE MEMORY TREE TIME

by Diane Trudeau

The Hague Memory Tree was started 34 years ago by my mom, Imogene Frasier, in memory of my brother, Dale. It gives each of us a chance to remember those we have lost, but also to honor those who are still with us. For \$1 per "bulb" you can add as many names as you like. The money raised supports the Hague Volunteer Fire Department. Make checks out to The HVFD for \$1 per name plus any more you want to send and mail to: Town of Hague Memory Tree, PO Box 509, Hague, NY12836. Or, stop by the community center and see Bertha or me to make your contribution by cash or check.

Donations should be received by December 20th. Thank you! ❏

POLAR BEAR PLUNGE

The Annual Hague Polar Bear Plunge will be on January 1, 2024 at the Hague Town Park Beach at 1 pm. Registration starts at noon.

All money raised will be donated to the University of Vermont Children's Hospital for *Rockinforareason!*

We hope everyone will support this cause! We'll be Freezin' for a Reason! ❏

HVFD

by Donna Trudeau, Captain



For September, EMS had 12 calls for a total of 75 volunteer hours.

In October, EMS had seven calls for a total of 59 volunteer hours. We update the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and other trainings on an ongoing basis to keep our members safe and to serve the community. Seven people attended our Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) class.

For the month of October, we had 19 drills and fire calls for a total of 236 volunteer hours.

On December 17th, we'll have Breakfast with Santa from 9 am - 11 am at the Firehouse at 4 West Hague Road. He will give away some special gifts. All proceeds will be donated to the University of Vermont Children's Network in honor of Liam Scoville.

Learn more about Liam on page 9. ❏

SCHOOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thanks to Amanda Peterson, the School Advisory Committee (STAC) meeting minutes are now available on the Town of Hague website [HERE](#). ❏

PARTIAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS

Sole Assessor David Martucci urges all primary residence homeowners to contact his office at 518-543-6161 to see if they are eligible for the following exemptions:

Senior Citizens' Exemption: Primary residence homeowners over age 65 with the following household income ceilings for the listed taxing jurisdictions: *(all include sliding scale)*

- County \$29,000
- Town \$18,000
- School \$22,000

This exemption must be renewed each year. Renewal forms will be sent in late December to those who had this exemption last year.

Enhanced STAR Exemption: Primary residence homeowners over age 65 with household income less than \$93,200.

This exemption renews automatically each year for those already enrolled in the Income Verification program. New applicants should apply for the Star Credit Program online [HERE](#) or call 518-457-2036.

Basic STAR Exemption: Primary residence homeowners with annual income below \$500,000.

This exemption does not have to be renewed each year. New applicants should apply for the Star Credit Program online [HERE](#) or call 518-457-2036.

Veterans' Exemption: Primary residence homeowners with military service during wartime periods.

This exemption does not have to be renewed each year.

Details and applications are available Mondays and Wednesdays from 9 am to 3 pm. The filing deadline is March 1, 2024. ❏

PLANNING BOARD - 10/5/2023

Present were Deputy Chairman Pam Peterson, Sandra Powell, Judy Gourley, and Margaret Haskell.

Chairman Richard Frasier was absent.

Also present were Acting Zoning Enforcement Officer Cathy Clark, Zoning Enforcement Officer Tristan Shappy, Recording Secretary Kathy Santaniello, and Anthony DeFranco.

ZOOM was not available for this meeting due to technical difficulties. The meeting was video recorded.

REFERRAL TO ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS (ZBA):

ENGLISH (60.13-1-11) 61 Red Fox Lane (TR-1) VAR 14-23

The applicants are requesting a variance for shoreline restoration that will include, if approved, stone steps to the dock, a fire pit sitting area, and a boulder retaining wall.

Zoning Issue:160-50 B.

DeFranco (representing English) answered questions. Clark reported there was a non-jurisdictional ruling from the Lake George Park Commission (LGPC). A Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) permit is required. Peterson reported that a site visit had been done.

Discussion ensued. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved that a positive recommendation be made to the Zoning Board of Appeals, with the recommendation that it address the three violation issues that were found at the site visit: the shed, the outside shower, and the stairs.

The board also recommended that the additional fire pit not be approved.

OTHER BUSINESS:

RICHARDS (12.18-1-16) 9568 Lakeshore Drive (TR-1) VAR 09-15 SP 12-15(f).

The applicants are requesting temporary relief of conditions placed on their 1/7/2016 site plan approval, until their house receives its Certificate of Occupancy (CO).

At its meeting on September 28, 2023, the ZBA granted relief of their conditions of approval until the new home receives its CO. Its approval is to be renewed each time the Warren County building permit is renewed.

Discussion ensued regarding an outdoor shower that had been installed. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously passed to grant temporary relief to use the cabin for living until the new house is completed and a CO is issued with the following condition: After the COs are issued for the house, the Zoning Enforcement Officer will inspect the cabin within two weeks to verify that the shower and plumbing for the outdoor shower have been removed. ▣

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - 10/26/2023

Present were: Chairman Robert Goetsch, Jon Hanna, Chris Navitsky, Linda Mury, and Ray Snyder.

Also present were: Acting Zoning Enforcement Officer Cathy Clark, Zoning Enforcement Officer Tristan Shappy, Recording Secretary Kathy Santaniello, and Anthony DeFranco. The meeting was streamed on ZOOM.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

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

On September 23, 2023, this public hearing was left open so that more information could be gathered. Ron and Jaclyn Jesberger bought the property in 2021. They have three children and would like to renovate the building to better accommodate their family. Clark read two letters from Cape Cod Village residents expressing support of the project. One Cape Cod Village resident expressed concerns about the increase in size of the structure being more than 25% and that parking is an issue.

2. ENGLISH (60.13-1-11) 61 Red Fox Lane (TR-1) VAR 14-23

Anthony DeFranco, (representing English) addressed some issues that came up at the site plan visit as well as updated plans for the project. The Arcady Bay Homeowners may address some of the issues. The Lake George Park Commission (LGPC) returned a notice of non-jurisdiction. No word has been received from the Army Corp of Engineers or the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC). No statements were made against the project.

REGULAR MEETING:

OLD BUSINESS:

1. 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 an addition to a nonconforming structure. The home is in the sewer district and their project has received approval from its 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.

After discussion, a motion was made, seconded, and passed 4-1 (Hanna) to table action on the project to see if the structure can be kept within the existing footprint.

2. ENGLISH (60-13-1-11) 61 RED FOX LANE (TR-1) VAR 14-23

The applicants are requesting a variance for shoreline restoration that will include, if approved, stone steps to the dock and beach, a fire pit sitting area, and boulder retaining walls. They are also asking for an additional variance so they can keep 7.25 sq. ft. of their deck staircase, which was built in the shoreline setback.

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ZONING BOARD, CONTINUED

Zoning Issues: 160-50 B

After discussion, a motion was made, seconded, and passed 4-1 (Navitsky) to grant the variance.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. KIMBLE (26.17-2-42.122) 9112 Lakeshore Drive (Hamlet) VAR 15-23.

The applicants would like to remove an existing 100-sq. ft shed and construct a 200-sq. ft. gazebo 30' from the mean high-water mark (MHW).

Zoning Issues: 160-50 B (b) (3)

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to deem the application complete. The project will be added to next month's meeting agenda. A site visit was scheduled for Friday, November 3, 2023 at 3 pm.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. RICHARDS (12.18-1-16) 9568 Lakeshore Drive (TR-1) VAR 09-15.

A procedural error was made during the September 28th review of this request. To remedy the error, the board needed to vote again on this request. On the re-vote to approve the modifications to Variance #09-15, the motion passed by a 4-1-0 vote (Goetsch recused). ❑

TOWN BOARD - 11/14/2023

The following board members were present: Deputy Supervisor Steve Ramant, Board Members Joshua Patchett, Jack Bast, and Maureen Cherubini. Supervisor Edna Frasier was absent.

Also present were: Deputy Highway Superintendent and ZOOM Coordinator Tim Fiallo, ZEO Cathy Clark, Lake George Waterkeeper Chris Navitsky, Linda Mury, Leo and Karen Lucas, Mike and Peggy Kowalsky, Maria Waters, Pat Hintze, Mary Lou Doulin, and Mary Behr. There were approximately thirteen attendees via ZOOM.

WELCOME GUESTS/PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Navitsky gave a presentation on Road Salt Reduction. He reviewed the history, funding spent to date, and the needs for the "Road Salt Grant Program Municipal SWiM™ Implementation Grant Agreement." Warren County and three towns within the county are currently part of the grant program: Hague, Queensbury, and Lake George.

The entire grant agreement, which includes Purpose and Grant Process sections, is on file at the town clerk's office.

A motion to agree to and sign the "Road Salt Grant Program Municipal SWiM Implementation Grant Agreement" passed unanimously.

By unanimous vote, all bills were authorized for payment.

REGULAR COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Administrative: Ramant thanked Amanda Peterson for her assistance in making the Town of Hague's website Americans With Disabilities (ADA) Friendly.

Recreation and Promotion: Ramant reported that the bands and vendors have been booked for Music in the Park in the summer of 2024.

Highway: Deputy Highway Superintendent Tim Fiallo reported:

- James Belden is working out well at the highway department.
- Paving has been successfully completed.
- The highway crew has finished needed culvert replacements.
- All trucks are set up for this year's winter season.
- The Yaw Road FEMA project has been completed. Seeding of the area will be completed in the spring of 2024 to assure growth.
- An extension has been filed regarding the next FEMA project for the replacement of a box culvert in Silver Bay.
- Grant funding from ADK is in process.

Museum/Historian: See unfinished business section regarding the NLG Outboard Marathon Marker.

Personnel: Bast reported that recently-hired ZEO Tristan Shappy is undergoing training with Cathy Clark.

Planning/Zoning/Stormwater: Cherubini reviewed the submitted ZEO report.

ZEO Clark requested the required board's permission to write to four property owners using Chapter 76 Unsafe Building, Sections 76-4 E, I and 76-5 stating that due to the unsanitary conditions of their septic systems, until the tanks are replaced, they will not be allowed to stay on their property.

The board granted Clark permission to draft the letters and to forward them (as well as any and all responses received) to the town board members.

Clark noted that the LGPC Wastewater Management Program has put additional strains on Hague's ZEO department time-wise, but helping property owners with failed systems has been a high priority.

Sewer District #1 & #2: Bast reported that the Sewer Advisory Committee met on November 9, 2023. The committee is looking into placing a permanent emergency generator at Cape Cod Village. There is one EDU appeal currently before the Sewer EDU Appeals Committee.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The board tabled the proposed Short-Term Rental Ordinance (STR) until the December 12th meeting.

A motion was unanimously passed to have the public hearing for Larter's wastewater variances requests (Sec. 93.8 Block 1 Lot 23) at the December 12th meeting.

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TOWN BOARD, CONTINUED

A motion was unanimously passed to approve placing a historical marker at the Hague Town Beach Park for the NLG Outboard Marathons next to the first bench as you walk down the boat launch boardwalk.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

A motion unanimously passed to accept the letter of resignation from Richard Frasier from the Hague Planning Board.

NEW BUSINESS

The board agreed to advertise for applications for the Hague Planning Board to:

- Fill the unexpired term of Richard Frasier until 12/31/2025
- Fill the alternate position of Martin Fitzgerald

A resolution was approved by unanimous vote that Sandra Powell be named Deputy Chairman of the Hague Planning Board for the remainder of the 2023 year.

A resolution was approved by unanimous vote that Pam Peterson be named Chairman of the Hague Planning Board for the remainder of the 2023 year.

A resolution was approved by unanimous vote to amend

Resolution #86 of 2023 (Knotweed Grant) and to approve the requisite funding (town's share - \$16,800) so that the project can proceed.

A resolution was unanimously passed to cover the \$460.68 costs of a laptop dedicated for providing ZOOM streaming of the town's meetings.

The board went into executive session; ten minutes later it ended the session, reporting that no decisions were made. ▣

SOUNDINGS

DIED: Warren R. Schoder, 81, of Hague, on November 5, 2023, after a brief illness.

Born in Jersey City, NJ, he was the son of the late Erlo F. and Helen M. Schoder.

All his life, he summered at their family cabin in Hague and, in 2017, he made Hague his year-round home.



He was a graduate of Morristown High School in Morristown, NJ and attended Stevens Institute of Technology, Fairleigh Dickinson, and other institutions of higher education. He later joined the Air Force Reserve.

He married his wife, Margo, on December 22, 1968 and they were married for over 55 years.

Schoder worked his way up the ladder to VP of Operations at Morris County Savings Bank. In 1983, he moved his family to Bradenton, FL, where he was general manager at The Christian Retreat. In 1995, his first grandchild was born in Colorado, so he and his wife moved to Fort Collins, CO, where he took a job specializing in the brokering of precious metals.

He enjoyed many hobbies, but his family and his service to the Lord had the highest priority.

Schoder is survived by his: wife, Margo; daughter, Susan (Scott) Crandall; son, David Schoder; grandchildren Matthew Crandall, Noah Schoder, and Evan Crandall; adopted children and grandchildren Amber, Gavin, and Lucas; brother, Barry Schoder; sister Carol (John) Zamrok; sister-in-law, Cindy (Phil) Ritzer; and many, many loving nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews, and even great-great nieces and nephews. ▣

EARLY SCHOOL DISMISSAL

The Ticonderoga Central School District will dismiss early on December 22, 2023. The elementary school will dismiss at 11, with parent pick-up between 10:40 and 11 am and the junior/senior high will dismiss at 11:15 am.

Questions should be directed to Superintendent of Schools Scott Nephew at 518-585-7400, extension 1135. ▣

FRIENDS POINT ROADS TO CLOSE

The Friends Point Roads will be closed for the 24-hour period of 12:01 am Monday, January 1, 2024 to 12:01 am Tuesday, January 2nd. ▣

NORTH COUNTRY CHRISTMAS

The Ticonderoga Area Chamber of Commerce (TACC) will sponsor its 14th Annual Ticonderoga Area North Country Christmas Celebration from Saturday, November 25 - Sunday, December 3, 2023, with events happening daily. The event will culminate Friday, December 1st - Sunday, December 3rd.

Friday, December 1, 2023

- Holiday Shopping and Dining Night until 8 pm
- Holiday Farmers' Market, Ticonderoga Area Chamber of Commerce (TACC) office, 5 - 8 pm
- Parade of Lights, downtown Ticonderoga, 6 - 7:30 pm
- Ti Heritage Museum and Ti Arts Holiday Gift Shoppe, Ti Arts Gallery 10 am - 8 pm

Saturday, December 2nd

- Breakfast With Santa, Burleigh's Luncheonette, 8 - 11 am
- Tromblee's Greenhouse and Gift Shop Holiday Open House, Crown Point, 10 am - 4 pm
- Holiday Paint and Sip TACC Fundraising Event, War Cannon Spirits, 6 pm

Sunday, December 3rd

- Festival of Trees Open House and Reception, Hancock House, 1 - 3 pm ▣

SILVER BAY YMCA AWARDED GRANT FOR TEEN CENTER

Silver Bay YMCA has been awarded an \$8,600 grant to help support the Silver Bay YMCA Ticonderoga Teen Center.

The teen center is run through Silver Bay in partnership with the Town of Ticonderoga and is open six days a week during the school year. It provides free activities and programs such as basketball, cooking lessons, cake decorating contests, and pinata making for local teens. Teens may also suggest programs and activities or take advantage of one of the many hangout areas where they can "do their own thing."

In addition to activities and programs, the center has a dedicated hour every day for homework. The teens may also ask any of the staff for help with homework at any time the center is open.

The center's mission is to provide youth with a safe space to connect with their community, to engage in opportunities to grow, and to have the freedom to be their best selves.

"This grant allows us to continue our mission by giving teens a fun and safe place to come every day. We offer opportunities that help teens foster social, emotional, physical, and academic growth in a safe welcoming environment," explained Silver Bay Youth and Teen Director Jackie Palandrani.

The center has seen a lot of use since its reopening in 2022, with over 130 teens enrolled for its first year after the pandemic. During the 2022 - 2023 school year, the center grew, with 160 teens registered. Many more are expected this school year.

The center is open Monday through Saturday September through May for teens in grades six through 12. To learn more about the center or to enroll a teen in this program, click [HERE](#). 📌



TOP: Chaplain Karen Skalla makes apple crisp and apple pie with some teens; MIDDLE: Teens pose for a photo; BOTTOM: Teens playing kickball; Photos courtesy of Silver Bay YMCA

SILVER BAY AWARDED GRANT FOR HOUSING PROGRAM

Silver Bay YMCA announced it has been awarded a \$2,500 grant from the Glenn and Carol Pearsall Adirondack Foundation to provide emergency housing for families in need, including meals and access to support counseling.

"Silver Bay YMCA has been providing short-term transitional/emergency housing under the auspices of our Pastoral Respite Ministry for nearly 20 years. We have provided housing for people who have lost their primary residences due to fire, flood, homelessness, and for those in need of a safe place to stay.

"The accommodations we offer vary depending upon the situation and availability. We have housed people in cottages and in hotel-style rooms. We also include meals in our dining hall for those who need them. The length of stay can be from just a few days up to a few weeks. At Silver Bay, we strive to 'nurture spirit, mind, and body for all' and we believe that offering short-term transitional/emergency housing to those in our area is both a way for us to fulfill our mission and for us to be good neighbors," explained Silver Bay YMCA Spiritual Life Director Rev. Dr. Garth Allen.

This program has cost Silver Bay roughly \$45,000 so far this year, with it providing transitional/emergency housing to 22 families.

"Silver Bay's program for helping displaced families comes at significant expense. Since the program is free to the families being housed, we have to search for donors to underwrite the expenses. This Pearsall Foundation donation is a substantial source of support this year," Silver Bay's VP of Development and Government Relations Walt Lender stated. 📌

SILVER BAY NEWSLETTER LINK

Read the fall issue of Silver Bay YMCA's newsletter, *Bay Windows*, by clicking [HERE](#). 📌

FIRST QUARTER HONOR ROLL

- Grade 1:** Liam Blanchette – High Honors and 100 Club
- Grade 3:** Elizabeth Gargan and Jackson Porter – High Honors
- Grade 4:** Laila Blanchette – Honors
- Grade 5:** Noah Mydlarz and Maddison Smith – High Honors
- Grade 7:** Elena DeFranco – First Honors
- Grade 8:** Wyatt Barnes and James DeFranco – First Honors
- Grade 9:** Zebulon Denno, Brady Mydlarz, and Miya Savage – First Honors
Kaiden Smith – Second Honors
- Grade 10:** Brady Kennedy – Second Honors
- Grade 11:** Alyssa Mydlarz – First Honors
- Grade 12:** Sophie Hubbard – First Honors

POSB NEW LOGO, INITIATIVES, AND LIAISONS

by Linda Fusco

On October 24, 2023 the Property Owners of Silver Bay (POSB) board met via ZOOM. Items discussed were:

- Approval of its first-ever logo.
- The development of a “Manual of Practice” (a set of procedures to guide the POSB Board internal operations).
- Donations to various organizations in Hague.
- The appointment of community liaisons.
- The July 29, 2024 membership meeting.

The board thanked Paul Budd, a board member and owner of the Silver Bay General Store, for “graphic-smithing” the new POSB logo as a visual symbolizing POSB’s work on behalf of the residents of Silver Bay/Hague.

Membership in the POSB is open to property owners and their relatives, heirs and successors, persons interested in the mission statement of the POSB, and non-property owners.

The new Manual of Practice defined the concept of “liaisons” as persons who share communications in their neighborhoods to and from the POSB and who encourage their neighbors to join the POSB themselves.

POSB has welcomed John Lipori, who is the president of the Forest Bay Home Owners’ Association (HOA) as its liaison for Forest Bay. Mr. Lipori is a regular reader of *The Hague Chronicle* and reached out to me as the POSB president, with his interest in our

mutual goals. Several Forest Bay residents attended last summer’s meeting.

The POSB board thanks *The Hague Chronicle* for featuring its articles to be read by members of the entire Hague community.

POSB continues to expand its communication to represent property owners from Hague to Sabbath Day Point and welcomes inquiries about how to become a liaison from the various neighborhoods. Those interested should contact me at lindafuscophd@gmail.com.

The board approved donations totaling \$1,200 to the:

- *Hague Chronicle*
- Hague Food Pantry
- Hague Volunteer Fire Department
- Lake George Association (LGA), the
- Lake George Land Conservancy (LGLC)
- Silver Bay YMCA
- Ti-Alliance

POSB Treasurer Rick MacDowell has sent donations to each of these organizations. The POSB thanks each of these groups for its continuing support and protection of the Hague community.

The planning for the July 29, 2024 membership meeting is already underway.

As POSB president, I have met with Scott Nephew (Superintendent of

Ticonderoga Central School District) and John Donohue (Principal of Ticonderoga High School) to start planning our Ticonderoga Central School District presentation. It will be built on Donna Wotton’s stimulating July 31, 2023 presentation on the initiatives of the Ti-Alliance. Nephew and Donohue will highlight the 21st-century issues and challenges of rural school education. Opportunities for how POSB members can support the Ticonderoga Schools will be highlighted.

POSB members and the Hague community in general can now access current local information 24/7 on the website [HERE](#). Members may also choose to receive emails from the website.

Bill Klebe, POSB vice president and website coordinator, keeps members informed of happenings in Hague and Ticonderoga and encourages people to support the various fundraisers and concerts in the area. POSB is changing its primary contact method from snail mailings to ALL EMAIL, so members should be sure we have their latest email addresses.

For more information, please contact me at lindafuscophd@gmail.com. ▣



AN EASY WAY TO HELP THE LGA PROTECT LAKE GEORGE

The Lake George Association (LGA) needs your votes to help them win a \$10,000 advertising grant from the *Times Union* newspaper. The grant would enable the LGA to build even greater awareness of its Science-to-Solutions approach to protecting Lake George.

You can vote **once daily on each of your devices** until December 8, 2023. That’s a lot of votes over the next week! Show your support by clicking [HERE](#) to vote.

What an easy way to make a big difference. Put the link on your calendar as a recurring date and start clicking each morning over a cup of coffee while you dream of summers – past and future – on Lake George. ▣

KIWANIS LUNCHEON

The Ticonderoga Central School and the Ticonderoga Kiwanis invite all area seniors to a turkey luncheon on Wednesday, December 13, 2023 at 2 pm in the elementary school cafeteria.

Entertainment will be provided by the school music department. Door prizes will be awarded. Come and see old friends and make new ones! ▣

NEW WINTER ATTRACTIONS IN THE TOWN OF LAKE GEORGE

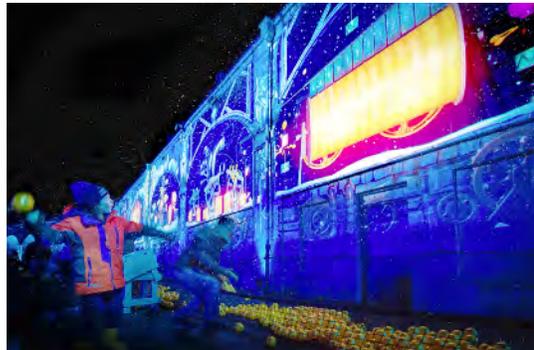
Lake George Winter's Dream is a brand-new immersive multimedia experience that is located inside and outside the bastions of the Fort William Henry historical fortress. It is scheduled to open in early December.

Lake George Winter's Dream was created and produced by the award-winning multidisciplinary studio Moment Factory. Drawing on the rich emotions, sensations, and magic of the season, a series of multimedia installations welcome visitors into winter's warmth. As evening falls, lights, sounds, original music, projections, and interactivity invite audiences of every age to engage and play, to gather, and to share moments of joy.

Lake George Winter's Dream will remain open through March 31, 2024. Tickets can be purchased online at LakeGeorgeWintersDream.com [HERE](#). Early booking is recommended to secure preferred dates and times.

Winter Realms opened on Friday, November 24, 2023, at Festival Commons in Lake George next door to Fort William Henry. It enchants visitors with ice skating, dazzling lights, larger-than-life motifs, a sculpture park, igloos, Santa's Village, a Polar Ice Bar, and a variety of other winter attractions. Tickets can be purchased at www.winterrealms.com.

Winter Realms was created by the artists behind the famous *Ice Castles*. ▣



POLAR EXPRESS PAJAMA BREAKFAST AT BURLEIGH'S LUNCHEONETTE

There will be a Polar Express Pajama Breakfast departing on Saturday, December 9, 2023 between 7 and 10 am from Burleigh's Luncheonette in Ticonderoga.

There will be free hot cocoa for kids who come in their pajamas. ▣



CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

On December 16, 2023, you can volunteer for the annual Christmas Bird Count, conducted nation-wide by the Audubon Society and organized locally by the Lake George Land Conservancy (LGLC). The 15-mile bird-counting circle around Lake George includes Amy's Park in Bolton south to Pilot Knob Preserve in Fort Ann and the Schroon River in Warrensburg east to Sleeping Beauty and Black Mountain in Dresden.



Bluebird on a branch during a past Christmas Bird Count courtesy of Pat Demko

Volunteers can choose to survey routes by foot, car, or boat, or watch a feeder, and submit bird counts as well as weather conditions and hours to the LGLC, which then provides the compiled information to the Audubon Society.

Participants are welcome to meet at the Bolton Landing Brewing Company from 4 - 5:30 pm to turn in their results and to celebrate the day.

For more information and to sign up, click [HERE](#). ▣

HOLIDAY SHOPPING AT THE LGLC ONLINE STORE

If you're looking for gifts that will not only delight the Lake George lovers on your list, but will also help protect Lake George, look no further. The Lake George Land Conservancy's online store has a wealth of cool merch [HERE](#).

You'll find insulated tumblers in various sizes, a wide range of apparel, books and trail maps, ornaments, calendars, and much more. Do your holiday shopping from the comfort of your easy chair! ▣

A PRETTY NORMAL KID OVERCOMING MEDICAL CHALLENGES

Liam Scoville is the son of Patrick Scoville, Jr. and Kelly McCoy of West Hague Road. He has had a challenging start to his young life.

Liam's medical issues began when he was born breech, dislocated his hip, and had to be placed in a full body cast, which caused other problems. He was born with pulmonary hypoplasia, which means (his lungs are too small for his body. He also had an arterial septal defect, which is a hole in his heart and has asthma. He was placed in the NICU and he and his parents essentially "lived" at the hospital for his first two years.



Now Liam is a sweet, smart, resilient 4th grader who especially likes being with his friends.

He takes COPD meds, allergy meds, an inhaled steroid, and albuterol to keep his lungs clear and to help him breathe. He goes back to the hospital every three months for pulmonary function tests.

Tabitha Woods of the Children's Miracle Network chose Liam to be its spokesperson. At a fundraiser in February, he will play the drums and introduce each band.

Liam enjoys the Boy Scouts, video games, singing and dancing, going on walks, Legos, and reading books. Yep, in most ways, he's a pretty normal kid! ❏

BETLE RELEASE AT CLARK HOLLOW BAY

Under guidance of the New York State Hemlock Initiative, the Lake George Land Conservancy (LGLC) staff released 2,000 *Laricobius nigrinus* beetles at the LGLC's Clark Hollow Bay property in the Town of Putnam. This release is part of a long-term management plan to establish biological control of the hemlock woolly adelgid (HWA).

Laricobius nigrinus beetles are native to the Pacific Northwest and are specialist predators, feeding exclusively on HWA throughout the fall and winter when the HWA is in its adult form.

Though these beetles have been released at other protected lands in the Lake George watershed, this release is the first on LGLC-owned land and the site is at the northern most known HWA infestation. The LGLC will continue working with the NYS Hemlock Initiative to monitor and manage the site.

Learn more about the Hemlock Initiative's Research on *Laricobius nigrinus* beetles by clicking [HERE](#). ❏

LGLC Staff left to right: Executive Director Mike Horn, Land Stewardship Assistant Leah Smisloff, Conservation Project Manager Monica Dore, and Land Steward Alex Novick

Photo courtesy of the LGLC



THE SCIENCE OF PROTECTING LAKE GEORGE

The Warren County Economic Development Corp's annual lunch, held on October 24, 2023, focused on the work being done by [The Jefferson Project](#), a collaboration between Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, IBM Research, and the Lake George Association (LGA) to understand the impacts of human activity on fresh water and how to mitigate those effects.

Keynote speaker Dr. John Kelly explained the research conducted by The Jefferson Project, which was founded ten years ago. Phase One focused on high-tech monitoring of the lake to understand its behavior. Phase Two embraces a Science-to-Solutions approach. The findings of the research serve as a guide for lake protection efforts and advocacy. Kelly pointed to road salt reduction as an early example of this approach. When monitoring showed a continuing increase in water salinity, the solution came in the form of the [Lake George Road Salt Reduction Initiative](#), which has had great success in certain areas around the lake – particularly in Hague. In Phase Three, the Jefferson Project is seeking to understand and mitigate Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs).

Climate change is increasing the amount of stormwater that enters the lake, bringing with it nutrients that contribute to HABs. As a property owner, you can help by managing stormwater on your property. The LGA stands ready to help. When you sign up for your free [Lake Protector Profile app](#), you can tap into the LGA's resources, including an in-person property visit and consultation. You'll then receive a report that includes best practices, how-to information links, and suggested prioritization.

You can also sign up to be part of LGA's Algae Watch program and monitor your shoreline for signs of HABs.

Click [HERE](#) to learn more. ❏

TI-ALLIANCE RECEIVES CHARLES R. WOOD FOUNDATION GRANT

The Ticonderoga Revitalization Alliance has received a \$100,000 grant from the Charles R. Wood Foundation to support the Ticonderoga Community Childcare Project.

The grant will be used to support the new childcare center to be located at St. Mary's School in Ticonderoga. Since early 2022, Ti-Alliance and a dedicated team of committee members, agency representatives, school leadership, and professionals from the surrounding communities have been working tirelessly to bring public childcare to Ticonderoga.

The Charles R. Wood Foundation was founded in 1978 with a mission to provide assistance to areas of special need in the Lake George Region and surrounding areas. Not-for-profit organizations with an emphasis on programs for children, healthcare, and the arts are the beneficiaries of Woods' generosity.

According to the foundation's website, Wood was known as an "optimistic realist."

"When it comes to building childcare for our community, we needed a lot

of optimism and a healthy dose of realism. Ti-Alliance is honored to be recognized by the foundation for our work on childcare and are so grateful for this critical funding that will help bring this project to fruition. We share Charley's vision of a region rich with resources for children, healthcare, and the arts," said Executive Director Donna Wotton.

The grant is part of a funding goal of nearly \$1 million needed to build a sustainable public childcare facility that will serve Ticonderoga and all the surrounding towns. The center will support approximately 50 children and create 11 full-time jobs, all providing living wage salaries and benefits.

The center is expected to open in the spring of 2024.

Ti-Alliance is an economic development 501c3 non-profit, working to develop business, employment, housing, education, childcare, and other activities that enhance the economy of the Ticonderoga area and to build a strong regional economic hub in the southern part of the North Country.

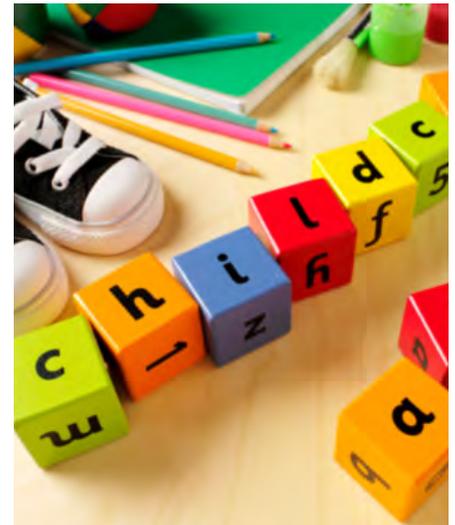
For more information about Ti-Alliance and how to get involved, visit the official website at www.ticonderoga-alliance.org. ▣

TI-ALLIANCE RECEIVES CLOUDSPLITTER GRANT

The Ticonderoga Revitalization Alliance has received a \$25,000 grant from the Cloudsplitter Foundation to support the Ticonderoga Community Childcare Project.

The funding comes at a critical time as renovations on the building at St. Mary's School are scheduled to begin within the month. Other planning for the center's opening is ongoing including choosing an operator to manage the facility, staffing, and curriculum.

Pre-registration will begin in December. Individuals interested in working at the center as well as families interested in enrolling children should contact Ti-Alliance at 415-385-4544 or Executive Director Donna Wotton at donna@ticonderoga-alliance.org.



The Cloudsplitter Foundation is dedicated to improving the future for the flora, fauna, communities, and people of the Adirondacks.

Over 70% of the grants made by the Cloudsplitter Foundation go to improve the environment, economies, and lives of the people in the Adirondacks.

The foundation has been an avid supporter of childcare and early education for many years. ▣



Aurora borealis on November 5, 2023 at Amy's Park by William Adamczak

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE FORT

Fort Ticonderoga is launching a new schedule of programs during its “Winter Quarters” season. From now through April, visitors will be immersed in exciting living history events, engaging seminars, specialty programs, behind-the-scenes VIP Tours, and hands-on workshops.

Guests can explore Fort Ticonderoga during what was historically the “Winter Quarters” season for the armies of the 18th century. Groups of 15 or more are welcome to schedule a visit when they will have the entire property to themselves and a dedicated historic interpreter for a group tour.

IN-PERSON LIVING HISTORY EVENT:

Noble Train of Artillery -

December 16, 2023, 10 am – 4 pm ET

This one-day living history event will relive Henry Knox's epic feat as he prepared to move massive cannon from Ticonderoga to Boston to force the British evacuation in 1776. Visitors will see soldiers work as carpenters to maintain Ticonderoga and they will witness the raw power of oxen as these thousand-pound animals pull sleds of cannon tubes. Guests will examine the science of gunnery preserved in Fort Ticonderoga's massive cannon collection, tour the fort, and learn more about the museum's exhibits and daily demonstrations as they step into the first year of the Revolutionary War. They will also visit historic trades shops to discover daily routines for men and women at this strategic fortification in 1775.



Enactment of Henry Knox moving massive cannon from Ticonderoga to Boston to force the British evacuation in 1776. Photo courtesy of Fort Ticonderoga.

IN-PERSON WINTER WORKSHOP SERIES —

Men's and Women's Cloaks - December 2nd

Fort Ticonderoga's professional staff and tradesmen will guide visitors as they make their own 18th-century clothing and accoutrements during hands-on trades' workshops. Each workshop includes a cloak kit, sewing materials and lunch. Pre-registration is required and more information can be found by clicking [HERE](#).

In this one-day workshop, participants will choose one type of outerwear to make: a women's cloak, a sentry's cloak, or a horseman's cloak. ❑

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FORT RECEIVES GRANT

Fort Ticonderoga has received a competitive grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) in the amount of \$237,630 to support a major new 250th Anniversary exhibit program entitled *A Revolutionary Anthology*. The first year of this exhibit program, *A Revolutionary Anthology: Power of Place*, will open to the public in May of 2024.

On display will be hundreds of artifacts from Fort Ticonderoga's singular collection of 18th-century material as well as never-before-seen artifacts from the newly-acquired Robert Nittolo Collection. Rare arms from the battlefields of the American Revolution, artwork, soldiers' equipment, and uniforms from British and French soldiers will be a highlight of these exhibits for the next five years. Many of these artifacts are connected to specific individuals whose experiences during the revolution will provide a personal perspective to the monumental events of the American Revolution.

“The support from IMLS is a ringing endorsement of the significance of Fort Ticonderoga's collection and our museum's ability to activate it in innovative ways during the 250th Anniversary of the War for American Independence,” said Fort Ticonderoga Curator Dr. Matthew Keagle. “We are thrilled to upgrade our exhibition capacity to make accessible more of our collection. With the recently-acquired Robert Nittolo Collection, including many artifacts that have never been on public display, we will tell a bigger, richer story about this earth-shattering historic event.” ❑

TI ARTS GALLERY

The *Small Works Show* will be open at The Ti Arts Gallery through December 30th.

The gallery is located at 119 Montcalm Street in Ticonderoga and is open Thursdays and Fridays from 10 am to 1 pm. ❑

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ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS WE PRINT

CALENDAR

December 2023

DECEMBER

- 1 - 3 The conclusion of North Country Christmas
- 1 - 30 *Small Works* show at Ti Arts Gallery
- 2 In-person Winter Workshop Series at the fort - *Men's and Women's Cloaks*
- 5 Seniors Club Christmas Party at Frederick's in Bolton Landing
- 7 6:30 pm Seniors Club Game Night at Pat Hintze's home
- 7 7 pm Hague Planning Board Meeting
- 7 - 15 HANUKKAH
- 9 7 - 10 am Polar Express Pajama Breakfast at Burleigh's Luncheonette

- 9 9 - 11 am Breakfast with Santa at the Hague Fish & Game Clubhouse
- 12 6 pm Hague Town Board Meeting
- 13 2 pm Turkey Luncheon for Seniors at the Elementary School Cafeteria
- 16 10 am - 4 pm In-Person Living Historic Event at the fort - *Noble Train of Artillery*
- 16 4 - 5:30 pm Christmas Bird Count at Amy's Park
- 17 9 - 11 am Breakfast with Santa at the Hague Firehouse
- 23 7 pm Hague Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting
- 25 CHRISTMAS DAY
- 26 1:30 pm Seniors Club Meeting
- 31 NEW YEAR'S EVE

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