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HAGUE'S NEW EMPLOYEES

The Town of Hague has four new employees. They are Zoning Enforcement Office (ZEO) Ed Kirchberger, ZEO Clerk Denise Gugumuck, Confidential Secretary to the Supervisor Desiree LaPointe, and Receptionist and Clerk Oum Hilliard. Here we meet three of them.



L to R: Ed Kirchberger, Oum Hilliard, Desiree LaPointe

Ed grew up on Long Island and then moved to Eastern Long Island. He received his AAS degree at Suffolk Community College, his BS at Dowling College, and his MA/LS at SUNY Stony Brook. Additionally, he has an Aircraft Mechanics Certification, a Word of Life Bible Institute Diploma, a Real Estate Appraisal License, and a NYS Pesticide Applicator Certification.

He began work in Hague in March 2024. Previously, Ed lived on Long Island, where, for many years, he owned and operated his own landscape and landscape construction company. He

also worked for the NYS Parks Department and as a Special Education Teacher.

He lives with his wife outside of Hague, but within Warren County. He has two adult children who live in the area.

Desirée is the Confidential

Secretary to Town Supervisor Josh Patchett. She started working here in December 2023. Her duties are to assist the town supervisor, town employees, and the community. Desirée owned and operated a salon for 15 years and has a background in banking and customer service.

She grew up in Putnam Station, graduated from Ticonderoga High School, Clinton Community College, and North Country Community College and has a tech school certification.

She has a brother and sister who have been long-time residents of Hague. She loves the fact that this area is private, peaceful, and beautiful.

She is a single mom of three children, ages 9, 7, and 5. She likes to hike, swim, paint, sculpt with clay, and decorate.

The fact that her son has autism has opened her eyes to the struggles and diversity that disabled children and caretakers face in everyday life. She sees herself becoming an even stronger voice and advocate for the disabled in the future.

On February 20, 2024, the Town of Hague welcomed a new Receptionist/Clerk, Oum Hilliard.

If you call the town offices at 518-543-6161, you'll likely hear her cheerful voice on the other end.

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THE PROCELLACOR DEBATE

DO WE NEED A HERBICIDE IN LAKE GEORGE?

by Ginger Henry Kuenzel

In 2023, the NY Supreme Court ruled that the Adirondack Park Agency (APA) did not follow its own processes when it issued a permit for the Lake George Park Commission (LGPC) to put the herbicide ProcellaCOR into Lake George to combat Eurasian milfoil. The LGPC appealed that decision, and in early May of this year, the NY

Appellate Division reversed the lower court's ruling.

As a result, the LGPC has again applied for permits to put the chemical into Lake George at Glenburnie and Huletts Landing, both of which are within the Town of Hague's jurisdiction. The APA is expected to vote on the permits at its June 20, 2024 meeting, meaning the chemical could potentially be put into the lake by the end of this month.

The Lake George Association (LGA) steadfastly opposes ProcellaCOR, citing

the risks it poses, based on scientific data specific to Lake George. Click [HERE](#) to view the science.

In addition, the LGA noted that the State of Minnesota recently identified the active ingredient in ProcellaCOR as a PFAS-containing pesticide. PFAS is a class of "Forever Chemicals" that cause cancer and have contaminated drinking water supplies in communities across the country, including in NY.

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WOTTON ELECTED TO SCHOOL BOARD

In the election held on May 20, 2024, Donna Wotton of Hague was elected to serve on the Ticonderoga School Board of Education. Erik Leerkes was re-elected and Tom Jebb was elected. The school budget passed 456-134.

There were three open seats. The results were: Erik Leerkes – 281, Tom Jebb – 268, Donna Wotton – 247, James Wells, Sr. – 233, John Dreimiller – 229, and Robert Porter – 205.

Wotton told *The Hague Chronicle*, "I'm so honored for the support of everyone that voted for me. The Hague residents really brought out the vote. It was a very close election with the votes very evenly distributed between the candidates. The strength of the Hague voters really won the day. I can't wait to represent Hague on the school board and work to strengthen our schools for all the students and families of Ti, Hague, and Putnam!"

Congratulations, Donna, and thank you for your willingness to serve our community in yet another way! ▣

NEW HISTORICAL MARKER IN HAGUE

The Hague Historical Society, in conjunction with the Town of Hague, and with the assistance of the Hague Highway Department, recently installed its newest historical marker. This, the eighth such sign, is located in the town park and commemorates the outboard marathons held in Hague from 1954 -1964. The pits for the marathons were in this park.

The other markers are for Hague Central School, Graphite, the Steamboat Landing, Arcady, the Garfield Hotel and Tavern, the Hague Heritage Cemetery, and Sabbath Day Point. Learn more about Hague's fascinating history by visiting each of these historical markers. ▣



Photo courtesy of Mary Behr

PROCELLACOR, CONTINUED

The LGPC contends that ProcellaCOR poses no risk based on studies submitted to the Environmental Protection Agency by the manufacturers of the herbicide. You can read the LGPC's position on the use of ProcellaCOR [HERE](#).

The LGA recently launched a "[Not 1 Drop](#)" campaign to raise awareness about ProcellaCOR research and to suggest specific actions people can take to express their opposition, such as writing to the APA and the governor.



Public and municipal opposition to ProcellaCOR on Lake George is strong. All four towns in the north basin – Hague, Ticonderoga, Putnam, and Dresden – have gone on record opposing the herbicide and more than 4,600 people have signed a [petition](#) against it [HERE](#). This, the LGA points out, is an entirely different situation from other lakes where ProcellaCOR permits have been granted. In those cases, municipalities and residents asked to use the herbicide to combat what they viewed as a milfoil crisis. One thing that the LGA and the LGPC agree on is that there is no such crisis in Lake George.

Now the question is: Will the LGPC and the APA listen to what the town governments and the people on Lake George are telling them? Will they take the time to review the Lake George-specific science presented by the LGA? Will they take into consideration the concerns raised by the State of Minnesota about PFAS in ProcellaCOR? Or will they move forward with their plans despite all this? ▣

STR PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED

There will be a public hearing for the Short-Term Rental Ordinance (STR) on Thursday, June 13, 2024 at 6 pm at the Hague Community Center. For information on this ordinance, go to townofhague.org and click on committees. ▣

HVFD

by Donna Trudeau



The Hague Volunteer Fire Department (HVFD) ended April with 13 fire calls, five drills, three EMS assists and one event, for a total of 239 volunteer hours. EMS had five calls for service for a total of 36.5 volunteer hours.

We had the pleasure of hosting the Girl Scout Powder Puff Derby. It was a success and we hope to have them again in the future.

We hope everyone has a great summer! Remember, safety is key! ▣

FATHER'S DAY CELEBRATION

The Hague Fish & Game Club will hold its Father's Day Celebration on Sunday, June 16, 2024 from 1 - 3 pm. There will be chicken BBQ for \$15 and an axe-throwing competition. ▣

TICK EDUCATION EVENT IN HAGUE

Warmer weather has arrived, and with it comes an increased risk of encounters with disease-carrying ticks. To help residents learn more about the disease threat from ticks, staff from the Public Health arm of Warren County Health Services have events planned in the coming weeks to educate residents and to distribute free tick removal kits for use when people or pets are bitten.

Staff from Warren County Public Health will hold a tick education event in Hague on Thursday, June 27, at the Hague Town Park. Staff will be on hand from 11 am to 1 pm. You can also find helpful online information [HERE](#). ▣

HAGUE'S NEW EMPLOYEES, CONTINUED

In addition to answering calls, Oum handles payroll for the employees and supports her colleagues when needed.

Oum's passion for interacting with people not only helps her improve her English skills, but also makes her an asset to the town. She enjoys working with numbers, so handling payroll is particularly enjoyable for her.

Oum grew up in Bangkok, Thailand, where she earned a BA in Public Administration and a Master's Degree in Human Resources Development. Before moving to the US, she worked as a Senior Project Coordinator for Adecco, Thailand, a leading Human Resource Services Provider.

She loves the clean air, mountains, and lakes that this area offers. She's thrilled by the sight of deer roaming near her house and appreciates the lack of traffic compared to Thailand. In her free time, she enjoys playing badminton and the ukulele.

Oum wants the residents of Hague to know that if she asks you to repeat something when you call, please be patient with her as she is still learning English. She is committed to helping you with your queries to the best of her ability.

Oum, her husband, their dog, and their cat have settled in Lake Luzerne and are excited about their new life in Hague. 📍

TI-ALLIANCE UPDATE

Here are some updates from Ti-Alliance Executive Director Donna Wotton:

SKILLED CAREER TRAINING SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Each student will attend a program for an associate's degree or certification in a field where jobs exist in our community. Almost all students receive some financial aid from their programs, but often the rest is not manageable for the student and its family. Ti-Alliance funds their tuition and expense gap to enable them to get their training. Last year, it funded \$41,000 in scholarships.

Students graduating from rural schools in NYS are at a disadvantage compared to their urban and suburban peers. That's because our tax base barely funds the state education mandates and enrichment programs are always the first to go. It's also because these programs just aren't accessible or available in our small community.

Each year, Ti-Alliance dedicates a small amount of general funds to supporting underfunded programs at the school. It wants to create a fund that can help more students broaden their horizons and experiences so that they are better prepared to be good students and citizens.

Some examples are:

1. In 2022, for \$600, Ti-Alliance funded a four-day trip for art student, Michael O'Donnell, to NYC where he visited museums including the Fashion Institute of Technology (FIT). Michael has now been accepted at FIT!
2. Two years ago, Audrey Cook was accepted as one of the youngest students ever to attend Sotheby's two-week summer art program in New York City. Ti-Alliance donors provided the \$6,000 to allow her to attend.
3. The Teacher Wish List - Ti Alliance surveyed the teachers in Ti to ask what would make a difference in their classrooms. For \$2,000, every request was fulfilled.



Audrey Cook, attending a summer art program in NYC

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HAGUE MUSIC IN THE PARK 2024

The Town of Hague will again host Music in the Park this summer. The following food trucks will begin serving at 5:30 pm, so come hungry: The Mac Factor, High Noon Foods, Wind Chill, Alaturca Gyros, Hague Volunteer Fire Department, and the Hague Fish & Game Club. All shows will be two hours long.

Here's this summer's line-up:

- July 3, 6:30 pm:** Barkeaters Band;
9:15 pm: FIREWORKS!
- July 10, 6:30 pm:** Rick Bolton
- July 17, 6:30 pm:** Stony Creek Band
- July 24, 6:30 pm:** Whiskey River Band
- July 31, 6 pm:** Lazy Sun's Band
- August 7, 6:30 pm:** Willie Playmore
- August 14, 6 pm:** Bob Stump
American Roots
- August 21, 6 pm:** Ben Rounds Band
- August 28, 6 pm:** Rich Ortiz

Bring your chairs and your dancing shoes!

Inclement weather location is the Hague Community Center. 📍

RIDER DONATES HAND-CRAFTED CHAIRS TO LGA

Al Rider, a Hague-based woodworker and longtime protector of Lake George, has donated a pair of handcrafted Sam Maloof-style walnut chairs for auction at the Lake George Association (LGA) Gala on July 12, 2024 at the Sagamore Resort.

"I want to keep supporting the lake I love," Al stated. "I thought these chairs were a way to help attract people to donate to the LGA."



Read Al's backstory on the chairs by clicking [HERE](#).

Gala tickets are available [HERE](#). 📍

ALTERNATES NEEDED FOR ZBA AND PLANNING BOARDS

Hague is looking for dedicated individuals to serve as alternates on its Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) and Planning Board (PB). If you're passionate about shaping our community's future and making a difference, this volunteer opportunity is perfect for you! Contact the community center at 518-543-6161 for further details on how to apply and contribute to our vibrant community! ❏

2024 HAGUE MEMORY TREE

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

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

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|--|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Alkema, Peggy | Denno, Marie (Murray) | Frazier, William | Middleton, Beatrice "Midge" |
| Balcom, James A. | Denno, Barbara (Tyler) | Fricke, Laura Robbins | Denno |
| Balcom, Olive P. | Denno, Mabel Rock | Galarneau, Thomasina | Middleton, Julia |
| Balcom, Harvey T. | Denno, Ralph H. | Gautreau, Theresa | Middleton, Linda |
| Balcom, Ralph | Denno, Nicholas (baby) | Gautreau, Erene T. | Middleton, Walter (Shorty) |
| Balcom, Cassie | Denno, James R. | Gautreau, Evelyn M. | Morin, Mary Hoffay |
| Barnaby, Sr. Family, Andrew | Denno, Marion | Girard, James | Mosca, Nicholas (Baby) |
| Barth, Betty | Densmore, Floyd and Betty | Goodrich, Dee | Moses, Grandma |
| Barth, Jack | Dickson, Ryan | Hanley, Thomas | Moses, Tom |
| Beaty, Jim | Dunsmore, Sue | Hatfield, Art | Moses, Paul |
| Beaty, Julia | Dunsmore, Jack | Herrick, Archie | Murphy, Dee |
| Beaty, Nootsie | Eddy, Mildred | Herrick, Gert | Nestor, Juanita Robbins |
| Beadnell, Mary | Elethorpe, Nathan | Herrick, Jim | Novotny, Jr., Louis |
| Bennett, Della Robbins | Elethorpe, Anna | Hill, Pauline Robbins | Ormsby, Elizabeth Elethorpe |
| Bernard, Alfreda Gautreau | Elethorpe, Norman | Hudak, Beverly | Pendarvis, Makeisha Hoffay |
| Bolton, Nick | Elethorpe, Gladys and Earl | James, Tom | Pomponio, Camille |
| Braisted, John and Betty | Elethorpe, Gladys | Johnson, Ed and Betty | Santaniello |
| Braisted, Jody Lambert | Elethorpe, Earl | Jordon, "Mam" and "Pap" | Rathbun, Alyce Bennett |
| Brink Family | Elethorpe, Asel | Jordon, Margaret | Robbins, Bertha Spaulding |
| Broderick, Jim and Margaret | Elethorpe, Myra | Jordon, Curtis | Robbins, Paul |
| Bryant, Bob and Shirley | Elethorpe, Cecil | Jordon, Chuck | Robbins, Benajah |
| Butler, Edna Middleton | Elethorpe, Elioin | King, Daniel P. | Robbins, Ernest |
| Calden, Irene Gautreau | Engler, Ken | Kihs, Wendy | Rypkema, Judy Hoffay |
| Caldera, Bob and Kay | Fish, Helena | Kihss, Peter and Alice | Santaniello, Sal |
| Cassidy, Edward F. | Fitzgerald, Jane | Kuebler, Richard | Santaniello, Ted and Lucy |
| Chase, Chase | Forgette, Patricia Ann | Kuebler, Kay | Santaniello, Sierra Rose |
| Corscaden, Dr. James | Foot, Charlie | Kuebler, Timothy | Santaniello, Silvio |
| Costello, John "BGood" | Foot, Mary (Maggie) | Lambert, Florence "Topsy" | Santaniello, Ally |
| Costello, John B. | Frasier, Christopher | Lambert, Beach | Santaniello, Jasper |
| Costello, Lucille | Frasier, Christopher Lee | Lambert, Harold | Schoolcraft, Phillip T. |
| Costello, John M. | Frasier, Clifford and Mary | Lambert, Alice | Scott, Roy |
| Cronan, Cory | Frasier, Mitchel, Imogene and Dale | Lambert, Betty | Scott, Sara |
| Crossman, Aunt Francis | Frasier, Slip | Lambert, John | Shattuck, Virginia |
| Cunningham, Catherine (Baby) | Frasier, Geraldine | Lindquist, Evert and Georgina | Skahan, Elizabeth C. (Corby) |
| Daddy, Bill | Frasier, Veril and Carl | Mammaw | Skahan, Donald R. |
| Darrin, Peggy | Frasier, Donald Lee | Mathews, Richard | Smith, Uncle Jim |
| Davis, Kathy Palone | Frasier, Stanley Carl | Mathews, John | Stacy, Jr., Carl |
| Denton, George and Martha | Frasier, Clinton | McCoy, Beatrice Denno | Stacy, Joe |
| Denno, Eugene | Frasier, Janice | Megow, Linda Fish | Stacy, Genevive and Carl |
| Denno, Bernard "Buck" and Anna Robbins | Frasier, Beatrice Robbins | Megow, Lu | Stratton, Leona Robbins |
| Denno, Joseph J. | Frasier, Gramma Alice | Middleton, Leonard | Tilton, Edna Robbins |
| Denno, Robert A. | Frasier, Grandpa Lee | Middleton, Aaron | Trudeau Family, Clifford |
| Denno, Peter B. | Frasier, Harold "Hoppy" | Middleton, Alvin | Tucker, Mary Elethorpe |
| | Frazier, Valeda | Middleton, Emma | Ursell, Betty |
| | | Middleton, Scott | WAZ |



ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - 4/25/2024

Present were Chairman Robert Goetsch, Chris Navitsky, Cathy Clark, Linda Mury (via ZOOM), and Chris Richards, alternate. Absent was Jon Hanna. Also present were Zoning Enforcement Officer Ed Kirchberger, Recording Secretary Kathy Santaniello, Sandra Powell, Nydia Mitchell, Ken Andrea, Denise Gugumuck, Peter Mitchell, and Scott Patchett.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. MITCHELL (60.17-1-17) 30-32 Oneida Drive (TR-1R) VAR 06-24 and VAR 07-24

Mitchell and his two siblings would like to subdivide their lakefront lot that has two houses into two lots. They would then sell one of the lots with a house and keep the other lot with a house for their family. A letter was read expressing concern about where a second dock would be located. The planning board had forwarded a negative recommendation to the ZBA, which was also read.

2. TROUT HOUSE VILLAGE RESORT (26.17-2-40) 9117 Lakeshore Drive (Hamlet) VAR 05-24

Scott Patchett, property owner, gave an overview of what had been done with the patio project, which he felt positively addressed some safety issues with this area. Kirchberger read four positive letters regarding the project. The planning board's positive recommendation was also read.

A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously passed to close the public hearings.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. MITCHELL (60.17-1-17) 30-32 Oneida Drive (TR-1R) VAR 06-24 and VAR 07-24

The owners of this property would like to subdivide a 1.6-acre lot into two parcels. Lot #1 is proposed to be .66 of an acre and Lot #2 is proposed to be .50 of an acre. Lot #1 would have 63 feet of shoreline and Lot #2 would have 112 feet of shoreline.

Zoning Issues: 160.24 A - Acreage and 160-50 B (c) [1] Shoreline width

Mitchell reported he had not made any progress on the acquisition of additional property, but he was still trying to gain 37 additional feet from the adjacent boat club property for Lot #1. Clark reminded Mitchell that variances are not granted based on financial or personal difficulties, but rather must be based on some practical difficulty with the land itself. After much discussion, a motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to table acting on the proposal for 60 days to allow Mitchell more time to come up with some possible solutions.

2. TROUT HOUSE VILLAGE RESORT (26.17-2-40) 9117 Lakeshore Drive (Hamlet) VAR 05-24

The applicant is seeking an after-the-fact variance for a stone paver patio area over 100 sq. feet and raised by 20 inches and made level by use of a 6' x 6' retaining wall. Additionally, two existing decks were resurfaced using Trex and existing fencing was replaced to adhere to the 36" height code regulation. An additional section of 36" high fence was added for safety reasons where there was a drop in elevation between patio areas.

Zoning Issues: 160-50B Shoreline

There was discussion regarding runoff and the permeability of the pavers. It was recommended that the owners put in an additional stone trench for drainage. The motion was made, seconded, and carried 5-0 to approve Variance 05-24, with the addition of the trench along the eastern edge of the stone patio where it borders the Trex deck.

3. PARLIN (60.17-1-22) 3 Dot & Jack Lane (TR-1) VAR 04-24

The applicants are requesting a shoreline variance. The existing shoreline of this lot is 251.5 ft. The proposed shoreline would be 68 ft., if approved.

Zoning Issues:160-50B Shoreline

The applicants will be contacted to confirm that they have resolved any issues that would require a variance at this time.

PLANNING BOARD - 5/2/2024

Present were Chairman Pam Peterson, Sandra Powell, Edna Frasier, Judy Gourley, and Meg Haskell. Also present were Zoning Enforcement Officer Ed Kirchberger, Recording Secretary Kathy Santaniello, and Landscapers Bob Burch and Dylan Stein.

NEW BUSINESS:

ROSELLI (93.16-1-6) 92 Sabbath Day Point Road (TR-1)

The applicants propose the demolition of wood retaining walls and impervious paving stones to be replaced with more natural cobbles, native plants, and permeable pavers. Pre-existing non-conforming lot size is less than 100 feet from the water.

Zoning Issues: 160-50 B1 - Shoreline

Landscapers Bob Burch and Dylan Stein presented the project. Plans include natural cobbles, natural granite treads (steps), a rain garden, a drip line, and various native plants. The stormwater permit has been submitted to the Lake George Park Commission (LGPC), but no reply has been received. The board thought the application could not be deemed complete until the drawings are updated to include a fixed fire pit (if the applicants want one) and the inclusion of the existing patio dimensions. A site visit was scheduled for Friday, May 10, 2024 at noon.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Frasier made some inquiries with surrounding towns about their procedures/penalties for those who did not go through the proper permitting process for their projects, resulting in requests for after-the-fact variances. She found that many penalties were much more severe than ours, and that the town board can revise our present penalty fee schedule if it chooses. Kirchberger is working on this.

TOWN BOARD - 5/14/2024

Present were Supervisor Joshua Patchett, Board Members Steve Ramant, Martin Fitzgerald, Maureen Cherubini, and Jack Bast. Also present were: Highway Superintendent Chad Dunklee, Zoom Coordinator Tim Fiallo, Matt Coffin, Chris Richards, Bob Holmes of RU Holmes Engineers, Connor DeMyer, Project Engineer of Environmental Design Partnership, LLP, Dylan Menke, Pat Hintze, Lindsey and Don Smith, Donna Wotton, Seddon Beaty, Luann Fritzy, Pat Hintze, Joe Tinnirella, Denise Gugumuck, Mike Auerbach, Mike Kent, and some unnamed others. There were 10 - 15 attendees via ZOOM.

Motions were made, seconded, and carried unanimously to set public hearings:

- For the Short-Term Rental Local Law on June 13th at 6 pm.
- For wastewater system variances for David and Judith Polley at 8 Martins Lane - Tax Map #12.14-1-7 on June 11th at 6 pm.
- For wastewater system variances for Katherine and Stephen Engle at 9582 Lake Shore Drive - Tax map #12.18-1-13 on June 11th at 6 pm.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Holmes explained the six wastewater variance applications for Hallie and Alan Cornell at 9651 Lakeshore Drive, Tax Map #12.14-1-21. Cedarwood Engineering reviewed and responded to the application; the board has reviewed its suggestions. Holmes said it's an improvement and the upgrades will be in the same location as the current system.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried unanimously to open the public hearing for wastewater treatment system variances for Hallie and Alan Cornell at 9651 Lake Shore Drive Tax map #12.14-1-21.

Nobody spoke for or against the application. A motion was made, seconded, and carried unanimously to close the public hearing. A motion was made, seconded, and carried (4-1) (Fitzgerald abstained) to approve the application.

DeMyer reviewed two requested variances for the Turn Auerbach Way LLC property at 7947 Lakeshore Drive, Tax map #93.12-1-28. Cedarwood reviewed and responded to the application in a letter dated May 10th. A motion was made, seconded, and carried unanimously to open the public hearing for wastewater treatment system variances for Auerbach. Auerbach spoke in favor, stating that the system would be an upgrade that would protect the lake. Discussion ensued. Patchett asked if the use of a poly-lined membrane would be cost effective and if additional sloping would address concerns. DeMyer answered, "Yes." A motion was made, seconded, and carried unanimously to close the public hearing. A motion was made, seconded, and carried unanimously to approve the Auerbach application, with the conditions that a poly-lined

membrane and additional sloping be added and with the conditions stated in Cedarwood's letter.

WELCOME GUESTS/PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Discussion included:

- Whether the Lake George Park Commission (LGPC) will re-inspect new septic systems once homeowners have made upgrades.
- Concerns about tax increases and the amount that the Town of Hague residents pay for school taxes. Bast reminded the group that there is a committee to address the school taxes and that the minutes for its meetings can be found on the town's web page. Attendees stated it is important to attend school board meetings and to vote during elections. Donna Wotton is running for the Ticonderoga School Board. Voting is on May 21st.
- Whether the town board could put Wi-Fi at the visitor center for safety purposes.

REGULAR COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Highway (Dunklee): The department has been repairing roads and culverts.

Museum and Historian (Ramant): The Hague Historical Society is upgrading its records and the museum.

Personnel (Bast): Some personnel issues will be addressed during New Business.

Planning/Zoning/Storm Water (Cherubini): The board has received and reviewed the ZEO report.

Recreation and Promotion and Youth (Fitzgerald): The community should get its children signed up for Silver Camp at Silver Bay YMCA.

Sewer District # 1 & 2 (Bast): The compressor for the wastewater treatment plant is still working and the new compressor should arrive any day.

Town Park and Beautification (Ramant): The visitor center lights are all working and National Grid is fixing the remaining street lights. The boat launch will open Friday, May 17th, the visitors' center will open June 22nd, and life guards will be on duty starting June 28th. All food trucks have been scheduled for the summer and the fireworks will be on July 3rd.

Environmental Concerns (Ramant): The herbicide ProcellaCOR is still being considered for use in Lake George. Go to lakegeorgeassociation.org and follow the instructions how to write a letter to the Lake George Park Commission (LGPC) to express your concerns about the use of this dangerous treatment. Knotweed funding and removal continues.

Technology and Communications Committee (Patchett): The Email database is working and growing. Thanks to Amanda Peterson for helping the program succeed.

The town has received a \$25,000 grant, with a required \$5,000 matching amount from the town.

TOWN BOARD, CONTINUED

The grant has been approved for the comprehensive plan for the town. Patchett would like to look into using some of this money to do upgrades to the visitors' center. Additional paperwork still needs to be completed. Thanks to Desirée LaPointe for her work on this.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

Patchett reminded Hague citizens to vote for the school budget and school board candidates on May 21st and that the Hague Memorial Day Parade and Celebration will be on May 25th. He thanked Cherubini and LaPointe for all their work on the parade. There is still room for floats or marchers; contact Desirée at 518-543-6161 if interested.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motions were made, seconded, and unanimously passed to:

- Hire Susan Maltese at the visitors' center at \$15/hour.
- Accept Cathy Clark's resignation from the ZBA.
- Approve Chris Richards to fill the vacant position on ZBA. Term to expire 2027.
- Advertise for vacant alternate positions on the ZBA and the PB.
- Approve the resolution to approve purchase of highway department truck for \$52,100 from Warren Ford.
- Approve the resolution to approve the purchase of a parks and community center truck for \$49,216.00 from Queensbury Ford.
- Authorize Patchett to enter into an agreement with Santore's fireworks and Night Sky Productions for July 3, 2024 in the amount of \$11,250.
- Get Wi-Fi at the visitors' center.

Patchett will look into getting defibrillator machines for the community center and the visitor center. Meg Haskell offered to help him look into the different types of units. ▣

SOUNDINGS

DIED: Carol Babinsky, 93, a long-time summer resident of Silver Bay, peacefully in Whiting, NJ on February 1, 2024, with her daughter, Sandy, by her side.



Carol was born in Hartford and grew up in NYC, the only child of Grace L. Meyer. She married Edward W. Coffin in 1956 while working for IBM, and they had three children. She later married Rev. William Babinsky, bringing their two families together in a unique bond that often centered on time at the cottage in Silver Bay. Together Carol and Bill served numerous churches in NJ and PA.

Carol found a deep peace in the forested mountains and waters of Silver Bay where she enjoyed swimming, boating, tennis, intense Scrabble games, gardening, watching rainbows, birds and butterflies, and, most especially, spending time with her many beloved "lake friends."

She was deeply involved with Grace Memorial Chapel on Sabbath Day Point and served as the secretary to the board for many years.

Carol fought for equality and inclusion throughout her life. She was a tireless advocate for the value of women in the life of the church and beyond. She promoted interaction between white suburban congregations and black urban populations during the turbulent 1960s. She acted on her deep conviction of the inclusiveness of the gospel, fighting for ordination of women in the 1970s, working with the National Council on the Aging in the 1990s, and with Room for All from 2000 on. She brought an acute sense of order, organization—and love—to all she did.

Her husband, Bill, predeceased her in 1989. She leaves her three children, Virginia Wayland (Brad), Edward Coffin, Jr., and Sandy Coffin, as well as stepdaughters Anne, Ellen, and Lois and their grown children, Brian, Janine, Julie, Jenny, and Ian.

A Celebration of Life and informal time of remembrance will be held at 11 am on Saturday, July 20, 2024 at Grace Memorial Chapel. ▣

GRACE MEMORIAL CHAPEL CONCERTS

The "Music for Summer Evenings" series returns to Grace Memorial Chapel on Sabbath Day Point with four Thursday concerts in summer 2024. All concerts begin at 7:30 pm. Freewill donations (suggested \$10 - 20) will be taken at the door; all proceeds go towards the maintenance and preservation of the chapel.

July 11th - Storm Windows

Brothers Rob (guitar, piano, vocal) and Don (upright bass, vocals) Mathews play original songs and reworked cover songs in a blend of folk, rock, and jazz.

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The Storm Windows: Don and Rob Mathews Photo courtesy of Dana Ambrose

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GRACE CHAPEL CONCERTS, CONTINUED

July 18th - Prometheus Brass Quartet This will feature classical and popular pieces, including Joplin, Sousa, and Gershwin.

August 8th - Englewinds A woodwind quintet from Englewood NJ will bring their environmentally- focused "Bees Please!" program.

August 15th - Phil Kates and Friends A string quartet from the Philadelphia Orchestra playing classics.

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

TI-ALLIANCE UPDATE, CONTINUED

The Gap Fund is a dedicated "bucket" that Ti-Alliance can draw from to support school trips, enrichment programs, individual student opportunities, classroom enhancements, and dream making. These experiences are life-changing to students. Some examples are:

1. A Ticonderoga student has been accepted to Dartmouth College's high school pre-med summer camp. It's a competitive program but she's at the top of her class and highly motivated. She's working to fund it through her after school and weekend work and her side business baking for events. She needs \$8,000.
2. There is an opportunity for a Ticonderoga student to have a full scholarship to Vanderbilt in Nashville. Vanderbilt alums in Ti are willing to take the top two students in the Ti High School Junior Class to do a college tour there, but neither of the students can pay for the trip. They need \$2,000.
3. Our school system offers bridge and AP courses to students. (Bridge courses let students earn transferable college credits during high school. AP classes let students take an exam for a potentially-transferable college credit.) They are less expensive than college courses and often allow students to enter college with a semester or two under their belts, but many families cannot afford the upfront fees of \$100 per course.

To donate to any of the Ti-Alliance funds, click [HERE](#) or send a donation to Ti-Alliance Scholarships at P.O. Box 247, Ticonderoga, NY 12883. ▣

LAKE PROTECTOR SUMMIT 2024

This year's FREE Lake Protector Summit on Friday, June 14, 2024, from 8 am - 12:30 pm at Camp Chingachgook (1872 Pilot Knob Road, Kattskill Bay) is designed for residents, visitors, and businesses who love, rely on, and want to protect Lake George. A light breakfast will be offered from 8 - 8:30 am.

Attendees will learn about:

- The invasive hemlock woolly adelgid (HWA) (*Tammara Van Ryn of Adirondack Park Invasive Plant Program*)
- How technology and big data will help preserve water quality (*Brian Mattes of The Jefferson Project*)
- The latest science on harmful algal blooms (HABs)
- Stormwater pollution and mitigation projects on private and public land (*Jim Lieberum of Warren County Soil and Water Conservation District*)
- Why chloride is bad for the lake and how you can reduce your winter salt application (*Lake George Waterkeeper Chris Navitsky*)
- What you can do to help mitigate these water quality threats

Click [HERE](#) to register. ▣

E-WASTE RECYCLING DAY

Silver Bay's annual E-Waste Recycling Day will be held on June 15, 2024 from 10 am to 2 pm. All eligible e-waste items can be dropped off at 8169 Lake Shore Drive (9N) in Silver Bay.

ACCEPTED ITEMS:

Batteries (rechargeable), business machines, cables and IT accessories, cameras, computer peripherals (mice, keyboards, webcams, speakers, microphones), computers, copiers, electronics scrap, fax machines, fluorescent lamps, gaming devices, GPS units, lab and medical electronics, laptops, mainframe/mid-range, mobile devices (cellphones, tablets, PDAs, MP3 players), monitors, networking gear, phone systems, power supplies, printers and plotters (ink, toner, and cartridges), routers and switches, scanners, scientific equipment, security equipment, servers and server racks, stereo equipment, storage devices (external hard drives, solid state disks, SD cards, memory cards, card readers), telecommunications equipment, terminals, typewriters, UPS, video and audio equipment, wiring, and cabling.

ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED:

Carbon monoxide detectors, dehumidifiers, devices containing liquid mercury (thermostats, switches, medical devices, thermometers), freon-containing devices/materials (refrigerators, air conditioners, dehumidifiers), gas powered equipment, household hazardous waste, large appliances (stove, washers, dryers, dishwashers), liquids, PCB ballasts, propane tanks, radioactive material, small appliances (toasters, vacuum cleaners, coffee makers, irons, hair dryers), smoke detectors, and wet cell batteries.

For more information, call 518-543-8400. ▣

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SILVER BAY HAPPENINGS

Sign-ups for Silver Bay YMCA's Tennis Camp are now open. The camp is geared toward youth ages 11 to 19 and will have two one-week sessions: June 23 - June 29 and June 30 - July 6. There is a residential package and a day-only package. For more information, click [HERE](#). Register [HERE](#).

Silver Bay will host Scout Day at the Bay June 29 - June 30, 2024. There will be structured events on Saturday; on Sunday, scouts will participate in Silver Bay's program areas. For more information and to register, click [HERE](#).

On Wednesday, August 7th, the Silver Bay Golf Tournament will be played at the Ticonderoga Golf Course. Proceeds will benefit Silver Bay programs. Register [HERE](#).

BEST 4TH IN THE NORTH

The Best 4th in the North Celebration will take place July 1st - 4th with a parade, the Montcalm Mile race, music, food, vendors, games, a grand fireworks display, and more.

Pam Moser of Ticonderoga will be the 2024 Grand Marshal for the parade. Pam is a dedicated leader, who serves as a community volunteer for numerous organizations, committees, and programs. She is the Exalted Ruler at the Ticonderoga Elks Lodge, Director of Peak Force Cheer, and coordinates actively with the Ticonderoga Area Chamber of Commerce (TACC).



From L to R: Grand Marshal Pam Moser and Committee Chair Debbie Barber

2024 parade applications and guidelines can be found at www.timainstreet.org, www.ticonderogany.com, or picked up at the TACC office located at 94 Montcalm Street in Ticonderoga.

Register early; the deadline is June 24th. The committee hopes to see floats and participation from local attractions, businesses, sports teams, clubs, organizations, committees, and youth groups. There is no charge, but all entries must pre-register, be family friendly, and follow parade guidelines.

For more information, visit www.timainstreet.org, call 518-585-6619, or stop by the TACC office.

LGLC NEWS

The Lake George Land Conservancy's (LGLC) NextGen Committee will hold its annual kick-off of the summer season on June 21, 2024 from 4 - 6 pm at the Bolton Historical Museum.

A seasonal dock is now available on a first-come, first-serve basis for folks to access the Lake George Land Conservancy's (LGLC's) Sucker Brook Preserve in Putnam by boat. It is about one-half mile south of Adirondack Camp.

LGLC staff released silver flies at the Clark Hollow Bay Preserve in Putnam as part of its ongoing management of the invasive hemlock woolly adelgid (HWA). These insects feed exclusively on HWA and are just one part of LGLC's approach to protect its lands. Read more about management of invasives [HERE](#).

BOAT SAFETY CERTIFICATE

On August 6, 2019, Governor Cuomo signed Brianna's Law. The law is named after Brianna Lieneck, an 11-year-old Long Island girl who was killed in a tragic 2005 boating accident



Brianna's Law requires power boaters (including those operating sailing vessels with auxiliary power) to complete a boat safety course.

The law has been phased in since 2019. Anyone born on or after January 1, 1978 needed a certificate beginning in January 2024.

ALL operators of motorized boats and personal watercraft regardless of age, MUST have a certificate by 2025. NYS recognizes boat safety certificates issued by other states.

For class dates, locations, and to register online click [HERE](#).

LGLC HIKE-A-THON AFTER PARTY

The entire community is invited to the Lake George Land Conservancy Hike-A-Thon's After Party at the Bolton Community Center from 11:30 am - 2:30 pm on July 5, 2024.



There will be food for purchase from the Glens Falls Rotary Club and Ty's Taco-ria food trucks, free drinks donated by the Adirondack Pub and Brewery and JUST water, live music by the High Peaks Bluegrass Band, activities for kids and adults including disc golf, sponsor and partner booths, and merchandise for sale. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

LOOKING BACK

THE TICONDEROGA DAM

by Shelly Gautreau and Nancy Young



This first section of this article (*in italics*) was written in 1974 and was discovered in the archives of the Hague Historical Society.

An event of historical significance took place earlier this month when the International Paper Company (IPC) deeded the dam at the head (NOTE: Actually, because Lake George flows from south to north, Lake George Village is technically the “head” of Lake George and the outlet is in Ticonderoga) of Lake George to the State of New York. With the dam, the paper company also conveyed seven acres of land and presented the state with a check for \$150,000 for use in reconstructing the dam, removing the buildings, and grading.

The level of Lake George is about 220 feet above the level of Lake Champlain. Water descends from the head (See note in paragraph above) of Lake George through what the French called “La Chute,” but which is now known as “Ticonderoga Creek,” a distance of about 3 ½ miles to Lake Champlain. Obviously, a great source of power, grist mills and lumber mills were constructed along its course as early as 1800 - 1810.

To regulate the flow of water, a dam was constructed about 160 years ago. This was replaced by the present dam and locks, which were built in 1900 by IPC, which had acquired title to the five pulp and paper mills located at the head of the falls. In 1925, IPC gained complete control of the water when it purchased the three mills at the lower falls.

The dam was so constructed that the level of Lake George rose to about a foot above its natural level. The people on the lake wanted the paper company to maintain this level and, after considerable litigation, IPC, by law, was assigned the responsibility of maintaining the level between 2.5 and 4 feet on the Rogers Rock gauge between (unreadable) 1st and October 1st.

With the abandonment of the old mill several years ago, IPC has no interest in the water power and has sought to be relieved of its responsibility. The state acquiesced and the turning over of the dam and the properties places the responsibility on the (NY State) Department of Environmental Conservation.



At the presentation ceremonies, Albert Oetken, a vice president of IPC, said that if the dam were to be removed, the lake level would be lowered considerably, the shoreline would be altered, and there would be new hazards to boating from rocks and even islands, which would rise above the surface. He also pointed out that by maintaining a constant level, dock owners are not inconvenienced by wide variations in water levels. Their docks are neither flooded nor made unapproachable.

On a visit to the area the other day, we were amazed at the tremendous volume of water rushing over the dam. It is inconceivable that, in these days of energy shortages, the power generated by this water performs no useful function.

UPDATE 2024 (50 years later)

Lake George is a natural lake with an approximately 233-square-mile watershed. Precipitation results in surface water, runoff, or groundwater flows. The condition of the watershed's soil (frozen to unfrozen, dry to saturated), the level of intermittent lakes, ponds, and

wetlands in the watershed, as well as the state of trees and vegetation, all affect the amount of runoff. Excessive precipitation and runoff can cause the lake to rise occasionally to undesirable levels. Lower than desired lake levels can also be caused by persistent dry weather and evaporation. During such periods, especially late summer and fall, evaporation from the surface of the lake can exceed the incoming water and the lake level falls.

During such conditions, the discharge gates of the dam are closed and the lake water may not be used for power generation. The hydroelectric facility is located at the base of the lower falls and is owned by Patriot Hydro Power of Manchester, NH. They provide the power generated by the water to the local electric grid.

The dam is, in all probability, promoting the continued health of our “Queen of American Lakes” by controlling the level of the lake.

We hope everyone will respect and enjoy this beautiful jewel in a clean, proactive way. If you see something that harms our “Queen,” say something, do something. Teach the love of nature and all it has to offer so that the lake will still be healthy and viable for generations to come.



TACC FUNDRAISER

The Ticonderoga Area Chamber of Commerce (TACC) 22nd Annual Fundraiser Dinner and Auction will be held on Friday, June 14, 2024 at the Barn at Lord Howe Valley from 5:30 - 10 pm. The theme is "Into the Wild - A TACC Safari."

It will include a menu provided by HB Catering, a cash bar by Eddie's Restaurant, a silent auction, a live auction, music by DJ Cruz, dancing, photographs by Ashley Rivers Photography, and theme activities. The attire is business, business casual, or theme dress.

Early reservations are suggested as space is limited. Call 518-585-6619, email emullen@ticonderogany.com, or go to www.ticonderogany.com.

TACC is currently seeking monetary contributions and/or auction items. Sponsorship level sheets, which highlight the levels and benefits, are available at www.ticonderogany.com or from Team TACC. ❏

TICONDEROGA FLY-IN

The first Ticonderoga Fly-In will take place on Saturday, June 8, 2024 from 10 am to 2 pm at the Ticonderoga Municipal Airport on Shore-Airport Road. The event will include exhibitions, demonstrations, aircraft on display, food trucks, important airport information, and more. The rain date is Sunday, June 9th. Attendees will be able to connect with Town of Ticonderoga officials to learn more about the airport, ask questions, and tour airport facilities. For more information call 518-585-6677 or visit www.townofticonderoga.org. ❏

TICONDEROGA TRIATHALON

On June 15, 2024, there will be a triathlon in Ticonderoga. Both individuals and relay teams can enter. Race shirts will be given to those who register early. There will be a post-game meal sponsored by Wind Chill and STBC Beer Garden. For more information, click [HERE](#). ❏



TCSD BOE MEETING

The regular meeting of the Ticonderoga Central School District Board of Education will be on June 18, 2024 at 6 pm in the Junior/Senior High School Cafeteria. ❏

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THS SPRING JOB FAIR "BEST EVER"

On April 29, 2024, more than 280 Ticonderoga and Crown Point students visited with 32 employers at the Ticonderoga Student Job Fair for a day of matching employers and students with meaningful work. Students visited with their classes and many came back during their study halls and lunch to interview or talk with more companies. The employers engaged the students with physical fitness challenges, giveaways, and discussions about their summer plans and future careers.

Special thanks to the Windchill Factory for donating ten gift certificates and to Silver Bay for donating a summer membership to the student raffle, which was won by a student from Hague. Thanks to everyone who helped make this event a success.

Learn more about Ti-Alliance's workforce development programs [HERE](#). ❏

TI ARTS GALLERY

The next show at the Ti Arts Gallery, "Homecoming," will be by Erin Lonergan and will run from June 26 - July 13, 2024, with the Opening Reception on Friday, June 28th from 5 - 7 pm.



Ti Arts will have numerous demonstrations, presentations, and classes this summer. The demos and presentations are FREE and the classes cost \$20. There will be classes in painting and drawing, photography, print making, multimedia, writing, fiber art, music, and jewelry. To sign up, go to ticonderogaarts.org [HERE](#).

The gallery is located at 119 Montcalm Street in Ticonderoga and it is open Wednesday through Saturday from 10 am - 4 pm.

Programming at Ti Arts is made possible by the NYS Council on the Arts with the support of the Office of the Governor and the NYS Legislature. ❏

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CALENDAR

June 2024

JUNE

1		June issue of <i>The Hague Chronicle</i> published	18	6 pm	Ticonderoga CSD BOE Meeting
6	7 pm	Planning Board Meeting	19		JUNETEENTH
8	10 am – 2 pm	Ticonderoga Fly-In	20	10 am - 12 pm	SUMMER SOLSTICE
11	6 pm	Town Board Meeting		6 pm	APA meeting on ProcellaCOR
13	6 pm	Short-Term Rental Public Hearing			Deadline for the July issue of <i>The Hague Chronicle</i>
14		FLAG DAY	23 – 29		Silver Bay Tennis Camp #1
	8 am – 12:30 pm	Lake Protector Summit	24		Deadline to register for the Best 4th in the North Parade
	5:30 – 10 pm	TACC Fundraiser	26 – July 13		Ti Arts Gallery – Lonergan “Homecoming”
15	10 am – 2 pm	Silver Bay E-Waste Recycling	27	7 pm	Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting
		Ticonderoga Triathlon	28	5 – 7 pm	Opening Reception Ti Arts Gallery
16		FATHER’S DAY	29 – 30		Scout Day at the Bay
	1 – 3 pm	Hague Fish & Game Father’s Day Celebration	30 – July 6		Silver Bay Tennis Camp #2

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