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MEMORIAL DAY 2024 CELEBRATION IN HAGUE

May 25, 2024 was a beautiful day for the Town of Hague's Annual Memorial Day Celebration. The town park was abuzz with adults and children enjoying the food trucks, bouncy house, vendors, Seniors White Elephant Sale, and more. At 2 pm, the parade began from the community center down Route 8 to the park. This year's Grand Marshal was Senior Club President Patricia Hintze. As always, the parade included the Ticonderoga Fife and Drum Corps, fire trucks, floats and marchers from various town groups, and more. Enraptured children and their adults lined the road and collected candy that was thrown by the parade participants. The winners of the parade, who each won \$100, were:

- **Best in Parade** – The Next Generation (Kelly Krause)
- **Most Creative** – The Hague Senior Club (Pat Hintze)
- **Best Adirondack** – Hague Historical Society (Mary Behr)
- **Most Humorous** – Stilt Walker (Amy Nelson)
- **Most Patriotic** – The Ya-Da, Ya-Da's (Pat Hintze)
- **Best Youth** – The Girl Scouts (Debbie Barber)
- **Honorable Mention Adult** – Roland Allen won \$50

Many thanks to all the participants, the townspeople who came out, and, especially to Desirée LaPointe for stepping up to chair this long-time Hague celebration. It's small-town America at its best! ▣



PROCELLACOR UPDATE

On Friday afternoon, June 28, 2024, Justice Robert Muller of the NY State Supreme Court, lifted a temporary restraining order, issued by the court on June 21st, which had prevented the Lake George Park Commission (LGPC) from putting the chemical herbicide ProcellaCOR into Lake George until arguments could be heard. The very next morning at 5:30 am (June 29), the LGPC and its contractor showed up in Blairs Bay (Glenburnie) and started putting the chemical into the lake.

This is devastating for all who oppose this first-ever use of chemicals in Lake George. This includes the Lake George Association (LGA), the Lake George Waterkeeper, the property owners near the treatment sites, the four towns in the north basin of

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HAGUE REQUESTS TI BOARD OF ED CONSIDERATION REGARDING ENERGY PROJECTS

*by Jack Bast, chair,
Hague School Advisory Committee*

In its meeting on June 11, 2024, on the recommendation of the School Advisory Committee, the Hague Town Board passed Resolution #79 of 2024, requesting the Ticonderoga Central School District (Ti CSD) Board of Education (BOE) use the full value of all energy projects being conducted in the Town of Ticonderoga when determining the allocation of school taxes between the Towns of Hague and Ticonderoga for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

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SENIORS CLUB NEWS

by Pat Hintze

Our fundraisers, the White Elephant Sale and the Senior View Café, were successful again this year. Thanks to everyone for helping, for donating items for the sale, and to the townspeople for supporting the café.

On July 11, 2024, we'll be heading north to the Adirondack Center for Loon Conservation in Saranac Lake, lunch, and then the John Brown Museum In Lake Placid.

On July 25th, we'll go to the Ulysses S. Grant Cottage in Wilton, followed by lunch. ❑



LAKE GEORGE OPEN WATER SWIM

It's now time to register for the 14th Annual Lake George Open Water Swim. It will take place on Saturday, August 17, 2024 from 7 am – 12 pm. The event consists of 2.5k, 5k, and 10k open water swims off of the Hague Public Beach. Each year, more than 300 swimmers come to Hague from more than 30 states, as well as several foreign countries. Learn more and register [HERE](#).

Local kayak volunteers are needed to assist with safety on the water. There is a \$50 stipend to water safety volunteers who commit to three hours out on the water in a kayak or boat. Volunteers should register [HERE](#). ❑

HVFD

by Donna Trudeau

The HVFD ended the month of May with five fire calls, two stand-bys, and five calls to assist EMS. EMS had six calls for a total of 134.5 fire and EMS volunteer hours.

We've been recruiting for Fire and EMS and are glad to announce we have two new members who are firefighters/EMTs: Craig Bateman and Sean Fredrick. One of our junior firefighters, Aidan Debuque, completed Basic Exterior Firefighting Operations (BEFO) and plans to receive more training.

We had a great turnout for our Annual Chicken BBQ. We thank Dan Whitford for entertaining us with some great tunes. We're planning our August fundraiser, which will be a pig roast and festivities.

We want everyone to have a safe summer. Summer heat and sun can cause dehydration, which is dangerous. Use sunscreen and drink lots of fluids, preferably water or a non-sugar, non-caffeine beverage. Using cold compresses and staying in the shade where there's a breeze also helps. If you are unable to even keep water down and are vomiting, call 911. ❑



STEVE RAMANT RETIRES

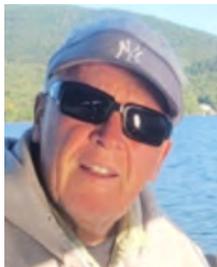
Believing it was time, in his words, "to move on," Steve Ramant retired from Hague's Town Board in June.

Steve has been a committed and dedicated member of the Hague Town Board for about 14 years. When asked about what projects he spearheaded during his tenure, he modestly responded, "It was my pleasure to work for the people of our town. I'm glad I could bring things to the town that people enjoyed. I hope they continue."

He added, "The important thing is to keep the town and Lake George great."

Steve and his wife, Kathi, look forward to taking trips, relaxing, and seeing friends and family.

At the last town board meeting, Supervisor Joshua Patchett said, "It is with sadness I announce Steve Ramant's retirement from the town board. It is almost impossible to understand how hard Steve worked to improve our great town. Steve's contributions will never be forgotten. He was tireless in his efforts and gave 100 percent in everything he did. The Town



of Hague and its residents owe him a debt of gratitude that can never be repaid."

That was followed by a standing ovation.

Thank you, Steve!

Chris Richards has filled his position on the board and Sally DeLarm Rypkema is the new Deputy Supervisor. ❑

CHRIS RICHARDS APPOINTED TO TOWN BOARD

Chris Richards of Hague has been appointed to replace Steve Ramant on the Hague Town Board. His term runs through the end of this year.

Chris and his wife, Colleen, have had a dream to move to Hague for over 30 years. In 2015, they started the process of getting the board approvals and the paperwork completed to build their new home here.

He appreciated everything everyone was doing and the fact that there were so many people looking out for the lake.



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HAGUE FIREHOUSE RESTAURANT IS CLOSED

Cris Ginn and Sheri DeLarm have decided to permanently close the doors of the Hague Firehouse Restaurant. They purchased the building in 2003, renovated it, and opened for business in the summer of 2006. Sheri said, "We had an incredibly gratifying run, which in no way, we could have pulled off without the constant help of family, friends, and the amazing community of Hague! We have met the most wonderful people through the restaurant and we are forever grateful for the opportunity to have served you."

Cris and Sheri hope, for the sake of our community, that someone realizes the importance of this social gathering place and steps up to open its doors once again. ❑

PROCELLACOR, CONTINUED

Lake George, and more than 5,200 people who signed a petition opposing the chemical in Lake George.

Background: The LGPC first applied for the permits to put this herbicide into the two bays in 2022. The Adirondack Park Agency (APA) and Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) approved the permits, and the LGA, the Waterkeeper, the Town of Hague, and a riparian owner filed a suit to stop it, arguing that the APA had failed to follow its own required process in approving the permits. Justice Muller agreed and issued a preliminary injunction until he could hear the case. After hearing the case, he ruled in March 2023 in favor of the LGA, blocking the LGPC from using the chemical. The state appealed the decision, which led to the NYS Appellate Division overturning Muller's ruling in the

spring of 2024. The LGPC applied for new permits, and the APA approved those permits on June 20, 2024, followed quickly by DEC approval.

Within minutes of the APA permit approvals, the LGA and Lake George Waterkeeper filed suit in Warren County Supreme Court, joined by the Towns of Hague and Dresden, as well as five riparian owners. The suit asked the court to annul the permits and block the use of ProcellaCOR in Lake George. Although the court issued a temporary restraining order on June 21st, a judge lifted this on June 28th after hearing arguments.

The LGA issued the following statement immediately after that



Opponents of ProcellaCOR outside the courthouse

ruling: "It will be the first time chemicals are purposely applied to Lake George, and it will be done by the state agency created to protect it. Appalling."

The LGA also noted that scientists from The Jefferson Project have been and will be in both bays actively monitoring water movement, oxygen, plant response, and more, ensuring that the behavior and effects of the chemical on the lake's ecosystem are thoroughly monitored. ▣

TI BOARD OF ED ENERGY PROJECTS, CONTINUED

By way of background, real property taxes are collected to pay 56% of Ti CSD expenses and real property taxes are determined by annual assessments that estimate the full market value of each property in each town. The apportionment in real property tax obligations between Ticonderoga and Hague is generally based on the total assessment of properties in each town.

Currently, there are several energy projects underway in the Town of Ticonderoga – including, but not limited to, Champlain Hudson Power Express, Pivot Solar NY 9 LLC, and Ticon Solar LLC – with construction costs alone of the order of magnitude of \$150,000,000. The taxpayers of Ticonderoga, in fact, will economically benefit significantly from the energy projects, no matter what.

Including the full value of these projects in the school tax levy apportionment would provide Hague taxpayers at least some benefit and is a balanced, equitable, and authorized method. The Town of Hague has been apportioned more than 50% of the Ti CSD school tax levy for the past 20 years.

The BOE is provided by New York State Real Property Tax Law with such authority to include the full value of tax-exempt property in the school tax levy apportionment. And, there is BOE precedence for this very practice – e.g., Sylvamo property (Tax I.D. 128.4-4-1.000/1) assessed at \$18,100,400 is currently included in the apportionment determination.

Along with Hague's February 2024 request for including multi-year assessment averaging (MYAA), which still stands, including the full value of the energy projects would provide more fair and reasonable apportionment of the school tax levy between the Towns of Ticonderoga and Hague. (FYI, a retrospective MYAA analysis of the past 20 years shows that, in fact, each town would have been favored in 10 of the 20 years, i.e., MYAA truly averages.)

All Hague taxpayers are strongly urged to attend the BOE meeting on Tuesday, July 9th at which Hague will present its case for including MYAA and full energy project value in this year's School Tax Levy. This meeting is scheduled for 6 pm at the Ticonderoga High School cafeteria at 5 Calkins Place in Ticonderoga. ▣

HAGUE MUSIC IN THE PARK 2024

Hague's Music in the Park will be on Wednesday nights in the Hague Town Park. The following food trucks begin serving at 5:30 pm, so come hungry and support them: 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 the lineup for July:

- **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**
Whisky River Band
- **July 31: 6 pm** —
Lazy Sun's Band

Bring your chairs and your dancing shoes! Inclement weather location is the community center. Thanks to the Hague Town Board for sponsoring this! ▣

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - 5/23/2024

Present were Chairman Robert Goetsch, Linda Mury, and Chris Richards. Also present was Recording Secretary Kathy Santaniello. Absent were Chris Navitsky, Jon Hanna, and Zoning Enforcement Officer Ed Kirchberger.

NEW BUSINESS:

**CUNNINGHAM (OXFORD COTTAGE) (76.20-1-32)
4 Silver Bay Road**

The applicants are requesting a variance after-the-fact for a small shed attached to the cottage to house the water system. (Water tank, hot water heater, and sediment and UV filters)

Zoning Issue: 160-50 B (b) Shoreline setback

After a brief discussion, a motion was made, seconded, and passed to deem the application complete and to include this on the agenda for next month. A site visit was scheduled for Wednesday, May 29, 2024 at 4 pm.

PLANNING BOARD - 6/6/2024

Present were Chairman Pam Peterson, Edna Frasier, and Judy Gourley. Also present were ZEO Ed Kirchberger, Recording Secretary Kathy Santaniello, landscaper Bob Burch and Randy Engler via phone. Absent were Sandra Powell and Meg Haskell.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. MITCHELL (60.17-1-17) 30-32 Oneida Drive, Silver Bay (TR1-R) VAR 06-24 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 0.66 acre and Lot #2 is proposed to be 0.50 acre. Lot #1 is proposed to have 63 feet of shoreline and Lot #2 would have 112 feet of shoreline.

Zoning Issues: 160-24 A. Acreage & 160-50 B. (c) [1] Shoreline width

Mitchell reported that his neighbors both to the north and to the south have expressed approval for the project and that the Adirondack Park Agency (APA)'s recent letter to ZEO Kirchberger indicates they believe that dividing the parcel into two lots would not "trigger the need for a shoreline lot width variance." Another site visit is not necessary. This project will now go back to the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) for a variance determination.

2. ROSELLI (93.16-1-6) 92 Sabbath Day Point Road, Silver Bay

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

Zoning Issues: 150-50 B1 - Shoreline

There were no issues with the site visit on May 10, 2024. All permits are in. After discussion, motions were made, seconded, and unanimously passed to deem the application complete and to approve the application.

NEW BUSINESS:

**1. CUNNINGHAM (OXFORD COTTAGE) (76.20-1-32)
4 Silver Bay Road, Silver Bay**

The applicants request an after-the-fact variance for a small shed attached to the cottage to house the water system (water tank, hot water heater, and sediment and UV filters).

Zoning Issues: 160-50 B (b) Shoreline Setback

Kirchberger reported he had issued a stop-work order on the new house project. Consequently, the after-the-fact issues will not come before the board at this time because the planning board will need to look at all the projects as one site plan.

2. ENGLER (43.5-1-26) 9077 Lakeshore Drive, Hague (HP) VAR 08-24, (SP) 04-24

The applicant is requesting the replacement of the existing retail single story building with a new two-story mixed-used building with retail on the bottom and a residence above.

Zoning Issues: 160-20 A-Front Yard Setback and 160-65-Continuation of Non-Conforming Structure, 25% increase

Engler joined the meeting via speaker phone and answered questions and concerns from the board regarding issues of parking, removal of old gas tanks, snow plowing, the property's being located in a flood zone, stormwater runoff, new building height, and the neighbors' complaints that it would block their view. Engler was asked to mark out the footprint of the proposed building for a future site visit. At this point, the board cannot deem the application complete as more information is needed. Engler will be back in town for the July meetings.

TOWN BOARD - 6/1/2024

Present were Supervisor Joshua Patchett, Board Members Martin Fitzgerald, Maureen Cherubini, and Jack Bast. Also present were Deputy Town Clerk Amanda Peterson, Confidential Secretary to the Supervisor Desirée LaPointe, Zoom Coordinator Tim Fiallo, Steve Ramant, Chris Richards, Bob Holmes of RU Holmes Engineers, Principal Planner of Warren County Planning and Community Development Sara Brugger, Chris Navitsky, Sandy Smith, Ginger Henry Kuenzel, and 24 other community members. There were also some people attending via ZOOM.

Patchett thanked Ramant for his dedication and service to the Town of Hague and presented him with a certificate. (See article on Ramant on page 2)

TOWN BOARD, CONTINUED

Brugger briefly described the Pro-Housing Community principles. Motions were made, seconded, and unanimously carried for the Town of Hague to become a Pro-Housing Community through the Warren County Planning Department and to allow Patchett to sign a letter of intent to apply for Hague to become a Pro-Housing Community through the Warren County Planning Department.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. David and Judith Polley, 8 Martins Lane - Tax map #12.14-17. Holmes gave an overview of the application for nine wastewater variances. Nobody spoke for or against the application. Motions were made, seconded, and carried unanimously to close the public hearing and to approve the application for these wastewater treatment system variances.
2. Katherine and Stephan Engle at 9582 Lakeshore Drive - Tax Map #12.18-1-13. Holmes gave an overview of the application for 16 wastewater variances. Natvitsky, Smith, and Kuenzel had questions. Motions were made, seconded, and carried unanimously to close the public hearing and to approve the application for these wastewater treatment system variances.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR: Comments included:

- Thanking the town board for allowing the Seniors Club to use the visitor’s center for its White Elephant Sale and Americade Senior Café.
- Concerns that the Hague Historical Society moved materials into the community room; there was an ensuing apology.
- A recommendation that the speed limit be lower on 9N north of Indian Kettles.
- Concerns that the book corner in the community room is close to the closet.
- Comments in favor of the Pro-Housing Community.
- Concerns about the STR Hearing on Thursday, June 13th.
- Concerns that the public should be able to apply for positions (as were recently filled) with the Town of Hague.
- Questions on the process of applications for town board positions.
- Ramant’s resignation and thanking him for his service.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Highway (Fitzgerald/Bast): Blacktop is being done on Hollow Road, Fitzgerald Road, and Yaw Road. There are plans to fix Jabe Pond Road.

Museum and Historical (Fitzgerald): The theme this summer is the Stock Boat Races. The exhibit opens in a week.

Personnel (Bast/Cherubini): There are vacancies on the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals. The town is extending the application periods to June 25th.

Sewer District # 1 & 2 (Bast/Cherubini): The new compressor is now expected July 1st. One current Sewer EDU Appeal is under consideration. The WWTP truck is failing.

Technology and Communications Committee

(Patchett/Bast): Mail Chimp is spreading information to the community. We are looking into switching our website and

emails from .org to .gov and into getting Microsoft 365 for the office staff.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

A public hearing is set for the short-term rental (STR) local law on June 13, 2024 at 6 pm.

Patchett has appointed Sally DeLarm-Rypkema as the Town of Hague Deputy Supervisor.

An intern is coming from the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC). The proposed DEC Smart Growth grant that was awarded for \$25,000 (with a match of \$5,000 from the Town of Hague) was discussed. The project budget will be supplemented by the \$15,000 grant awarded from the Glens Falls Foundation for the pavilion that was not implemented back in 2022. This grant is being resubmitted to the Glens Falls Foundation on June 20th. This would give the project an overall budget of \$45,000. A committee will be formed to develop the facility and programming needs of this new visitors’ center.

Patchett noted that the playground and beach look fantastic thanks to Shane Graiser, Nate Lawrence, Aaron Diskin, Matt Coffin, Desirée LaPointe, Todd Fish, and Chad Dunklee, who started the clean-up process and to our highway department crew, Tim Fiallo, Shawn Winchell, Luke Winters, James Belden, and Matt Coffin, who finished the project.

The Memorial Day Parade and the Vendors in the Park were successful. Thank you to Desirée LaPointe and Maureen Cherubini for making it happen. Special thanks to Todd Fish, Oum Hilliard, Kim Coffin, Matt Coffin, and Chad Dunklee for all the detail work. To continue the tradition, a committee will need to be formed for next year. Anyone interested should submit a letter of interest to the town.

Oum Hilliard has moved to the position of Bookkeeper/Budget Officer and Donna Clarke has moved to the position of Reception Clerk.

Amanda Peterson and Kim Coffin attended classes at the New York State Town Clerks Association (NYSTCA) Conference April 21st - 24th. Peterson provided a detailed description of their experience.

WiFi and running water at the Transfer Station were discussed; the board will get estimates.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motions were made, seconded, and carried unanimously to:

- Accept Steve Ramant’s letter of resignation dated June 3, 2024.
- Appoint Chris Richards to fill Ramant’s unexpired term.
- Appoint Leo Lucas as manager of the Hague Transfer Station and the Hague Boat Launch for 2024.
- Appoint Desirée LaPointe, as manager of the lifeguards, beach, and the visitors’ center for 2024.
- Appoint Denise Gugumuck as manager of Music in the Park, food vendors, and the parking organization for 2024.
- Accept Amanda Peterson’s resignation letter as Safety Officer dated June 10th, 2024.
- Appoint Desirée LaPointe as Safety Officer for 2024.

TOWN BOARD, CONTINUED

A motion was made and seconded to accept Chris Richards' letter of resignation from the Zoning Board of Appeals, effective upon appointment to the town board. Vote was 4 in favor and 1 abstention (Richards).

Resolutions were made, seconded, and carried unanimously to:

- Request that the Ticonderoga Central School District use the full value of all energy projects being conducted in the Town of Ticonderoga when determining the allocation of school taxes between the Towns of Hague and Ticonderoga for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.
- Approve the renewal of Michele Gautreau's position on the Board of Assessment Review for a five-year term from 10/01/2024 until 09/30/2029.
- Approve Kathy Santaniello as an alternate on the Board of Assessment Review for a one-year term from 10/01/2024 until 09/30/2025.
- Have the Town of Hague join any litigation opposing the application of ProcellaCOR in Lake George.

Motions were made, seconded, and carried unanimously to:

- Have Patchett sign the letter of litigation engagement in which the town formally engages the law firm handling the case on behalf of the Lake George Association (LGA), there being no cost to the town.
- Approve the purchase of two automatic defibrillators (AEDs) and the wall mounts in the amount of \$1,210.
- Approve CJ's Lawn and Order Special Mowing Unit contract for the triangle and community center in the amount of \$3,305.
- Cancel the triangle and community center landscaping job, originally awarded to ADK Escapes in the amount of \$4,200. (ADK Escapes declined the contract.)

- Approve the knotweed contract with Ryan Burlkum in the amount of \$13,000 (The Lake George Land Conservancy (LGLC) has agreed to pay \$6,500 and the Town of Hague will pay \$6,500. The town has a credit with Burlkum in the amount of \$3,200 from an overpayment last year, so the town is seeking \$3,300 in funding this year.)

A resolution to shift the grant funds in the amount of \$15,000 from a previously-approved 2022 grant from the Glens Falls Foundation and resubmit an application for a new Visitors' Center was made, seconded, and carried unanimously.

Motions were made, seconded, and carried unanimously to:

- Approve services in the amount of \$15,000 with Clothier Planning and Consulting (Tracey Clothier, AICP, CEP) for Clothier to assist in grant applications for the new visitors' center, to update the Town of Hague's Comprehensive Plan, and to help develop that plan.
- Approve that the Visitors' Center Committee members will be Bill Fritzky, Pat Hintze, Joshua Patchett, Sally DeLarm-Rypkema, Donna Wotton, and Chris Richards. Tracey Clothier and Desirée LaPointe will serve as liaisons.

The board then went into executive session. After coming out of executive session, motions were made, seconded, and carried unanimously to pay:

- Leo Lucas \$2,500 for managing the transfer station and the boat launch.
- Desirée LaPointe a salary of \$2,000 for managing the beach and the lifeguards.
- Denise Gugumuck \$2,000 for managing Music in the Park and the food trucks.
- Desirée LaPointe a salary of \$1,000 for serving as Safety Officer. ▣

HAGUE'S SHORT-TERM RENTAL LOCAL LAW

by Bobbi Bryant Taylor

On June 13, 2024, the Town of Hague held its fourth public hearing on the Hague Short-Term Rental (STR) Local Law. About 25 people attended in person and about 12 attended via ZOOM. At the end of the meeting, the local law passed by a 4-1 vote.

Some background is in order here. After almost two years of committee work and much compromise, the Hague STR Local Law was defeated at the conclusion of a public hearing on March 12, 2024. Two board members who voted against it at that time did so because they thought that many legitimate issues (see page one, April 2024 issue of *The Hague Chronicle*) had been raised at the public

hearing that night that needed to be answered. In the days following that meeting, the board worked to answer every question posed at the meeting and some that came up later. It published the answers for all to see on the Town of Hague website. In determining answers to the questions, the board decided that three changes to the STR local law were appropriate and necessary:

1. Clarification that only properties purchased after January 1, 2025 will have a three-day minimum rental period, so everyone else will be grandfathered in.
2. The term "arms-length transaction" was replaced with "Immediate family."
3. "Immediate family" was defined.

These changes were made and the revised version of the law was posted on

the website on May 1, 2024. Click [HERE](#) to see it.

In order to make these three changes, the law *required* that *another* public hearing be held. To clarify, public hearings are held for the purpose of gathering public opinions and concerns on political issues before a legislature, agency, or organization makes a decision or takes action. People simply express their opinions; there is no question-and-answer period. So, that public hearing was held on June 13th at 6 pm. At that meeting, opinions and questions were expressed including:

- Current STRs should be grandfathered in.
- We've always had people who rent here and we need tourists.

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SHORT-TERM RENTAL LOCAL LAW, CONTINUED

- We only rent our house out because of the high taxes.
- When we bought, we knew we could rent it out under the existing zoning laws.
- The lack of construction is what is causing a housing shortage, not STRs.
- Could new non-family owners rent their homes out for four to six weeks, which should yield enough to pay the taxes, but not enough to use it only as an investment?
- A study done by a local resident found that there was little effect on housing affordability after STR Local Laws were enacted in Glens Falls, Lake George, and Bolton Landing.
- The Town of Hague wants to keep the generational owners.
- We ought to be able to work together on this.

It was determined that following this fourth public hearing, it was *appropriate and legal* to hold another vote on this issue. Patchett made the motion, Richards seconded it, and this time, it passed 4-1 (Cherubini). So, Local Law Number 1, 2024 STR, commonly known as the Short-Term Rental (STR) Local Law, will be in effect beginning January 1, 2025.

Although there are residents who remain opposed to some aspects of this local law, there are also many who see the following positives:

- Owners can still rent their homes for 28 consecutive days or more to the same person without an STR Local Law permit.
- The STR Local Law does NOT prevent owners from renting their properties to raise money such as to pay their taxes.
- Properties that are passed on to members of the family will not have a three-year waiting period and can continue renting their homes out without interruption.
- If a property sells prior to January 1, 2025, there is no three-year waiting period, so, although owners of STRs will need to complete the registration procedure, they will be grandfathered from having to adhere to a waiting period.
- Having all homes and properties that are rented out as a STRs be registered

- and inspected promotes health and safety for our visitors and keeps Lake George pristine.
- The three-day minimum on the STR local law will prevent folks from coming in just for a weekend of potentially-rowdy partying as opposed to a family coming for a week-long vacation.
- Having the STR local law will slow down the purchasing of property in Hague solely by investors.
- The STR local law will protect the future character of residential neighborhoods in that our homes will not be sold to wealthy investors and become a mass of hotel-like properties with renters coming in and out in rapid succession.
- The STR Local Law will encourage the purchasing of property in Hague by people who truly want to live here and to contribute to the community as residents as opposed to people who purchase property solely as an investment.
- The requirements of the STR local law will ensure the health and safety of our visitors.

It is expected that there will be time before the law takes effect on January 1, 2025 for all forms, permits, and inspections to be done. The procedure for STR owners will be to complete the registration forms with the office of Zoning Enforcement Officer (ZEO) Kirshberger, pay the \$300 (that covers three years), which will be used to pay the Town of Hague staff who will administer the STR Local Law. Then the ZEO and the county building inspectors will inspect the properties. Warren County will collect a 4% tax on monies earned from rentals.

Town Board Member Chris Richards explained, "The main focus of the law was to protect the town from being overrun with absentee short-term rentals, and make sure we have homes at all price levels available for people who want to come here, live here, and contribute to the community."

Supervisor Patchett told *The Hague Chronicle*, "I am greatly concerned about protecting the integrity of our commercial and residential zones, and even more concerned about the future of Hague as it pertains to the growth of STRs. The changes I have seen in our

town in the last ten years are significant. The lower value homes in our town are the ones that I view to be most at risk to being taken off the market and become STRs permanently."

Patchett emphasized, "I personally do not like over regulation; however, the Hague Town Board has taken the appropriate action to help protect the future of our community."

When asked about the local STR Local Law and all that is happening in Hague, Town Board Member Jack Bast said, "I urge everyone to trust the board. There are changes going on. This is a new administration – the next generation. I'm impressed with Josh's leadership." ▣

CHRIS RICHARDS JOINS TOWN BOARD, CONTINUED

He described the process of getting everything approved as "lengthy and worthwhile." He could see that the same few people seemed to be doing the bulk of the work in town and he decided that when he became a resident, he wanted to step up and be a productive member of the community.

Chris and Colleen have now been full-time residents of Hague for about six months. He kept his promise to himself and jumped right into serving the community.

He first served on the Short-Term Rental (STR) Committee, as he had seen the negative effects of STRs in other places and didn't want those things to happen here in Hague. His time serving on the STR committee further sparked his interest in serving the community.

He was then appointed to the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) as an alternate. Then, Cathy Clark resigned and he became a full-time member of the ZBA. Then, Steve Ramant resigned from the town board and the board appointed him to fill the position Steve had held. He resigned from the ZBA.

Chris, we in Hague are grateful for your willingness to serve and welcome you and Colleen to Hague! ▣

OPEN HOUSE/PIG ROAST

The Hague Fish & Game Club will host an Open House and Pig Roast on Saturday, July 20, 2024 from 12 – 6 pm. There will be local bands, a bounce house, all-day catch and release fishing, basket raffles, a 50/50 raffle, a horseshoe tournament, food for sale, and the pig roast from 4 pm until it is gone for \$15. For more information, call 518-543-6401. ■

PAPER AND PENCIL RESTAURANT OPENING IN TI

The Paper and Pencil, a new year-round farm-fresh restaurant, will open on July 2, 2024 in its historic building on the LaChute River in downtown Ticonderoga. Reservations are currently required at 518-949-8533.



The restaurant combines a comfortable and casual atmosphere with elevated services and a seasonally-rotated menu. The owner, Megan Cunningham, says that food and drinks will use farm-fresh local produce that are good for health and will support local farms. For more information, click [HERE](#). ■

THE BUZZ ON LAKE GEORGE: SPEEDBOAT RACING 1900-1964, AUTHORED BY HAGUE'S GINGER HENRY KUENZEL

From the time Ginger Henry Kuenzel was old enough to climb into a boat and hold tight to the gunnels, she was frequently at her dad's side in his stock utility outboard as he tuned his engine and ran practice laps for the speedboat regattas on Lake George. Later, she and her brothers were behind the wheel themselves or on the shore, cheering the drivers who competed in the grueling 90-mile annual marathons, held from 1954-64. Ginger also grew up hearing stories from family members about the inboard races of the early decades of the 20th century.

Ginger's personal connections with this racing history, combined with her career as a journalist in the U.S. and abroad, make her the ideal person to collect and share the stories of the drivers, organizers, and other eyewitnesses to those thrilling decades of speedboat racing.

The Buzz on Lake George opens with a history of the early days of the Lake George Regatta Association (LGRA), which hosted annual inboard regattas from 1901-29. The wealthy gentlemen racers of that era thrilled the well-heeled summer crowds with their sleek, high-performance boats, some of which also competed in Gold Cups and other famed races. Spectators watched from gaily decorated vessels and the hotels held grand balls until the Depression brought that golden era to an end. In the 1950s, a group of local men and women revived the LGRA,

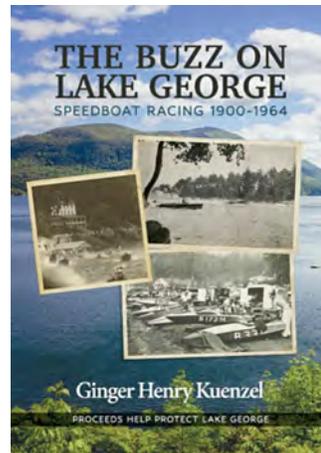
albeit with a vastly different culture. Now, the race boats were small, stock utility runabouts with outboard motors; rigs that could be easily transported to races around the country and were affordable to the burgeoning middle class. A new era of boat racing for the masses was born, promoted by Mercury Marine and the American Power Boat Association. In its heyday, the annual 90-mile marathon on Lake George attracted nearly 150 drivers, who raced six laps around a 15-mile course.

Many of those daring outboard racers share their memories in this book, including the author, who was determined to show the men and boys that a 13-year-old girl was up to the task of being a race driver. There are also stories of the colorful Marcel Raveau, who turned his boat building hobby into a thriving business. His boats took home many of the top prizes, including in the annual Hudson River Regatta from Albany to New York City and on Lake George. It was Raveau that Carl Kiekhaefer turned to in 1957 when he needed robust boats to demonstrate that his Kiekhaefer Mercury motors could run non-stop for 25,000 miles, the distance around the earth. This secret and successful endurance test on Lake X in Florida is legendary. Although Marcel is long gone, the book contains many anecdotes from Marcel's life as told to the author by Bob Walwork, who worked closely with Marcel and took over the business in the early 1960s

when Marcel retired to his native France. The book also includes the story of the recent restoration of *Gingerly*, the 1956 D-class Raveau that raced in the Lake George regattas in the 1950s and '60s and is now back on Lake George.

Many of the approximately 100 photographs in the book are from the author's collection and provide rarely-seen images of the boats and drivers as well as regatta memorabilia from 1900-1964. These images, combined with the exquisitely

researched text, provide readers with a sense of the excitement that the drivers and spectators from this period of history must have felt on race day. [Watch vintage footage HERE](#). As John Schubert, retired race boat driver, master outboard mechanic, and APBA Honor Squadron member, put it, "Reading Ginger's book, I felt like I was right back behind the wheel again!"



The Buzz on Lake George, Speedboat Racing 1900-1964, is available at bookstores and other retail establishments throughout the Adirondacks as well as on Amazon.com [HERE](#). Signed copies are available from the author at www.utopianstate.com [HERE](#). At that site, you can also find events, including book signings, presentations by the author, and a special museum exhibit in Hague. Proceeds from the book help protect the legendary water quality of Lake George. ■

BLUEGRASS IN HEAVEN

Bluegrass in Heaven will be returning for its second annual festival from September 13-15, 2024 at Silver Bay YMCA. There will be headliner performances by Della Mae and Darin and Brooke Aldridge, as well as performances by Country Gongbang, On the Trail, Fiddlers Three, The Ruta Beggars, and Jamcrackers. There will even be a dance workshop hosted by Quickstep Dance Leaders. Click [HERE](#) for tickets. ❏

MUSIC FOR SUMMER EVENINGS AT GRACE CHAPEL

Grace Chapel on Sabbath Day Point will open its “Music for Summer Evenings” series on **Thursday, July 11, 2024** with a concert by **The Storm Windows** playing original songs and reworked cover songs in a blend of folk, rock, and jazz-laced sonics.

On **Thursday, July 18th, Prometheus Brass** will present a program of brass music ranging from Gabrieli and Mozart to Sousa, Joplin, Gershwin and more.

The **Silver Bay String Quartet** will perform on **Saturday, July 13th**.

All concerts begin at 7:30 pm. Freewill donations (suggested \$10 - 20) will be taken at the door.

The Thursday concerts are made possible with funds from the Statewide Community Regrant Program, a regrant program of the New York State 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. ❏

THE HAGUE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

by Pat McDonough

The Hague Historical Society has plans for some interesting activities this summer and they begin with its annual meeting on Thursday, July 11, 2024 at 7 pm at the Hague Community Center. When the administrative details of the meeting are finished, attendees will be treated to a program presented by Ginger Henry Kuenzel on the Outboard Marathons that were run in Hague from 1954-64. Ginger will share vintage videos and slides as well as her personal recollections of that era and memories of some of the drivers. This is a program you won't want to miss!

Enjoy a visit to the Hague Historical Museum in the community center, where this summer's exhibit is focused on these outboard marathons. View trophies from the races, vintage photographs and videos, artifacts from Hague's iconic Havin' Fitz race boat, race programs and time sheets, newspaper clippings, and more. The museum is open weekdays from 8 am – 4 pm, except on holidays.

It will also be open for evening hours on Thursday, July 18th, from 5-7 pm, with docents from the Hague Historical Society on hand to talk about the exhibit and to answer questions.

On Tuesday, August 6th, at 7 pm, the historical society will host a Show and Tell Evening at the community center. Bring an artifact from your home, a memory about life in Hague to share, and/or questions about our history. Or just come and listen to your friends and neighbors relate their stories of people and places in Hague's fascinating history. ❏



REPORTING HARMFUL ALGAL BLOOMS (HABS)

The Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and the Department of Health (DOH) urge residents to learn about harmful algal blooms and to utilize their user-friendly online reporting tool to report them. The DEC and the DOH evaluate these reports and, once confirmed, post the HABS information to the NYHABS notification page [HERE](#). There is an interactive map of HABS locations on that page. ❏

LGA'S FLOATING CLASSROOM COMES TO HAGUE

The LGA's Floating Classroom will be in Hague on July 26, 2024 for a public cruise. Passengers will enjoy a fun- and fact-filled cruise, during which they'll measure water clarity, catch zooplankton, investigate other water quality parameters, and return to shore with a whole new understanding of what it takes to keep Lake George clear and clean.

Tickets must be booked in advance as they will not be sold at the boat. Click [HERE](#) to reserve your ticket.



The Floating Classroom also has public cruises leaving from Lake George Village every Wednesday at 10 am and 1 pm. Click [HERE](#) to reserve. ❏

HAGUE AARP TAXAIDE

by Jan Whitaker

The Hague AARP TaxAide team had another successful year preparing federal and state tax returns for over 300 taxpayers from Hague, Ticonderoga, and Crown Point as well as surrounding areas. Next year, we will celebrate the 20th year of preparing tax returns for the community. To find out more about volunteering for this program, call me at 518-543-6826. ❏

BEST 4TH IN THE NORTH

The Best 4th in the North Celebration 2024 will take place in Ticonderoga July 1st – 4th.

There will be a parade, a variety of live music, food, vendors, kids' activities, a grand fireworks display, and much more throughout the multi-day event. For a detailed schedule, click [HERE](#). 🗒

POSB ANNUAL MEETING

by Linda Fusco, President POSB

On July 29, 2024, the Property Owners of Silver Bay (POSB) will hold its annual membership meeting at 1 pm at the Hague Community Center. Registration begins at 12:15 pm.

I will welcome members from the Silver Bay/Hague community with the theme of "Neighbors Working Together." I will emphasize opportunities for educating members and sharing information on issues and activities that pertain to residents of Silver Bay and the surrounding area.

Our keynote presenters will be Scott Nephew, Superintendent of the Ticonderoga Central School District and John Donohue, Principal of Ticonderoga Junior/Senior High School. The title of their presentation is "It's a great day to be a Sentinel!: An In-Depth Look Into Rural Education." The program will continue with updates on current issues and programs from Hague Town Supervisor Joshua Patchett and Silver Bay YMCA CEO Peter Doliber.

This year we have extended our aegis to welcome John Lipori (Forest Bay) and Bobbi Taylor (Pine Cove) as neighborhood liaisons. Our efforts for expansion into many other neighborhoods will continue as we appoint liaisons for each sub-community from Hague to Sabbath Day Point to keep information flowing.

For more information, contact me at lindafuscophd@gmail.com and see our website [HERE](#). 🗒

LAKE GEORGE LAND CONSERVANCY PROGRAMS, JULY 2024

July 10th, 5:30 – 6:30 pm: Timber Rattlesnakes – How They Live, What They Do, LGLC Office, 4905 Lake Shore Dr, Bolton Landing

July 11th, 5 – 7 pm: Paint & Sip with Patrice — Butterfly, LGLC office

July 13th, 9 – 11:30 am: Beginner Birding, Godwin Preserve, Padanarum Road, Bolton Landing

July 17th, 5:30 – 6:30 pm: A Look Through The Lens: Exploring Lake George and Adirondack Landscapes, LGLC office

July 24th, 5:30 – 6:30 pm: Vermiculture – Use Worms To Compost Year-Round, LGLC office

July 27th, 7 – 9 pm: WindSynch – Woodwind Quintet, The Sembrich, 4800 Lake Shore Dr, Bolton Landing

July 31st, 5:30 – 6:30 pm: Bats In New York and White Noise Syndrome, LGLC office

For details, click [HERE](#). 🗒



LGA GALA

The Lake George Association (LGA) will host its annual gala on July 12, 2024 at the Sagamore Resort in Bolton Landing. Attendees will enjoy dinner, an open bar, dancing, and the ever-popular live auction. This year's auction will include a pair of Sam Maloof-inspired chairs that were hand-crafted by Hague woodworker extraordinaire Al Rider. Read more about Al and these exquisite chairs [HERE](#). To order your tickets for the gala, click [HERE](#). 🗒

SILVER BAY YMCA TO RUN CHILDCARE FACILITY

Silver Bay YMCA will be operating the new Ticonderoga Community Early Learning Center at 64 Amherst Avenue in Ticonderoga.

The center is designed to provide a nurturing and stimulating environment for young minds to flourish. The facility will include four Early Learning classrooms for infants, toddlers, and preschool age children. There are dedicated teaching teams, an indoor playroom, and an outdoor playground. 🗒

STREETFEST 2024

The 15th Annual StreetFest will be held on Saturday, July 27, 2024 in Ticonderoga from 10 am to 3 pm and it's FREE! There are sidewalk sales, shopping, a variety of food, live entertainment all day, arts and crafts, kids' activities, and more. Downtown merchants, area businesses, retail stores, restaurants, retail vendors, food vendors, non-profits, artisans, farmers, arts and craft vendors, and vendors with local hand-crafted products are encouraged to participate.

For applications, call 518-585-6619, email tmsp@timainstreet.org, or visit www.timainstreet.org. There is no fee for Montcalm Street merchants/businesses, TACC and event partners, or StreetFest sponsors, but for all others, the fee is \$50. The deadline to register is July 15th. 🗒

KELLY ELECTED AS LGA CHAIR

The board of directors of the Lake George Association (LGA) has elected John E. Kelly III, PhD, retired IBM executive vice president and a co-founder of [The Jefferson Project on Lake George](#), as its chair.



Dr. Kelly succeeds Peter Menzies, who was a member and leader of the LGA for more than 30 years and who continues on the board of directors.

POSB'S SILVER BAY CLEANUP DAY

Property Owners of Silver Bay (POSB) is looking for volunteers for this year's 9N cleanup, on Tuesday, August 13, 2024, at 9 am.

Volunteers are asked to meet at the "sand pit" above Silver Bay. Bring gloves and wear long pants and rugged shoes. Plan to sign up at the annual membership meeting.

Also, please come with a donation to the Hague Food Pantry. Many food items for Hague are provided by the Warren County Community Action Agency, but these are not: tea/coffee, condiments, spaghetti sauce/pasta, peanut butter/jelly, cookies, grated cheese, meal-in-a-box, assorted nuts, paper products, foil, Ziploc bags, dish/laundry detergent, deodorant, and soap/shampoo/toothpaste.

The Hague Chronicle is happy to publish announcements of births, marriages, graduations, anniversaries of 50/55/60/65+, awards, or deaths.

We will now include a high quality photo for publication in Soundings.

Please send information and photos to editor@thehaguechronicle.org.

TI ARTS

The next show at the Ti Arts Gallery will be by Kathy Becker and will run from July 17 - August 3, 2024, with the Opening Reception on Friday, July 19th from 5 - 7 pm. Kathy has been teaching watercolor to Silver Bay artists for many years.

Ti Arts will have numerous demonstrations, presentations, and classes this summer. The demos and presentations are FREE and the classes cost \$20. Upcoming classes are:

July 1st, 8, 15, 22 - Four-Week Memoire Writing - Bibi Wein

July 13th - Beginning Landscape Painting in Pastel - Joann Quinlivan

July 17th - Art Critique led by Fred Holman and Storytelling by Ginger Henry Kuenzel and Tim Rowland

July 22nd - Watercolor Class: Light Though the Trees - Kate Hartley

July 24th - History of Photography in the Adirondacks - Richard Timberlake

July 27th - Fish in Art-Gyotaku Demonstration - Stephen DiCerbo

July 29th - Earring Making - Maria Clara Castano

July 31st, August 7th, and August 14th - Three-Session Photography Course - Richard Timberlake

To sign up, click [HERE](#).

The gallery is located at 119 Montcalm Street in Ticonderoga and 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.



TOP, MIDDLE, AND BOTTOM: Art by Kathy Becker



THE overlook - the view we can't wait to see every year!

LOOKING BACK

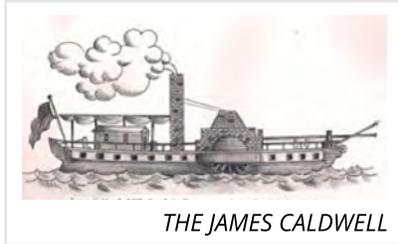
by Shelly Gatreau and Nancy Young



The text for this 1984 article was in the archives of the Hague Historical Society. The formatting of the photos and captions has been altered for clarity.

Mrs. Ursula Montbriand presented a very interesting paper on passenger-carrying ships on Lake George at the meeting of the Hague Historical Society May 15...

The first ship on Lake George made its appearance in 1816 and was named the James Caldwell. It was 8 feet in length and cost \$12,000 to construct. It was powered by steam generated in a wood-burning furnace. It had a brick smokestack. It took a full day to go from one end of the lake to the other. After four years of operation, it was struck by lightning and burned.



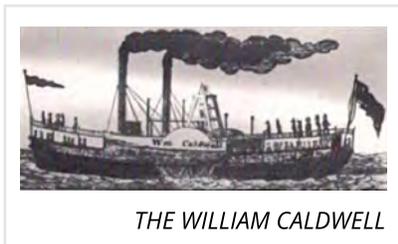
THE JAMES CALDWELL

The Mountaineer followed in 1824. It was considerably faster than the Caldwell...It sank and rotted in Ti Creek.



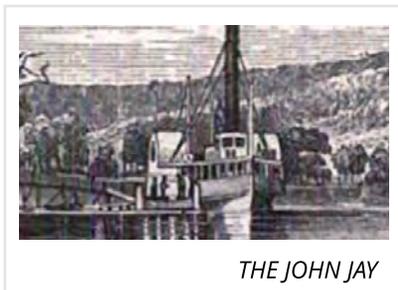
THE MOUNTAINEER

The William Caldwell sailed from 1838-1848, when it was abandoned and sank.



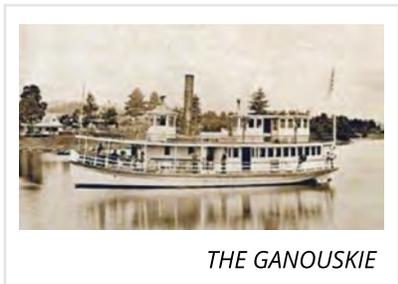
THE WILLIAM CALDWELL

The John Jay made its appearance in 1850, but it was destroyed by fire at Island Harbor in 1856. Six women died in the catastrophe. The engine and boiler were salvaged and installed on the Minne Ha Ha in 1857.



THE JOHN JAY

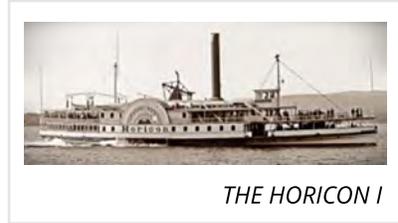
In 1857 the first Minne Ha Ha was launched and it operated until 1878 when it was disposed of and became a floating hotel near Black Mountain Point. (NO PHOTO)



THE GANOUSKIE

The Ganouskie (original name for Northwest Bay) commenced operations in 1869 with Captain Hewlett in command. In 1875, a branch of the D&H Railroad was opened between Montcalm Landing, a junction point on the D&H mainline, and Baldwin. Now people were able to go by train from New York City to Montcalm Landing, then to Baldwin Dock, and thence by steamer to summer and resort points on Lake George. It was dismantled in 1885.

The first paddle-wheel ship was the Horicon I, which was operating in 1877.



THE HORICON I

The Ticonderoga I was the last large ship built on Lake George. It was launched in 1884 and operated until 1901, when it was destroyed by fire.



THE TICONDEROGA I

In the present century the Sagamore, Horicon II (which had a capacity of 1500 passengers), and the present Ticonderoga were launched. The latter was originally a World War II Naval vessel which arrived by land in two pieces which were then welded together.



THE MOHICAN II

JULY 2024 - 50-YEAR UPDATE

There are three large tour boats still operating on Lake George. The Mohican II was renovated in 1947 and is the oldest continuously-operated tour boat in America.



THE MINNIE HA HA II

The Minne Ha Ha was built in 1969 and is one of the last steam-powered ships in America.



THE LAC DU SAINT SACREMENT

The Lac du Saint Sacrement was built in 1989 and is the largest cruise ship on the inland waters of New York State at 190 feet long.

Information on all the boats and current cruises on Lake George are available by contacting the Lake George Steamboat Company [HERE](#). ▣

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE FORT

Highlights for summer 2024 include:

- Exploration of 1774 – daily weapons demonstrations and new programs featuring REAL TIME REVOLUTION™.
- Daily Carillon boat cruises; call 518-585-1023
- Museum Exhibitions: 18th-century military material culture
- The King's Garden, a new children's garden, oxen duo Mick and Mack, and sheep
- Living History Events and Epic Battle Reenactments including Scots Day, Independence Day Weekend, and the Sound of 1776. The two-day Siege of Carillon Battle Reenactment July 20 - 21 features dramatic battle reenactments each day and living history vignettes.
- "The Mount Defiance: Witness to History" Guided Tour is offered Tuesday - Sunday at 4 pm.
- NEW Family Program Adventures: In July and August, guests can build family adventures by helping soldiers with their daily duties.
- Summertime premium experiences and tours are available.

Fort Ticonderoga and Mount Defiance are open for visitation Tuesday from now - October 27th from 9:30 am until 5 pm (last ticket sold at 4:30 pm).

Purchase tickets online in advance at www.fortticonderoga.org or at the admissions booth.

Tickets are valid for two consecutive days. ▣

TI FESTIVAL GUILD 2024 SUMMER MUSIC SERIES

These concerts will be held on Tuesdays at 7 pm at the Knights of Columbus Pavilion in Ticonderoga. They will be held rain or shine and guests should bring their own chairs.

July 9th – LEGEND - JOURNEY TRIBUTE BAND – Iconic 80s arena rock band

July 16th – ADIRONDACK JAZZ ORCHESTRA – All styles of Jazz including Dixieland, Blues, Bebop, Post-Bop, Avant Garde, and Modern Jazz

July 23rd – THOSE GUYS ENTERTAINMENT – A wide variety of musical selections and interactive style from Top 40 hits, Funk, to Classic Blues

July 30th – NORTH COUNTY BAND – A six-piece Country Americana band performing originals and covers ▣

TI'COUSTICS MUSIC IN JULY

The Ti'coustics music shows are restarting in July. These shows feature local musicians and will now be regularly based at the new Paper and Pencil Restaurant at 117 Burgoyne Road, next to the waterfalls in downtown Ticonderoga.

On July 4, 2024, patriotic songs will be done from 4 to 6 pm by Lance Dolbeck, Roberta Whiteley, and Amanda Whiteley.

The show on Thursday July 18th will be at the regular 7 - 9 pm time and will feature Terrina Russell-Cook and Brad Peria; Pat Pengitore, Lance Clark and Mike Donahue; and Ray Hulbert. ▣

TI HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Ticonderoga Historical Society has announced a name change that it feels better reflects its expanded mission and regional outreach. Going forward, the organization will be known as the Lower Adirondack Regional Center for History or LARCH.

LARCH President William Dolback explained, "This name change better reflects our strategic plan and more extensive programs, exhibits and outreach...we will continue to preserve our local history in the most responsible manner possible. After all, we've been a part of this community for more than 125 years. Nothing will change in that respect."

The organization operates the four-story Hancock House Library and Museum and, most recently, closed on the purchase of a parcel of land adjacent to the Liberty Monument Traffic Circle. Development of this property will create the Lord Howe Heritage Preserve, with expanded museum offerings and an environmental education center with outdoor walking trails.



LARCH will display the "Peoples Exhibit," in which area residents can display their own personal artifacts in the Hancock House Museum's Harmon Gallery during the summer months.

For more information and to reserve a spot in the display, contact the Hancock House Museum at 518-585-7868 or email larchny@bridgepoint1.com. ▣

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ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS WE PRINT

JULY CALENDAR

July 2024

1		<i>The Hague Chronicle</i> is published	16	7 pm	Ti Festival Guild – ADK Jazz
1 – 4		Best 4th in the North Celebration	17	5:30 – 6:30 pm	LGLC – ADK Landscapes
		Paper and Pencil Restaurant opens		5:30 – 8:30 pm	Music in the Park – Stony Creek Band
3	5:30 – 8:30 pm	Music in the Park – Barkeaters	18	5 – 7 pm	HHS Museum open
	9:15 pm	Fireworks!		7 – 9 pm	Ti'coustics
4		INDEPENDENCE DAY/ TOWN OFFICES CLOSED		7:30 pm	Prometheus Brass at Grace Chapel
4	4 – 6 pm	Ti'coustics	20	6 pm	<i>The Hague Chronicle</i> August deadline
9	6 pm	Hague Town Board Meeting		12 – 6 pm	Hague Fish & Game Pig Roast
		Ti BOE Meeting	23	7 pm	Ti Festival Guild – Those Guys
	7 pm	Ti Festival Guild – Legend Journey	24	5:30 – 6:30 pm	LGLC – Vermiculture
10	5:30 – 6:30 pm	LGLC – Timber Rattlesnakes		5:30 – 8:30 pm	Music in the Park – Whisky River
	5:30 – 8:30 pm	Music in the Park – Rick Bolton	25	7 pm	Hague Zoning Board of Appeals
11	5 – 7 pm	LGLC – Paint and Sip	26		LGLC Floating Classroom in Hague
	7 pm	Hague Planning Board Meeting	27	10 am – 3 pm	Streetfest
	7 pm	HHS Annual Meeting		7 – 9 pm	WindSynch at the Sembrich
	7:30 pm	Storm Windows at Grace Chapel	29	1 pm	POSB Annual Meeting
12		LGA Gala	30	7 pm	Ti Festival Guild – North Country
13	9 – 11 am	LGLC – Beginner Birding	31	5:30 – 6:30 pm	LGLC – Bats
	7:30 pm	Silver Bay Quartet at Grace Chapel		5:30 – 8:00 pm	Music in the Park – Lazy Sun's Band
					<i>(See page 11 for Ti Arts classes)</i>

TRANSFER STATION HOURS: Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10 am to 4 pm