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DEAR TOWN OF HAGUE RESIDENTS,

It is with great humility that I ask all of my constituents **not to vote for me** in the November 3, 2026 election.

My wife and I feel compelled to pursue a different path. Unfortunately, I cannot remove my name from the ballot.

Being the duly-elected town supervisor has been one of the greatest honors and privileges of my life. I will never forget how humbled I was to be elected by my community.

Sincerely,
Joshua Patchett

**VOTE ON
ELECTION DAY,
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3,
2026 FROM 6 AM TO 9 PM
AT THE HAGUE
COMMUNITY CENTER**

STATEMENTS FROM THE CANDIDATES

TOM LAPOINTE

Dear Hague Neighbors,

I'm Tom Lapointe, and I'm running as a write-in candidate for Town of Hague Supervisor because I believe our community can accomplish more when we work together.



One of my goals is to bring greater cohesiveness and cooperation among our various town boards and committees. We may have different responsibilities and perspectives, but we all share the same community and should be working toward a common goal.

My experience serving on various town boards has given me a firsthand understanding of our community and how important it is for our boards to communicate and work together. I believe that experience has prepared me to serve as Supervisor and help bring people together.

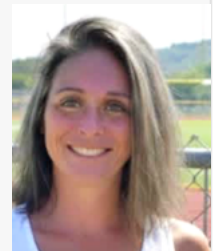
I also believe we need responsible leadership when it comes to our community taxes. Residents work hard for their money, and our town government has a responsibility to spend those dollars carefully and remain accountable.

I'm running because I care about

Hague and want to bring people together through responsible, thoughtful leadership. I would be honored to earn your support and your trust. On Election Day, please write in Tom Lapointe for Town of Hague Supervisor.

LINDSEY SMITH

My name is Lindsey Smith, and I am running for Town of Hague Supervisor because I care deeply about our community and the people who call Hague home.



If elected, my commitment will be simple: put residents first. I believe in listening to our community, being transparent and accountable, and making thoughtful decisions about how we use taxpayer dollars. I will work to keep taxes as affordable as possible while maintaining the services our residents depend on. We together can build a plan for Hague's future.

I also believe Hague can embrace smart, responsible growth while protecting the character, natural beauty, and quality of life that make our town special. My goal is to work with residents to build a strong future for Hague and its future — one that balances opportunity, fiscal responsibility, and the needs of our community.

I would be honored to serve the residents of Hague and earn your trust.

SENIOR CLUB NEWS

by Mike Kowalsky



With a threat of rain, the weather did not exactly cooperate with the senior picnic at the Hague Volunteer Fire Department on August 25, 2026, so out of an abundance of caution, the venue was moved indoors. Still, "Grillmaster" Bill Fritzky prepared hamburgers and hot dogs and Maureen Cherubini shuttled them inside, so there was plenty of food and summer stories to share. Eventually, it did rain.

On September 17th, the annual Snowbird Dinner was held at Eddie's Restaurant in Hague. Originally scheduled for The Brown Swan Restaurant in Schroon Lake, the change was a welcome relief for the Hague Seniors since, once again, the weather was not kind and the torrential downpour would have made that trip risky. The large crowd had the servers bustling, but always with a smile and the good food and friendships made for a very pleasant evening.

Game Night will be held at Maureen Cherubini's on **October 7th at 6:30 pm**. All members are welcome.

On **Saturday, October 10th**, Hague Seniors will be joining in on the festivities at the Lake George Village Octoberfest and Fall Festival.

German music, dancing and food, as well as a craft fair, will be a fun way to help celebrate Columbus Day weekend. Those interested in going should contact Senior Club President Pat Hintze for details.

On the following **Saturday, October 17th**, club members will be boarding the Champlain Valley Dinner Train for an excursion from Burlington to Middlebury, Vermont, and back again. The three-hour tour will give the sightseers a unique view of the colorful fall foliage of northern Vermont while dining with friends.

The October meeting and Halloween party will be held on **October 27th at 1:30 pm** in the Hague Community Center. This year's theme is FOOTBALL. ▣

SCHOOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SAC) UPDATE

by Chair Jack Bast

Equalization Rate:

On August 14, 2026, the New York State Office of Real Property Tax Services (ORPTS) *denied* the town's February application for a special equalization rate to correct what it believes is an unfair division of school taxes within the Ticonderoga Central School District (TCSD).

On August 24th, the town respectfully requested ORPTS to reconsider its determination, and to either (1) establish a segment special equalization rate for the Town of Hague segment of the TCSD consistent with the evidence submitted, or (2), if ORPTS maintains that a segment rate is not the correct vehicle for the under-assessments cited, it should identify the correct administrative avenue and direct the data-gathering necessary to resolve the underlying inequity. As the October issue of *The Hague Chronicle* goes to press, the town has not received a response from ORPTS.

Potential BESS Project:

On August 7th, the town notified TCSD, its Board of Education (BoE), and the Town of Ticonderoga that Hague also strongly opposes the \$100 million Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) project that Brookfield Corporation and New York State are considering in Ticonderoga. If it does proceed, however, the financial aspects are very significant and would affect the school taxes for the taxpayers of both Hague and Ticonderoga.

On August 7th, Supervisor Patchett requested that TCSD, its BoE, the Town of Ticonderoga, and the Essex County Industrial Development Agency (ECIDA) provide timely notice of and include Hague in any BESS financial agreements affecting its taxpayers. ECIDA responded affirmatively the same day. As the October issue of *The Hague Chronicle* goes to press, the town has not received a response from the other involved entities.

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HVFD

by Donna Trudeau



The Hague Volunteer Fire Department had another busy month. Fire personnel responded to nine fire calls, assisted EMS on 12 calls, responded to two water rescues, and participated in four drills.

EMS responded to 29 calls, including a standby with the fire department for a propane leak and also water rescue calls. Members also participated in two drills, for a total of 241 volunteer and paid hours.

We will participate in the town-wide yard sale on **October 10th and 11th from 9 am to 3 pm**. We will have household items, yard items, and plenty of treasures, so please stop by. Coffee and chili with all the fixings will be available in exchange for a donation and donuts will be free. ▣

POLITICAL YARD SIGNS PROTECTED

As we approach Election Day, *The Hague Chronicle* wants to remind our readers that stealing or damaging political yard signs is not only disrespectful, but may also be a crime.

Under New York State Penal Law § 155.25, stealing a sign from private property may constitute petty larceny, a Class A misdemeanor. Intentionally damaging another person's sign may constitute criminal mischief in the fourth degree under Penal Law § 145.00, also a Class A misdemeanor.

A Class A misdemeanor may carry a sentence of up to 364 days in jail and a fine of up to \$1,000. Courts may impose other authorized penalties depending on the circumstances.

Signs placed improperly on public property or within a public right-of-way may be subject to removal by authorized officials. Private citizens should not remove or damage them. Concerns about the placement of a sign should be reported to the appropriate town or highway official.

Respect for property and differing political views helps preserve a civil and welcoming community. ▣

SAC UPDATE, CONT'D

PILOT vs. Host Agreement and CHPE Lack of Performance:

In February, the town passed Resolution #62 of 2026 opposing the TCSD-sponsored change in the Champlain Hudson Power Express (CHPE) cable project's Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) Agreement to a Host Community Agreement (HCA). A multitude of reasons include shifting governing law and potential negative effects to the apportionment of the TCSD school tax levy between Hague

and Ticonderoga. We supplemented our objections to the PILOT signatories again in May and in July, our concerns increased exponentially about the financial viability of the CHPE project.

Since then, our concerns have continued to worsen. The CHPE year-to-date Capacity Factor as of mid-September is only 13.6%, which remains woefully below the planned 95%.

CHPE's accumulated lost revenues as a result of this underperformance exceed \$310 million for failure to

deliver and estimated total losses are in excess of \$400 million.

Our repeated alerts to TCSD about the increased potential loss of CHPE revenue in case of CHPE default under a Host compared to a PILOT agreement have not been acknowledged by the BoE.

The regular October TCSD BoE meeting is scheduled for **October 20th at 6 pm** in the Ticonderoga High School cafeteria. Hague residents are encouraged to attend. ▣



Photo of Hague Bay, courtesy of Luke Dow Photography

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - 8/20/2026

Present were Chairman Robert Goetsch, Deputy Chairman Chris Richards, and Board Members Oliver Gourley and Tina Barth-King. Absent was Thomas LaPointe. Also present were ZEO Ed Kirchberger, Recording Secretary Kathy Santaniello, and Mr. and Mrs. Quinlan.

NEW BUSINESS AND REFERRALS FROM THE PLANNING BOARD

Quinlan, 13 Bayberry Lane, DEV 29-26, VAR 07-26, and VAR 08-26

Rear yard setback and lot coverage

The Quinlans proposed a 571-square-foot addition to their existing 576-square-foot home. ZEO Kirchberger said the Hague Planning Board would conduct a site visit before providing its advisory opinion to the ZBA.

Mr. Quinlan submitted communications from the Cape Cod Village Board of Directors and nearby neighbors expressing support for the project. He confirmed that the plans do not include an awning and that the steps leading toward the common area would not extend beyond the setback line. The existing deck would be extended approximately one and one-half feet toward the utility room.

Kirchberger said there had been no previous variances for the property. The Planning Board had raised concerns about stormwater management, although the Cape Cod Village common area could help mitigate concerns regarding lot coverage. The proposed lot coverage is 31.3%. After reviewing the maps, Kirchberger and the board determined that an additional side yard setback variance was unnecessary.

The board voted (4-0) to deem the application complete. Members may visit the property individually because the proposed addition has been properly staked. The board will conduct the State Environmental Quality Review and hold a public hearing at its September meeting.

The Planning Board will consider the project and provide an advisory opinion in September. The ZBA may then rule on the rear yard setback and lot coverage variances.

OTHER BUSINESS

Kirchberger discussed an August 19th letter from the Tad Brown family voluntarily adding provisions to the conditions imposed by the ZBA at its previous meeting. The materials were forwarded to the Adirondack Park Agency (APA) for review.

The Browns agreed to replace in kind any plantings that become diseased or die within seven years and to include vegetation within the buffer that would drape over the wall toward the lake, softening its appearance.

They reported that native grasses, shrubs, and perennials planted during previous years already cover most of the wall and will continue to develop. Barth-King noted that voluntarily imposed conditions would remain in effect only while the Browns own the property.

Kirchberger announced the recent death of Janet Hanna, widow of former longtime ZBA member Jon Hanna.

This article was written by the editor of The Hague Chronicle from draft minutes of the Hague Zoning Board of Appeals. ▣

PLANNING BOARD - 9/3/2026

Present were Chairperson Sandra Powell and Board Members Henry Friedman, Pamela Peterson, Alane Vogel, and Chris Navitsky. Also present were Alternate Jami Jordan, Zoning Enforcement Officer Ed Kirchberger, Recording Secretary Kathy Santaniello, and the applicants and their representatives.

The board approved the August 6th meeting minutes, (4-0-1), with Powell abstaining because she had been absent.

OLD BUSINESS

Quinlan, 13 Bayberry Lane, DEV 29-26, VAR 07-26, and VAR 08-26

The board continued its review of an application for a 571-square-foot addition to an existing 576-square-foot home. The zoning issues were *rear setback and lot coverage*.

A site visit revealed that the proposed construction would be approximately 89 feet from a stream. Because the required setback is 100 feet, the project will require site plan review by the Hague Planning Board after it returns from the Hague Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA).

Board members described the property as a small, relatively level lot within Cape Cod Village, where many cottages have been expanded. The Cape Cod Village Association and adjoining property owners submitted letters supporting the project.

The applicant clarified that exterior steps shown incorrectly on the plans would be placed outside the setback. The board also discussed parking, stormwater management, and the need for accurate setback measurements.

The board voted unanimously to issue a positive referral to the ZBA, with two conditions: the exterior steps must remain outside the setback and stormwater management must be implemented.

PLANNING BOARD, CONT'D

SUBDIVISIONS

McMahon, New Hague Road, Summit Drive, and Cold Water Canyon Road

The board continued its preliminary review of a proposed major subdivision that would create seven lots from a 50-acre parcel.

The Adirondack Park Agency determined that the seven-lot subdivision does not require its approval because the town's regulations apply. However, APA site plan review will be required before construction of a single-family home on the approximately 10.18-acre Lot #1.

Following site visits, the board identified several concerns. Lot #1 has only a small buildable area because of a stream setback. Access to Lot #2 may be difficult because of steep terrain, a guardrail, a stream, and the potential need for a

retaining wall or bridge. Lots #3, #4, and #5 appeared suitable for development. Lot #6 contains ledges, possible wet areas, and potential access challenges. No significant concerns were identified for Lot #7.

The board discussed several possible alternatives, including reconfiguring the lots, creating a cluster development, establishing a common driveway, or obtaining an engineered concept for access to Lot #2. The applicant's representative agreed to discuss the options with the property owner. The owner is also willing to place deed restrictions on the lots prohibiting further subdivision.

The board voted unanimously to table further review of the preliminary plat while the applicant considers the alternatives and provides additional information.

This article was written by the editor of The Hague Chronicle from draft minutes of the Hague Planning Board. ■

SOUNDINGS

DIED: Peter Meyers, 78, of Great Neck and Hague, NY, and Dublin, OH, on August 23, 2026, peacefully at his home in Dublin.



Peter was born in Chicago to Harry L. Meyers, Jr. and Audrey Hume Meyers. He moved to Great Neck, NY, in the early 1950s with his mother and grandmother, where he'd spend the next sixty years.

In 1955, his mother introduced him to Lake George, where they began spending summers at Adirondack Camp for Boys in Glenburnie (now Adirondack Camp) — she as the camp nurse, he as a camper, and later a counselor. After graduating Great Neck North Senior High School in 1966, Peter joined the United States Air Force before beginning a career in sales and marketing specializing in automotive tools.

In the winter of 1969-1970, Peter met Stephanie Schubert while they led ski tours. They married in November 1971 and raised two children, Ted and Audrey. A career change in 1997 brought a dream to fruition when

Peter and Stephanie bought Greek Delight Restaurant in Island Park, NY, which Peter ran hands-on for four years before selling it and going on to work for, and retire from, the Great Neck Park District.

Peter had been a member of the Silver Bay YMCA Council since the early 1990s, ultimately serving as treasurer. Following Stephanie's death in 2012, he moved to Hague, overlooking the lake he'd loved since that first summer in 1955, and spent many hours refinishing the rocking chairs found across the Silver Bay campus. He also worked occasionally as a transporter for Christopher Chevrolet in Ticonderoga and spent winters in New Orleans near his three grandsons.

In October 2023, Peter moved to Friendship Village of Dublin, near his son, Ted, where he quickly became involved, serving on the community's Food and Low Vision committees and becoming a regular at Trivia, Bingo, and Mexican Train Dominoes.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his beloved wife, Stephanie. He is survived by his son, Ted Meyers, of Columbus, OH; his daughter, Audrey (Josh) Hammond; and grandsons Mason, Cole, and Andrew, all of Destrehan, LA.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Silver Bay YMCA. ■

BACKPACK PROGRAM RECEIVES \$7,500 GRANT

The Ticonderoga Area Backpack Program has received a \$7,500 grant through UVM Health-Elizabethtown Community Hospital's Community Health Investment program. The grant will be used exclusively to buy food from the Regional Food Bank of Northeast New York.

Run entirely by volunteers, the program sends children home with backpacks of nutritious food on weekends during the school year. Its summer program provides a week's worth of food for each of eight weeks in July and August.



Since starting in 2013 with 30 children at Ticonderoga Elementary School, the program has grown to serve 300 children at seven area schools. Sponsoring one child for a school year costs \$300 and all donations go toward food purchases.

For more information or to donate, contact John Bartlett [HERE](#) or 518-585-2304. ■

LGLC NEWS

AWARDS AT PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION:

The Lake George Land Conservancy (LGLC) presented eight prestigious awards to deserving organizations and individuals during its 13th annual President's Reception on Thursday, August 20th. It was hosted by the Singer family at their lakefront home in Heart Bay and was attended by the LGLC's top donors and supporters over the past year.

The Adirondack Park Invasive Plant Program (APIPP) received this year's Henry M. Rowan Conservation Award, in recognition of their steadfast partnership with the LGLC and other organizations throughout the Adirondack Park on invasive species research, management, education, and advocacy.

The award was presented by Hague's Ginny Rowan Smith, LGLC advisory board member and director emeritus and was accepted by APIPP Program Director Brian Green on behalf of APIPP funding hosts from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and The Nature Conservancy.

LGLC Board President Paul Bell said, "We are truly grateful for the unique ways in which each of our Apperson honorees have helped to keep the LGLC in a strong position to protect the land that protects the lake. Thanks to their generous and steadfast support, the LGLC is in a strong position to respond to land conservation opportunities throughout the Lake George basin as they arise."

BOARDS:

The Lake George Land Conservancy (LGLC) has welcomed Rick Spann to its Board of Directors and Rebecca Feigen to its Advisory Board.

Robert "Rob" Singer of Heart Bay, who recently completed more than nine years of service on the board of directors, will continue his involvement as an advisory board

member. In addition to his latest term, he served on the LGLC board from 2003 to 2016 and then spent a year on the advisory board. Singer's grandfather first brought the family to Heart Bay in 1941. His children represent the fourth generation of the family to enjoy the lake.



TOP: Rob Singer; BOTTOM: The Singer property in Heart Bay in Ticonderoga.

AMY'S RACE:

There's still time to register for the 10th annual Amy's Race, set for **Saturday, October 3rd at 8 am and 9 am** at LGLC's Amy's Park in Bolton Landing.

Racers can choose between a 4.5-mile or 10-mile trail race, both designed to showcase the beauty and challenge of the Lake George region's landscape. The courses wind through protected lands that filter water, protect wildlife habitat, and provide the outdoor experiences that make this place so special.

After the race, participants can attend the After-Party at the Bolton Landing Brewing Company. There will be cold brews and a basket raffle.

Sign up [HERE](#).

DISCOVERY SERIES: CHANGING TREES, Saturday, October 10th from 9 am to 12 noon

at Godwin/Pole Hill in Bolton Landing. Participants can join a naturalist on a hike to Walnut Ridge from the Godwin Preserve and observe how the local trees are changing before winter, plus they can learn some Adirondack tree identification. The hike is three miles long and moderately challenging.



For more information and to register, click [HERE](#).

PEGGY'S POINT CLEAN UP:

October 21st from 9 am to noon in Hague ☐

NEWS FROM THE LAKE GEORGE ASSOCIATION (LGA)

by LGA board member and Hague resident Ginger Henry Kuenzel

NEW YORK STATE SALT SUMMIT OCTOBER 8, 2026:

The [2026 New York State Salt Summit](#) will take place on **Thursday, October 8th from 8 am until 4 pm** at the Crowne Plaza in Albany. Speakers will examine road salt reduction from scientific, operational, environmental and public-policy perspectives, connecting the latest research with practical solutions that can be implemented across New York.

Three New York State legislators will share how they plan to address road salt overuse and safe winter road management within their constituencies: Congressman Paul Tonko, Assembly Member Michael Cashman, and Assembly Member Carrie Woerner.

With significant support from the LGA, the Town of Hague has been a leader in the region and an early adopter of practices to reduce the use of road salt over the past years. The result is a 50 percent reduction in salt used, resulting in a win-win-win situation: protection of the environment, safe roads, and savings for taxpayers.

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SILVER BAY HAPPENINGS

Tidy Time:

Silver Bay YMCA will hold its 2026 Fall Volunteer Weekend, also known as "Tidy Time," **October 16th through the 19th**. Council members, staff, community members, and other volunteers will work together to prepare the campus for the coming season.

Volunteers staying on campus will check in Friday afternoon. Saturday begins with volunteer check-in and a kickoff at 8:45 am on the William Boyd Center patio. Work projects will be held from 9 am to 4 pm Saturday and Sunday, with free lunch provided to all volunteers at noon.

On-campus guests who volunteer six hours on Saturday and three hours on Sunday will receive a special rate of \$75 per person, per night, including meals. Special rates are available for children and youth. Off-campus and community volunteers are also welcome.

All volunteers must register. For reservations and additional information, call 518-543-8833.

Embrace Your Mental Well-Being:

This three-week program is offered by the National Council on Aging to help senior adults and those caring for senior adults take charge of their mental health.

This program is free for everyone and helps participants understand the relationship between aging and mental health, tools for self-care, and how and when to seek help. It will be held at the Hague Community Center on **October 7th, 14th, and 21st from 10 am to 11 am**. ▣

The Hague Chronicle is happy to publish announcements of births, marriages, graduations, anniversaries of 50/55/60/65+, awards, or deaths in Soundings. We can include a high quality photo.

Our submission deadline is 6 pm the 20th of each month.

Please send to
editor@thehaguechronicle.org.

MULLEN WINS AWARD

Erin Mullen, Member Services and Events Manager for the Ticonderoga Area Chamber of Commerce (TACC), recently received Assemblyman Matt Simpson's Women of Distinction Award.

Mullen was honored during a ceremony on September 3, 2026 recognizing women whose leadership and dedication strengthen their communities.

At TACC, Mullen supports local businesses, builds member relationships, and helps develop programs and events that promote the region. She expressed gratitude for the opportunity to do meaningful work in a community she values.

TACC President and CEO Matthew Courtright praised Mullen's creativity and commitment to the organization, its members, and the community, calling the recognition well deserved. ▣



NEWS FROM LGA, CONT'D

Long-term research conducted by the LGA and the Jefferson Project shows that chloride levels in Lake George have tripled over the past 40 years. Click [HERE](#) to learn more about why road salt is a threat to Lake George.



As policy makers, legislators have an important role to play in this issue. Research shows that as much as half of the excessive salt use in Lake George and other places comes from private residential and business properties. Learn what you can do on your property to reduce salt usage. Click [HERE](#) and scroll down to "Priority Actions for Residents and Small Businesses."

NEW FACES ON THE LGA TEAM:

Natalee Wrege recently joined the LGA as the new Education for Action Manager. She previously served as Education and Outreach Manager at the Paul Smith's College Visitor Interpretive Center. Natalee brings a strong background spanning freshwater science, environmental education and science communication.



The LGA has also announced two additions to its board of directors: Candice White and Tom Berkman. Candice and Tom have a wealth of experience and expertise in environmental policy, public service, communications, and community engagement. ▣

HAGUE CHRONICLE NEWS:

Please send all news items to Editor Bobbi Bryant Taylor at:
editor@thehaguechronicle.org.

LOOKING BACK

Panels in the Community Center Showcase Hague's History

by Ginger Henry Kuenzel

In 2007, in celebration of the 200th birthday of the founding of Hague – known at that time as Rochester – the town and the Hague Historical Society (HHS) created a series of six panels to showcase Hague's history. Each of these panels contains a wealth of interesting information about the town and its past as well as some wonderful photos and other graphics. They are on display in the court room in the community center and we encourage everyone to spend time reading about the fascinating topics they cover.

Over the next six months, we will spotlight one panel each month, starting with #1: **Here's Hague**. This panel takes us back 10,000 years to a time when Hague lay under and beside a glacial lake. Later, native Americans gathered along the shoreline during the summers, and even later, European soldiers passed through vying for control of the "New World."

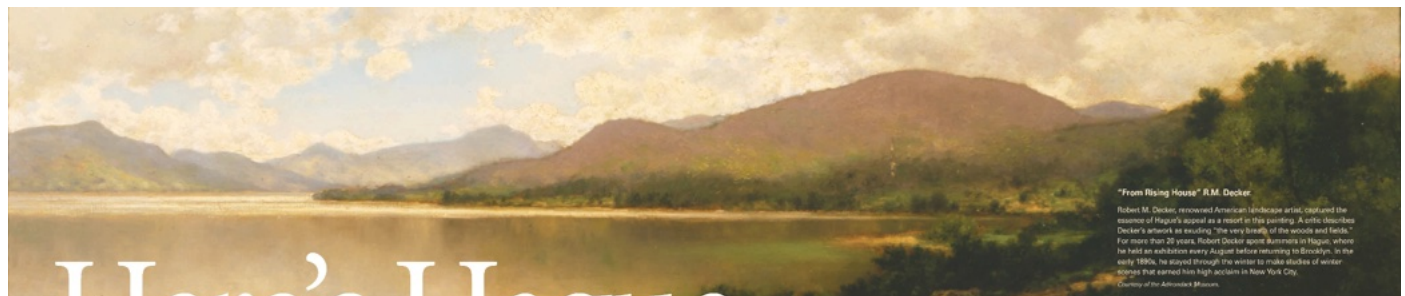
At the end of the French and Indian War, the Colony of New York granted a land patent to Samuel Adams for 500 acres, which included Sabbath Day Point. Other patents

soon followed, and surveyors began laying out lots within the patents. The Town of Hague formed from the town of Bolton in 1807, though it was originally named Rochester. School districts were marked out in such a way that no child had to walk more than two miles to school. This district school system remained in place until 1927, when transportation improved to the point that students could be bussed to a central school. As an aside, be sure to visit the current exhibit in the museum, next door to the court room, where you can learn all about Hague Central School (1927-79).

For the first several generations, Hague townsfolk made their living farming or providing services needed by farmers, such as gristmills, sawmills, stores, or blacksmiths. The Civil War interrupted this pattern of agrarian life as so many local men signed up to fight for preservation of the Union.

Panel #1 also showcases Hague's small centers of population, which formed around various resources. Wardboro occupied the fertile valley west of Tongue Mountain. Sabbath Day Point offered land for farming and a stopping place for travelers. Silver Bay got its start as a rest house for travelers. Later, the Silver Bay Association for Christian Conferences and Training formed here. The hamlet of Hague formed around the mills that used Hague Brook for power.

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Here's Hague

For ten thousand years the land now in the Town of Hague lay quietly under and beside a glacial lake. As the waters receded, early peoples gathered during the summer beside sandy beaches. Their discarded arrowheads reappear with each new season. European soldiers, passing by on route to raid their enemies, saw only a steep shoreline stretching between two dramatic cliffs, except where a point of land offered a flat place to camp overnight. The cliffs are now called Deer's Leap and Rogers' Slide; the flat point is known as Sabbath Day Point.

Allotment of land began shortly after the close of the French and Indian War when the Colony of New York granted a land patent to Samuel Adams for 500 acres. This patent included Sabbath Day Point, known also as "Sabbatis" after the leader of a group of western Abenaki Indians who spent the summer there. Other patents soon followed, named for grantees Samuel Deal, George Trimble, James Caldwell, James Scott and William Friend. Later, the land west of the lakeshore was laid out as the Tongue

Mountain, Ford & Robinson, Hague, Law, and Ellis tracts. Surveyors kept busy laying out lots within the patents.

When Hague formed from the Town of Bolton in 1807, under the short-lived name of "Rochester", another system was imposed upon the land. Following the practice common in New England, school districts were marked out in such a way that no child had to walk more than 2 miles to school. The district school system remained in place until 1927 when transportation improved to the point where students could be bussed to a central school.

For the first several generations, Hague townsfolk made their living at farming or running the support services needed by farmers – gristmills, sawmills, stores, blacksmiths. The Civil War interrupted this pattern of agrarian life as most local men went south to fight for preservation of the Union. When the war ended, those who came home found the forces of change at work in their town.

Hamlets

Each of Hague's small centers of population gathered around a different set of resources.

SABBATH DAY POINT +
For 181 years Sabbath Day Point offered a small foothold for farming and a stopping place for travelers.

GRAPHITE +
Vast Hague strung out one of the few small localities in the New England. Farmers could gain a foothold for growing crops. Nearby veins of "black lead" gave rise to a mining community named for the mineral, Graphite. Approximately 300 people lived and worked in this area for nearly forty years. Now, the old mines offer a haven for hibernating bats.

WARDBORO +
Wardboro filled the fertile valley west of Tongue Mountain, along the "Old Military Road," really no more than a trail that followed the most level but very nondescript route between Bolton and Hague and on to Sabbath Day Point.

SILVER BAY +
Silver Bay got its start as a farmhouse and rest house for travelers. The population grew up around Silver Bay YMCA of the Adirondacks, where church groups and conferences have come together for over a century.

HAGUE +
The heartland of Hague gathered around the mills that used Hague Brook for power and around one of only four Lake George mansions upon before the Civil War. Courtesy of the Adirondack Museum.

FW. Beers & Co., N.Y., 1876
This map, published in Beers' Atlas of Warren County in 1876 captures Hague at the time of its transition from a farming community to a summer resort and just on the eve of its industrial boom as a center of graphite mining.

From Rising House" J.M. Decker
Robert M. Decker, renowned Adirondack landscape artist captured the essence of Hague's scene as a resort in this painting. A critic describes Decker's artwork as evoking "the very breath of the woods and fields." For more than 20 years, Robert Decker spent summers in Hague, where he held an exhibition every August before returning to Brooklyn. In the early 1880s, he stayed through the winter to make studies of winter scenes that earned him high acclaim in New York City. Courtesy of the Adirondack Museum.

LOOKING BACK, CONT'D

This was also the location of one of only four Lake George steamboat stops before the Civil War. West Hague was one of the few level locations in the town where farmers could more easily grow crops. Graphite took its name from the mineral deposits in West Hague.

By 1876, Hague was transitioning from a farming community to a summer resort and was on the eve of its industrial boom as a center of graphite mining. And that's the topic for next month, when we take a look at Panel #2. ▣

MASON STAR PUBLIC DINNER

A chicken and biscuits dinner, sponsored jointly by the members of Mount Defiance Lodge No. 794, F. & A.M., and Fort Ticonderoga Chapter No. 263, Order of the Eastern Star, will be open to the public on **Monday, October 26, 2026, from 4:30 to 6 pm** at the Ticonderoga Masonic Temple, 10 Montcalm Street, Ticonderoga (across from the Stone House). Take-outs will be available.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children 12 years old and under and will be available at the door. Parking will be along Montcalm Street and in the Hancock House parking lot. ▣



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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE FORT

Fort Ticonderoga's Heroic Corn Maze has been named a 2026 USA TODAY 10 BEST Readers' Choice winner for Best Corn Maze in America. Selected from hundreds of corn mazes nationwide, the six-acre attraction was recognized for both the quality of the maze and the variety of activities offered at the fort.

The 2026 maze features a new design highlighting six stories of heroism and epic journeys from 1775 and 1776, including covert scouting missions to Montreal and the Noble Train of Artillery to Boston. Divided into two phases, the maze offers challenges for visitors of all ages and includes Maze Quest activities that test participants' knowledge of Fort Ticonderoga's history.

The Heroic Corn Maze is open **Tuesday through Sunday from 9:30 am to 5 pm through October 25th.**



Fort Ticonderoga will also offer several special events and activities during October. The Heritage, Harvest, and Horse Festival will be held October 3rd in the King's Garden. The event will feature demonstrations by working animals, friendly farm animals, a farmers' market, the Heroic Corn Maze, and *Carillon* boat tours.

On **October 24th and 25th**, Fort Ticonderoga will present "Hold the Line for Liberty." The battle re-enactment will portray the Continental Army's successful defense of Ticonderoga, one of the American Revolution's lesser-known victories.

Daily autumn programs include narrated *Carillon* boat cruises on Lake Champlain and *A Revolutionary Anthology*, an exhibition series exploring the American Revolution through original objects and newly designed galleries. Visitors may also reserve a premium tour of the restored 1826 Pell Pavilion and view newly exhibited artifacts.

Fort Ticonderoga and Mount Defiance are open **Tuesday through Sunday from 9:30 am to 5 pm through October 25th. The last ticket is sold at 4:30 pm** and general admission tickets are valid for two consecutive days.

Tickets, reservations, and a complete schedule are available at www.fortticonderoga.org. ▣

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CALENDAR

October 2026

1	October <i>The Hague Chronicle</i> published	16 – 19	Silver Bay Tidy Time
6 pm	Planning Board Mtg.	20 6 pm	Deadline for November <i>The Hague Chronicle</i>
3 8 am or 9 am	Amy's Race	21 9 – noon	Clean-up at Peggy's Point in Hague
7 10 – 11 am	Well-Being pgm. at Silver Bay	10 – 11 am	Well-Being pgm. at Silver Bay
8 8 am – 4 pm	Salt Summit in Albany	24 – 25	<i>Hold the Line for Liberty</i> at the fort
10 9 am – noon	LGLC <i>Changing Trees</i>	26 4:30 – 6 pm	Mason Star Dinner
10 and 11 9 am – 3 pm	Town-wide yard sale	27 1:30 pm	Senior meeting and Halloween party
12	COLUMBUS DAY (INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY), Town offices closed	31	HALLOWEEN
13 6 pm	Town Board mtg.		
14 10 – 11 am	Well-Being pgm. at Silver Bay		
15 6 pm	Zoning Board of Appeals mtg.		

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