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HAGUE TOWN BUDGET

The preliminary budget for the Town of Hague is currently available [HERE](#).

The Preliminary Budget Public Hearing will take place on **Monday, November 3, 2025 at 6 pm** at the community center. ▣

PROCELLACOR PERSISTS IN SEDIMENTS OF LAKE GEORGE

Scientific findings released in late September by the Lake George Association (LGA) raise important questions about the long-term environmental impact of the herbicide floryprauxifen-benzyl (FPB), which is marketed under the name ProcellaCOR. The chemical, designed to kill the invasive Eurasian water milfoil plant, was applied by the Lake George Park Commission (LGPC) in the waters off Glenburnie and Hulett's Landing in June of 2024.

A research team representing the LGA, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI), and Paul Smith's College immediately began sampling water, plants, and sediments in the treated bays.

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SCHOOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SAC) UPDATE

by SAC Chair Jack Bast

On October 3, 2025, Hague Town Supervisor Josh Patchett and I sent a letter to the New York State Education Department (NYSED) seeking advice and support in addressing the Ticonderoga Central School District's

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ELECTIONS 2025

Election Day is **Tuesday, November 4, 2025**. Polls will be open from **6 am to 9 pm** at the Hague Community Center.

CANDIDATES:

FOR TOWN SUPERVISOR



JOSHUA PATCHETT

I'm asking for your support in the November 4th election for Town Supervisor. I've had the honor of serving as your supervisor for the past two years, after serving six years on the Town Board.

Hague is at a crossroads. Maintaining our infrastructure while keeping zero town tax requires experience and sound financial management. Since taking office, I've invested Town funds in CDs and money markets, earning hundreds of thousands of dollars in new revenue yearly; implemented employee health insurance savings; and advanced long-overdue Highway Garage upgrades.

Politics has become divisive in recent years; I have personally witnessed what's best for the town takes a back seat to personal agendas. Integrity and courage must win the day.

If elected, I will continue Hague's leadership in lake protection measures and our advocacy for improved educational outcomes and fair taxation. ▣



LINDSEY SMITH

As a long-time resident, local business owner, and active member of the Fish and Game Club, I understand the importance of strong leadership rooted in community values. Through my business, I've proudly supported numerous fundraisers for local families, and I'm ready to bring that same dedication and energy to Town Hall.

I'm running for Town Supervisor to ensure responsible growth, greater transparency, and open communication with residents. Our town deserves a leader who listens, takes action, and works for the best interests of every resident.

My priorities include supporting small businesses, protecting our natural resources, and strengthening the connections that make our town such a special place to live. Together, we can move our community forward with integrity, accountability, and respect. ▣

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SENIORS CLUB NEWS

Our best wishes to our President Pat Hintze, who is now recovering at home after surgery. She said she is being good and following the doctor's orders.



The elections were held in October and the following will be continuing in their positions:

President, Pat Hintze; Vice-President, Edna Frasier; Secretary, Jean Yager; Treasurer, Maureen Cherubini; and Trustees Linda Carpinello and Diane Snyder.

On **November 13, 2025**, the club members will be going on a "Shopping Spree" and the next club meeting will be held at the community center on **November 18th at 1:30 pm**. We'll be playing Bingo, so bring a small gift for a prize.

The annual Christmas dinner will be held at Fredericks in Bolton Landing on **December 2nd**. For further information or to reserve your spot, contact Pat Hintze at 518-543-6502.



HAGUE FOOD PANTRY

by Amanda Peterson

The Hague Food Pantry is now taking orders for Thanksgiving turkeys and meal boxes for Hague residents. If you or someone you know could use a little extra help this holiday season, we would love to help.

The order deadline is **Friday, November 14, 2025** and the pick-up date is **Tuesday, November 26th from 10 am to 3 pm** at the Hague Community Center.

To reserve your turkey or meal, call me at 518-543-6161 or email me [HERE](#).

When placing your order, please include the size of your family so we can prepare appropriately.

Supplies are limited, so please order early!

All information is kept confidential.

Let us make this a Thanksgiving full of gratitude, kindness, and community spirit! 

VETERANS DAY IN HAGUE

The Town of Hague will honor its veterans on **Tuesday, November 11, 2025, at 11 am** at the Hague Veterans Park.

The ceremony will include: an invocation; addresses by Ret. Army Brigadier General Jim O'Toole (who will recognize Hague's recently deceased veterans) and Supervisor Joshua Patchett; the traditional bell clanging. The observance will conclude with the playing of "Taps" by a bugler.

All are invited to attend this meaningful tribute in remembrance and gratitude for those who served.

The HVFD is serving a light lunch after this service at the firehouse on West Hague Road. 

HCAA DONATES TO BESTE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

After serious discussions, the local organizers of the Hague Central Alumni Association (HCAA) decided to donate the remaining membership funds of approximately \$1,000 to the Beste Scholarship Fund, which continues to thrive and serve Hague graduates.

There are presently six Hague students receiving Beste Awards on an annual basis. It was felt that, as much as it would have been nice to continue to organize reunions, the work involved was too much, so a donation to the Beste Fund felt like the best way to go.

The organizers would like to thank all those who have sent in membership dues over the years supporting the HCAA.

They said, "We had a good run and some great times at our reunions!"



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR FALL CLEANUP AT PEGGY'S POINT

The Lake George Land Conservancy (LGLC) is looking for volunteers to help with the fall cleanup at Peggy's Point in Hague on **November 11, 2025 from 10 am to 1 pm**. Volunteers will help prep the beds for winter, rake the lawn, and spruce up the trail paths. 

HVFD

by EMS Captain Donna Trudeau



September was another busy month for the Hague Volunteer Fire Department (HVFD). The chief reported seven fire calls, seven EMS assists, and four training drills totaling 91 volunteer hours. EMS had 14 calls for service, for a combined 86.5 volunteer and paid staff hours.

The department continues to seek new volunteers for both fire and EMS. Persons interested in serving this community can find an application on the HVFD website. A convenient time will then be arranged to explore whether they should become involved as an active firefighter or in a supportive membership role. Openings are also available for volunteer EMTs, attendants, and drivers, each of which includes training opportunities.

Paid EMS staff are on duty seven days a week from 7 am to 5 pm and applications are available through E5 Support Services. For any questions, call the firehouse at 518-543-6059.

The HVFD will host a Kids Craft and Storybook Event on **November 16th at 3 pm** at the firehouse, 4 West Hague Road. Children ages two through eleven are invited to join. Please RSVP by **November 10th** to Kelly McCoy at 518-524-2497. Space is limited.

A light lunch will be served on Election Day, **November 4th, from 11 am to 2 pm** at the firehouse.

Watch the HVFD Facebook page [HERE](#) for updates and other upcoming events.

As colder weather approaches, please prepare for safe travel by keeping essentials in your vehicle in case of a breakdown and be alert for wildlife crossing the roads. Falling leaves can make roads slippery — drive cautiously and stay aware. 

FOR FOR TOWN BOARD

**CHRIS RICHARDS**

During the short six-month term that I served Hague as a member of the Town Board, I worked tirelessly with other board members to find common ground on important issues. As a result, we passed two laws, several ordinances, and formed an oversight committee to ensure that the members of the Planning and Zoning Boards are completing their required training and meeting attendance requirements. It's been nearly a year since my term ended, and in that time, it's become clear that the continuity between board members no longer exists. As a result, they have accomplished very little. I ask that you please elect me on November 4th, and allow me to restore the continuity there once was amongst the members of the Town Board. I look forward to getting back to work, and helping our board members make good decisions for the betterment of our town. ■

MAUREEN CHERUBINI

Hi, my name is Maureen Cherubini and I am running for re-election for Hague Town Council. I have been residing here full time since 2007, but have owned since 1985. I am a life member of the Hague Volunteer Fire Department which I wore different hats as President, Treasurer and Fire Police. I am an active member and treasurer of the Senior Club, and member and treasurer of the Hague Baptist Church. I was also a Zoning Board Member until I went on the Hague Town Council, and chairwoman of the Hague Parade Committee for over ten years. If anyone has any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 518-543-6463. I would be honored if you would consider voting for me on November 4th. Thank you. (EDITOR'S NOTE: Maureen chose to not submit a photo.) ■

**EDNA FRASIER**

Why am I running for this four-year term on the board? With my years of experience on the town board and as supervisor I believe I can continue to make a meaningful contribution.

This town has been my lifelong home. I care deeply about its future and want to be actively involved in the changes ahead. I am not someone who sits back — I believe in taking a stand.

We face important challenges, such as upgrading the highway garage, making improvements at the Visitors' Center and improving collaboration within our departments. It's essential that we do a better job listening to our constituents and addressing their concerns.

I'd appreciate your support on November 4th. Let's work together to shape the future of our town. Your voice matters, and I'm committed to representing you. Please reach out with your ideas and attend our public meetings. I will be your voice.

NEW YORK STATE PROPOSITION 1 (2025)

The **2025 Proposition 1** is a constitutional amendment concerning state forest preserve land in the Adirondacks.

- **What it does:** The amendment would allow the state to use up to 323 acres of the forest preserve, located at the Mount Van Hoevenberg Olympic Sports Complex in Essex County, to expand winter sports facilities. These facilities support events like biathlon and Nordic skiing.
- **Mitigation:** To offset this land use, the proposal requires the state to add at least 2,500 acres of new land to the forest preserve.
- **Purpose:** The amendment is intended to support the Olympic sports presence in New York and is particularly important for the Lake Placid area. ■

The Hague Chronicle reached out to each of the local candidates running for office, asking each one to submit a 150-word statement about themselves and their goals for Hague along with a headshot photo.

IDENTIFYING, REPORTING, AND CONTROLLING HABS

This is the time of year when Lake George has seen Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs) in the past. The Lake George Association (LGA) asks everyone to keep their eyes out for

signs of them and to report them to the LGA so they can follow up.

To learn more about what a HAB looks like and how to report it, click [HERE](#).

On **November 6, 2025**, LGA Executive Director Brendan Wiltse will join environmental leaders from across the region for a panel discussion titled

"Lake Champlain Water Quality: The Fight to Control Harmful Algal Blooms." The event, hosted at SUNY Plattsburgh by the Adirondack Explorer team, will explore the latest science and efforts to manage HABs in Lake Champlain and around its sprawling watershed, of which Lake George is a part. ■

PLANNING BOARD - 9/4/2025

Present were Chairperson Sandra Powell, Deputy Chairperson Pamela Peterson, and Board Members Alane Vogel and Henry Friedman. Also present were Robert Holmes of RU Holmes Engineers, Zoning Enforcement Officer (ZEO) Ed Kirchberger, and Recording Secretary Kathy Santaniello.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

BAIRD (60.13-1-15), 44 Pudding Lane (TR-1), DEV 11-25, SP 02-25

Zoning Issue: *Development within 100 feet of the lake (160-23 C [1][g]).*

The applicant sought approval to demolish existing buildings and build a new single-family dwelling. Holmes explained the project, which adds 0.25 acres from a neighboring Dill property to make the lot more compliant. A new wastewater system will be installed and no variances are required. A letter of support from neighbor Jeff Dill was read; no objections were heard.

REGULAR MEETING

SITE VISITS

BAIRD (60.13-1-15), 44 Pudding Lane (TR-1)

Zoning Issue: *Development within 100 feet of the lake (160-23 C [1][g]).*

A visit on August 21st showed a 0.77-acre lakefront lot with multiple structures. The plan calls for their demolition and building a 2,998-square-foot home and a 1,113-square-foot guest cottage with garage. Discussion covered tree removal, driveway location, and shoreline buffering.

INGREY (60.5-1-14), 31 Pine Cove Road (TR-1)

Zoning Issue: *Development within 100 feet of the lake (160-23 C [1][g]).*

The applicant plans to replace a one-story house with a conforming two-story home and garage. The new structure meets all setbacks and includes rain gardens to manage stormwater.

GIRARD (42-1-25.2), 107 Dodd Hill Road (TR-2)

Zoning Issue: *Accessory structure (160-10 A).*

This involves an accessory structure with a bathroom and shower approved by a former ZEO. A variance is required to maintain plumbing. The building has no well or hot water and qualifies as an accessory structure.

OLD BUSINESS

BAIRD (60.13-1-15), 44 Pudding Lane (TR-1)

The board issued a negative SEQR declaration and approved the site plan unanimously with conditions: shed plumbing not reconnected, trees replaced per revised plan, planting plan followed, and Lake George Park Commission (LGPC) approval obtained.

INGREY (60.5-1-14), 31 Pine Cove Road (TR-1)

Approved (3-0-1) (Peterson abstained) with the following conditions: pending LGPC stormwater approval and relocation of one tree.

NEW BUSINESS

BOSCO (26.14-1-5), 28 Friends Point South (TR-1)

Zoning Issue: *Development within 100 feet of the lake (160-23 C [1][g]).*

The applicant proposed a smaller design with a permeable stone patio and stone steps. After reviewing the lengthy procedural history and the APA's "Lawnmower Rule," the board approved the revised plan (3-0-1) (Powell abstained), citing improved safety, erosion control, and neighbor support.

GIRARD (42-1-25.2), 107 Dodd Hill Road (TR-2)

The application was deemed complete and received a positive referral to the Zoning Board of Appeals (4-0), conditioned that the structure not be used as living space.

BARCASTEDO LLC (SMITH), 19 Waltonian Road (TR-1)

Zoning Issue: *Development within 100 feet of the lake (160-23 C [1][g]).*

The applicant plans to replace a deteriorating timber retaining wall with a boulder wall and new stone steps. A site visit was set for September 8th at 11 am.

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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - 9/16/2025

SPECIAL MEETING

Present were Chairman Robert Goetsch, Deputy Chairman Chris Richards, and Board Members Tina Barth-King, Chris Navitsky, and Oliver Gourley. Also present were Zoning Enforcement Officer (ZEO) Ed Kirchberger, Recording Secretary Kathy Santaniello, and Alane Vogel.

BOSCO (26.14-1-5), 28 Friends Point South (TR-1), DEV 40-24, SP 09-24, VAR 19-24

Zoning issue: *160-23 C(1)(g) development within 100 feet of the lake; 160-50 B(1)(b) shoreline setback*

The applicants are seeking to revise previously approved plans to slightly reduce the project and improve conformity, add a new lakeside stone patio, and replace timber steps with stone steps. The expanded patio would be permeable. Earlier, the project was considered to not require a variance; however, following review of the revised plans, the Adirondack Park Agency (APA) advised that a variance is required because it views the patio as connected to the house and stairs.

ZEO Kirchberger summarized his communications with the APA, noting he does not agree with the APA's interpretation because the patio is not attached to the house and relates to ongoing "natural ground" considerations. To proceed, if a

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variance is required, a public hearing must be held before any decision.

After a brief discussion, a motion was made and seconded to deem the application complete and schedule the public hearing for 10-2-25. The motion passed unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

ZEO Kirchberger announced there will be no ZBA meeting on 9-25-25. The next ZBA meeting will be 10-2-25 at 5:30 pm, immediately followed by the Planning Board meeting. A public hearing for the Girard project is also scheduled on 10-2-25; materials will be provided to the board.

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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - 10/2/2025

Present were Chairman Robert Goetsch, Deputy Chairman Chris Richards, and Board Members Tina Barth-King, Chris Navitsky, and Oliver Gourley. Also present were attorney John DuChame, engineer Tony DeFranco, applicant Tom Girard, Zoning Enforcement Officer (ZEO) Ed Kirchberger, and Recording Secretary Kathy Santaniello.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

BOSCO (26.14-1-5), 28 Friends Point South (TR-1), DEV 40-24, SP 09-24, VAR 19-24

Zoning issue: §160-23 C(1)(g) development within one hundred feet of the lake; §160-50 B(1)(b) shoreline setback.

The applicants proposed revising previously approved plans to reduce overall size, construct a new permeable lakeside stone patio, and replace timber steps with stone steps. The Planning Board had issued a positive recommendation with native plantings to strengthen the shoreline buffer and a wall height not to exceed four feet unless another variance is requested. DuChame noted the Planning Board granted site plan approval on September 4, 2025, and he submitted letters of support from the Friends Point Homeowners Association and adjacent owners. DeFranco confirmed the plans matched those reviewed on August 28, 2025; field-verified the closest patio point at approximately 40.4 feet from the lake (previous approval at 38.2 feet); and described stormwater improvements using a permeable surface, berms, swales, and plantings. There were no comments in opposition.

GIRARD (42-1-25.2), 107 Dodd Hill Road (TR-2), DEV 51-21, VAR 03-25

Zoning issue: §160-10 A accessory structure.

An accessory structure was approved with a bathroom on stamped plans; a shower was later added and, per the

applicant, was approved by the former ZEO without a ZBA review. The board noted only the ZBA can authorize bathrooms or showers in accessory structures. Tom Girard spoke in favor; there was no opposition.

REGULAR MEETING

OLD BUSINESS

BOSCO (26.14-1-5) 28 FRIENDS POINT SOUTH (TR1) DEV 40-24, SP 09-24, VAR 19-24

After discussion of measurements, alternatives, prior APA correspondence, safety concerns related to replacing deteriorating steps, and the reduced patio size (approximately 700 to 650 square feet), the board applied the variance criteria and determined the project would not adversely affect neighborhood character or environmental conditions and that the permeable surface and drainage features would improve stormwater management. The vote passed (3-2) (Navitsky and Barth-King).

GIRARD (42-1-25.2) 107 DODD HILL ROAD (TR2) DEV 51-21, VAR 03-25

The board confirmed the property is on the town sewer system and found the request largely corrected an administrative oversight, is consistent with neighborhood character, and would not have any adverse environmental impact. The motion passed unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

Starting in November, the Zoning Board of Appeals will meet on the third Thursday of each month.

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PLANNING BOARD - 10/2/2025

Present were Chair Sandra Powell, Deputy Chair Pamela Peterson, and Board Members Alane Vogel and Henry Friedman. Also present were Zoning Enforcement Officer (ZEO) Ed Kirchberger and Recording Secretary Kathy Santaniello.

OLD BUSINESS

BOSCO (26.14-1-5), 28 Friends Point South (TR-1), DEV 40-24, SP 09-24, VAR 19-24

Zoning Issues: 160-23 C (1)(g) Development within 100 feet of the lake; 160-50 B (1)(b) Shoreline setback

The applicant requested reaffirmation of Site Plan Approval for a revised, slightly smaller design. The project includes construction of a new permeable lakeside stone patio and replacement of timber steps with stone steps.

The board reconfirmed that the proposal will improve erosion control through landscaping and enhance safety by

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replacing deteriorated steps. Letters of support were received from neighboring property owners and the Friends Point Homeowners Association. The plan also includes replacing one removed tree with a new one. The motion to reaffirm Site Plan Approval passed unanimously.

BARCASTEDO LLC (SMITH) (26.14-1-10), 19 Waltonian Road (TR-1), DEV 30-25, SP 05-25

Zoning Issue: 160-23 C (1)(g) Development within 100 feet of the lake

The applicant proposes replacing a deteriorating timber retaining wall and steps with boulders and new stone steps. No variance is required under APA Appendix D.

A site visit was conducted on September 8th with engineer Tony DeFranco, ZEO Kirchberger, and Board Members Powell, Vogel, and Friedman. The existing railroad ties are in poor condition and the project will improve both safety and site stability. Several shrubs and one small tree may need removal, while existing drainage pipes remain functional.

During SEQRA review, the board found no significant adverse impact. The project will stabilize the slope, improve aesthetics, and remove creosote-treated materials, which both benefits the environment and increases safety. A Negative Declaration was issued, the application deemed complete, and the Type 1 Site Plan approved without conditions. The motion passed unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

PARLIN SUBDIVISION

The board noted this Class A Regional project received APA approval in September 2025 following a positive referral last May. The application has been deemed complete, and a public hearing was scheduled for November 6, 2025 at the next planning board meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

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TOWN BOARD - 10/14/2025

Present were Supervisor Joshua Patchett and Board Members Jack Bast, Edna Frasier, and Lara Smith. Absent was Maureen Cherubini. Also present were Deputy Town Supervisor Sally DeLarm Rypkema, Zoom Coordinator Tim Fiallo, Highway Superintendent Chad Dunklee, Town Clerk Kim Coffin, HHS President Ginger Henry Kuenzel, Lindsey Smith, and 16 community members. There were also attendees via ZOOM.

A moment of silence was held for Bernard "Two Buck" Denno.

REGULAR COMMITTEE REPORTS:

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS/COMMUNITY CENTER/ENHANCEMENT (Frasier):

A ZOOM meeting was held with the architect and engineer who are working on plans for the visitors center regarding funding for new bathrooms. Patchett added that three options are being explored: renovating the existing bathrooms, enlarging the men's room, or extending the area by removing cabinet space.

HIGHWAY (Frasier):

Frasier reported that the sediment pond on the Smith property has been cleaned out; approximately 28 loads of material were removed. Dunklee said the foundation for the new cold storage building is ready for concrete delivery. The department has received its new trailer and documentation to scrap the old one will be presented to the board. Dunklee added that Fiallo obtained a \$26,000 grant to pave an extension of Jabe Pond Road.

MUSEUM AND HISTORIAN (Bast):

Bast reported that the Hague Historical Society (HHS) needs closet space in the community center for safe document storage, as the basement is too damp. The Buildings and Grounds Committee is reviewing options and coordinating with the HHS. Kuenzel expressed appreciation for the town's continued support and said this year's Cave exhibit will remain open through December, while next year's exhibit will focus on the Hague Central School. She emphasized the importance of moving forward with a new vault project in 2026.

PERSONNEL (Bast):

Councilmember Bast announced two new hires: Brandy-Lynn Frasier as a part-time Transfer Station Attendant and Sarah Dever as the part-time Zoning Enforcement Officer (ZEO) Clerk. Open positions remain for one Hague Planning Board member and one Hague Zoning Board of Appeals alternate.

Bast reminded residents that Election Day is November 4th. Joshua Patchett is running for supervisor against write-in candidate Lindsey Smith for a one-year term. (This is because Warren County has determined that elections for town supervisors are to be conducted in the same years that national elections for US House of Representatives, Senate, and President are held.) Three candidates — Edna Frasier, Maureen Cherubini, and Chris Richards — are running for two four-year town board seats.

PLANNING, ZONING, AND STORMWATER (Frasier):

Frasier reported there are currently 66 completed short-term rental permits.

RECREATION, PROMOTION, AND YOUTH (Smith):

Smith announced that the Fish & Game Club will host a Trunk-or-Treat on October 25th, followed by a children's movie on the field's big screen.

SEWER DISTRICTS 1 & 2 (Smith):

Councilmember Smith reported that the generator installation at Cape Cod Village is progressing, although there have been delays with digging for the power line.

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TECHNOLOGY AND COMMUNICATIONS (Patchett):

Patchett reported that all town email addresses will be transitioned to the .gov domain by year's end.

SCHOOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (Bast):

Councilmember Bast stated that on October 3rd, Patchett and he sent a letter to the New York State Education Department seeking guidance on improving Ticonderoga Central School District's (TCSD) academic performance. The letter was endorsed by Dr. Roger Catania, NYSED Regent for the 4th Judicial District.

Bast said SAC's efforts continue to focus on fair school tax apportionment and academic accountability. He noted that about 30 Hague students are enrolled in TCSD this year. His inquiry about total district enrollment was rejected by TCSD officials, who cited Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) rules. Bast encouraged community members to become involved and consider running for the Board of Education (BoE).

The next BoE meeting is October 21st at 6 pm in the high school cafeteria.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS: (Patchett):

Patchett reported that the town applied on October 1st for a \$125,000 Adirondack Park Community Smart Growth Grant to support town park improvements.

He also sent a letter to Fort Ticonderoga requesting free admission for Hague residents; both letters are on file with the town clerk.

The AARP requested continued use of the community room for tax-aid services in 2026, marking the 19th year of collaboration.

The Hague Food Pantry is taking Thanksgiving turkey and meal box orders. Orders are due November 14th, with pickup on Tuesday, November 26th, from 10 am to 3 pm at the community center. Residents may contact Amanda Peterson at 518-543-6161 or email haguefoodpantry@gmail.com.

The next Town Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 11th at 6 pm.

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SOUNDINGS

DIED: Bernard R. "Two Buck" Denno, 79, of Hague, on September 18, 2025, suddenly at his home in Hague.



He was born in Hague to Bernard (Buck) and Anna (Robbins) Denno. The oldest of fifteen children, he was affectionately called "Two Buck." He grew up and attended school in Hague and spent his entire life here.

Buck worked a variety of jobs throughout his life and retired from Pat Armstrong, Inc. He loved driving trucks, especially his 1938 Chevy, and was known for his easy laugh and friendly nature.

He was predeceased by his parents, Bernard E. (Buck) and Anna (Robbins) Denno; sisters, Barbara Tyler and Marie Murray; and brothers, Robert, Joseph, and Peter Denno.

He is survived by his wife, Jo (Veronica) Denno; grandson, Jake Myers; children, Tim Denno, Jay Denno, Brandi Denno Collins (Chris), and Ben Denno (fiancée Arianna); grandchildren Hunter, Ty,

Taylor, Sean, Ashleigh, Tristen, Trent, Sophia, Aubrie, and Weston; stepdaughter, Jodie Myers, and her son, Tanner; fourteen great-grandchildren; and the mothers of his children, Cheri Freidel and Linda Farrer (stepdaughters Kellie and Heather). He also leaves behind two brothers, Ralph (Heather) Denno and Thomas (Michele) Denno; and seven sisters, Pamela Denno, Deborah Denno, Michele (Tim) Gautreau, Mary Ann (Ken) Osier, Theresa (Joe) Gagliardi, Bernadette (Mike) Fish, and Maureen (Wade) Stevens; along with many nieces, nephews, and friends.

Buck loved his family, friends, good music, pretty women, a good smoke or drink, and a lively party. He lived life to the fullest and exactly how he wanted to — right to the very end. That was the true Denno way.

Buck always said, "Rocks are forever," so please give a rock to someone you love today.

DIED: Helen Esther Hartl, née Piva, 98, a resident of Oswego, Illinois and Hague, at home in Illinois, on October 6, 2025, surrounded by family.



She grew up in New York City during the Great Depression and graduated early from Julia Richman High School at age sixteen through a program called "The Rapids." One of her first jobs was in public relations at an advertising agency in the Chrysler Building, a role she loved, but left in 1947 after marrying Walter Hartl, who she met at Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church when she was fifteen. They would have celebrated their seventy-fifth anniversary the year Walter died.

While Walter attended Lafayette College on the GI Bill after serving in the Army during World War II, Helen worked at the Dixie Cup Company in Easton, Pennsylvania. Their first child, Linda, was born in 1948 while Walter was still in school, followed by Laurance (Larry) three years later, and Lauren ten years after that.

The family later moved from the Bronx to Elmsford, NY, where Helen embraced suburban life—gardening, driving, sewing, joining the PTA, and volunteering at school fundraisers. While living in White Plains, NY, she learned to play bridge, golf, and tennis. She and Walter skied throughout the East, the West, and Europe, and their shared love of travel took them to the Caribbean, South Africa, and Australia.

SILVER BAY YMCA ANNOUNCES CEO TRANSITION

Peter Doliber will step down as Silver Bay YMCA CEO as he continues his courageous battle with cancer. He and his wife, Jean, will relocate to be closer to family as he begins palliative care.

Since 2022, Doliber has led Silver Bay YMCA with dedication and compassion. Under his leadership, the organization expanded its reach and deepened its impact while remaining true to its mission of strengthening community and nurturing spirit, mind, and body for all.

"While this is a very difficult moment, it's also a testament to Peter's character and commitment," said Elise Walton, chair of the Silver Bay YMCA Board of Trustees. "Despite a challenging, deeply personal health journey, Peter has remained focused on ensuring Silver Bay's strength and continued success. His legacy is one of compassion, innovation, and lasting impact. We are immensely grateful for his leadership and hold him and his family in our hearts."



Reflecting on his decision, Doliber shared: "This has been one of the most fulfilling chapters of my life. It's been an honor to serve this organization, its mission, and the incredible people behind it. While stepping away is incredibly hard, I know it's the right step for myself and for my family. I leave knowing the organization is in strong hands and I'll continue cheering it on, just from a different seat."

The Board of Trustees has appointed Chief Operating Officer Lucas Callahan as Interim CEO, effective immediately.

"We are fully confident in Lucas' ability to lead during this transition," Walton stated. "His operational expertise and deep alignment with our values make him the right person to guide us forward while we begin the national search for our next CEO."

Callahan, who has worked closely with Doliber in executing the strategic vision, brings steady leadership and deep organizational knowledge.

"Peter has been an incredible mentor and colleague," said Callahan. "I'm honored to step into this role during such an important time and remain committed to carrying forward the work we've built together. Our team is strong and our mission is clear."

To learn more about Silver Bay YMCA and its mission, visit silverbay.org HERE or follow Silver Bay YMCA on social media. ▣



TOP: Peter Doliber;
BOTTOM: Lucas Callahan

FOYÉ FINDS PURPOSE AND GROWTH AT SILVER BAY

Silver Bay YMCA Sales Coordinator Isaiah Foyé has quickly become a valued member of the Silver Bay community. Joining in October 2024 as part of the housekeeping team, he soon transitioned to the Sales Team, where he now helps attract guests, host events, and promote Silver Bay as a destination for family gatherings, retreats, and conferences.

Before arriving at Silver Bay, Foyé was Housekeeping Supervisor at YMCA Blue Ridge Assembly in North Carolina. When Hurricane Helene disrupted operations, he sought new opportunities and found his way north. Earlier, he served as Dining Room Manager at YMCA of the Rockies in Colorado, where he met his wife, an international student from the Philippines.

Foyé stated, "What continues to draw me to Silver Bay is not just the breathtaking waterfront, but the sense of purpose and potential. I'm excited to keep learning, serving, and growing with this amazing team." ▣



SOUNDINGS, CONT'D

Helen's lifelong affection for Lake George began on her honeymoon. For many years, the family camped along the lake before purchasing a lakefront cottage in Hague. Summers were filled with swimming, boating, sailing, waterskiing, hiking, and tennis. Despite declining health, Helen made one final visit to the lake this past summer, returning home to Illinois in August.

She is survived by her three children, Linda, Larry (Ronila), and Lauren; and a grandson, Henry.

Donations may be made to the ASPCA HERE. ▣

LGA HOLDS TENTH ANNUAL SALT SUMMIT

Lake George is a leader in reducing road salt, a critical threat to our lake. For the past ten years, the Lake George Association (LGA) has brought together experts from private industry and state and local leaders to find and promote practical strategies for scaling back of the use of salt on our roads.

This year, at the annual Adirondack Champlain Regional Salt Summit, Lake George Waterkeeper Chris Navitsky and Phill Sexton of WIT Advisers unveiled a powerful new tool that depicts the progress made over the past decade in reducing road salt use around Lake George.

The Road Salt Reduction StoryMap tells the story of how municipalities, businesses, state leaders, and community partners have come together since 2015 to take on one of the most urgent threats to clean water: road salt pollution.

Through interactive maps, data visualizations, and photos, the StoryMap highlights:

- The launch of the Lake George Road Salt Reduction Initiative in 2015.
- The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed by municipalities across the watershed, recently re-adopted to reaffirm commitment ten years later.
- The role of the Salt Summit in building partnerships, sharing knowledge, and inspiring innovation.

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SCHOOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATE, CONT'D

(TCSD) unacceptably poor academic performance, as measured in its poor ranking among NY public schools.

Our jointly signed letter was addressed to Angelique Johnson-Dingle, Deputy Commissioner for P-12 Instructional Support, and was endorsed by Dr. Roger Catania, our 4th Judicial District NYSED Regent, who is fully knowledgeable about our TCSD situation.

Our October 3rd letter states that our basic and reported findings have been that the TCSD Board of Education and the superintendent have been dismissive of the Town of Hague's and SAC's longstanding concerns and of the state proficiency test results, thereby putting Hague's and Ticonderoga's students learning experience at risk. Our letter sought NYSED advice on how to effectively address the demonstrated poor TCSD academic performance. We eagerly await a constructive NYSED response.

On a separate issue regarding 2025-2026 TCSD student enrollment, SAC estimates that approximately 30 Hague school-age children are enrolled this year.

When, in a simple email, I requested information on the total TCSD enrollment, I was denied that number. I was summarily informed by a TCSD official that my email was interpreted both as an interrogatory and as an incomplete Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) request. I was told that, therefore, according to Section 89 of NY Officers Law, TCSD is not required to respond to either — and, therefore, they didn't. A full-fledged FOIL request has subsequently been submitted for this apparently non-public number.

I again remind us all that for us to succeed in our mission to improve TCSD academic performance and to obtain fair and equitable school taxes, we need more than committee involvement — we need for parents and citizens to be engaged.

We are reaching out to families for their insights and advocacy. We also

encourage community members to consider running for the Board of Education, where Hague's voice and votes are urgently needed.

Together, with persistence and collaboration, we believe we can make a meaningful difference.

The next TCSD Board of Education meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, November 18th at 6 pm** in the high school cafeteria.

Hague residents are encouraged to attend! ▣

PROCELLACOR PERSISTS IN SEDIMENTS OF LAKE GEORGE, CONT'D

The team's newly released scientific report [HERE](#) marks the first known long-term study of ProcellaCOR's persistence in lake sediments.

The study found that, while it disappeared from the water within days, consistent with prior studies, ProcellaCOR persisted in lakebed sediments. Why is this important? To read the answer to this and other questions submitted to the LGA, click [HERE](#).

The research also found that lake circulation spread the herbicide beyond the direct treatment zones. Together, these findings show that ProcellaCOR behaves differently in the real world than in laboratory studies, raising new questions about long-term ecological impacts, the effects of repeated applications, and how sediment persistence has previously been underestimated in prior research.

"The ecological impacts are unclear but warrant further investigation," said LGA Executive Director Dr. Brendan Wiltse. "Our findings should be taken into consideration when planning herbicide treatments and in state permitting processes, especially in cases where there are repeat applications because of the potential for long-term accumulation of the herbicide and its degradants, and the unknown ecological impacts from this accumulation. It's imperative that herbicide use be guided by robust aquatic invasive species management

plans that consider all management tools."

The LGA emphasized that, based on its current data, there is no evidence of any risk to drinking water, recreation, or human health. The LGA and its partners are committed to advancing their research, including further study of FPB's persistence in Lake George sediments, plants, and animals, and expanded sampling on other Adirondack lakes.

To read the new scientific report, click [HERE](#). To find answers to your questions, click [HERE](#). ▣

PROTECT OUR HEMLOCKS BY REPORTING HWA

The Lake George Land Conservancy (LGLC) is calling on hikers,



hunters, birders, and all other outdoor enthusiasts to help protect local forests from the hemlock woolly adelgid (HWA), an invasive insect threatening the region's hemlock trees.

Those exploring the outdoors are encouraged to check hemlock branches for white, cotton-like spots at the base of the needles — these are signs of HWA. Anyone who spots them should snap a photo and submit a report. Each sighting plays a vital role in preserving hemlocks and maintaining the pristine water quality of Lake George.

Click [HERE](#) to learn more about how to report HWA sightings. ▣

HAGUE CHRONICLE NEWS:

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

LOOKING BACK

by Hague Historical Society Board Members
Shelly Gautreau and Nancy Young



(EDITOR'S NOTE: THE SPACING AND PUNCTUATION OF THE POEM ARE FROM THE ORIGINAL.)

The Hague Chronicle– November 1975

We ran across a poem in the Grand Mara (Michigan) Pilot and Pictured Rocks Review which we would like to share with you. It is entitled Ghost Apples.

GHOST APPLES

*Ghost Apples without a will
Are what I pick. Atop a hill.
The leaves of autumn'd colored trees
blow
on a lake-born wind that smells of snow.
Whose tree this was I cannot know
There is no house or grave to show
His name. He found this valley long
ago.
To mine for copper, didn't know
That market prices far from here
Could kill his dream. That pioneer Dug
and built and planted
And never reaped what God had granted.
The mines are gone, mere holes.
Foundations overgrown mark where
these souls
Struggled, built, then went away
Defeated. They never knew that here,
Today
I'd come to pick the wealth they left
behind!*

*A load of apples that remain
Of all their struggle and their pain.
God only knows what of our age
Shall be the next man's heritage.*

UPDATE 50 YEARS LATER

The poem likely depicts a sadness pertaining to the lives that labored and could not remain to enjoy the sweet fruits of the orchard they planted.

However, "Ghost Apples" are natural ice sculptures that occur when freezing rain coats decaying apples which are still clinging to trees. As the fruit rots and collapses, the icy shell remains, creating a fragile, glasslike casing that resembles a ghostly version of the original fruit.

In Native American tales, some tribes saw ghost apples as "winter fairies." In European folklore they are linked to "frost fairies" that steal fruit souls. In modern symbolism, ghost apples are a metaphor for beauty in decay. They are also featured in poetry and act as a sign of nature's impertinence.

Agriculture studies help scientists understand ice formation dynamics that may improve frost resistant varieties and inspire protective coatings for crops. This could also lead to new preservation techniques for fragile artifacts.

The best places to see ghost apples in person are in Michigan, Canada, and Northern Europe from late December to February in the early morning.

Meanwhile, enjoy fresh apples and apple products at any local orchard. This is the time of year for apple harvesting and apples are low in calories, high in fiber, Vitamin C, and antioxidants. ▣

LGLC: NEXT GEN MEET UP AND HIKE

The Lake George Land Conservancy's (LGLC) Next Gen Committee will host a late-fall hike to the Schumann Preserve gazebo at Pilot Knob on **November 15, 2025, from 10 am to noon.**

The route is an easy-to-moderate 1.2-mile round trip.

All are welcome — bring a friend, dress for the weather, and pack a snack to enjoy at the summit.

Click [HERE](#) for more information and to register. ▣

LGLC: PROTECTING A HAGUE STREAMFRONT

The Lake George Land Conservancy (LGLC) has permanently protected three-quarters of an acre of land in Hague, which includes nearly 300 feet of an unnamed tributary and the associated floodplain.

The seller, Sandy Radke, contacted the LGLC because she wanted to see the property protected for its water quality and habitat benefits.

Under LGLC ownership, the land will remain undeveloped and will be actively stewarded to maintain and enhance its habitat and water quality values. ▣

LGA HOLDS TENTH ANNUAL SALT SUMMIT, CONT'D

- Adoption of new practices and technologies that have led to measurable progress, including chloride levels in Lake George showing signs of decline.

Click [HERE](#) to see the StoryMAP. Learn how collaboration and science-to-solutions are making a difference for Lake George.

You can also watch recordings from the summit on topics that include statewide salt reduction efforts, local success stories, practical strategies such as brining, and private-sector leadership.

Click [HERE](#) to watch the videos from the summit. ▣

FIVE HUNDRED DOLLAR FRIDAYS

The Ticonderoga Area Chamber of Commerce (TACC) has announced its Fall/Winter Fundraiser, "Five Hundred Dollar Fridays." Every Friday in December, one winner will receive \$500.

For a \$20 donation, participants will receive a ticket for a chance to win. Tickets will be available throughout November at the TACC office and from board members, ambassadors, and volunteers.

Only 300 tickets will be sold each week and drawings will take place on **December 5th, 12th, 19th, and 26th, 2025**. Proceeds will support TACC programs, services, events, and economic development efforts.

For more information, contact TACC at 518-585-6619 or email [HERE](#). ▣

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

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

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

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FORT TICONDEROGA HONORED WITH AWARD

Fort Ticonderoga has received the 2025 "Preserving Our Military Heritage" Award from the Friends of the New York State Military Museum.

The award honors the Fort's leadership in preserving and interpreting America's military history through restoration, exhibitions, education, and its role in America's 250th anniversary initiatives.

"We are honored by this recognition of our work to protect and share a site of such profound national significance," said Fort Ticonderoga President and CEO Beth L. Hill. "Fort Ticonderoga is not just preserving history; we are shaping the future of history education. During this 250th commemoration, our expanded educational reach ensures that the lessons of this pivotal place inspire audiences of all ages both on-site and across the nation."

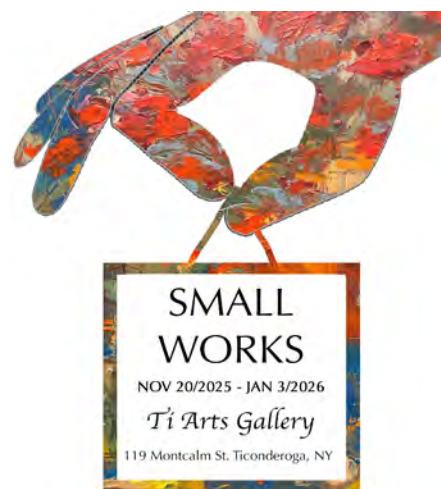
Founded in 1820 as one of the nation's earliest preservation efforts, Fort Ticonderoga continues with major restorations and battlefield protection across its 2,000 acres. Its museum program is showcased in *A Revolutionary Anthology*. The fort also leads national education with daily interpretation, signature events, and outreach to more than 1,200 schools. ▣

TI ARTS GALLERY

The exhibition of the works of Robert Hacunda and Ronn T. Mattia will continue until **November 15, 2025**.

Small Works, an open-entry show, begins on **November 20th** and is open through **January 3, 2026**.

The gallery is located at 119 Montcalm Street in Ticonderoga and will be open **Thursday through Saturday from 10 to 4** in November.



Programming at Ti Arts is made possible by the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of the Office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature. ▣

MASON/STAR DINNER

A public pork loin 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, November 17, 2025, 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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CALENDAR

November 2025

NOVEMBER

1	November issue of <i>The Hague Chronicle</i> published	15	10 am – noon	LGLC Next Gen hike
2	Daylight Savings Time ends	16	3 pm	HVFD Kids Craft and Storybook event
3	6 pm Preliminary Budget Public Hearing	17	4:30 – 6 pm	Mason Star dinner
4	6 am – 9 pm Election Day polls open	18	1:30 pm	Seniors Club meeting
	11 – 2 Light lunch at HVFD	20 - Jan. 3, 2026		Small Works Show at TiArts
6	6 pm Hague Planning Board Mtg.		6 pm	Hague Zoning Board of Appeals Mtg.
	Dr. Brendan Wiltse speaks at SUNY	20	6 pm	Deadline for the December issue of <i>The Hague Chronicle</i>
11	VETERANS DAY – town offices closed	26	10 am – 3 pm	Pick up Thanksgiving meals
	10 am – 1 pm LGLC cleanup at Peggy’s Point	27		THANKSGIVING –town offices closed
	11 am Veterans Day celebration in Hague			Black Friday
12	6 pm Hague Town Board Mtg.			
13	Seniors Club “Shopping Spree”			
14	Deadline for Thanksgiving meal order			

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