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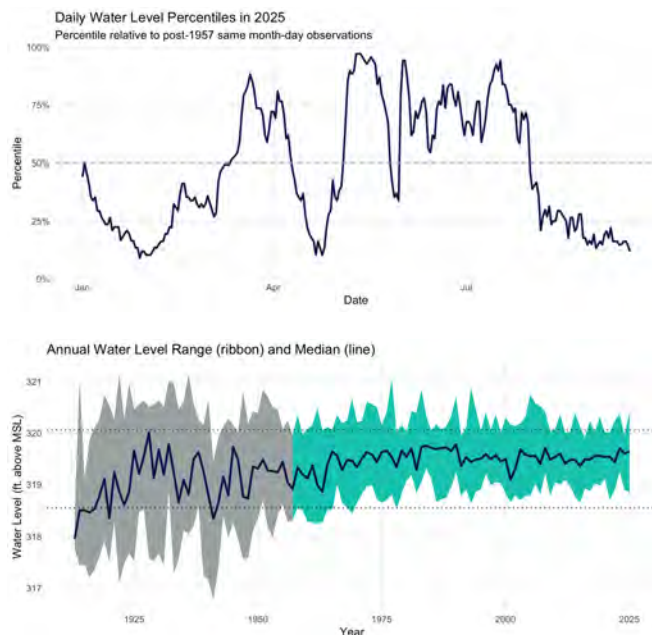
THE LOWDOWN ON THE CURRENT LOW LAKE LEVEL

The Lake George Association (LGA) recently analyzed more than a century of historical water level records. Using September 15, 2025 as a benchmark, they found that Lake George hasn't been this low at this time of year since 2001. The following is a summary of a post on the LGA website. To read the full article, click [HERE](#).

Though water levels naturally drop at this time of year, drought conditions have led to greater drops. In the 1940s, the LGA petitioned the New York State legislature to investigate the impacts of fluctuating water levels on shorelines, wetlands, and property, which ultimately led to passage of legislation that has guided water regulation since 1957.

Today, water levels are managed under New York Navigation Law, which sets a target summer operating level of 3.5 feet on the Rogers Rock Gage. The lake was 5.5 inches below that target level on September 15th.

As the LGA points out, conditions such as periodic low water levels are a reminder of the lake's vulnerability, not only to seasonal weather, but also to larger shifts in climate, underscoring the importance of science-based stewardship. The LGA works together with the Lake George Park Commission (LGPC) and partners to advocate for policies designed to protect the Queen of American Lakes for generations to come. ▣



TOP: Water levels in 2025 relative to observations of water level on the same month and day going back to 1957. Data source: USGS Gage at Rockers Rock NY.

BOTTOM: The figure above shows the annual median and historical range of water levels in Lake George. The grey shading depicts pre-1957 water levels and the turquoise shading depicts post-1957 water levels. The dotted lines indicate the target lake levels set by New York State Navigation Law. Data source: USGS Gage at Rogers Rock NY.

SCHOOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATE

Six Hague residents, including Supervisor Joshua Patchett, attended the Ticonderoga Central School District Board of Education (TCSD BoE) meeting on September 17, 2025, each bringing prepared statements and questions. Unlike at previous meetings, the agenda did not include the expected early public participation session. Instead, the board first heard the lengthy Annual Special Education Report. The public comment section was scheduled for later in the meeting, but was closed at 6:30 pm for the board to go into executive session and take a planned conference call.

During the limited comment period, School Advisory Committee Chair Jack Bast began addressing the board regarding a July 15th request from Supervisor Patchett about including the full market value of energy projects with PILOT agreements in the school tax levy apportionment and inconsistencies in stated assessed values. He had just noted that Hague had completed its own calculations when the BoE president asked him to stop his comments, suggesting that he should direct this issue to the Ticonderoga Assessor instead.

Public participation presumably resumed after the 45-minute executive session; however, by then, the Hague attendees had left.

The next TCSD BoE meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, October 21st at 6 pm** in the high school cafeteria. Hague residents are encouraged to attend. ▣

ISLAND FIRE AT JABE POND CONTAINED

During the weekend of August 11, 2025, campers at Jabe Pond, a remote wilderness area west of Silver Bay, witnessed a serious incident caused by an illegal campfire.

A group of young adults had camped across the pond and visited a nearby island, where they built a fire despite rules prohibiting both camping and fires.

The following morning, around 11 am, smoke was spotted on the island after the group had left. Campers paddled over in a canoe to help, but strong winds quickly spread the flames across the island.

The fire was fueled by a thick bed of dry pine and hemlock needles that likely smoldered overnight before reigniting in the morning breeze.

The fire burned for nearly four hours before the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) arrived with a boat, pump, and hose to contain it. Fortunately, the blaze remained on the island and did not reach the surrounding forest, which could have led to a much larger wildfire.

The incident serves as an important reminder to use only designated fire areas and to make sure every fire is fully extinguished. ▣



HVFD

by Donna Trudeau

The Hague Volunteer Fire Department (HVFD) had a very busy August, with six fire calls, two marine calls on the water, two standbys, five EMS assists, and four drills, for a total of 169 volunteer hours.

EMS was also busy with 17 calls of service, three drills, and one standby for a total of 77.5 volunteer/paid hours.

We had an amazing turnout for our CPR class, held for the town employees and other community members on August 25, 2025. Now we have 14 more people who have the skills to perform CPR in our little community!



We also had our fundraiser BBQ. We heard great things about the food and everyone enjoyed themselves.

Thanks to The VROOM trailer, which gave people a chance to watch virtual reality video games.

We're gearing up for our next fundraiser, which is the town-wide yard sale.

Thank you for your continued support of the HVFD! ▣

HAIKU

by dl mattila

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than a passing breeze
no bones about it ▣

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.

PLANNING BOARD - 8/7/2025

Present were Acting Chair Pamela Peterson; Board Members Alane Vogel and Henry Friedman; and Alternate Jami Jordan. Also present were Richard E. Hanpeter, architect and project manager, and his associate Renee Poulin; Tony DeFranco; Robert Holmes of RU Holmes Engineers; Esther Baird; Zoning Enforcement Officer (ZEO) Ed Kirchberger; and Recording Secretary Kathy Santaniello. Chair Sandra Powell was absent.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

BULLOCK (60.5-1-3.1), 6 and 18 Chipwick Lane (TR-1), SUB 03-25

The applicant proposed separating the two addresses into individual lots. Lot 18 will be 1.1 acres with 142 feet of shoreline, a boathouse, a shop, and a main house. Lot 6 will be 1.3 acres with a right-of-way for lake access, a pump house, a twenty-foot lake access, and a carriage-house dwelling. The applicant confirmed that there is no seasonal dock at Lot 6. No comments were offered and the hearing closed at 6:10 pm.

Zoning Issue: Development within 100 feet of the lake.

WALKER (43.5-1-34), 9094 Lakeshore Drive (HP), DEV 12-25, SP 03-25

The applicant seeks a single-family dwelling with garage and municipal sewer connection. Prior requests included tree-line staking, traffic adjustments, and stormwater revisions. DEC closed a 2021 petroleum spill case on the site. Plans include a slab foundation, dock replacement with DEC permit, shoreline fencing that will stop fifty feet from the mean high-water mark, and screening plantings. Four residents spoke in favor. A letter from Lake George Waterkeeper Chris Navitsky recommended LGPC review of stormwater before approval.

Zoning Issue: Development within 100 feet of the lake 160-20C (p).

SITE VISIT REVIEW

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

A joint Planning Board/Zoning Board of Appeals site visit reviewed revisions to make the project more conforming, including a permeable stone patio, stone steps replacing timber ones, and boulder edging with native plantings.

Zoning Issues: 160-23(C)(1)(g) development within 100 feet of the lake, 160-50(B)(1)(b) shoreline setback, and 160-52(A)(1) wall within 50 feet of the mean high-water mark.

SKETCH PLAN

MATTEO (25.2-1-5), 2 Whippoorwill Lane (OC-1)

The applicant presented a lot line adjustment exchanging two 0.23-acre parcels to resolve deed and septic issues. Documentation was submitted. A motion was made and seconded to deem the application complete, and another to approve, both passing unanimously, 4-0.

SUBDIVISIONS / LOT LINE ADJUSTMENTS

BULLOCK, 6 and 18 Chipwick Lane (TR-1), SUB 03-25

Following SEQR review and no opposition, a motion was made and seconded to approve the separation of lots 6 and 18. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

BAIRD (60.13-1-15), 44 Pudding Lane (TR-1), SUB 02-25

The Baird property will acquire 0.25 acre from the adjoining Dill parcel, treated as a lot line adjustment. A motion was made and seconded to approve. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

Zoning/SEQR: Type 2; no significant impacts.

OLD BUSINESS

WALKER, 9094 Lakeshore Drive (HP), DEV 12-25, SP 03-25

After discussion of shoreline plantings, fence limits, and a LGPC review, a motion was made and seconded to approve with these conditions: (1) positive LGPC ruling; (2) dead tree replacement within three years; (3) adequate shoreline buffer; and (4) no groundwater discharge into the lake. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

Zoning Issues: Development within 100 feet of the lake. 160-20C (p).

NEW BUSINESS

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

Applicants propose demolishing a nonconforming house and building a conforming two-story dwelling with garage. Plans show reduced square footage and setbacks met. Stormwater will be submitted to the LGPC. A motion to deem the application complete passed 3-0-1 (Peterson abstaining). A negative declaration (Type 2 SEQR) also passed, 3-0-1. A motion to approve contingent on LGPC review did not pass; a site visit was scheduled for August 21st at 2 pm.

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

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

Plans call for replacing existing structures with a new dwelling and guest cottage. An accessory shed will be relocated. Ms. Baird spoke about her family's history with the property. A motion to deem the application complete passed unanimously, 4-0. A public hearing was scheduled for September 4th.

Zoning Issue: Development within 100 feet of the lake.

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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - 8/28/2025

Present were Chairman Robert Goetsch; Deputy Chairman Chris Richards; and Board Members Tina Barth-King, Chris Navitsky, and Oliver Gourley. Also present were Tony

ZONING BOARD, CONT'D

DeFranco, Samuel Bosco, Zoning Enforcement Officer (ZEO) Edward Kirchberger, and Recording Secretary Kathy Santaniello.

NEW BUSINESS & REFERRALS FROM PLANNING BOARD

GIRARD (42-1-25.2), 107 Dodd Hill Road (TR2), DEV 51-21, VAR 03-25

An accessory structure with a bathroom was approved by the former ZEO without a ZBA review. The ZEO said it includes a shop, office, toilet with a rainwater flush, and a shower, and placed the error on the former ZEO. A variance hearing will be held next month with a Planning Board referral on 9-4-25. The applicant supplied a missing site plan. The board voted 5-0 to place the matter on the agenda. A site visit may follow.

Zoning Issue: 160-10 A Accessory structure.

OTHER BUSINESS

RICHARDS (12.18-1-16), 9568 Lakeshore Drive (TR1)

The ZEO confirmed a dwelling moved farther from the lake will remain as a guest cottage with plumbing, family use only, not rental. Barth-King disagreed, but the ZEO said earlier guidance was incomplete and no code violation exists. Goetsch noted fewer structures. Navitsky raised septic concerns; the ZEO and DeFranco confirmed capacity.

BOSCO (26.14-1-5), 28 Friends Point South (TR1), DEV 40-24, SP 09-24

The applicant reduced scope, adding a permeable patio and stone steps. A variance is no longer needed, but changes were recorded. The ZEO outlined the project's history, including ZBA approval, APA reversal, and litigation. The APA accepted stormwater measures. The Planning Board will review it in September. Navitsky and Barth-King objected, saying a variance was required. The engineer noted setbacks over 40 feet and a berm addition. The applicant's attorney said the Article 78 will be withdrawn.

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

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

A site visit for Girard was set for September 2nd at 3 pm with the Planning Board invited.

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TOWN BOARD - 9/9/2025

Present were Supervisor Joshua Patchett and Board Members Jack Bast, Edna Frasier, Lara Smith, and Maureen Cherubini. Also present were Deputy Town Supervisor Sally DeLarm Rypkema, ZOOM Coordinator Tim Fiallo, Highway Superintendent Chad Dunklee, Town Clerk Kim Coffin, Keith Manz of Saratoga Septic Systems, Bob Holmes of RU Holmes, and twenty-four community members. Additional attendees joined via ZOOM.

A moment of silence was held for Al Rider.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

The board heard from Keith Manz regarding two wastewater system variance requests.

- **Thomas Yohanan, 279 Silver Bay Road:** Proposal to replace a holding tank with an Eljen Bed twenty feet from a stream, requiring an 80-foot variance. Questions focused on differences between systems, stream impacts, and alarm systems. Cedarwood Engineering reviewed the request with health and water concerns in mind. Hearing will remain open until December 9th.
- **Sarah Pickert, 268 Silver Bay Road:** Replacement system after failing inspection. The new Eljen Bed would be thirty feet from a stream. Concerns echoed those in the Yohanan hearing. Hearing will remain open until December 9th.

Bob Holmes gave an overview of this proposed replacement system:

- **Charles and Sheila Voss, 9665 Lake Shore Drive:** The system uses an Eljen Bed in the current location and was supported by NYSDOH. Approved with the condition of annual well water testing.
- **Convery Irrevocable Trust, 17 Oneida Drive:** NYSDOH deemed the proposal a betterment. Hearing closed and variance approved.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Comments included allowing dogs on the beach before 11 am to deter geese, questions on sediment pond cleanup, and concerns over hiring practices. Supervisor Patchett explained the decision to hire Jessica Tuthill as receptionist because of her strong prior service. Other announcements included the members of a new committee for the town-wide yard sale and a Hague Historical Society (HHS) request for storage space at the community center.

REGULAR COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Administrative (Supervisor Patchett):** Preparation of the 2026 budget is underway.
- **Buildings & Grounds/Community Center/Enhancement (Frasier/Patchett):** Hague Community Center repairs are nearly complete.
- **Highway (Frasier/Cherubini):** Cleanup continues at the garage to prepare for the Cold Storage Building. Purchase of a \$23,045.80 trailer was approved.
- **Museum & Historian (Bast/Smith):** Historian Sally DeLarm Rypkema was commended for her genealogical work in helping the Fred Meyland-Smith family locate the grave of its grandfather.
- **Personnel (Bast/Cherubini):** Open positions remain for a ZEO Clerk, transfer station staff, Planning Board member, and Zoning Board of Appeals alternate.
- **Planning/Zoning/Stormwater (Cherubini/Frasier):** Sixty-six short-term rental permits are now in place.
- **Sewer District #1 & 2 (Smith/Patchett):** The generator installation at Cape Cod Village and the wastewater plant roof repairs are underway.

TOWN BOARD, CONT'D

- **Town Park & Beautification** (*Smith/Frasier*): The cleanup at the beach has concluded; thanks to Joe Sheridan and his staff. Thanks to the visitor center and park staff for doing a great job this year.
- **Environmental Concerns** (*Cherubini/Bast*): They are looking into the town obtaining access to Peggy's Point so the sediment pond there can be maintained. Work continues on knotweed control.
- **School Advisory Committee** (*Bast*): Bast reported on the school tax levy, which resulted in a one percent increase for Hague taxpayers and a three percent decrease for Ticonderoga. He encouraged residents to attend the September 17th BoE meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Items included a request to lower the Silver Bay Road speed limit to 15 mph, news that the town was not selected for the Municipal Parks and Recreation Grant, and thanks from Fort Ticonderoga for Hague's support of its *Onward to Canada* reenactment at the Hague Town Beach on Friday, August 29th.

Food Pantry Coordinator Amanda Peterson reported on new food partnerships and freezer supplies, and thanked Kelly McCoy for her help. She encouraged anyone in need to reach out to herself or to Kelly.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Hiring of Jessica Tuthill as receptionist effective September 22 was approved (4 to1) (Smith).
- Hiring of Diane Trudeau as Third Deputy Town Clerk was approved (4 to1) (Patchett).
- Reappointment of Assessor David Martucci was tabled until September 23rd.
- Re-adoption of the Lake George Road Salt Reduction Initiative was approved.
- Two refurbished AEDs and one cabinet were approved for purchase.
- Advertising for a wastewater truck bid was authorized.
- Resolution #88 supported excavation of the Smith/West Hague Road sediment basin under specified conditions.
- Resolution #89 authorized a \$125,000 grant application for Hague Town Park improvements, with a 10% local match. The project proposes designing and constructing the following improvements at the Hague Town Park:
 - Doing a Building Condition Assessment for the Visitor Center
 - Creating a Stand-Alone Performance Stage
 - Evaluating the Beach and Swimming Area
 - Doing stormwater improvements throughout the park
 - Making electrical and lighting improvements along the public dock
 - Improving the pedestrian pathway along public dock

WELCOME GUESTS/PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Donnie and Lindsey Smith Jr. discussed a retention pond, located on the former property of Donnie Smith Sr., which they now own. They have granted the highway department a temporary easement to clean it out. There needs to be a plan for ongoing care and maintenance of the sediment ponds throughout town.

The next regular meeting of the Hague Town Board will be held on **October 14, 2025 at 6 pm.**

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Fort Ticonderoga from Mount Defiance; Photo courtesy of Fort Ticonderoga

SOUNDINGS

DIED: Allan H. Rider, 72, of Hague, on September 7, 2025, peacefully at home, surrounded by the people and the lake he loved so dearly.

Al grew up in Colonie, graduated in the class of 1971, and studied electrical engineering at Hudson Valley Community College. He liked to say he learned how things work — and then he spent a lifetime using that gift to make life better for those around him.



Al built a distinguished career behind the scenes of television, most notably as the Director of Engineering at MTV Networks from 1997 to 2009. Manhattan was fast and loud, but Al met it with quiet steadiness. He was the one who was called when it had to work and nerves were frayed — calm in crisis, generous with credit, and endlessly patient. Long after the shows ended, friendships with

colleagues continued, stitched together by his dry humor and unfussy kindness.

In 2009, Al retired with his wife, Brenda-Jean, to Hague, beginning a second chapter that fit him perfectly. In his workshop filled with the scent of sawdust, he became “the local woodworker,” creating tables, chairs, and heirlooms — pieces that will carry family meals and conversations for years to come. He donated his work to benefit the Lake George Association (LGA) and pitched in whenever his community needed a hand.

Home was also where he could be found with his greyhounds at his feet and a Packers game on. Each year, Al and his best friend, Jim, made a pilgrimage to Lambeau Field, a trip full of laughter, ritual, and tradition.

Al is survived by: his wife, Brenda-Jean; his son, Chris, and his daughter-in-law, Kathy; and many friends who became family.

A memorial gathering will be held in Colonie at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, gifts in Al's memory may be made to the LGA, honoring his love for the water and the town that welcomed him. ■

LGLC DISCOVERY SERIES FEATURES FALL HIKES

The Lake George Land Conservancy (LGLC) invites the community to take part in several upcoming Discovery Series events in October. Each program is led by a naturalist and offers participants a chance to explore the local landscape while learning about nature and conservation.

On **October 4 from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm**, hikers can join a trek up Cat Mountain to learn about the Leave No Trace Seven Principles®. This moderately challenging, five-mile hike will highlight how to care for local trails while taking in views of Lake George and the southern Adirondacks.

On **October 11 from 9 to 11:30 am**, a naturalist will lead participants along the Cat Mountain trail near Edgcomb Pond for a Fall Bird Migration

program. The 1.5-mile hike will be relatively flat, offering time to observe and record a variety of species from waterfowl to raptors and songbirds. Observations will be uploaded to eBird and binoculars will be available for use. No prior birding experience is needed.

On **October 18 from 8:30 to 11:30 am**, the Discovery Series continues with a Changing Trees hike at The Pinnacle Preserve. Participants will learn Adirondack tree identification and observe seasonal changes before winter. The three-mile round-trip hike is considered moderately challenging and features views east toward Lake George and west toward the southern Adirondacks.

For more details on these and other LGLC programs, visit www.lglc.org. ■

LAKE GEORGE LAND CONSERVANCY'S NEW BOARD MEMBERS

The Lake George Land Conservancy (LGLC) has announced the addition of Paul Krump of Lake George, Peg Olsen of Glenburnie, and Lisa Stromberg of Northwest Bay to the LGLC Board of Directors.

Board President Paul Bell said, “I’m grateful that Paul, Peg, and Lisa have agreed to join the LGLC Board of Directors. Each has unique experience and expertise that will be immensely valuable to the LGLC. We’re looking forward to their service and counsel.” ■

LGLC HONOREES

At its 12th annual President's Reception on August 21, 2025, the Lake George Land Conservancy (LGLC) honored Jeff Brozyna with its Henry M. Rowan Conservation Award. This award is presented annually to exemplary individuals for their conservation efforts around Lake George, following the spirit of its namesake, Henry M. Rowan of Hague.



Jeff served on the LGLC Board of Directors for 12 years, including as vice president of development (2012 to 2022), and president (2022 to 2023). He continues to serve as a member of the LGLC Advisory Board. In 2021, Brozyna volunteered as interim executive director, bringing a steady hand to the organization at a time of great change.



The LGLC also inducted two new members into the Apperson Society. George Singer (posthumously) and Peg Olsen received the honor in recognition of their leadership gifts in support of land conservation in the Lake George watershed. ■

TOP: LGLC 2022 Volunteer of the Year Jeff Brozyna; MIDDLE: George Singer; BOTTOM: Peg Olsen

HHS OCTOBER NEWS

The Hague Historical Society's (HHS) fall 2025 newsletter focuses on the Island Harbor House Hotel, which was operated by the Clifton family on the shoreline near the Waltonian Islands from 1883 through 1967.

Albert Clifton, the founder, was originally from Vermont. He served as a drummer boy in the Civil War, was captured by the Confederates, and was imprisoned in Libby Prison in Richmond, Virginia. In what was the largest mass escape during that war, Albert joined more than 100 other Yankee prisoners in digging a tunnel to freedom. He walked home, carrying his drum with him. Today, that drum is in the collection of the HHS.



This is just one of the many exciting stories you'll read in the fall newsletter. Click [HERE](#) to visit the HHS's website, where you'll find links to the current and past newsletters as well as other fascinating information about various aspects of Hague's history, including video interviews, narrated slide presentations, and many, many pages of photos and text.

For information about how to join the HHS and receive our quarterly newsletters, click [HERE](#). ■

POSB ANNUAL MEETING

by Linda Fusco

On July 28, 2025, the Property Owners of Silver Bay (POSB) held its annual membership meeting at the Hague Community Center. Linda Fusco, POSB president, welcomed 78 members from the Silver Bay/Hague community and 28 more on Zoom.

Linda led a moment of silence for family and friends from Silver Bay and Hague who had passed away in the past year. The annual membership business meeting was conducted. The following slate of POSB board members was unanimously approved: President Linda Fusco; Vice-President/Webmaster Bill Klebe; Corresponding Secretary Laura Moody; Recording Secretary (Vacancy); Treasurer/Assistant Historian Rick MacDowell.

After the business meeting, Linda introduced the following speakers:

Hague Town Supervisor Josh Patchett discussed activities and issues facing the town of Hague including infrastructure, the Hague Brook delta, short-term rentals, and the Hague School Advisory Committee, all of which need funding grants and other sources of income without imposing a town tax.

CEO Silver Bay YMCA Peter Doliber discussed a myriad of activities, many of which are due to the generous support of POSB donors and supporters. He focused on SBA's implementation and administration of the Ticonderoga Community Early Learning Center (TCELC).

Executive Director of the Lake George Association (LGA) Brendan Wiltse provided an update on the Lake George Park Commission (LGPC) septic inspections, land-use practices, and the 80% decline in the megafauna that threaten the lake. He reported that since 2023, 644 septic systems have been inspected, with over a 40% passing rate. The LGA deals with threats to the lake including invasive species, road salt, nutrient pollutants, and harmful algae blooms (HABs). Brenan credits the boat wash program with the fact that no new invasive species have been found in two years.

For more information, contact Linda Fusco at lindafuscophd@gmail.com. ■

FORT TI AND PBS HOST SCREENING OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Fort Ticonderoga, in partnership with Mountain Lake Public Broadcasting Service (PBS), will host a special preview screening for the new PBS series *The American Revolution* on **Wednesday, October 8, 2025**.

The evening begins at **5:30 pm** with light refreshments, followed by the program at **6 pm** in the Mars Education Center at the fort. Guests will enjoy scenes from the upcoming series, a Q&A with historians from the fort, and a guided tour of the fort's newest exhibit "Revolutionary Anthology: Subjects, Citizens, Service."

Admission is free, but *seating is limited*. To reserve a seat, RSVP [HERE](#).

Bill McColgan, president and CEO of Mountain Lake PBS said, "The release of *The American Revolution*, coinciding with the 250th anniversary of America's founding, gives us a wonderful opportunity to engage our own community in the national conversation, at a place where history happened right in our back yard at Fort Ticonderoga."

"We are honored that Ken Burns and his team chose to film on-site for their powerful new series, *The American Revolution*," said Beth L. Hill, president and CEO of Fort Ticonderoga. "Fort Ticonderoga is a critical location in the story of American independence, and this documentary provides an incredible opportunity for a national audience to witness the history that unfolded right here on these grounds. It's a testament to our on-going efforts to preserve and share this pivotal history, and we are thrilled to partner with Mountain Lake PBS to give our regional community a special sneak peek."

The American Revolution is a six-part, 12-hour documentary series directed by Ken Burns, Sarah Botstein and David Schmidt. The series explores America's founding, the Revolutionary War, and the impact of independence on the colonies and the world. It premieres on PBS on **Sunday, November 16, 2025**, with six consecutive nights on Mountain Lake PBS, and streaming on [PBS.org](https://www.pbs.org) and the PBS App. ■

LOOKING BACK

by Hague Historical Society (HHS) Board Members
Shelly Gautreau and Nancy Young



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SILVER BAY ASSOCIATION

The Silver Bay Association has now become a year-round resident. Heretofore, the offices and staff of the Association moved to Glens Falls at the end of the summer season where they remained until spring. Now, the Glens Falls office has closed and the Silver Bay office will be open year-round.

Conferences this year have been booked through early November. Plans are being formulated for a winter program for the latter part of the winter season. Conferences will begin again in the spring.

UPDATE 50 YEARS LATER

Located in Silver Bay, a hamlet in Hague, the Silver Bay YMCA remains committed to the mission of the 123-year-old Silver Bay Conference and Retreat Center. In addition to conference services and campus programs, it now provides year-round services for regional youth, adults, and seniors.

The property's history goes back to around 1800, when Jabez Patchin is thought to have built the first structure, a one-room cottage.

In 1902, Silas Paine sold the land at half its value to the Incorporated Silver Bay Association for Christian Conferences and Training.

By 1910, the Lakeshore Trail and Council Ring were the sites of the first Scout Masters' Training School, which led to the founding of what is today Scouting America.

Today, in addition to its year-round programming for youth and families, Silver Bay YMCA operates the Ticonderoga Community Early Learning Center at 64 Amherst Avenue, Ticonderoga, offering curriculum-based care for infants through preschoolers.

Silver Bay also partners with the town of Ticonderoga to host a Teen Center, a donor-funded program for grades 7 through 12 that is free to all participants.

A free Community Wellness Membership is available exclusively to residents of Hague, Bolton, Ticonderoga, Crown Point, and Putnam.

An on-site restaurant, with a set menu and weekly specials, is open to community members on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

For more information, visit www.silverbay.org. ■

HANNAFORD SELECTS LGA AS OCTOBER BENEFICIARY

The Lake George Association (LGA) has been selected as the nonprofit partner for October in Hannaford's Community Bag Program. This means that, during the entire month of October 2025, the LGA will receive \$1 for each \$2.50 reusable community bag that is purchased at the Hannaford store at 190 Quaker Road in Queensbury. ■

In recognition of America's 250th year, he will also connect the night sky to key moments from 1775, including how similar celestial events would have appeared from Fort Ticonderoga during the Revolutionary War.

The program includes sky-chart handouts and a schedule of special viewing opportunities.

The school is located at 5 Calkins Place in Ticonderoga.

Space is limited. To register, email lindafuscophd@gmail.com. ■

cakes, cookies, pies, cheesecakes, and bread. Customers may also place special orders.

In addition to its regular offerings, the bakery plans to host occasional community gatherings such as cookie decorating nights, paint and sip sessions, and book clubs.

The bakery is located at 43 Montcalm Street. For details, visit www.ticonderogany.com. ■

MASON STAR DINNER

A roast turkey breast 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 27, 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. ■

UPCOMING PLANETARIUM PROGRAM

The community is invited to Ticonderoga High School's planetarium presentation, *The Fall Sky Now and 250 Years Ago*, on **Saturday, October 18, 2025, at 10 am**.

Joe Defayette, the earth science teacher at Ticonderoga Jr./Sr. High School, will highlight celestial events visible over the Adirondacks this fall through December 21, 2025.

BAK'D GRAND OPENING

Bak'd, a new co-op bakery in downtown Ticonderoga, will celebrate its official opening with a ribbon cutting on **October 8, 2025 at 4 pm**.

Owners Melissa Sharrow and Tonya Hargett will operate Bak'd as a cooperative space that also features baked goods from several local bakers.

Bak'd will offer a range of made-from-scratch items including scones, turnovers, cinnamon rolls,

TI ARTS

The 2nd Annual Juried Show, featuring the work of 20 artists, will close on **Saturday, October 18, 2025.**

A joint exhibition by Robert Hacunda of Ticonderoga and Ronn Mattia of Glens Falls will follow, running from **October 23rd through November 15th.** An opening reception will be held on **Friday, October 24th from 5 pm to 7 pm.** Hacunda is a painter, while Mattia creates sculptures from repurposed glass and steel.

Christina Boyd will lead a Ukrainian egg decorating class on **Saturday, October 11th from 1 pm to 4 pm.** The cost is \$20 and registration is available at ticonderogaarts.org.

The Ti Arts Downtown Gallery is located at 119 Montcalm Street and is open Wednesday through Saturday, from 10 to 4 in October and 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. ■



Photo: *Ghiacciaio* by Ron Mattia

HALLOWEENFEST

HalloweenFest will run from **October 24th through 31st, 2025.**

The fun begins **Friday, October 24th** with a Haunted History Tour at the Crown Point State Historic Site at **5:30 pm**, the new Fireside Folk Festival downtown from **6 to 9 pm**, and a Zombie Trail at Silver Bay YMCA from **7:30 to 8:30 pm.**

On **Saturday, October 25th**, highlights include the Harvest Halloween Festival at Hunter Way Farm at **10 am**, children's story time at the Black Watch Memorial Library at **10 am**, and the Hocus Pocus Magic Show at the Ticonderoga Community Building at **11 am.** That afternoon, the Hague Fish & Game Club hosts Trunk-or-Treat from **3 to 5 pm.** Evening events feature the Adirondack Dancing Witches at **6:15 pm**, the Pumpkin Walk and Campfire from **6:30 to 8:30 pm**, and a Haunted House at Silver Bay YMCA at **7 pm.**

Other activities include Fort Ticonderoga's living history program on **October 26th**, the Feast for the Fourth fundraiser dinner on **October 27th**, pumpkin decorating at North Country Community College on **October 28th**, and a chicken BBQ at the Knights of Columbus on **October 29th.**

The festival closes on **Friday, October 31st**, with trick-or-treating in downtown Ticonderoga from **3:15 to 5 pm**, Crown Point's Trunk-or-Treat from **4 to 6 pm**, and an adult Halloween Party at **8 pm.** ■

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE FORT

Fort Ticonderoga continues to offer visitors a range of immersive fall programs and activities designed to connect families with history.

The six-acre Heroic Corn Maze is open for exploration, featuring an all-new REAL TIME REVOLUTION™ design created to celebrate America's 250th anniversary. This year's Maze Quest, *Great Journeys of the Revolutionary War*, takes participants on an educational adventure through America's founding story.

Premium tours of the fully restored 1826 Pell Pavilion are available on Tuesday afternoons **through October 14, 2025.** These tours provide a close look inside the National Landmark home, showcasing both its architecture and its historic collections.

The Heritage, Harvest, and Horse Festival will be on **October 4th.** It is a full day of autumn activities in the King's Garden. Highlights include working animal demonstrations, farm animal encounters, a local farmers' market, the corn maze, and the Carillon boat tour.



On **October 25th and 26th**, the fort presents a REAL TIME REVOLUTION™ Living History Event: *British Prisoners of War at Ticonderoga*. This two-day program explores the experiences of captured British soldiers and their families after American victories in 1775, offering a unique perspective on the Revolutionary War.

Fort Ticonderoga and Mount Defiance are open **Tuesday through Sunday from 9:30 am to 5 pm through October 26th.** Tickets, valid for two consecutive days, may be purchased online at www.fortticonderoga.org. ■

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CALENDAR

October 2025

OCTOBER

1	<i>The Hague Chronicle</i> published	20	6 pm	Deadline for the November
2	6 pm			issue of <i>The Hague Chronicle</i>
4	8:30 am – 12:30 pm	21	6 pm	TCSD BoE meeting
	LGLC Cat Mtn. hike	23rd – November 15th		Ti Arts Hacunda/Mattia
	Heritage, Harvest, and Horse			exhibition
	Festival – King’s Garden		6 pm	Hague Zoning Board of
8	4 pm			Appeals Mtg.
	5:30 pm			HalloweenFest
	PBS preview of <i>The American</i>	24th – 31st		Opening Reception Ti Arts
	<i>Revolution</i>	5 – 7 pm		<i>British Prisoners of War</i>
11	9 – 11:30 am	25th and 26th		at the fort
	1 – 4 pm			Mason Star dinner
13		27	4:30 – 6 pm	HALLOWEEN
	COLUMBUS/INDIGEOUS	31		
	PEOPLES’ DAY (TOWN OFFICES			
	CLOSED)			
14	6 pm			
18	8:30 – 11:30 am			
	10 am			
	Hague Town Board Mtg.			
	LGLC Pinnacle hike			
	Planetarium Show			

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