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SALT SUMMIT MARKS A DECADE OF PROGRESS

On September 24, 2025, the Tenth Annual Adirondack Champlain Regional Salt Summit celebrated a decade of progress in reducing road salt pollution in the Lake George watershed and beyond. Hosted by the Lake George Association (LGA) and the Lake George Waterkeeper at Fort William Henry, the milestone event highlighted how sustained collaboration and science-based solutions are delivering measurable environmental results.

Since its launch in 2015, the Salt Summit has grown into a premier regional gathering of municipal leaders, scientists, businesses, and policymakers focused on reducing road salt use while maintaining safe winter roads. This year's summit served both as a celebration of progress and a reminder that continued effort is essential.

One of the most encouraging outcomes shared at the summit was the early decline in chloride concentrations in Lake George. While long-term monitoring is still needed, these early signs reflect years of research, education, and improved winter road management practices. Protecting water quality is critical to preserving the lake's long-term health and renowned clarity.

Highlights of the 10th Salt Summit included welcome remarks from Town of Lake George Supervisor Vinnie Crocitto,

whose municipality was the first to earn the Sustainable Water Management (SWiM®) Certification and has been a leader in the Lake George Road Salt Reduction Initiative.

Senator Pete Harckham provided updates on statewide salt reduction legislation, while collaboration stories were shared from across the region and beyond, including AdkAction, Wisconsin Salt Wise, and the Little Lehigh Watershed Stewards.



FROM THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

The Assessor's Office is now accepting applications for the 2026 Senior Exemption. If you are 65 years or older (or know someone who is) and your income falls below the limits below, please contact our office for more information.

The Warren County income limit is \$37,399 with a sliding scale and the Ticonderoga School District limit is \$22,000, also with a sliding scale. You may qualify for both exemptions.

We are also accepting applications for Veterans' Exemptions.

If you have any questions or would like assistance with your application, please contact the Assessor's Office at 518-543-6161. ▣

SCHOOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SAC) UPDATE

by Jack Bast, chair

The School Advisory Committee (SAC) has an open position and is eager to fill it. The SAC meets monthly, usually on the first Thursday morning at the community center. Meetings are also streamed by ZOOM since many of the SAC's members are not full-time residents. From our extensive communications, I trust everyone knows the significant Ticonderoga CSD challenges and our SAC's attempts at improving academic performance and obtaining fair and equitable school taxes. Expressions of interest in serving Hague in this

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SENIOR CLUB NEWS

by Judy Stock

The Senior Citizens' Christmas Party was a great success, as always. Maria Waters took lots of wonderful photos, which are viewable online on the Hague Senior Citizens Facebook page.

The highlight of the evening was the announcement by President Pat Hintze of Diane Frasier Trudeau as the Hague Senior Citizen of the Year.

Diane grew up in Hague and graduated from Hague Central School as the Salutatorian in 1975. She worked as a babysitter as a teenager and then at the Open Hearth restaurant as a dishwasher and then cook.

In 1979, Highway Superintendent Dan Belden hired her as a receptionist under the Warren County Manpower Program. She then moved to the old town hall as a receptionist and from there she grew into many jobs, including the confidential secretary to the supervisor.

Her natural abilities allowed her to learn all the various jobs including as a typist for the Hague Planning Board and assistant to the assessor. Diane took a NYS Comptrollers' course in which she learned the basics of accounting and eventually was responsible for all the financial records at the community center. By the time she retired in 2023 after 44 years working for the Town of Hague, she could help in every department. She continues to serve as the Third Deputy Town Clerk, is on the Hague Sewer Advisory Committee, and is still available when needed at the town hall.

Diane was in on the beginning of the surplus food program, which evolved into food pantry, as well as the beginnings of the Seniors Club.

Diane has been an active member of the Catholic Daughters of St. Mary for about 50 years. She has also been active in the Hague Fish & Game Club and was instrumental in the Hague Winter Carnival for many years. She began a long association with the Hague Volunteer Fire Department in



Diane Trudeau, left, Pat Hintze right

the mid-1980s and has served as fire police captain, secretary, and many jobs on the board of directors. When Diane's brother, Dale, died, her mother wanted to honor him and started the Christmas Memory Tree. Diane and her cousin, Bertha Dunsmore, have continued this tradition and funds collected benefit the HVFD, where the Memory Tree is located this year.

Diane has devoted her life to the betterment of Hague and was a most fitting recipient of the 2025 Hague Senior of the Year Award. ■

HVFD NEW OFFICERS

Chief	David Snow
1st Assistant	James Belden
2nd Assistant	Nate Swinton
Captain	Mike Nyisalosky
Lieutenant	Aaron Walker
2nd Lieutenant	Rick Myers
EMS Captain	Donna Trudeau
EMS Assistant	Captain Terrie Davis

Board of Directors:
Bill Fritsky, Shawn Perry, Aaron Walker, Pete Maltese, Maria Waters, Donna Trudeau, Sara DeBuque

President	Marty Fitzgerald
Vice President	Bill Fritsky
Secretary	Terrie Davis
Treasurer	Steve Fleischhacker

Congratulations to everyone and thank you to everyone who served!



HVFD

by Donna Trudeau

The Hague Volunteer Fire Department (HVFD) responded to three fire calls and three EMS assist calls, totaling 26 volunteer man hours. EMS also handled eleven calls for service, with a combined 62.5 paid and volunteer hours.

We will host our annual Polar Plunge on Sunday, **February 15, 2026**, at the Trout House Resort docks. Sign-ups will begin at **1:30 pm** and the first plungers will enter the water at 2 pm. All participants will receive a shirt and a hat, with additional apparel available for purchase. The cost to plunge is \$5 and shirts are \$20.

Our Chili Cook-Off will run from **4 to 8 pm** and costs \$10 per person. Entertainment is planned and hot dogs and hamburgers will be available for an additional donation. All proceeds from the Polar Plunge and our Annual Chili Cook-Off will benefit the UVM Children's Network in support of children in need.

Thank you, everyone. ■



Hague Town Supervisor Josh Patchett and his family at the HVFD Christmas Party

MAHJONG AND CANASTA PLAYERS WANTED

Mahjong and canasta players are invited to join a winter game group that meets on **Thursdays at 1 pm** at the Hague Community Center. Those interested should contact Claire Best at 518-586-0840 or Sarah Tamlyn at 518-226-2222. ■

FREE CERTIFIED TAX PREPARATION

The AARP Tax Aide team will deliver free tax services for the 21st year in 2026.

This group of trained, IRS certified volunteers from the Hague and Ticonderoga area, will once again prepare taxes for residents from Hague, Silver Bay, Ticonderoga, Crown Point, and other North Country towns.

Tax preparation will be held at the Hague Community Center on Graphite Mountain Road on Tuesdays and Thursdays from February 3rd through April 9th.

This program is open to all taxpayers, AARP membership is not required, and there are no age or income restrictions. The service is designed for personal and not business tax preparation.

Appointments are required and can be made after January 1, 2026 by calling 518-543-6366.

Taxpayers are required to bring all their tax documents such as W2s, a photo ID, and Social Security cards.



Anyone who has collected unemployment during the tax year must also bring a 1099G Unemployment Form, which can be requested from New York State. ▣

SALT SUMMIT MARKS A DECADE OF PROGRESS, CONT'D

A featured presentation, "Ten Years of Reduction," delivered by LGA Waterkeeper Chris Navitsky and Phill Sexton of WIT Advisers, showcased measurable progress achieved in the Lake George watershed and served as a model for other regions. The summit also recognized new SWiM® Certifications, including private-sector leaders such as the University of Rochester and Fort William Henry, underscoring that salt reduction leadership extends well beyond municipal roadways.

Panels on liability, collaboration, and private-sector leadership, along with hands-on demonstrations and Highway Academy Training Sessions emphasized practical tools that participants can implement immediately.

Organizers stressed that while progress has been made, the work is far from finished. The LGA and its partners remain committed to accelerating salt reduction efforts to protect clean water, strengthen resilient ecosystems, and ensure public safety for generations to come.

To explore the decade-long journey and see how science is driving solutions, an interactive StoryMap is available [HERE](#). ▣

SCHOOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SAC) UPDATE, CONT'D

important mission should be submitted promptly to the Hague Community Center or directly to me at jackbast@aol.com.

The NYS Education Department Deputy Commissioner Johnson-Dingle has received our October 3rd request seeking advice and support in addressing Ticonderoga CSD's poor academic performance, as measured in its low ranking among NY public schools. A conference call is scheduled for December 23rd and will be reported in next month's *Hague Chronicle*.

The SAC and the town have been interested in knowing the number of the Hague and the other communities' children currently enrolled in Ticonderoga CSD's student population. These numbers are required to be available by law and were thought to be readily available. However, simple phone and email requests to TCSD for them were turned by TCSD into Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) formats and then our subsequent FOIL requests were partially denied.

We had to involve our town's legal counsel to submit an appeal. In response, we now know that 36 Hague, 31 Putnam, and 616 Ticonderoga students compose the 683 total 2025 - 2026 TCSD population. **Hague's 56.6% share of the school tax levy with 5.3% of the students** continues to be a situation of SAC concern and attention.

At the December 16th TCSD Board of Education meeting, the board voted to change the 2021 Champlain Hudson Power Express (CHPE) Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) agreement to a Host Agreement. CHPE is the project installing a high-voltage transmission line to deliver electricity from Canada to New York City. SAC has long maintained that (1) Hague was excluded from the original PILOT negotiations despite paying over 50% of TCSD school taxes and (2) the PILOT terms were unfavorable to both Ticonderoga and to Hague. Reportedly, the Host Agreement offers no improved financial terms and may permanently eliminate the ability to tax the project.

Hague and the SAC are frustrated by the process. The Host Agreement was not listed on the December 16th agenda, Hague was not notified or consulted in advance and public participation was not allowed before the vote.

Once again, Hague was ignored on a matter that directly affects TCSD school taxes. Potential responses are now being explored.

The January School Board of Education (BoE) meeting is on **Thursday, January 2nd at 6 pm** at the high school cafeteria at 5 Calkins Place in Ticonderoga. Hague attendance is important! ▣

JOINT ZONING/PLANNING - 11/20/2025

The following minutes are from a joint Hague Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Board meeting.

Present were: Zoning Board of Appeals Chairman Robert Goetsch, Deputy Chairman Chris Richards, and Board Members Tina Barth-King, Chris Navitsky, and Oliver Gourley; and Planning Board Chairperson Sandra Powell, Deputy Chairperson Pamela Peterson, and Board Member Alane Vogel. Planning Board Member Henry Friedman participated by phone. Also present were Zoning Enforcement Officer Ed Kirchberger and Recording Secretary Kathy Santaniello.

The purpose of the meeting was to review proposed Hague Town Code amendments and provide advisory opinions to the Hague Town Board in advance of a public hearing scheduled for December 9, 2025.

ZONING ISSUES

Guest Cottages – Town Code Section 160-10 (Definitions)

Kirchberger explained that the joint meeting was intended to clarify three proposed code changes and possibly form advisory opinions for the town board. He reviewed the current guest cottage definition and a proposed revision defining a guest cottage as an “accessory structure with specific limitations.” He summarized research on APA regulations, neighboring town codes, and consultations with the town attorney.

Board members raised concerns including density, enforcement, vague language such as “occasional,” impacts on nonconforming lots, shoreline and stormwater impacts, parking and sewer considerations, and potential conflicts with APA regulations.

Following discussion, the Hague Zoning Board of Appeals voted to recommend adoption of the proposed definition with two conditions: they reduced the maximum size from 2,000 square feet to 1,250 square feet, and added “guest cottages” to each zoning district under Section C to require site plan review by the Planning Board. The vote passed 3-2 (Navitsky and Barth-King).

Powell requested that the Planning Board delay its recommendation until after its December meeting so all members could participate; it was approved.

Trash Containers – Town Code Section 128-5 (G)

Kirchberger presented a proposed amendment requiring trash and recycling containers to be secured and not visible from the road except during pickup times, noting the language was taken from the former short-term rental law.

The Zoning Board of Appeals supported the amendment, with the vote passing 4-1 (Barth-King). The Planning Board also supported the amendment, with the vote passing unanimously.

Short-Term Rental Definition – Town Code Section 160-10 (Definitions)

Kirchberger proposed adding a short-term rental definition to avoid future conflicts if a local STR law were to be adopted.

The Hague Zoning Board of Appeals voted to recommend adding the definition. The vote passed 3-2 (Navitsky and Barth-King).

The Hague Planning Board voted that it did not see a need to add a definition at this time, citing potential confusion. The motion did not pass 2-1 (Peterson).

This article was written by the editor of The Hague Chronicle from draft minutes of the Joint Meeting of the Hague Zoning Board of Appeals and the Hague Planning Board. ■

PLANNING BOARD - 12/4/2025

Present were Chairperson Sandra Powell, Deputy Chairperson Pamela Peterson, Alane Vogel, Henry Friedman, and Alternate Jami Jordan. Also present were Zoning Enforcement Officer (ZEO) Ed Kirchberger, Recording Secretary Kathy Santaniello, and applicant Traci Aloï.

The board reviewed a request from Aloï for a lot line adjustment involving three parcels at 42 Overbrook Road (43.5-1-12, 43.5-1-11.1, 43.5-1-13). Aloï said the adjustment would clean up boundary lines, create a more conforming lot size, and provide deeded road access to a landlocked parcel. The Maltese and Powell property owners have agreed to grant driveway access.

Because the proposal involves some of her property, Powell recused herself and Peterson presided. ZEO Kirchberger said SEQR review was required. The board completed the SEQR short form and issued a negative declaration; the vote passed 4-0. The board also determined that no public hearing was needed, finding the proposal clear and unlikely to impact neighboring properties; the vote passed 4-0. The lot line adjustment was approved contingent on compliance with Hague Town Code; the vote passed 4-0. Aloï said a mylar survey would be submitted for signing and filing with the Warren County Clerk.

The board continued discussion of proposed town code definition changes related to guest cottages and short-term rentals. Kirchberger reported that revised draft language had been received from the town attorneys, but noted that part of the most recent guest cottage draft was not correct and would need revision.

Board members expressed concern about advancing zoning changes before completion of the Hague Comprehensive Plan revision, citing resident priorities of lake protection and preservation of the town's character. Density, vegetation loss, stormwater runoff, and septic impacts were also discussed. Kirchberger said the proposed changes were intended as a temporary measure ahead of a broader code review.

Kirchberger reported that the public hearing scheduled for December 9, 2025 at the Hague Town Board meeting had been postponed, likely until January 2026. He added that proposed Section 160 definition changes must be reviewed by the Warren County Planning Board before a public hearing can be held, and that any town board action would then go to the Adirondack Park Agency.

PLANNING BOARD, CONT'D

The Planning Board adopted an advisory opinion recommending that the proposed guest cottage code change not be approved until the Comprehensive Plan revision is complete. The vote passed 5-0.

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



TOWN BOARD - 12/9/2025

Present were Supervisor Joshua Patchett and Board Members Jack Bast, Maureen Cherubini, Edna Frasier, and Lara Smith. No members were absent.

WELCOME GUESTS / PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Michele Gautreau addressed the board regarding the town's military banner program. She reviewed the program's origins, residency and service guidelines established in 2019, and the extensive volunteer work involved in contacting families listed on the Veterans Park monuments. Gautreau explained that Hague's banners are funded through the general fund, unlike neighboring communities where banners are fully family-funded. She raised concerns about expanding eligibility without guidelines, banner placement and maintenance, and confusion over decision-making authority. She thanked town staff and volunteers for their assistance and stated she would continue doing it for the time being.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

A public hearing was held on the Town of Hague Comprehensive Plan Update. No public comments were received. Board members discussed the importance of addressing priority items and coordinating with the Hague Planning Board, the Hague Zoning Board of Appeals, and the Adirondack Park Agency. Following completion of the SEQR process and a negative declaration, the town board adopted the Comprehensive Plan Update. A copy is available for review at the town clerk's office.

A continued public hearing was held for wastewater system variances for Thomas Yohanan, 279 Silver Bay Road. Concerns were raised regarding proximity to a brook and to Lake George. The board approved the variances with the condition that the design receive confirmation from Cedarwood Engineering.

A continued public hearing was also held for wastewater system variances for Sarah Pickert, 268 Silver Bay Road. The board approved the variances on the condition that the design be confirmed by Cedarwood Engineering and that it achieve maximum betterment.

A public hearing was opened and closed on code change recommendations from the Hague Zoning Enforcement Officer (ZEO) related to refuse. Concerns were discussed regarding enforcement and the practicality of trash can placement. The town board completed SEQR review with a negative declaration and indicated that language changes would be discussed further with the ZEO.

REGULAR COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Buildings and Grounds/Community

Center/Enhancement (Frasier): Frasier thanked Peggy and Mike Kowalsky for decorating the downtown bridge and reported coordination with the highway department on hanging holiday banners.

Personnel (Bast): Bast reported that Bookkeeper Oum Hilliard will be leaving town employment at the end of January 2026. Following interviews, Jonathan Jankoski, a Hague resident, was hired and will begin training in December. Bast also reported staffing updates at the transfer station and noted that applications remain open for a Hague Planning Board member and a Hague Zoning Board of Appeals alternate.

Planning/Zoning/Stormwater (Cherubini): Cherubini reported that the town board received the zoning report.

Recreation, Promotion, and Youth (Smith): Smith reported that the Hague Volunteer Fire Department will host the children's Christmas Party and Breakfast with Santa on December 13, 2025 from 9 am to noon.

Sewer Districts 1 and 2 (Smith): Smith reported that the plant is operating well and that the new pickup truck has arrived.

Town Park and Beautification (Smith): The town board approved removing tourism banners and replacing them with seasonal holiday banners.

School Advisory Committee (Bast): Bast reported continued efforts to obtain student enrollment data from the Ticonderoga Central School District through FOIL requests and an appeal with legal counsel. He encouraged residents to attend the December 16, 2025 school board meeting and noted an open position on the committee.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:

Patchett thanked the community for donations supporting the HVFD Children's Christmas Party and reported that fifty-four local children will receive gifts. He announced that the Hague Memorial Holiday Memory Tree will be located at the fire department, noted that the community center will be closed on 12-26-25, and reported that the 2026 Warren County tax rate for Hague has been set at \$3.227 per \$1,000 assessed.

NEW BUSINESS:

The town board approved year-end budget transfers, authorized payment for the wastewater treatment plant truck and purchase of a snowplow, adjusted the budget for children's Christmas gifts, scheduled the organizational meeting for January 6, 2026, scheduled a second public hearing on Zoning Enforcement Officer code change recommendations for January 13, 2026, authorized a FOIL appeal regarding school enrollment data, appointed Jonathan Jankoski as bookkeeper at an approved pay rate, and approved a resolution to refund \$300 short-term rental application fees.

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

ADIRONDAC BOAT BURNS

The tour boat *Adirondac* on Lake George, NY suffered a devastating fire on its top deck around 6:45 am on Monday, December 8, 2025, likely starting at the bow/pilot house, with significant damage sustained.

The *Adirondac* is a popular, turn-of-the-century style tour boat that provided years of service and memories for Lake George visitors. Investigations into the cause of the fire are continuing. ▣



Photo courtesy of Glens Falls Chronicle



TOP: Photo courtesy of Adirondack Daily Enterprise
BOTTOM: The *Adirondac* tour boat, prior to the fire

LGA MONITORS WATER

Throughout 2025, the Lake George Association's (LGA) science team collected nearly 300 water quality-related samples, conducted 1,000+ measurements and monitored over 20 locations across the Lake George watershed.

In addition to the Jefferson Project's sophisticated sensor network that generates 250,000 million data points annually, the LGA's science team's critical field work helps track nutrient and salt pollution, evaluate stormwater risks, and guides real-world solutions to protect Lake George water quality.

Click [HERE](#) to see a brief summary of this data and how it informs science-to-solutions initiatives.

Click [HERE](#) to support the LGA. ▣



Photo courtesy of the Lake George Association

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

Our submission deadline for Soundings, and all other articles, is 6 pm the 20th of each month, for inclusion in the following month's issue.

Please send to
editor@thehaguechronicle.org.

CHASES HOST BAY-BY-BAY EVENT

For Pam Chase, Lake George has long been the center of family life. Her connection began in the 1960s, when her family rented summer homes south of Bolton. Years later, that tradition became permanent with the purchase of a home on Black Point Road.

After Pam and her husband, Doug, married in the early 1970s, they spent much of each summer at the lake with family. Doug, raised at the Jersey Shore, quickly embraced lake life. Today, the Chases spend about six months of the year at their home in Glenburnie, joined throughout the summer by their four daughters and their families. A saying over the door captures the spirit of those gatherings: "The lake is where cousins come to make best friends."

Pam's involvement with the Lake George Association (LGA) grew

naturally from a shared desire to protect the lake. She noted that without protection, water quality declines and affects everything connected to the lake.

Pam and Doug recently hosted a Bay-by-Bay gathering at their Glenburnie home, featuring the LGA's Floating Classroom. Guests learned firsthand about water clarity, depth, movement, and plankton life — an experience Pam called both fun and educational.



She encourages other lake residents to consider hosting Bay-by-Bay events, emphasizing that each area of the 32-mile lake plays a role in protecting the whole and keeping Lake George "The Queen of American Lakes." ▣



Photo courtesy of Lynda Manyfeathers

LOOKING BACK

by Hague Historical Society Board Members
Shelly Gautreau and Nancy Young



ICE HARVESTING

Originally written by Nancy Young in February 2025

Beginning in the early 1800s, ice was harvested on lakes and ponds throughout the Adirondacks. Ice was a valuable commodity in those days before mechanical refrigeration made it possible to keep perishable food items cold throughout the year. The activity was referred to as a harvest because it involved the gathering of a cold weather "crop". Large operations such as the Lake George Ice Company would take as much as 20,000 tons out of Lake George in order to supply the Delaware and Hudson Railroad.

Closer to home, in the town of Hague, smaller crews toiled daily during the cold winter months to provide ice to local homes, hotels, and stores. Once the lake had frozen to a depth of at least ten to twelve inches, a work area was cleared. This was done in the early years with horses shod with cleated shoes called calks. The horses were attached to a scraper which cleared the area of accumulated snow and debris. By the 1920s, those horses were replaced with trucks.



Workmen used augers and saws to create a grid and then cut through the ice to create blocks. Each block was about twenty-two inches long and weighed between 250 and 300 pounds. After the block was cut, long-handled tools were used to maneuver the ice in the open water. Tongs allowed the men to pull the ice out of the water and onto a wagon or truck. Blocks were then scraped and smoothed in order to clean and make handling them easier. Once loaded onto a sleigh, the blocks of ice were transported to shore and then on to their final destination. Most homes, hotels and stores in the area maintained their own icehouses or large coolers.

A well-maintained icehouse could keep ice frozen for up to a year. For some though, a 6- or 7-foot hole in the ground, covered by boards, had to suffice. Sawdust provided insulation and kept perishable goods from spoiling. All of this required teamwork and was not without much risk to both the workers and their horses.

It's a good thing we no longer depend on the lake in such a way! Our changing climate has made it impossible. Ice conditions vary from year to

year and in some recent years the lake never froze at all.

For those of you who might be interested, the Lake George Association has been documenting dates regarding Lake George ice for over 100 years. You can read more [HERE](#). ▣

TI FESTIVAL GUILD OPENS "COLD BLOOMS SERIES"

The Ticonderoga Festival Guild will kick off its Cold Bloom Concert Series with a festive "Fasching German Night" on **Saturday, January 24, 2026**, at **5 pm**, at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Montcalm Street in Ticonderoga.

Fasching is a traditional pre-Lenten carnival celebrated in Germany with lively music, dancing, costumes, and plenty of food and beer.

The evening promises a rollicking, family-friendly dance and costume party featuring music by Fritz's Polka Band. A buffet dinner will be prepared by the Knights of Columbus and a cash bar will be available.

Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$10 for children and pre-registration is

required. More information and ticket reservations are available [HERE](#).

The Cold Bloom Concert Series will continue with several free community events throughout the winter and spring. Highlights include "Love Songs and Sweets" on **Friday, February 13th**, "Spring Sings" on **Friday, April 17th**, "Bluegrass Jam!" on **Wednesday, May 27th**, and "Opera Shots" on **Saturday, June 20th**. Full details about the series can be found [HERE](#).

The all-volunteer Ticonderoga Festival Guild is best known for its popular free Tuesday evening concerts held throughout the summer.



The guild also brings unique children's programming into local schools during the academic year and hosts free Wednesday morning concerts during the summer at the Knights of Columbus Pavilion. ▣

TICONDEROGA POLICE DEPARTMENT RELOCATES

The Town of Ticonderoga, in coordination with the Ticonderoga Area Chamber of Commerce (TACC), held a ribbon cutting ceremony on December 18, 2025, to celebrate the relocation of the Ticonderoga Police Department to its new home at 102 Race Track Road.

The relocation was completed through collaboration among town departments, community partners, volunteers, and town leadership, with donated furnishings and significant hands-on work helping to reduce costs.

Chief of Police Adam Hurlburt said the relocation marked an important step forward in public safety and community service, allowing officers to work more efficiently and continue building strong partnerships within the community.

Town Supervisor Mark Wright noted that the project addressed a long-standing need in a cost-effective manner and reflected what could be accomplished through teamwork and dedication.

Hudson Headwaters Health Network (HHHN), which had previously been in that building, relocated to 101 Adirondack Drive Suite 2, next to the hospital in Ticonderoga. ▣



SUPPORTING THE HAGUE CHRONICLE: You can make a tax-deductible donation to *The Hague Chronicle* any time **HERE**. Our all-volunteer staff thanks you for the encouragement and the support you provide! We couldn't do it without you!

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TICONDEROGA SCHOOL PLANETARIUM PROGRAM

On **Sunday, January 25, 2026 from 12 to 1 pm**, the community is invited to the Ticonderoga High School's planetarium presentation, *Almanacs, Astronomy, & Astrology*, which will include celestial events selected from the last 250 years of publications.

In celebration of the birth of our nation, the program will be coordinated with how astronomy, along with astrology, influenced the culture, mindset, and even some decision-making of the period more than many people realized.

Joe Defayette, Ticonderoga Jr./Sr. High School Earth Science teacher, will present the program that will focus on celestial events appearing in the Winter Adirondack sky through March 21st. The presentation will include sky chart handouts and a schedule of special viewing events.

Space is limited. To register, send an email [HERE](mailto:lindafuscophd@gmail.com) to lindafuscophd@gmail.com or call or text 914-380-2130. Please include the number of people you plan to bring, your email address, and your phone number. ▣

MASON/STAR PUBLIC DINNER

A ham and homemade macaroni and cheese 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, January 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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by dl mattila

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each silent snowfall
shows us how ▣

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ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS WE PRINT

CALENDAR

Jan 2026

JANUARY

1		The January issue of <i>The Hague Chronicle</i> published	19		MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY – town offices closed
		NEW YEAR'S DAY – town offices closed	20	6 pm	Deadline for the February issue of <i>The Hague Chronicle</i>
	6 pm	TCSD BoE Mtg.	24	5 pm	Ti Festival Guild "Fasching German Night"
8	6 pm	Hague Planning Board Mtg.	25	12 – 1 pm	Ti Planetarium Show
13	6 pm	Hague Town Board Mtg.	26	4:30 – 6 pm	Mason Star Dinner
15	6 pm	Hague Zoning Board of Appeals Mtg.			

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