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TOWN OF HAGUE NOISE LAW

The issue of noise regulations in The Town of Hague may soon be decided.

The Town Board appointed a committee to develop a noise ordinance, held public meetings and discussed the issue at Board meetings. They heard from some who do not want to see restrictions or feel that it would be directed to specific cases. However, they have also heard from many others - in different areas of Town - who need relief from what they have deemed to be excessive and unreasonable noise - from music, from dogs, and from unruly neighbors.

In a letter to *The Hague Chronicle*, Bruce Clark, Overbrook Road, said, "Laws only became necessary when neighbors quit being good neighbors." Clark pointed out that if "your 'good' neighbor were to sell or rent, you will have no protection." He further noted that without a noise law on the books, police or others cannot issue a citation because there is no statute for it.

At the August 12, 2008 Town Board meeting, the Board decided to give qualified voters the final voice by placing the issue on the ballot. At the general election on November 4, 2008, the voters will decide if the Town should enact a "Local Law Regulating Noise in the Town of Hague."

Voters may view the wording of the Local Noise Law on the Town website. Go to <townofhague.org> and click under "Vote November 4th".

Written copies of the law are available at the Community Center (543-6161).

SEWER DISTRICT #2 MOVES FORWARD

Bill Lamy, Superintendent of the Warren County Department of Public Works, which is overseeing the project, told *The Hague Chronicle* that approval has been received from the NYS Office of the Comptroller for the increased amount to be bonded for Sewer District #2 as well as the required EPA approval. The construction contract has been signed by AP Reale and will be reviewed by the County. This week there will be a pre-construction meeting to work on more specific planning.

Hague Superintendent Dan Belden has said he thinks AP Reale will start this fall and could be done as early as next July so that property owners can begin to get hooked up.

CITIZENS TASK FORCE ON SCHOOL TAXES

Hague property owner Bob Schwarz appeared for the third month in a row at this month's Town Board meeting to report on his Citizens Task Force investigating ways to make Ticonderoga and Hague's portion of school taxes more equitable. Three members of the committee met with Superintendent John McDonald and obtained a complete set of tax data since 1972. In 1979 Hague was paying 29% of the taxes and now it is 53% - over an 80% increase. Today Hague taxpayers pay more than 10 times as much in total school tax as Ticonderoga taxpayers.

He mentioned that 60 or so people have signed on as supporters of the Task Force. However, he notes that more fellow Hague property owners need to join in the cause either as just plain "supporters" or as members of the Task Force.

Mr. Schwarz says the cause is worth fighting for and he "truly believes (we) have a winning argument." He seeks more expert help from other sources to craft this winning argument. But most importantly he says, "(We) need just a little encouragement to continue this fight to reduce Hague's school taxes, say, before next year's school tax bill comes out."

He asks folks to mail him a postcard - with phone number and email address - to PO Box 704 in Hague or phone (518) 371-8018 or email <rschwarz7@nycap.rr.com> to sign on.

The Task Force meets next on Tuesday, October 28, 2008.

EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE!

US PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

NOVEMBER 4, 2008

6 am - 9 pm at the Community Center

**LOCAL LAW REGULATING
NOISE IN HAGUE**

will also be on the ballot.



HAGUE SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB

Beware of witches and goblins who might be on the loose at our Halloween luncheon on Tuesday, October 28, 2008 at 12 noon at the Community Center. The luncheon will be catered by The Hague Market and dessert will be home-made apple pies – made by our own members! Costumes are welcome although we won't be doing a parade this year. We do expect the Sleepy Hollow headless horseman as our "entertainment". See you there! Boo!

Our October 9th outing to The Shelburne Museum was a fun outing for the fifteen of us who went on what turned out to be a beautiful fall day. We lunched outdoors at the Museum Café and enjoyed the Museum's many interesting exhibits.

New members are always welcome -- come and join us on October 28.

FLU CLINIC

The Warren County Public Health nurses will be at the Hague Community Center on October 31, 2008 from 11 am to 1 pm for the annual flu & pneumonia vaccine clinic for adults. Seniors should bring their Medicare cards to the clinic. \$20 is requested for flu vaccine and \$36 for pneumonia vaccine, if not Medicare eligible.

HEATING HELP

On Wednesday, November 5, 2008 from noon to 1 pm, a representative from Warren County will be at the Community Center to help fill out applications for the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP).

HEAP, a federally funded program available to low-income New Yorkers, issues heating benefits to supplement a household's annual energy cost. HEAP also offers an emergency benefit for households in a heat or heat related energy emergency. Additionally, HEAP offers a furnace repair and/or replacement benefit for households with inoperable heating equipment.

SILVER BAY HAUNTED HOUSE

Silver Bay EMPs are staging their second haunted house in the home built for Silas Paine, Silver Bay's pre-YMCA owner. Program Director Carolyn Close said EMPs voluntarily design and man the haunted house for an upcoming conference and for the community.

The haunted house of Paine Hall will be open to all ages on Friday, October 24, 2008 from 7 pm - 9 pm. A kinder fright will be offered to younger children on Sunday, October 26, 2008 from 2 pm - 4 pm. Both these sessions are open to the public and will be preceded by Halloween crafts in The Store. ...from SBA October e-letter

HALLOWEEN FARMER'S MARKET

The Warrensburgh Riverfront Farmers' Market will end the season in the true spirit of Halloween on Friday, October 31, 2008.

From 3 to 6 pm our ghosts and goblins will be selling fresh, locally grown, raised and prepared foods, offering frightfully delicious samplings of food and drink, and presenting giveaways to all those market patrons who choose to dress up for the occasion. Bring your children and grandchildren for special terrifying treats and creepy craft activities. Come stand by the cauldron and enjoy a hot cup of "witches brew" and some devilish confectionery delights!

Follow the scarecrows to the edge of the Schroom river for a howling good time! Call 466-5497 if you are lost, confused or just need more information.

FISH & GAME HALLOWEEN PARTY

The Hague Fish & Game Club will be hosting a kids/youth Halloween Party on Saturday, November 1, 2008 from 2 - 5 pm at the Clubhouse on West Hague Road. Last year we revived this Hague tradition and we plan to have a "Spooky Clubhouse," plenty of games, candy, refreshments and fun for all.

Make plans now to attend this Great Hague Tradition.

FAMILY NIGHT

The Hague Baptist Church will sponsor "A FAMILY NIGHT" on Saturday, November 15th at 5 pm. Join us at the HVFD firehouse for fun, food and a family night. It is free and there will be a movie and fun for all ages.

THE HAGUE CHRONICLE is mailed out by volunteers on the Thursday after the third Tuesday of each month. The news deadline is six days earlier. Please send news or address corrections to Judy Stock at <HagueChronicle@nycap.rr.com>.

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The First United Methodist Church of Ticonderoga, 1045 Wicker Street, will hold its annual Public Election Day Dinner on Tuesday, November 4, 2008 in the Church's Fellowship Hall.

A turkey dinner with all the trimmings will be served in the dining room from 5 - 7 pm. Take out meals will be available from 4 - 5 pm only. The cost will be \$9.00 for adults and \$4.50 for children. Tickets will be available at the door.

HOLIDAY BAZAAR

The Episcopal Church of the Cross, 129 Champlain Avenue in Ticonderoga, will hold a Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, November 15, 2008 from 9 am to 2 pm in the Parish Hall.

The Bazaar will feature crafts, a cookie walk, jewelry, collectibles, books, toys and white elephant items. Raffle tickets will be sold for a chance to win a Turkey Basket, a Lottery Tree or a Holiday Hostess Basket.

Refreshments and luncheon will be available until 1 pm featuring michigans, homemade soup, chili and desserts at reasonable prices.

Proceeds will benefit the Church Steeple Restoration Fund.

AIRPORT ART GALLERY

Albany International Airport will celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Airport's Art & Culture Program with the opening of A Remarkable Past, Objects of Outlandish Purpose and Astonishing Configuration. The exhibition features twenty-five regional museums. The exhibition will run from October 4, 2008 to March 29, 2009 in the Airport gallery. This gallery is always a good place to visit while you are waiting for your flight.

There will be a public reception on Friday, October 24, 2008 from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm and parking will be validated. Participating museums include Adirondack Museum, Chapman Historical Museum and The Hyde Collection.

LARAC HOLIDAY SHOP

Over 60 regional artists and artisans will display their original work in LARAC's Annual Holiday Shop. The shop will open on November 15, 2008 and continue through December 24th. The hours are Mon.-Sat., 10 am-5 pm & Thurs. 10 am-7 pm (November 28 and December 24 10 am-3 pm).

Among the holiday gift ideas will be hand crafted jewelry, pottery, fine art, woodworking, candles and glass as well as books by area authors. There will be special discounts, prizes and refreshments during special event nights: Ladies Night-December 11, 4-8 pm & Men's Night-December 17, 4-8 pm.

For more information see <www.larac.org>.

Long time supportive (now Honorary) member of the Hague Fire Dept. Ethel Andrus recently presented a generous donation to our ambulance squad for which we are most grateful (see below).

Fire Police Captain Dave Snow and Donna Trudeau recently attended an all day training session on search and rescue held in Minerva and six members attended a meth lab information session in Glens Falls.

Our nominating committee will present a slate of nominees for vacancies in 2009 at our November meeting, to be voted on in December.

There were 16 fire and ambulance calls using 86 man hours in September.

On the sports scene, member and EMT. Jocelyn Fischer, playing first singles and doubles for the ACC women's tennis team, was undefeated in the regular season and finished second in regional play held recently at HVCC. Way to go, Jocelyn.

Hunting season is now upon us, so hunters and hikers should be cautious of one another in the area of hiking trails.

Joe McCranels

ANDRUS GIFT TO HVFD

On October 3, 2008 Ethel W. Andrus, former Hague Postmaster, Historian, and HVFD member made a generous donation to the Hague Volunteer Fire Department (HVFD) in honor of former Ambulance Captain, Gerry Boyd.

Gerry recently was honored by the Fire Department for his volunteer services to the Hague Community for over a half-century.

With thanks and appreciation, Captain Lu Megow accepted the gift from Ethel with a smile and a kiss at the Moses-Ludington Adult Home. Ethel had received a check from an old friend, Judith Seligman, and felt the best way to use it was in a gift to the HVFD.



Lu
Megow
and
Ethel
Andrus

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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - 9/ 25/08

Acting Chairman Glenn McKee and members Lindsay Mydlarz, George Ianson and Bill Pittman were present. Robert Goetsch and Martin Fitzgerald, II were absent and there is still one vacancy. The new Recording Secretary, Kim Coffin, was also present.

1. KOSSBIEL (12.14.-1-21) 9651 Lakeshore Dr (OC I)

The application for a variance and walkway was tabled as the requested survey has not been completed.

2. GUERRIER-HINTZE (25.2-1-28) 157 West Hague Road (OC-1)

The applicants would like to build an addition to an existing house and need a variance because it will be 44 ft from the brook which is less than the 50 ft shoreline setback requirement. However, it was noted that this addition will be farther from the brook than a trailer previously on the site which burned. The Board approved the request.

3. ANDES (43.13-1-38) 35 Bayberry Lane (TR-1)

The applicants would like to add a 959 sq. ft. partial second story (491 sq. ft. of living space) and a 12'x 15' deck to a non conforming house. The property is in Cape Cod Village and their committee has approved the plans. The application was deemed complete and a site visit date was set.

PLANNING BOARD - 10/2/08

Chairman EJ Siwek, Dick Frasier, Pam Peterson, Bruce Clark, John Brown and Martin Fitzgerald, Sr were present. Rolly Allen was absent.

CLARK (43.5-2-18, 19, & 20) 9015 Lakeshore Drive

The applicant is requesting a minor subdivision of three lots in the hamlet. If approved a total of 4 lots will be created.

RYPKEMA (24-1-2) 263 Summit Drive (OCI/OCII)

The applicant is applying for a two lot subdivision of a 200.23 Parcel. If approved Lot 1 will consist of 25.81 acres and Lot 2 will contain 174.42 acres. A 300 foot strip of land will provide access to Lot 2 from Summit Drive.

Public hearings on both subdivision requests will be held prior to the next regular meeting on November 6, 2008.

PETER HAVEN (43.13-1-7) 8828 Lakeshore Dr (TR-1)

The Board approved the plans to replace an existing 306 sq. ft. one story, storage & recreational building with a new 612 sq. ft. two story storage & recreational building. The building is a legal nonconforming structure due to the five foot setback from Lake George. The footprint will remain the same.

SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING - 9/16/08

Supervisor Dan Belden and members Mark Martucci, Rudy Meola and Dick Gladu were present. Edna Frasier was absent.

The Board met with an independent auditor, Richard Dinalfo. He will review the financial records of the tax collector, town clerk and justice. He will also evaluate the bidding process and review the billing procedures for the sewer districts. He will give the Town a model investment policy.

Representatives from Elan Planners were present with preliminary plans for the former American Legion building area, located at the corner of routes 9N and 8, which is being called Veterans Park. They were to prepare final plans in time for the October Board meeting.

SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING - 9/17/08

Supervisor Dan Belden and members Mark Martucci, Rudy Meola and Dick Gladu were present. Edna Frasier was absent.

The Board met with attorney Dominick Viscardi and approved a resolution to increase the maximum amount to be expended for Sewer District #2. The amount was raised from \$3,740,000 to \$6,550,000 and must be approved by the NYS Comptroller.

SPECIAL TOWN BOARD HEARING - 9/30/08

Supervisor Dan Belden and members Edna Frasier, Mark Martucci, Rudy Meola and Dick Gladu were present. Also present were attorney Dominick Viscardi, Warren County engineer Bill Lamy and Robert Hafner, Bond Counsel.

This Public Hearing was for any comments on the proposed increased spending on Sewer District #2. A letter was mailed to each property owner in the district indicating their individual anticipated costs. The public hearing was held open until October 10th for additional comments.

The public hearing was closed and a special meeting of the Board was opened to discuss a letter from The Firehouse Restaurant requesting a waiver from the Board. Persons who bought liquor at the restaurant took it outside which is against the law. Councilman Dick Gladu said that the Planning Board will be discussing the issue of the conditions put on the restaurant when approval was originally given.

SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING - 10/6/08

Supervisor Dan Belden and members Edna Frasier, Mark Martucci, Rudy Meola and Dick Gladu were all present to discuss the budget and an approach for insurance and pay increases.

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SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING - 10/8/08

Supervisor Dan Belden and members Edna Frasier, Mark Martucci, Rudy Meola and Dick Gladu were all present to continue discussing the 2009 budget. They decided that the elected officials of Supervisor, Town Board and Highway Superintendent would stay at their current salaries. Other employees will get a 3% raise.

Supervisor Belden stated that the rent will increase for the sewer districts for 2009.

The Board agreed to participate in the latest Lakes to Locks Passage promotion.

TOWN BOARD MEETING - 10/14/08

Supervisor Dan Belden and members Edna Frasier, Mark Martucci, Rudy Meola and Dick Gladu were all present.

A moment of silence was held for: Beatrice Frasier, Gladys Dunklee Drake and Henry Summa.

Public comments:

Hague property owner, Bob Schwarz appeared for the 3rd month in a row to report on his school tax reduction task force. (See article on page 1).

Committee Reports:

Assessor/Justice - Councilman Gladu reported that Assessor Dave Martucci is in the process of updating the inventory. The Board discussed a letter from the county on a possible county-wide takeover of the assessment process. It does not address the problem when a school district gets financing from 2 counties such as ours.

Buildings & Grounds/CC - Once again there was a discussion of work that is necessary at the Community Center. We look forward to that actually happening and all projects completed.

Enhancement Committee - The report has not been received yet from Elan Planners as noted in the September 16th meeting.

Fire Dept - The Board has included the 11% increase requested by the Fire Department in the budget for 2009 which covers everything they need to be financially sound. Councilman Gladu noted that it will amount to only about \$6 per year on a \$100,000 house.

Highway - There was discussion about accountability and additional work that needs to be done by the department. Superintendent Don Smith was not in attendance.

Personnel - There are candidates for the vacancy on the Zoning Board of Appeals and the committee will try to get recommendations to the Board so they can act at the next budget meeting on Friday.

Museum & Historian - Councilwoman Frasier told the Board that the Hague Historical Society had a wonderful program on Memorabilia from Hague. She characterized it as one of the best programs they have had. While the turnout was good, "it would be nice to see twice as many people," she said.

Planning/Zoning/Stormwater - In ZEO Clark's written report to the Board, she noted that an APA Map Amendment for Decker Hill Road was approved. She noted that because a map amendment was requested instead of the original rezoning of the area, the Town saved thousands of dollars which would have been spent on an Environmental Assessment.

Councilman Gladu reported that the committee looking into rental regulations in the zoning code met and went through 38 pages of proposals. Rentals are approved in all zoned areas. He has prepared a summary for the Board to look at so that it can be finalized before the end of the year.

Recreation/Promotion & Youth - Councilman Meola acknowledged *The Gallery at Hague Creek* as a great addition to the town and its promotion. Mr. Meola will chair a committee to plan for a Town Christmas party.

Councilman Gladu reported that the Town of Hague website, <townofhague.org>, receives about 2800 hits (visits to the site) per month.

Sewer District #1 & #2 - Supervisor Belden reported receiving phone calls from individuals in all the areas in Sewer District #2. The general opinion was to "go ahead and get it done." (See article on page 1 for additional information on the sewer.)

Town Park - Councilman Meola reported that \$3893 in launch fees have been collected.

The restroom will close on the 20th.

Transfer Station - Councilmen Martucci and Gladu will start working on plans for the transfer station contract so that the information will be ready by January 1st.

Under other business the Board passed several resolutions to transfer and expend funds as needed and set a date of November 3, 2008 for a public hearing on the 2009 budget.

Under the Supervisor's Report, Mr. Belden said that, in a somewhat controversial action, the Warren County Board of Supervisors is considering changing the operation of the Warren County Airport so that more small jets will land there.

BUDGET HEARING

A public hearing on the Town of Hague 2009 Budget will be held at the Community Center on Monday, November 3, 2008 at 6:30 pm.

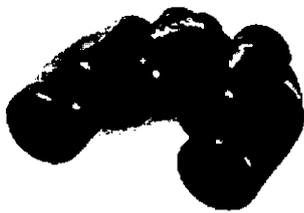
Once again the sales tax received from Warren County will be the main source of revenue for the Town of Hague. An estimated \$510,000 in sales tax, combined with \$45,000 from mortgages taxes, \$45,000 from interest, \$32,000 in occupancy tax, \$25,000 payment in lieu of taxes from the Silver Bay YMCA of the ADKs along with other smaller amounts such as fines, permits and state aid are sufficient income to cover expenses so there will be no general Town taxes.

The Highway Department, budgeted separately, counts on revenue of \$300,000 in sales tax and over \$300,000 in various state monies (ex. aid and plowing state highways) to offset expenses.

The HVFD will receive appropriations of \$252,305 which will be raised from taxes to aid their expenses.

The Town Board has voted to leave an additional \$300,000 in expected sales tax income at the County. It will be used to help reduce county taxes for Hague taxpayers.

Looking Back



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Researched by the Hague Historical Society and excerpted from a "Nostalgia" column in the April 1976 issue of *The Hague Chronicle*.

"Mrs. Dorothy Goodfellow writes from Pittsburgh. 'My December issue has just arrived and various aspects of our old neighbor Mr. Spelman's life were of great interest to me. I remember well when Mr. Spelman was first a guest in the Watts home when I was a child.

'My sister Ruth (Mrs. M. E. Auerbach) and I, as well as my two brothers Henry and John (Watts), were students at the Silver Bay School. My father, fearing lest we not be properly prepared for high school at our local one-room rural school (District No. 2 on the Split Rock Road) entered us in a small school run as an adjunct to the preparatory school for boys (Silver Bay). It was held in the room below the library building, but the classes, taught by the teachers of the preparatory school, met all over the campus. Here in the seventh and eighth grades I had several splendid teachers, including Mr. Martin for English. Their instruction enabled my sister and me to obtain high Regent's Examination marks and to enter Ticonderoga High School with algebra and beginner's latin tucked under our academic belts. Mrs. Michener taught us art, I recall.'"

(Note: Mrs. Goodfellow is the author of "Growing up Wild" which is available for reading in the Hague Historical Museum. Her sister, Ethel Watts Andrus, is our Town Historian Emerita.)

TOWN ELECTIONS IN 1930

Jerry Crammond, Town Historian, is in the process of reviewing old town records. He reports the following which he recently found about a Town election that took place on November 7, 1930.

The following individuals were elected: Supervisor, Richard J. Bolton, Town Clerk, William Keenan, Justices of the Peace, Michael Tobin and H.C. Carpenter. John McKee was elected Superintendent of Highways, Rolland DeLarm, Assessor for 4 years and Alfred Lamb Assessor for 2 years. Elected Collector was Amy Fitzgerald, Cemetery Trustee, Alvah Richmond and Myra Elthorp as School Director. The records indicate a nice mix of both Republicans and Democrats.

During the same election there were four "Questions" put to the voters having to-do with the "sale of alcoholic beverages at retail". It seemed to be directed mostly to the local guest houses and hotels. They all passed unanimously.

SUGGESTED HEATING TIPS

- ◊ Hear are some conservation tips from the Cornell Cooperative Extension:
- ◊ Install a programmable thermostat that will automatically lower heat at night.
- ◊ Keep furniture at least 3 feet away from radiators and heating registers.
- ◊ Make sure your furnace gets a professional tune-up once a year.
- ◊ During each 24-hour period, you will save about 3% on your heating bill for every 1 degree you lower the setting.
- ◊ Keep blinds and curtains open during the day to let the sun naturally heat your home
- ◊ Close blinds, shades and curtains at night to help keep the heat in.



EDITORIAL COMMENT

Each month I report on happenings at Town Board meetings that are of interest or importance to our readers - an act not without its frustrations. With multiple meetings - some on short or no notice - I sometimes have to rely on the minutes or comments from others. (For the official Town Board minutes you can get a hard copy from Town Clerk Debbie Manning or they are posted online after approval.)

While individual Board members are hardworking - and worth much more than the compensation they budget for themselves - as a group they could function much better. Greater leadership is needed for sufficient planning, improved communication and a more cohesive direction toward mutually stated goals.

Before Town Board elections next fall, attendance at Town Board meetings can give residents a better sense of how Hague's elected officials are paying attention to their responsibilities. ... JS

~SOUNDINGS~

BORN: A daughter, Margaret Caroline Barth, on August 1, 2008 to Doctors Chip Barth and Suzanne LeFebvre Barth of New Milford, CT. "Maggie" joins siblings Rachel and Gregory Barth. Grandparents are Jack and Betty Barth of Hague and Viera, FL, and Spike LeFebvre of Plymouth, MA.

BORN: Twins, a girl, Isabella Stillwell and a boy, Maxx Benjamin on August 4, 2008 in Mt. Sinai Hospital, Manhattan to Laura Lee and Tom Yohanan. They join big sister, Madison, 1 1/2. Grandparents are long time Silver Bay summer residents, Ralph and Julia Ketcham.

BORN: Samuel Grantham Engler on August 29, 2008 to Steve and Liza Engler of Watertown, MA. Samuel is the grandson of Enid and Ken Engler of Ticonderoga and Forest Bay, Hague.

BORN: A son, Oliver Carney Johnson, on September 8, 2008, to Megan Carney and Joel Johnson of Dover, NH, and Hague. Grandparents are Peter and Peggy Carney of Brackney, PA, and Hague, and Mark and Nancy Johnson, currently residing in Germany. Great grandfather is John K. Carney of Queensbury, formerly of Sabbath Day Point.

DIED: John Graham Michael on September 7, 2008 in West Chester, PA. Graham was a long-time summer resident of Friends Point and a member of the Northern Lake George Yacht Club. He is survived by his three daughters, Deborah Graham of Seattle, WA, Lindell Michael of Sammamish, WA and Susan Rogers of West Chester, PA and their families including nine grandchildren.

DIED Henry Summa, at his home in Santa Fe, New Mexico, on September 27, 2008. Henry was a glass blower by profession and during the summer, as an avid tennis player, he was the head of the NLGYC Tennis Committee. He is survived by his wife, Amy Spencer Summa (daughter of Heidi and Peter Spencer of Hague and Cleveland, Ohio) and his children Olivia and Spencer.

DIED: Beatrice Evelyn Frasier, 82, on October 1, 2008, at the home of her daughter, Claudia Watts in St. Helena Island, SC. She was born in Hague and was one of many children of the late Benajah and Bertha (Spaulding) Robbins. She is also survived by seven grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

Bea was very active in the community including the American Red Cross, the Hague Chamber of Commerce, the Hague Senior Citizens Club and was a former Girl Scout leader and polling officer. She was a local artist and one of her paintings hangs in the Hague Community Center.

PAINE ROAD CLOSING
Paine Road in Silver Bay will be closed for the 24 hour period of 7 am on Saturday, November 15th to 7 am on Sunday, November 16th.

LOCAL ART CLASSES

Artist Richard Stout, whose paintings have hung locally in The Firehouse Restaurant and The Gallery at Hague Creek, is now teaching painting upstairs at the Firehouse Restaurant. Classes in both painting and drawing are now being offered.

Anyone interested in more information can email Richard at <RHStout816@aol.com> or call 543-8884.

NEW PROPERTY SERVICES

Dave Busick is now doing caretaking and property maintenance in Hague. His services include lawns, camp winterization and odd jobs.

Anyone interested can call Dave at 543-6336.

BIRTHDAY MILESTONE



The Hague Senior Citizens Club recently wished Happy 90th Birthday to Blanche Hanna and Dolly Kennedy.



Ritchie & Sandy Testa Vicky Stewart, Steve Ramant, Pat McDonough, Kathi Ramant
(FL guests of the Ramants)

Work
Session
at the
Hague
Heritage
Cemetery



Ray Snyder, Pam & Myles Peterson, Gale & Jules Halm

HAGUE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Nearly fifty Society members and friends joined us for our recent "Sharing Memorabilia" evening. Some of the many interesting presentations gave information about the local dairies, an 18,000 year old gold coin, local photographer Flora Sexton, the Trout House, the original location of Camp Mohican, and many other items of interest to history buffs and those growing up in Hague.

True to our word, the Historical Society sponsored a second work session in the Hague Heritage Cemetery on Tuesday, October 7. This time, in addition to our rakes and other tools, our members came with plants to add to the graveyard. We added some day lilies, lamb's ears, and forget-me-nots which we hope will bloom next spring and then spread in the seasons to come.

If you're starting your Christmas shopping early, don't forget our note cards - both the Robert M. Decker painting of Lake George and the four seasons photographs from the Museum's collection are still available at Juniper's, The Silver Bay General Store, and at the Community Center from Bertha Dunsmore. If you're out of town, call Pat McDonough at 543-6725 and we'll mail them to you for a small postage fee. As always, we appreciate your support.

NEW TRAIL GUIDE

Roger Fulton, who presented a program on the French and Indian Wars in 2007 for the Hague Historical Society, has published another in his series of outdoor guidebooks. He and co-author Michael Carpenter spent an entire winter exploring snowy trails in the Lake George Region on both cross country skis and snowshoes. They describe 25 of the best trails for exploring.

For more information go to <www.RogerFulton.com/ecotours/NYBooks/NYTrailGuides.htm>

BURDICK SPOTLIGHT

Stan Burdick, one of the three founders of the Northern Lake George Rotary Club, has been featured in the October issue of the internationally circulated *Rotarian* magazine. He was cited for his "volunteer work and commitment to the community."

In addition to his work with Rotary, Stan is the founder and director of the Ticonderoga Caroon Museum which showcases cartoons from his extensive collection. He also volunteers his talents to *The Hague Chronicle* with his monthly "Hague Happenings."

Stan and his wife, Cathie, Director of the Ticonderoga Festival Guild, retired to Silver Bay and later moved to Ticonderoga. Stan returns to Silver Bay each Tuesday morning at 7:30 am for the local Rotary Club breakfast and meeting.



NATURE NEWS

by Nancy Wotton Scarzello

ENJOYING OUR NATURAL WORLD

This morning I watched a gray squirrel put aside food for the winter. He took several short hops across the lawn below the window where I stood, an acorn clenched between his teeth. With each hop he paused and scratched the earth with his front paws a few times, then hopped ahead and repeated the routine. After several attempts, he found a place that suited him and he kept digging there until I saw him jam the acorn deep into the hole. He then pulled the soil in to cover the acorn and patted it down firmly with his front paws. As a final gesture he fluffed the grass over the top as if to disguise the cache. I could have read about this behavior ten times but I never would have been able to hold this image in my mind ~ and really know it as I do, now that I have observed it for myself.

I can't count the number of times people have asked me how I "know about all this stuff" that I write about. And each time I am surprised to find myself feeling like they are expecting me to reply that I have a PhD in something or other and that it took many years of careful research to accumulate such knowledge. Guess what? Surprise!!!

Everything that I know, you have access to as well! And the secret ingredient is: Experience, and not being afraid to ask questions arising from those experiences. I spend a lot of time outdoors. This is where I take care of myself on many different levels. Aside from the obvious physical benefits of exercising in the fresh air, there are opportunities for deep emotional healing and mental clarity, opportunities to de-stress and de-program from the modern world. And opportunities to observe and connect with Nature like I did with the squirrel this morning.

It's those times that I may find myself wondering more about that experience and the questions that arise will often catapult me into researching and discovering more. I like field guides for facts and figures and identification. I read them like novels and have guides on plants, medicinal plants, ferns, trees, mushrooms, mammals, birds, shells, rocks, tracks...but the books I love to turn to are written by those who experienced it deeply, those who lived it and observed it for what it was without preconceptions. Muir, Thoreau, Emerson, Burroughs. More contemporary writers like Tom Brown, Jr. with his book on "Nature Observations" and Bern Heinrich who has written a delightful book, "Mind of the Raven" and Robert Bly's "The Winged Life: The Poetic Voice of Henry David Thoreau" are some favorites now.

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Nothing compares to direct, personal experience. I recently attended a weekend conference on "The Sacred Teachings of Plants". I participated in several workshops, and each of the internationally acclaimed teacher/presenters emphasized the message: "Anyone can do this, it is not a secret, it is accessible to all of us."

Communication with the natural world is a natural occurrence that requires little more than a willingness to listen. It takes a commitment to practice this though, and many of us are sorely out of practice in our relationship with Nature. In Richard Louv's book, "Last Child in the Woods: Saving our Children from Nature Deficit Disorder" he asks a group of children where they would prefer to play ~ indoors or outdoors ~ and gets the answer from more than one... "Indoors, because that's where all the outlets are."

Let us be accountable and lead by our example, even if it is to walk down by the water or sit under a tree for half an hour...see the difference in yourself ~ it's contagious and you may be surprised at what you discover about what you know and who you find traveling with you. I'll see you out there ~ love the company!

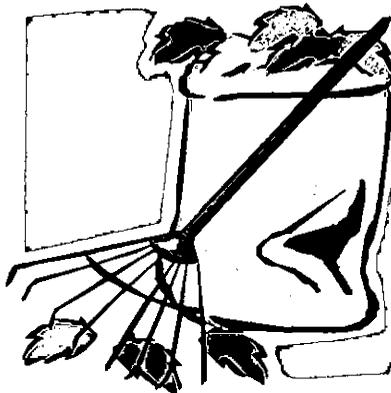
WEATHER NOTES

by JoAnne DeFranco

Weather Notes September 15- October 19, 2008

Our great fall weather and spectacular color change have made up for the rainy summer season!

Columbus Day holiday weekend was perfect. Temperatures were 70 degrees+ and the leaves were at their peak color change around the Lake. There were just enough docks left in on the Lake George islands to make a picnic on the lake the best place to be on October 10-13. Water temperature was at 60 degrees so even a quick swim was possible. Leaf color in the entire region is brilliant- vivid reds, bright oranges and yellow contrast with the deep green of the pines and hemlocks. Our mountainsides are alive with color. The abundant rain of 2008 and mild winter of 2007 probably contributed to the vibrant color our trees have displayed. Whatever...., get out and enjoy it because the leaves are rapidly dropping to the ground.



Daylight is fading also with sunrise at 7:11 am and sunset at 6:07 pm. The year to date rainfall is 37" compared to 34" at this time last year (2007). Rainfall for October is at 1.2". We have had several light frosts on September 18, Oct 6 and 7. The nights of October 17, 18, 19, we had heavy frost with temperatures dipping down to 25 - 28 degrees.

A week by week temperature summary is as follows:
Sept 15 - 25: Sunny and pleasant, in the low 70's.
Sept 26 - Oct 3: Periods of clouds and rain as Hurricane Kyle passed by. Cool in the mid 60's.
Oct 4 - 6: Clouds and sunny periods but chilly in the 50's
Oct 9 - 15: Sunny and warm 65-70 and peak leaf color.
Oct 16: A cold rainy day!
Oct 17 -19: Autumn chill in the air/some sun. Low 50's - high 40's with heavy frost.

October - November 2008

October

23 7 pm Zoning Board of Appeals
 24 7 - 9 pm Silver Bay Haunted House (p. 2)
 28 noon Senior Club Halloween Lunch (p. 2)
 31 HAPPY HALLOWEEN
 31 11 am - 1 pm Warren Co Flu Clinic (p. 2)

November

1 3 - 6 pm Fish & Game Halloween Party (p. 2)
 3 6:30 pm 2009 Town Budget Hearing (p. 1)
 4 6 am - 9 pm General Election -VOTE
 5 noon - 1 pm HEAP representative (p. 2)
 6 7 pm Planning Board
 10-11 Ticonderoga schools closed
 11 VETERANS DAY
 11 6:30 pm Town Board
 14 Deadline for news for next issue
 15 5 pm Baptist Church Family Night (p. 2)
 20 Next *Hague Chronicle* mailed
 20 7 pm Zoning Board of Appeals

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TOWN OF HAGUE 2009 BUDGET				
	Budgeted	Less Estimated	Less Balance	=To be
FUND	Expenditures	Revenue	Carryover	Raised by Tax
General Fund	\$715,313	\$654,300	\$61,013	\$0
Highway Fund	\$684,925	\$635,300	\$49,625	\$0
Highway Fund F	\$188,873	\$101,200	\$87,673	\$0
Capital Fund Im	\$410,000	\$5,000	\$405,000	\$0
Streetscape pla	\$335,000	\$7,000	\$328,000	\$0
Occupancy Tax	\$35,150	\$32,150	\$3,000	\$0
subtotals	\$2,369,261	\$1,434,950	\$934,311	\$0
Special Districts:				
Street lights	\$10,600	\$200	\$300	\$10,100
Fire/Ambulance	\$252,305	\$2,500	\$1,400	\$248,405
Sewer District	\$115,350	\$115,350	\$0	\$0
Sewer District	64670	\$64,670	\$0	\$0
totals	\$2,747,516	\$1,553,000	\$936,011	\$258,505
tax rates	assessed value	2009 levy	rate	tax per \$100K
Townwide	\$436,099,021	\$0	0.0000	\$0
Streetlight	\$39,550,773	\$10,100	0.2554	\$26
Fire/Ambul	\$439,928,840	\$248,405	0.5646	\$56

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