



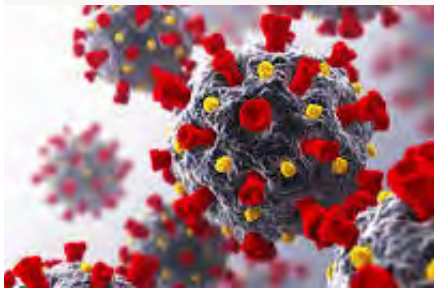
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COVID-19 UPDATE

As of October 12, 2021:



All NY residents need to wear a mask or face covering when in situations where they are unable to socially distance.

LOCATION	CASES	DEATHS
Worldwide	238,389,534	4,859,948
US	44,456,935	714,065
NYS	2,480,082	55,749
Warren County	5,141	81
Essex County	2,150	31

Sources:

— <https://www.statnews.com/2020/03/26/covid-19-tracker>

— Additional source statistics can be found [HERE](#) and [HERE](#)

Local resources during COVID-19:

Warren County Public Health –
518-761-6580

Mental Health Assistance –
518-792-7143

Domestic Violence Assistance –
518-793-9496

State COVID-19 Hotline –
1-888-364-3065

MEET HAGUE'S NEW ZEO – MATTHEW MAGEE

by Ginger Henry
Kuenzel

Hague's new Zoning Enforcement Officer (ZEO), Matthew Magee, has been on the job since the beginning of September 2021. His interest in real property stems from working in his family business, Mountain Abstract, a full-service title company in Chestertown. Matthew is also the ZEO in Horicon, spending half his time there and half in Hague.

"I've always been interested in property – for instance, researching property history, property rights, and what people can and can't do with their property," he said in a recent interview with *The Hague Chronicle*. He is already deeply immersed in learning all the various aspects of the job, with the help of former ZEO Cathy Clark. "Cathy has a tremendous amount of experience and has been a huge help in guiding me through what I need to know to get up to speed," he said.

Matthew likens his role to that of an air traffic controller, guiding people through all they need to know and understand when doing either new construction or an addition. He urges anyone who is considering this kind of project to make an appointment to speak with him very early in the project. That way, he explained, he can help them understand the codes,



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MEET MEAGHAN CLONAN – CANDIDATE FOR TOWN CLERK

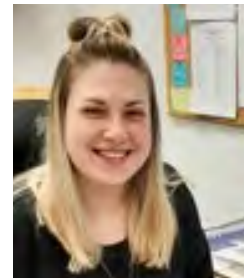
by Ginger Henry
Kuenzel

Meaghan Clonan was appointed town clerk by the Hague Town Board earlier this year to fill the open position.

To continue in the role, Meaghan must now be elected by Hague voters. She is running unopposed, but due to an administrative error, Meaghan's name is not printed on the November ballot. This means that voters will need to write in her name – *with the correct spelling* – in the appropriate place on the ballot in order for her to be duly elected. (See sample ballot, on the bottom of page 2.)

We spoke with Meaghan recently to learn more about her background and why she's excited to serve as our town clerk. As seasonal residents of Hague for a number of years, she and her husband, Tom, had frequently considered moving to Hague full-time, but it wasn't until COVID-19 hit and their son Quinn was born earlier this year that they decided to leave the Bronx and settle into the simpler life of the North Country.

With a background in fine arts, Meaghan has worked as a teacher's aide and as the art coordinator for disenfranchised youth, a job she said she loved because it gave her a chance to help these kids find joy through their own creativity.



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SENIOR CLUB NEWS

by Pat Hintze

I would like to give a big shout out and a thank you to the town, the board, the residents, the visitors, and, of course, the club members for a successful Senior View Café during this year's Americade. We enjoyed serving you all.

Our Halloween Party will be on October 26, 2021 at noon at the Hague Community Center. The theme is a Luau, so bring your favorite Luau dish to share.

November 4th will be game night at Maureen Cherubini's at 6:30 pm, so come on out and join the fun. Our November 16th meeting will be at 1:30 pm and we will be playing Bingo, so bring a small gift to share.

November 18th will be one of the club's favorite trips: we're going to the Christmas Tree Shop and enjoying lunch out. ■



HVFD

by Meg Haskell

For the month of September, we had 14 fire calls and drills, two marine calls, and seven EMS calls, totaling over 100 volunteer hours.

We would like to thank all who stopped by and supported our annual garage sale. It was a great turnout!

We will be having "Trunk or Treat" on October 30, 2021 from 3 – 5 pm at the firehouse. We will have lots of goodies to hand out – we hope to see a lot of trick or treaters! ■



NEW ZEO, CONTINUED

answer their questions and work with them to find an alternative if any part of their original plans isn't permitted under town code. "I'm here to guide people through the regulations and help find solutions," he said.

Although some might bristle at the idea of having to get approvals for building projects, Hague's zoning laws serve the purpose of helping to preserve the character of the town.

Matthew also emphasized that final decisions – for instance on variances – rest not with him, but with the Hague Planning Board and the Hague Zoning Board of Appeals, whose members are appointed by the Hague Town Board.

Matthew has a bachelor's degree in Fine Arts. His tastes in music are very broad. He originally performed as an opera singer, but these days is more likely to be found playing piano and singing the music of the Grateful Dead.

Matthew lives in Chestertown and has a nearly three-year-old son whose name is Wolfgang. Three guesses who he was named after!

Matthew's office hours are by appointment only: Tuesday and Thursday 8 am - 4 pm and Wednesday 8 am - noon. He can be reached at zoning@townofhague.org or by calling 518-543-6161, ext. 14. ■

TOWN CLERK, CONTINUED

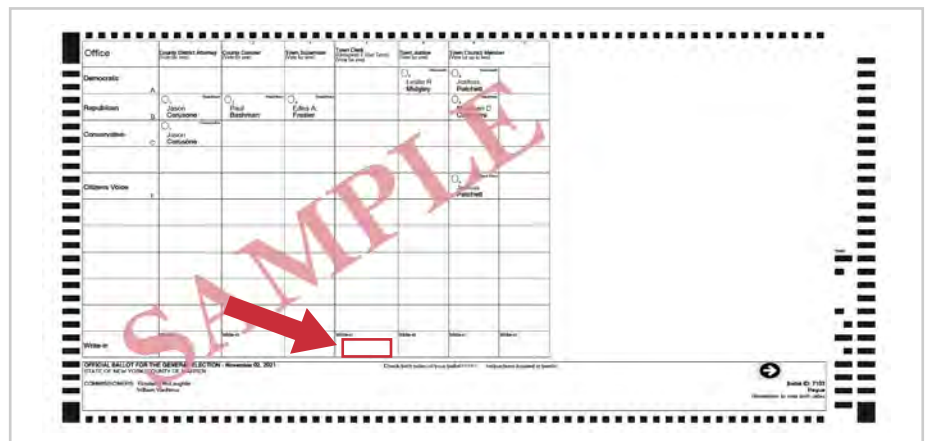
But, Meghan also has experience that is more directly related to the duties of the town clerk. She worked for Cogency Global, helping non-profits meet the complex registration requirements in the states in which they wish to solicit donations from the public. The level of detail and organizational talent required in this position trained her well in many of the skills required of a town clerk.

Meaghan said that she is finding the office to be very well organized thanks to her predecessor and she is excited to be learning all the different aspects of the job. "My goal is to acclimate myself to the position and the way things are done rather than making changes right

away," she said. Eventually she'd like to explore ways to make it even easier for residents to do business with the town, for instance, by offering the option of doing some of that business online as well as in person.

Meaghan can be reached at 518-543-6161, ext. 13 or via email at townclerk@townofhague.org. To view her office hours and other information about services provided by the town clerk, visit <https://townofhague.org/departments/town-clerk/>.

Kudos to Nancy Young, who has extensive experience as town clerk and deputy town clerk, and who has been helping Meaghan transition into the job. ■



Above is a sample ballot. Due to an administrative error, Meaghan's name is not printed on it. Voters will need to write in her name – with the correct spelling – in the appropriate place on the ballot in order for her to be duly elected.

LEADING BY EXAMPLE TO PROTECT OUR LAKE: DEFRANCO LANDSCAPING

When Tony DeFranco returned to his hometown of Hague in 2010 to manage his family's longtime landscaping business, his goal was not only to help homeowners and businesses beautify their properties, but to protect Lake George while doing so.

Eleven years later and four years after Tony purchased the business, DeFranco Landscaping is recognized across the region for leading by example in environmentally-conscious and sustainable design and management, with a particular emphasis on stormwater measures and green infrastructure. It's a commitment he says that was started by his parents, David and JoAnne more than 30 years ago and was instilled in him as a child.

Tony holds a civil engineering degree, with a concentration in environmental engineering from Clarkson University and he operates a companion engineering consulting firm.

"We don't take anything lightly when it comes to working on Lake George. We know that every drop of water ends up in the lake eventually. Our customers are trusting that we're going to do the right thing for the lake."

Tony calls the pressures on the lake's water quality today "relentless," primarily stemming from large volumes of stormwater eroding the shoreline and washing nutrients and other contaminants from paved areas and lawns into the lake. Stormwater also exacerbates septic system pollution, he says, as heavy rains that infiltrate and elevate the groundwater table can overwhelm a drainage field's

ability to keep nutrients and pollutants from entering the lake.

In recent years, Tony says, he's seen an increasing interest in water quality protection among his customers, particularly those with lakefront properties that have been handed down from generation to generation. But he still sees significant room for improvement throughout the watershed.

"It's human nature," Tony says. "You want to live on the lake, you buy a property, and you want to build this nice house with four or five bedrooms. But, some of these lots just can't handle that amount of development."

Whether it's new construction or the modernization of a long-time family home, Tony says he strives to help his customers understand how the development of their property, inside and out, will impact the lake's water quality and how engineered landscaping elements like rain gardens, pocket ponds, permeable pavers, vegetative swales, and shoreline buffers made from native trees and shrubs can both beautify the property's appearance and dramatically improve its environmental performance.

"We start by asking, 'How can we make this property the best it can be with the resources the client has?'" Tony says. "We try to work with them to go above and beyond the regulations because it's the right thing to do."

This commitment to lake protection on the part of the DeFranco family and their team was recognized by The FUND for Lake George (now the Lake George Association) in 2017 with its presentation of the Irving Langmuir Award for excellence in Low-Impact Development practices. In 2010, the Lake George Watershed Coalition



honored the family with the Frank Leonbruno Memorial Lake Stewardship Award for the use of native plants in their landscape designs.

Tony says he first developed his love of Lake George as a child, swimming and boating from 50 feet of beloved lake frontage owned by his grandparents. After his junior year at Clarkson, he spent the summer working as a laboratory assistant at RPI's Darrin Freshwater Institute in Bolton Landing, collecting and testing water samples. That's where he says he truly gained an appreciation of the complex challenges facing the lake and began thinking about how he could play a role in solving them.

Fourteen years after beginning his professional engineering career, the lure of the clean, clear water brought Tony home, with the future of the lake in mind. His businesses have been protecting the lake, one shorefront property at a time, ever since.

"The retention time in Lake George is approximately seven years, so it takes a drop of water that enters the lake seven years before it flows over the LaChute River," he says. "The impacts of what happens today, we'll see years from now. What we're doing right now...it's not for you or me, it's for future generations."

Adapted from a press release by the Lake George Association ■

TRANSFER STATION CHANGES

The Town of Hague is in the process of making changes at the transfer station. There have been changes made to the traffic flow and some of the containers have been moved. There is signage to help residents put items in the right bins.

The cooperation of the residents would be appreciated as the town works to make the transfer station more functional and to keep it operating. For more information, call 518-543-6161 or go to www.townofhague.org.

PLANNING BOARD - 10/07/2021

Chairman Dick Frasier, Board Members Judy Gourley, Meg Haskell, Pam Peterson, and Alternate Cathy Clark were present. Martin Fitzgerald, Sr. was absent.

TONER (26.6-1-17) 4 Forest Bay Road N (TR-1 R)

The applicants would like to demolish a legal non-conforming single-story structure and, in its place, build a new two-story structure on the same footprint. The existing structure is within 100 feet of the Mean High Water Mark, requiring planning board approval. Approximately 444 sq. ft. of proposed new deck is within the 50' shoreline setback, requiring a referral to the zoning board of appeals. A site visit was scheduled for October 14th.

KARP 60.5-1-17 43 Pine Cove Road (TRI)

In 2017, the applicants received variance approval of a bedroom and 120 sq. ft. deck addition. They have abandoned that project and now would like to construct a 10' x 16' screened porch addition. A site visit was completed. A unanimous positive referral was made to the zoning board.

SULLIVAN (76.20-1-11) 8118 Lake Shore Drive (TR-1 R)

The applicants would like to demolish an existing house and, in its place, build a new conforming 3,700 sq. ft. two-story home. A garage with apartment totaling 605 sq. ft. located on the same parcel was demolished earlier this year. There are portions of the proposed house that are within the 100' lake setback. The overall project involves two lots with a shared driveway. The driveway would be relocated, the septic system would be upgraded, and a stormwater runoff plan developed. A site visit was scheduled for October 14th. ■

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - 9/03/2021

Chairman Robert Goetsch and Board Members Jon Hanna, Maureen Cherubini, Linda Mury, and alternate Cathy Clark were present. Ray Snyder was absent.

DILL (60.13-1-13) 67 Red Fox Lane (TR-1)

The applicant is seeking to replace existing timber deck and a timber seawall with stairs with a permeable paver patio and a new natural boulder seawall with stairs. The permeable paver patio will be under 400 sq. ft. or approximately half the size of the existing timber deck. The seawall is approximately 230 feet long and four feet high. The new wall dimensions and location would be similar. Native plantings would be placed along the seawall. A public hearing was held with no one speaking for or against. The planning board made a positive recommendation to the ZBA, on the condition that it conforms to the specifications as written. The site visit verified that the existing walls had years of neglect, causing added stormwater runoff. The application was unanimously approved, with the condition that the wall location meets the U.S. Army Corp recommendations related to the location of the base of the seawall.

KARP 60.5-1-17 43 Pine Cove Road (TRI)

In 2017, the applicants received variance approval of a bedroom and 120 sq. ft. deck addition. They have abandoned that project and now would like to construct a 10' x 16' screened porch addition. The previously-approved deck was planned to be 36 feet from the Mean High-Water Mark (MHWM). The new requested deck would

be 41 feet from the MHWM. A site visit was scheduled and a public hearing will be held at the next zoning board meeting on October 28, 2021. ■

TOWN BOARD - 10/12/2021

For detailed information about what was addressed at the October 12, 2021 Hague Town Board meeting and public hearing, click [HERE](#) to [watch the Zoom video](#).

PUBLIC HEARING: The board heard from Tom Jarrett (representing the applicant) and Tony DeFranco (representing an adjacent neighbor) during a public hearing on variances for a new septic system for a property owner in Sabbath Day Point. After considerable discussion, the board voted to leave the public hearing open until next month, with the hope that the two parties can come up with an agreeable compromise.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Highway: (Ramant/Bast) NY State will require zero emissions on vehicles starting in 2025 and achieving full compliance by 2035. This means that new vehicles will need to have new technologies, which will be more expensive, and the town will need charging stations. Work on Dodd Hill put on hold due to permitting; they'll be doing that in the spring. The Annual Salt Summit is coming up on Thursday, October 14th. (See the article about brining in the January 2021 issue of *The Hague Chronicle* on page two.) Hague will be the first small town that's going to run one route on secondary route as pure liquid (brining) to prove that brining does work.

Personnel: (Bast/Fitzgerald) Hague is still looking for a clerk for the ZEO office.

Town Park: (Ramant/Frasier) The launch is now closed and the buildings have been shut down.

The AARP tax assistance team thanked the town for letting them use space in the community center and requested to use it again in 2022. Approved.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Ginger Henry Kuenzel updated the board about the Lake George Park Commission's (LGPC) ad hoc Septic Committee, which is moving forward with implementing a program for septic inspections in the Lake George Basin. They have been meeting monthly since July, researching data about the effects of septic effluent leaching into the lake and looking at what other towns/regions are doing to address this. Ginger reminded the board that they – along with the boards of Lake George Village and the towns of Lake George, Queensbury, Bolton, and Ticonderoga – all passed resolutions requesting "The Lake George Park Commission – as the entity empowered by the state to adopt rules and regulations for the collection, treatment, and discharge of wastewater within the Lake George Park – to take the necessary steps to develop the framework for a lake wide septic inspection program." Click [HERE](#) to watch the video of the October Subcommittee meeting. Click [HERE](#) to learn more about the subcommittee and its Advisory Committee.

Ramant reported there are changes at the Hague Transfer Station and they are working on putting out buoys to keep people out of the beach at Pickle Bay, near Hulett's Landing. ■

2021 ASIAN CLAM LAKE WIDE SURVEY FINAL REPORT

Asian clams (*Corbicula fluminea*) were first discovered on Lake George in 2010.

In low densities, these invasive clams seem to have no impact on the lake. But, they can reproduce exponentially and, in much higher densities (thousands of clams per square meter), there is long-term concern about water quality and impacts on beaches from dead clam shells.

The Lake George Asian Clam Task Force, consisting of agencies, nonprofits, and municipal leadership around the Lake George watershed, was created in 2010 to address these threats. This is the tenth year of a lake wide survey to track the internal spread of invasive Asian clams.

Each year, the Lake George Park Commission (LGPC) partners and volunteers sieve (like panning for gold) through all sandy areas along the shoreline to find any new populations of this invasive mollusk. This year, a minimum of 20 - 30 sieves were taken at each site, with a maximum of 100-200 sieves at larger sites. Survey sites are primarily sandy substrate, because that is the clams' preferred habitat. This year's survey dates were August 16th, 20th, 24th, and 25th.

KEY 2021 FINDINGS:

1. Only one new discrete site of Asian clams in Lake George – at Homer Point in the Town of Bolton – was discovered this year. This brings the total number of separate locations to 29 throughout the lake. All known sites are summarized in a table and identified on a map in THIS REPORT, provided by the Lake George Association (LGA).
2. Most of the sites visited this year showed similar densities of clams as they did in 2020.
3. The southwest shore of the lake has a large number of adjacent sandy areas, many of which now have clams present.
4. The northeast shore of Lake George remains free of Asian clams from Ticonderoga to Shelving Rock Bay, with the exception of Blairs Bay in Glenburnie. That site has not expanded, probably due to the bedrock in the area and resulting lack of suitable habitat.
5. In 2019, only one clam was found at the Fort Ann Town Beach in more than 100 sieves. Now the density is 10-15 clams per sieve, an exponential increase.
6. Even after several years of expanding Asian clam populations, the only sites that exhibit dense beds of dead shells on the surface



of the sediments are along the Village of Lake George shoreline and in and around docks. These areas are less impacted by foot traffic than beaches. Asian clam populations tend to be greatly reduced in areas with heavy sediment disturbance.

7. There still have not been any identified or reported significant recreational or environmental impacts from this invasive species in Lake George, although

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CALL FOR ENTRIES FOR FESTIVAL OF TREES

The Ticonderoga Historical Society is inviting individuals and community groups to take part once again in the Festival of Trees at the Hancock House Museum. The popular holiday event will take place from November 26 through December 31, 2021.

This year's theme is "T'was the Night Before Christmas," a tribute to the classic poem by Clement Moore, however decorated trees, centerpieces, and other displays are not required to follow the suggested theme. Trees can be any size; but fire regulations allow only artificial trees. Lighting must comply with UL approval

codes. Decorated trees must be in place no later than November 24th and must be removed the week of January 2nd.

Organizations and individuals are invited to participate and compete for cash prizes. Trees will be judged by an anonymous panel of three individuals. Prizes will be awarded for: Best Theme (\$100); Most Creative (\$100); Best Children's (under 18) (\$50); and Best Non-Tree Holiday Display (\$50). Winners will be



announced and prizes awarded at the free Champagne Reception on Sunday, December 5th from 1 until 3 pm.

Also returning this year is the holiday train layout, courtesy of the Upstate Model Railroaders. It is made possible by grants from Stewart's Shops and the Ticonderoga Cultural Arts Alliance.

Group tours for schools and other organizations are available by reservation. To secure a space or to ask

questions, call 518-585-7868 or e-mail tihistory@bridgepoint1.com. ■

SOUNDINGS

DIED: Claire M. Phillips of Jacksonville, FL and formerly of Hague, on September 17, 2021.

Mrs. Phillips received a Bachelor's degree of Business Administration, cum laude, from St. John's University in Brooklyn and a Master's degree of Business Administration from the University of North Florida in Jacksonville.

She was a certified public accountant. During her career, she was on the staff of Ernst & Ernst in New York City, Controller and Principal of Arthur Young and Company in New York City, Controller of the Bryant Skinner Company in Jacksonville, FL, and Personal Accountant to Bryant B. Skinner, Sr.

She was a member of the Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants, a past Matron of Southside Chapter #28, Order of the Eastern Star, Jacksonville, and an honorary member of Fort Ticonderoga Chapter #263, Order of the Eastern Star.

She became a resident of Jacksonville, FL in 1971 and spent six months each year at her home in Friends Point, "Southwinds," which she bought in 1964.

Mrs. Phillips was an avid world traveler, an enthusiastic sportswoman, a duplicate bridge player, and a lover of animals.

She was predeceased by her husband of twenty-five years in 1979.

She was an affiliate member of First United Methodist Church in Ticonderoga, where a memorial service will take place in the summer of 2022.

DIED: James M. (Jim) Beaty, 75, suddenly, at his home in Hague-on-Lake George on September 23, 2021.

Born to Dr. John T. and Julia Corscaden Beaty, Jim spent his summers at the family camp in Hague Bay, becoming an accomplished



competitive sailor. He had a passion for music, performing in groups from an early age and frequently jumping into song with friends. His life-long love of sports also began early, when he played lacrosse for the Choate School and Cornell University. As an adult, he drew upon his athletic experience to coach youth sports.

But most of all, Jim loved to design – anything, at any time, for any reason. As a teen, he discovered his love for mechanics while working at Lou Brock's Boatyard in Ticonderoga. He honed his engineering skills at Cornell University, where he received his Bachelor's and Master's Degrees of Civil Engineering.

During his career as an engineer, Jim was recognized not only for his skills, but also for his passion and ability to think into the future. He was involved in the design of King Khalid Military City, built to house 75,000 people in the desert of Saudi Arabia and he pioneered the adoption of Computer Aided Design (CAD) technology at another company. He finished out his career in computer networking for a secure government research facility.

Jim was always committed to serving others. As a First Lieutenant in the U.S. Army, he was awarded the Bronze Star for his service in Vietnam. He was an active member of the Northern Lake George Yacht Club throughout his life, serving as Commodore and heading up the Buildings and Grounds Committee.

Once retired, he devoted even more time to community service, supporting the arts through his membership on the board of the Ticonderoga Festival Guild and Champlain Valley Chorale, protecting Lake George through the Hague Water Quality Awareness Committee and the Town of Hague Sewer Advisory Committee, and supporting local businesses in his work with the Ticonderoga Revitalization Alliance and the Board of the Ticonderoga Food Co-op. Jim gave freely of his design talents and engineering expertise to all of these organizations, contributing immeasurable value.

He will be remembered for his good cheer, smile, and wry sense of humor and will be greatly missed by his family and his many friends.

He was pre-deceased by his sister Janet "Nootsie" Beaty. He is survived by: his wife, Seddon; his son, James; and brothers Terry and Jeffrey Beaty.

A service will be held in early summer 2022 to celebrate his life. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Lake George Association HERE, the Lake George Land Conservancy HERE, Hague Volunteer Fire and EMS HERE, or the charity of your choice.

DIED: Rose Marie Theresa Coveney Viscardi, 95, peacefully, at her home on October 3, 2021.

Rose Marie was born in Athens, Pennsylvania. She attended a one-room schoolhouse, skipped two grades, and graduated from Athens High School in 1942, at the age of 16, as its salutatorian.



She met her husband, Dominick, at a Mock UN Student Conference while he was representing Lafayette College and she was a junior helping to host the conference at Marywood University. Rose Marie graduated from Marywood in 1947 with a Bachelor of Arts degree. She taught high school mathematics for two years while Dominick completed his studies at Cornell Law School and began his military service.

Rose Marie and Dominick were married at Fort Dix, NJ in 1949 and moved to Ticonderoga in 1950. Rose Marie was her husband's first secretary when he opened his law practice in the bank building in downtown Ticonderoga.

She was a communicant of St. Mary's Catholic Church of Ticonderoga for 72 years and was a dedicated volunteer over the years as a Religious Education teacher, Lector, and Eucharistic Lay Minister. She led the Rosary for the residents at the nursing home in Ticonderoga for a number of years. Rose Marie was a member of Catholic Daughters from her earliest years in Ticonderoga, when she was the leader of the Junior Catholic Daughters, many of whom became life-long friends.

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SOUNDINGS, CONTINUED

Rose Marie was a trustee of North Country Community College, serving on its board from 2005-2013. She was one of the Founders of the New Horizons Club, which was organized in 1974. She was very active in Republican Women, and a member of Kiwanis Club of Ticonderoga, the Carillon Garden Club, the Federated Garden Clubs of New York State, and the Associated University Women.

An avid duplicate bridge player, Rose Marie achieved Silver Life Master status with the American Contract Bridge League.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 71 years, the Honorable (Ret.) Dominick J. Viscardi, and her oldest son, Dominick J. Viscardi, Jr.

She is survived by: her beloved children Michael, Mary Kathleen, John, Rose Marie, Theresa, and Patrick;

grandchildren James, Margaret, Joseph, Theresa, Benjamin, Kathleen, Erin, Amanda, and Dominick; and great-grandchildren Aliza, Asher, Julia, Grace, Evelyn, and Cameron.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to North Country Community College at: North Country Community College Foundation for The Rose Marie Viscardi Memorial Scholarship Award, 23 Santanoni Avenue, PO Box 89, Saranac Lake NY 12983.

DIED: Linda Marie Jordon Fish-Megow, 77, daughter of Curtis and Margaret (Denno) Jordon.

Linda worked at Silver Bay for 30 years.

She was married to Herm Fish until his passing in 1992. She loved him and always missed him. In 2004, she fell in love with Lu Megow; they were so happy together. She always said, "How lucky can one woman be having been loved by two wonderful men."

She joined the Hague Baptist Church in 1997, loved the Lord, and worked hard for her church.

She was an amazing, caring, and loving mother, friend, sister, aunt, and "Noni."

She is survived by: her brother, Jeffrey Jordon (Ida) and her sister, Marion Barnaby; her four children, Mike Fish (Bernie), Lori Ross (Steve), Melanie te Riele (Kraig), and Todd Fish (Bobbie-Jean); eleven grandchildren and great-grandchildren; eight step-grandchildren; special friends Jill, Gladys, and Pat; and many cousins and friends.

In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to High Peaks Hospice of Warren County HERE, the Hague Baptist Church HERE, or Friends Comforting Friends HERE.



The Hague Chronicle is happy to publish announcements of births, marriages, graduations, anniversaries of 50/55/60/65+, awards, or deaths. We will now include a recent headshot of high enough quality for publication with obituaries. Please send to editor@thehaguechronicle.org.

ASIAN CLAMS, CONTINUED

populations have been geographically expanding slowly throughout the lake. The future remains unclear.

8. The concern from a biological perspective remains that the clams most adapted to cold weather conditions are the ones surviving each year and they are the ones who will reproduce the next generation of clams. After several generations, it is likely that the clams in Lake George will be more cold-tolerant and thus more likely to survive the cold winters, leading to increased populations long term.
9. Research is ongoing at the RPI's Darrin Freshwater Institute and the LGPC will continue to monitor long-term trends with this invasive species. ■

THE HERMIT OF HAGUE

by A Friend of the Hermit

*The Hermit of Hague was thought to be weird,
But most people felt he should never be feared.
As big as a bear,
And covered with hair,
He was a bit wild with his very long beard.*

NEEDED:

Community-minded volunteer to attend monthly Hague Town Board meeting, take notes, and submit a draft article to the editor of *The Hague Chronicle*, who will then write the final article for publication in each month's issue.

HALLOWEENFEST IN TICONDEROGA

HalloweenFest will run from October 22 - 31, 2021 in Ticonderoga and the surrounding area with the following events:

Friday, October 22nd:

- 7 pm: Haunted Hancock at the Hancock House
- 6 - 8:30 pm: Halloween Movie in the Park at Percy Thompson Bicentennial Park

Saturday, October 23rd:

- 5:30 and 5:45 pm: Haunted Lantern Tours at the Crown Point State Historic Site
- 7:30 - 10 pm: Haunted Trail on the LaChute River Walk
- 12:00 noon - 12:00 noon on Sunday: 24 Hour Coffin Challenge at the Percy Thompson Bicentennial Park Gazebo

Sunday, October 24th:

- 2-4 pm: Monster Mini Golf Party at Five Nations

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NATURALLY SPEAKING

by *Connie Smith*



The leaves are changing colors, but how many of us remember why and how they transform? You'll find out now!

Leaf color comes from pigments which are natural substances produced by leaf cells. The pigments that color leaves are chlorophyll (green), carotenoids (yellow, orange, and brown), and anthocyanins (red). Without chlorophyll in leaves, trees would not be able to use sunlight to produce food. Both chlorophyll and carotenoid are in leaf cells all the time during the growing season, but chlorophyll covers the carotenoid so leaves are green. Most anthocyanins are produced in autumn and only under certain conditions and in certain trees.

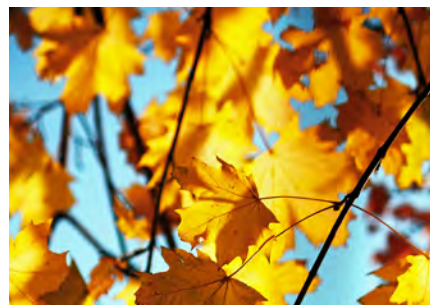
Trees respond to the ever-decreasing amount of sunlight by producing less

and less chlorophyll. Finally, chlorophyll production stops. When that happens, carotenoid can emerge because it is already in the leaves.

When warm, sunny, fall days are followed by cool, but not freezing nights, it will be a good year for reds. During those warm days leaves can produce lots of sugar but cool nights prevent the sugar sap from flowing through the leaf veins and down the branches and trunk. Anthocyanins allow the tree to recover nutrients in the leaves before they fall off so the tree will be ready for next spring.

A severe drought can delay the colorful leaves by a few weeks. A warm, wet period during the fall will diminish the brightness of colors. The best colors come when there has been a warm, wet spring, a summer that is not too hot or dry, and a fall with plenty of warm, sunny days and cool nights.

Leaves fall from trees to protect the tree. Leaves are made up of cells filled with water sap, which will freeze in winter. Any plant tissue unable to live



through the winter must be sealed off and shed to ensure the tree's survival.

The veins that carry sap into and out of a leaf gradually close. A layer of separation cells forms at the base of the leaf stem. When the leaf is separated totally from the tissue that connected it to the branch, the leaf falls. The only exception is oak leaves because their separation cells never fully detach the dead leaves, so they remain on the tree much longer than other leaves.

So, that is a short dendrology lesson. Enjoy this autumn's carotenoids and anthocyanins! ■

GOINGS-ON AT SILVER BAY

by *Steve Tamm*

While programming and activities were not quite back to normal this past summer, the overall feedback from those who came to the campus was one of elation, connecting with family and friends and enjoying Silver Bay.

Summer 2022 reservations are being taken already. If you have questions, call 1-888-758-7229 or email reservations@silverbay.org. You can also book on-line by clicking [HERE](#).

One of the things that made summer 2021 so special and made so much possible was a dedicated cadre of volunteers. Over 150 volunteers were active this summer in a wide variety of roles, including: helping at the store, gym, and library; Saturday housekeeping turnovers; food service; gardening; special events; and more. Silver Bay appreciates its volunteers.

During the fall and winter, cottages are available for rent. To learn more about them and to take a virtual tour, click [HERE](#).

Thanks to some generous donors, Charter Oak cottage will be renovated

over the winter. It is also hoped that the kitchen and some other facets of Willow cottage will be upgraded if a few more donations are received.

Silver Bay resumed its impactful outreach programs this summer. They welcomed over 35 families this summer as follows:

- Military R & R Program / 16 families (37 adults and nine children)
- Cancer Respite Program / six families (20 adults and one child)
- Vacations Made Possible / ten families (25 adults & 13 children)

It also hosted 26 kids in Silver Camp via the Open Pathways Program, which provides local children the opportunity to experience Silver Camp regardless of whether their family has the funds to pay.



Since spring 2020, the Spiritual Life team has been active in sharing online content. People from all over the country and the world have tuned in to listen to Garth and Bruce. In July and August alone, over 2,600 households viewed these impactful messages.

In the last number of months, administrators at Silver Bay have been in communication with the elected officials in Ticonderoga to restart the Silver Bay YMCA Teen Center. There are a number of complexities tied to that reopening (mostly related to COVID-19 regulations), but they are hopeful they will be able to resume

operation soon.

Fiscally speaking, 2021 is still a pandemic year, with ~\$2 million less operating revenue than in 2019. That is no small figure! Labor shortages, supply chain challenges, the delta variant, and much more have stretched them again in

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SILVER BAY, CONTINUED

2021. They are projecting a \$1.3 million negative result for fiscal year 2021.

Silver Bay has been and will continue to proactively manage its fiscal and operating realities. Its secured conference contracts for 2022 are solid, its sales pipeline is increasing, and stays for summer 2022 look robust. Silver Bay has a vision of a better tomorrow.

In 2022, Silver Bay will celebrate its 120th year and the Helen Hughes Chapel will celebrate its 100th anniversary. Silver Bay would be grateful for any gifts the members of the community could give them.

If you have a question or concern, please do not hesitate to contact me at 518-543-8833. ■

HALLOWEEN, CONTINUED

Wednesday, October 27th:

- 4 – 6 pm: Pet Trick or Treating and Costume Contest at Ticonderoga Animal Hospital

Thursday, October 28th:

- 5 – 7 pm: Halloween Fun at Seymour's Restaurant

Friday, October 29th:

- 3 – 5 pm: Trick or Treating: Downtown Ticonderoga and area businesses
- 5 – 5:15 pm: Witch & Zombie Parade on Montcalm Street
- 5:30 – 8:30 pm: Monster Mash Dance Party at Percy Thompson Bicentennial Park
- 5:30 and 5:45 pm: Haunted Lantern Tours at the Crown Point State Historic Site

Saturday, October 30th:

- 3 – 5 pm: Hague Trunk or Treat at the Hague Volunteer Fire Department
- 6:30 – 8:30 pm: Pumpkin Walk and Campfire on the LaChute River Trail

Sunday, October 31st:

- 10 – 12 pm and 1:30 – 3:30 pm: Punky Noodles Halloween Party at Punky Noodles Children's Museum
- 4:30 – 6:30 pm: Crown Point Trunk or Treat at Veteran's Memorial Park in Crown Point

For a detailed schedule of events or more information on HalloweenFest contact the Ticonderoga Area Chamber of Commerce at 518-585-6619. You can also visit www.ticonderogany.com, www.timainstreet.org, and the TACC or TMSP facebook pages. ■

"HAUNTED HANCOCK" PROGRAM'S GHOSTLY TALES

The Ticonderoga Historical Society will celebrate the Halloween season with a free program entitled "Haunted Hancock: Ghostly Tales of Champlain" on Friday, October 22, 2021 at 7 pm at the Hancock House in Ticonderoga.

"We will be taking a look at the darker side of the Adirondacks and Lake Champlain region," said Program Presenter Diane O'Connor. "Our area is rich in history and the supernatural is woven throughout that history in a powerful way. The evening's tales will include local spirits of soldiers, trappers, witches, and otherworldly beings."



The program will be held outdoors around a campfire. Attendees should dress warmly and bring their own lawn chairs. Refreshments will be served.

Reservations are strongly encouraged and may be made by calling 518-585-7868 or by emailing tihistory@bridgepoint1.com. ■

TI'COUSTICS ON PAUSE DUE TO COVID SPIKE

Now that it's getting cooler, the organizers of the Ti'Coustics music shows looked into moving the shows indoors. However, Essex County is currently experiencing a serious COVID-19 surge. The rate of "new cases per 100,000 persons" is now more than eight times higher than it was from January until mid-August!

So, they canceled the October 13th show and the twice-a-month shows have been put on pause for now.

They are hopeful that this surge in the virus will diminish soon and they can resume their indoor performances. ■

MASON/STAR PUBLIC DINNER

A public roast turkey 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 served ON A TAKE-OUT BASIS ONLY on Friday, October 22, 2021, starting at 4:30 pm until all is gone at the Ticonderoga Masonic Temple, 10 Montcalm Street, Ticonderoga.

Tickets, which are \$12 for adults and \$8 for children 12-years-old and under, will be sold at the door. Parking for pick-up will be available along Montcalm Street and at the Hancock House. ■

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CALENDAR

October 2021

OCTOBER

22	4:30 pm	Mason Star Take-Out Dinner
	7 pm	Haunted Hancock
22 – 31		HalloweenFest in Ticonderoga
26	noon	Senior Halloween Party
28	7 pm	Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting
30	3 – 5 pm	HVFD Trunk or Treat
31		HALLOWEEN

TRANSFER STATION HOURS:

Wednesdays and Saturdays 10 am to 4 pm

NOVEMBER

2		ELECTION DAY
4	6:30 pm	Senior Game Night
7		DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS
8		Deadline for the November issue of <i>The Hague Chronicle</i>
9	6 pm	Town Board Meeting
11		VETERANS DAY/ TOWN OFFICES CLOSED
	11 am	Veterans Memorial Ceremony at Veterans Memorial Park in Hague
16	1:30 pm	Senior Club Meeting
18		Senior Club trip to the Christmas Tree Shop