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## HAGUE MEMORIAL DAY PARADE A SUCCESS

This year's Hague Memorial Day Parade was a success because of the hard work of many groups and individuals.

Michael and Maureen Cherubini would like to thank the members of the Hague Memorial Day Parade Committee who worked hard from January until May and beyond. They were:

Ray Snyder, Christine and Connie Swinton, Jon and Janet Hanna, Bill and Judy Gourley, Gladys Graser, Joan Steitz, Pat Hintze and Bertha Dunsmore. Thanks ALSO to all the people who helped set up and take down at the beach.

Of course, it wouldn't have been a parade without the participants or the enthusiastic spectators who enjoyed the parade. Thanks to all! Please see page nine for Parade Prize Winners.

## SILVER BAY RECOGNIZED AS BEST OF 2016

Silver Bay YMCA Conference and Family Retreat Center has been named Best on the Lake and Best Exceptional Amenities in the lodging category in the <[lakegeorge.com](http://lakegeorge.com)> recent Best of 2016 web poll. Silver Bay has garnered attention in recent years with a string of recognitions including write-ups in both the *New York Times* and *Better Homes and Gardens* and winning Best Resort in the 2015 *Adirondack Life* Readers Poll. Silver Bay is a two-time winner of Best Place for a Reunion from *Unique Venues* magazine and was honored with Special Distinguished Business in 2015 by the Adirondack Chamber of Commerce and the Adirondack Business Council.

In addition to hosting conferences, the YMCA offers memberships and day-use to all. Amenities include beaches, a boat-house with canoes and kayaks, an ice cream and pizza store, access to programs and lectures and a craft shop with projects for all ages and abilities.

Silver Bay is a cause-driven organization with a mission to offer all people opportunities to renew, refresh, and nurture their spirit, mind and body. For more information, contact Silver Bay YMCA at 518-543-8833 or visit <[www.silverbay.org](http://www.silverbay.org)>.

## UNRESPONSIVE, NO BREATHING, NO PULSE = IMMEDIATELY START CPR!



Do you know how? There are about four minutes before permanent brain damage occurs! Come to the HVFD June 29, 2016 at 7 pm for community CPR training. Meg Haskell and our HVFD team will demonstrate and instruct proper methods for CPR and emergency response that you can perform to save a life!

## HONORING RUDY MEOLA



**SATURDAY, JUNE 25, 2016, 3 - 5 PM**

**HAGUE COMMUNITY CENTER**

You are invited to join us for a Strawberry Social to honor Rudy Meola, former Hague Town Board member, who retired in December 2015. Rudy also served for many years as Superintendent of the Hague Central School.

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

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The "Music in the Park" series of concerts will be held on Wednesday nights at 7 pm at the Hague Town Park. Bring your lawn chairs and bug repellent. In case of rain, performances will be held in the Community Center.

### **JULY 3 CALAMITY ROCK FOLLOWED BY FIREWORKS!**

(Sunday) Soft rock mix and country  
(rain date - Tuesday 5th)

### **JULY 6 RICK AND SHARON BOLTON**

Country rhythm and blues

### **JULY 13 RUNNING THE RIVER**

Classic and country folk, Irish fiddle and original tunes

### **JULY 20 HAGUE JAZZ QUARTET PLUS ONE**

Standard songs and romantic melodies with a light jazz treatment

### SENIOR CLUB NEWS

We had another successful Memorial Day weekend with our parade, White Elephant Sale and Senior Café. Also successful was Americade Week with the View Café. Thanks to everyone who worked, donated to the sale, or supported the Café.

We will be on the road again on June 23, 2016 to the Wild Center in Tupper Lake. We'll meet at the Community Center at 9 am to carpool and will have lunch on the way.

On June 28, 2016, at noon, we'll hold our Appreciation Luncheon at either the Community Center or the Park. We'll let everyone know the venue ahead of time.

On July 8, 2016, we'll be going to the Horse Show in Lake Placid. Please sign up at the June meeting if you would like to go.

We have an exciting "Ride the Rails" trip in Clear Lake planned for July 21, 2016. Come pedal your way from Clear Lake to Saranac Lake through the woods on the rails. Please bring your \$15 to the next meeting. If you haven't yet signed up and would like to go, bring your money and we will see if cars are available. If you have a handicap, you can still join the fun.

Our Annual Picnic will be at the Fire Department Pavilion at noon on August 23, 2016. Bring your favorite dish to share. Other events for August will be announced at the June meeting.

To be a member of the Seniors, you must be 50 years young. If you have any questions or would like to join, contact one of the club officers (VP - Maureen Cherubini, Secretary - Carol Barnwell or Treasurer - Gladys Graser). We look forward to seeing you at the next event! ~P at Hintze, President

### SUMMER YOGA IS BACK!

Ananda Yoga Hague is back in full swing in The Gallery at Hague Creek, which is behind the Post Office and next to the Hague Market at 9840-9842 Graphite Mountain Rd. (Rt. 8), Hague.

These are 75-minute vinyasa flow classes for individuals of all ages and levels. Classes will vary daily and will involve flowing sequences that encourage the linkage between breath and movement, at a pace that's appropriate for each individual. Props and mats are available at the studio. Walk-in and package pricing is available.

Friday July 1, 2016, class will be offered Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9:30 am, with an expanded schedule planned for July and August. For schedule updates, follow the Ananda Yoga Hague Facebook page or check the message board at the studio. Questions? E-mail <marisa.hall675@gmail.com>.

### HVFD AND EMS

In the month of May, the Hague Volunteer Fire Department had a total of 17 calls or drills for a total of 207 volunteer hours. The Hague Emergency Medical Services (EMS) had seven calls for a total of 37 volunteer hours. There are three new members.

Thanks to everyone who came out to the very successful chicken BBQ on Saturday, May 28th. Please be cautious as the ground is very dry and fires can spread quickly. We wish everyone a happy and safe summer! ~ Mara Haskell

### TENANT INFORMATION CARD

Do you rent out your home during the summer months? The Town of Hague Code requires that the owner of a rental property "maintain, at the premises to be rented, a display of information for the tenant of the property."

To help you do this, the town has created a Tenant Information Card, which you can use to provide all the critical information that your tenants need. For instance, would they know what address to give if they call 911 in case of a fire or medical emergency? Do they know the do's and don'ts of proper sewer or septic use?

You can pick up a card at the Hague Community Center or download it from <townofhague.org> under "Zoning Application Forms."

**Tenant information for Rental property**

Owners Name: \_\_\_\_\_

For fire, ambulance, and police dial: **911**

911 address: \_\_\_\_\_

Drinking-water source: \_\_\_\_\_

Sewage system information: **Do not flush anything except toilet paper down the lavatories, even if the hygiene products are labeled "flushable."**

Emergency contact person: \_\_\_\_\_  
(for property maintenance) Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Maximum Occupancy of this property is: \_\_\_\_\_ people.

Trash disposal: \_\_\_\_\_

Dog(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Additional information:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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## HAGUE WATER QUALITY AWARENESS

*“Dedicated to Protecting the Water Quality of Lake George”*

Summer is here and it’s time to get back on the water. As we swim, ski and sip the waters of Lake George, it’s important to think about how we all can help protect this valuable resource. Many good ideas can be found in the brochure entitled, “Do-It-Yourself Water Quality, A Landowner’s Guide to Property Management that Protects Lake George,” which was produced by The Fund for Lake George.

Here is a summary from the Hague Water Quality Awareness Committee (HWQAC) of the key principles of good property stewardship that are vital to the environmental health of Lake George:

1. Development should follow the natural topography of the land. Careful siting of houses and roads is a must. Storm water should be treated on-site to mitigate the impact on the lake. Two-thirds of every property should be natural forestlands.

2. Native plants do not require watering, fertilizers, or pesticides to flourish because they have adapted to the local environment. Landscape with native plants like Black-Eyed Susan, Columbine and Bee Balm. A well-planned rain garden of native plants provides a natural means of treatment in areas where storm water is collected. Invasives like Purple Loosestrife, Japanese Knotweed and Garlic Mustard should be removed whenever possible.

3. Septic systems should be well-designed and maintained. Connection to the town sewer system is recommended and *required* if your property line is within 100 feet of the sewer main or lateral connection.

4. A fully-vegetated shoreline or stream buffer between your home and the lake or any stream is one of the best ways to protect water quality. More than 50 percent of the water in Lake George comes from streams, so even if you are living off the lake, but near a stream, your actions are important.

5. Wetlands offer many benefits, including removing nutrients, sediment and pollution carried by storm water. They provide food, cover and shelter for hundreds of animal species, so protect them.

6. A large grass lawn reduces your ability to manage storm water, so make your lawn smaller. A natural forest can absorb a significantly higher amount of storm water runoff than a typical grass lawn.

7. The lake is now receiving triple the natural level of phosphorus! Most fertilizers are chiefly combinations of nitrogen and phosphorus. These nutrients, when washed into the lake, stimulate plant growth and algae blooms, which degrade the clarity of the lake and negatively affect the native fish population. Stop using fertilizers and pesticides!

Enjoy this summer and take pride in the fact that you are doing all you can to protect the water quality of Lake George. For more information, please visit HWQAC on Facebook at <[www.facebook.com/groups/182043721953952](http://www.facebook.com/groups/182043721953952)> or contact one of our Steering Committee members: Al Rider, Steve Ramant, Ginger Kuenzel, Jim Beaty, Lance Clark, Judy Stock, or Mike Strutz.  
~ Mike Strutz



Sandy Swanson is another of Hague’s multi-talented artists who is offering her creations at Made in Hague (MIH) again this summer. Sandy grew up in Massachusetts. In the late 1980s she and her husband Phil began vacationing here on Lake George. By 2005 they had made Hague their permanent home.

As Sandy said, “I have always been crafty and loved jewelry. I worked part-time at a jewelry store in Massachusetts and became certified by the Gemological Institute of America (GIA) for diamonds, diamond grading and colored stones.”

In 2011, she began selling her jewelry at the Silver Bay YMCA gift shop and then, in August of 2014, she offered her jewelry at MIH. This year, she has introduced lovely crocheted wire and semi-precious stone necklaces.



Last season, Sandy introduced her glassware line with the shape of Lake George sand-blasted on mugs and wine glasses. They took off like wildfire! She has stocked up over the winter, but you ought to get in sooner rather than later if you’re interested in buying them! They were among the hottest sellers in 2015 and make lovely gift items.



## TOWN BOARD MEETING

Supervisor Edna Frasier and Board Members Marty Fitzgerald, Ginger Kuenzel and Steve Ramant were present. Mike Cherubini was absent.

Supervisor Frasier welcomed Mike Doud of Solar Project Solutions. His last update to the board was at the January meeting, when he said he hoped they would start building the system by April. This time, he said there is a delay because they are waiting for a decision from the utility, which is backed up with many requests.

Gene Moran spoke to the board about the lack of volunteerism in the town. He suggested that new people coming to town need to step up to help, especially those in the 45 - 60 age bracket. Councilwoman Kuenzel said, "it would be helpful to people to know what volunteer opportunities are available."

Tom Haskell reported that a video he was been working on about the town should be set up and ready for the Visitor Center soon.

Graham Bailey announced that the Oktoberfest Committee will be using extra monies not needed to cover expenses for a scholarship for math and science. Alexis Sanders of Hague will receive the scholarship of \$500.

Pat Hintze thanked the board for use of the Visitor Center by the Seniors.

Renee Swinton and Brian Kennedy read statements to the board relative to the HVFD. (See separate article on page 8.)

A moment of silence was held for Judy Fitzgerald and Bob Sinkway.

### Under the Committee Reports:

Buildings and Grounds/Community Center/Enhancement - Councilman Fitzgerald reported, "Ralph finished the park."

Highway - Highway Superintendent Don Smith said he and the department are more than happy to help people in the town, especially the seniors. During the annual trash day, they collected 150 yards of non-process and 45 yards of metal. Supervisor Frasier expressed her appreciation.

Museum and Historian - Councilwoman Kuenzel noted the annual meeting of The Hague Historical Society will be held on June 28, 2016, at 7 pm. The museum will be open at 6:30 pm for visitors to see the Regatta Exhibit.

Planning/Zoning/Stormwater - ZEO Clark reported on several initiatives, including a definition of "marina" in the code and a Community Day for presentation on LID credits.

Recreation, Promotion and Youth - The Hague Fireworks will be held on Sunday, July 3, 2016, around 9 pm after the concert by Calamity Rock, which begins at 7 pm. Food will be provided by the Windchill Factory and the Kettle Corn folks.

All Music in the Park concerts this summer will begin at 7 pm.

The speed sign, measuring the speed of oncoming traffic, has been put up just south of the Town Park on 9N. Councilman Ramant gave the report of the cars to the Sheriff's Department. Ramant said he hopes the police are looking for loggers and big trucks and not locals.

It was announced that the HITS Triathlon will be held the weekend of June 18 -19. The Sheriff's Department and the Hague Fire Police will provide traffic control.

Silver Bay is having an e-waste disposal day on June 25, 2016.

After a question was posed to the board by Lindsey Smith, the audience learned there will be NO craft fair in August in Hague.

Cycle Adirondacks (see <cycleadironacks.com>) has requested space in the Town Park for a water stop for August 21, 2016. The request was tabled.

The Hague Beach will open on June 25, 2016. The lifeguards have had training with Terrie Davis and are ready to go.

Sewer Districts #1 and # 2 - The Sewer Asset Management Committee is working on updating and streamlining the sewer law.

### In other business, the board:

Agreed to a one-night workshop for discussion of the LA Group's Comprehensive Plan Proposals. It will be August 18, 2016, at 6:30 pm. They approved \$2,100, which will be used for publicity, to facilitate the workshop and to provide a written report.

Agreed to send the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) operator trainee to Morrisville next spring for needed training. Funding will be put in the upcoming budget.

Rejected a resolution proposed by Councilwoman Kuenzel urging the Warren County Board of Supervisors to appoint a "Citizen Advisory Committee" to study a change of government at the county level. The other board members were concerned that having a study could lead to passage of a plan that would lead to loss of sales tax and autonomy for Hague.

Approved a proposal to have the LA Group continue writing a grant to help with a floating docks proposal from Waterfront Solutions. The location is yet to be determined.

Heard a proposal from Meg Haskell on the need for an Automated External Defibrillator. Meg will get additional information to the board so funding can be included in next year's budget.

Heard that the HVFD will be holding a community hands-on CPR training at the Hague Volunteer Fire Department on June 29, 2016, at 7 pm.

Approved other necessary resolutions and motions.

## ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Chairman Robert Goetsch and board members Jon Hanna, Ray Snyder, Chris Navitsky, Maureen Cherubini and Lindsay Mydlarz were present. Linda Mury was absent.

The board determined that the intent of the definition of a "marina," as written in Article III, Section 160-10, does not apply to the renting or gifting of two or fewer dock spaces or moorings of a dock that are connected to a residential lot.

The initial review period for the draft of the Warren County Hazard Mitigation Plan will be closing on Friday, June 24, 2016. You can review Hague's plan by going to <www.warrencountynyhmp.com/Pages/default.aspx>. In the

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menu in the left column, click on “Draft Documents for Review” and scroll down to Section 9.5 for Hague. You can submit comments online or directly to ZEO Cathy Clark at <zoning@townofhague.org>.

### PLANNING BOARD - 6/2/16

Deputy Chairman Pam Peterson, who ran the meeting, and board members Dan Belden, Bob Whitaker, Judy Gourley and Janet Hanna were all present. Dick Frasier and Martin Fitzgerald were absent.

#### RICHARDS - PUCEK (12.18-1-16 &17) 9562 & 9568 Lakeshore Drive (TRI)

The owners of these parcels are requesting a Lot Line Change so the Pucek family will have free access to their lake-front from their house.

Peterson stated that the board cannot make a lot more non-conforming. After much discussion, ZEO Clark agreed to contact the town lawyer, Dominic Viscardi, to discuss rights of way with the Richard’s lawyer. The board decided to table this application until the next meeting.

### E-WASTE DISPOSAL DAY

Many electronics contain materials that are harmful to the environment, so it is best to ensure that items are recycled in the correct manner.

The Silver Bay YMCA is conducting its fifth ANNUAL FREE COMMUNITY E-WASTE DISPOSAL DAY on Saturday, June 25, 2016, from 10 am until noon and from 1-3 pm. Bring your items to the Hague Volunteer Fire Department sub-station between Silver Bay YMCA’s Service Road and the south entrance to Silver Bay and drop them off for free!\*

You may bring: computers, audio equipment, phone systems, computer peripherals (mice, keyboards, speakers, etc.), amps, televisions\*, microphones, monitors, wiring and cabling, scientific equipment, business machines, electronic scrap, copiers, typewriters, lighting units, fax machines, mailing equipment, cash registers, network equipment, microwaves, batteries, printers/scanners, terminals, mainframes, medical electronics, medical equipment, telecommunications equipment, banking equipment, UPS units, toner cartridges, circuit boards, cell phones, landlines, visual equipment, servers, hubs and routers.

\*Large tube televisions and cathode ray tubes (CRT) monitors only will have a \$45 charge per item.

You may **not** bring air conditioners or dehumidifiers.

Silver Bay appreciates that the HVFD is allowing them to use their space. For more information, contact Alex Tretiak at 518-543-8833, ext. 274 or atretiak@silverbay.org.



Best 4th in the North Fireworks in Ticonderoga

## BEST 4TH IN THE NORTH



The theme for the 2016 Best 4th In The North is “Hometown Pride – Think Local.”

The celebration will take place July 1-4, 2016, with a grand fireworks display, parade and the Montcalm Mile, as well as a variety of live music, food, vendors, rides, games and much more throughout the four-day celebration. The celebration attracts visitors to the Ticonderoga area every year, supporting local businesses and the local economy as a whole.

#### **Friday, July 1, 2016:**

4 - 10 pm: Food, vendors and rides in Bicentennial Park  
\*Bracelets \$20 from 5 – 9 pm

6- 9 pm: Live music - Valley of the Guns

#### **Saturday, July 2, 2016:**

4 – 10 pm - Food, vendors and rides in Bicentennial Park  
\*Bracelets \$20 from 5 – 9 pm

6 – 9 pm: Patriotic Bash - Dance in the Park with music by DJ Cruz/Cruz Entertainment

#### **Sunday, July 3, 2016:**

4- 10:30 pm - Food, vendors and rides in Bicentennial Park  
\*Bracelets \$20 from 5 – 9 pm

4 pm: Firefighter Games - Area firefighters compete.

6 - 10 pm: Live music - Willie Playmore Band

#### **Monday, July 4, 2016:**

10:30 am - 11 pm: Food, vendors and rides in Bicentennial Park

1:30 pm: Montcalm Mile/Parade route from light at Walmart entrance along Wicker St. and Montcalm St. to Tower Ave. will closed to traffic.

1:45 pm: Annual Montcalm Mile - Montcalm St., sponsored by the LaChute Road Runners. Cash prizes. See <www.lachute.us>.

2 pm: Fourth of July Parade - Montcalm Street  
Grand Marshals: Ticonderoga Sentinels led by the Ticonderoga Varsity Football Team.

4 – 6 pm: Live music - Loose Connections

7:30 - 11:30 pm: Live music - Joe McGinness

9:45 pm/dusk - Grand Fireworks Display

All events are open to the public and donations are appreciated to cover the expenses of the fireworks. All events are in Bicentennial Park in Downtown Ticonderoga unless otherwise stated. All times and information are subject to change. For more information visit <www.best4thinthenorth.com>.

## ARTS IN OUR AREA



At The Gallery at Hague Creek, Rt. 8, Hague:  
 June 24 - 30, 2016: Susan Cacici and Brenda Ryder  
 July 1-7, 2016: India and Spring Carson  
 July 8-14, 2016: Liam Roberts  
 July 15 - July 21, 2016: Richard Stout

*Ti Arts* At the Ti Arts Downtown Gallery, 119 Montcalm St., Ticonderoga, opening Friday, July 1, 2016, 5-7 pm:

“Art From Silver Bay: Watercolors and Pastels”, featuring works of Kathy Becker, Jan Berls, Merribeth Elling, Anne McFeely, Marge Mengers, Wendy Soliday, Jan Whitaker and Jean Yager.

## TICONDEROGA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The community is invited to attend "Happy Birthday Hancock House," a 1920s-style picnic supper celebrating the 90th anniversary of the dedication of the imposing building that sits at Moses Circle on Saturday, July 16, 2016. Bathtub gin, flapper dresses and jazz by Hot Box Honey will highlight the evening, with a costume contest and other activities in store.

For more information on the Ticonderoga Historical Society, visit <[www.ticonderogahistoricalsociety.org](http://www.ticonderogahistoricalsociety.org)> or at 518-585-7868.

## LG RECREATION STUDY

The Lake George Park Commission is proud to announce the completion and release of the 2015 Lake George Recreation Study. This comprehensive study reviewed the recreational activities and trends on Lake George over the past decade. The purpose of this study was to gain a better understanding of recreational use trends on Lake George, which will aid in long-term planning initiatives and public safety efforts on the water.

Key findings of the study show a trend toward increased boat rentals on Lake George and a decrease in seasonal berthing slips, shifts in boating patterns around the lake, boating trends that follow economic ups and downs and much more. The full report is online at <[www.lgpc.state.ny.us](http://www.lgpc.state.ny.us)>.

This study, jointly funded by the Lake George Park Commission and the Lake George Association, was conducted by the LA Group in Saratoga, working with the Siena Research Institute.

## NCCC WORKSHOPS

"Work with the Healing Angels" with Mae Pagan  
 June 27, 2016, 10 am - 5 pm  
 \$95 includes workbook. Bring lunch.  
 "War Comes Again to Ticonderoga!"  
 July 23, 9 am - 4:30 pm  
 \$45 includes lunch and entry to the fort.

For more information, call 518-891-2915, ext. 1689.

## WILDLIFE WEDNESDAYS

Come learn about the wildlife in the Adirondacks by attending the free programs at the LGLC office, 4905 Lake Shore Dr., Bolton Landing. All programs begin at 5:30 pm. Seating is limited, so reserve your spots at <[lglc.org](http://lglc.org)>.

July 6, 2016: Wild Wolves  
 July 13, 2016: Meet the Raptors  
 July 20, 2016: Brilliant Butterflies  
 July 27, 2016: Timber Rattlesnakes

## HIKE-A-THON COMING SOON!

The deadline for the Lake George Land Conservancy's Hike-A-Thon is June 24th, so sign up today to ensure a spot in this event of the year!

The Hike-A-Thon website is the best source of information about the event. Visit <[LakeGeorgeHikeAThon.org](http://LakeGeorgeHikeAThon.org)> today! This is also where you'll find the online registration form and volunteer information.

## WIN A HELICOPTER RIDE!

The LGLC is again offering a seat in the Hike-A-Thon helicopter to one lucky winner in its annual Spring Appeal Drawing, which is going on now! From now until June 25th, you can enter to get a chance to enjoy the Hike-A-Thon from the air. This awesome experience lasts about 1.5 hours and gives passengers an exclusive view of all 14 groups of hikers, nearly 600 people and our own beautiful Lake George!

Enter by completing the Spring Appeal form available at: <[lglc.org](http://lglc.org)>, then select the green "Donate" box on the menu bar.

Contributions are much appreciated, but a donation is not required to enter (you may just leave the donation space blank). More details about the drawing can be found at <<http://www.lgpc.org/financials-disclosures/appeal-disclosures>>.

## TICONDEROGA GOLF COURSE RENOVATION



There has been a lot of progress on the course renovations at the Ticonderoga Country Club. All holes are open and playable. The course is in good shape for early season. As more of the new tees, fairways, and greens are shaped on the back nine, you will see fewer piles of dirt and less construction equipment. Come out and enjoy the exciting 2016 Season.

Please remember to save these dates:

Saturday, July 9, 2016  
 Member/Member Golf Tournament, 1 pm shotgun start  
 Sunday, July 24, 2016  
 For Us By Us (FUBU) Golf Tournament, 1 pm shotgun start  
 Sunday, August 21, 2016  
 Member/Guest Golf Tournament, 9 am shotgun start

For additional information, call 518-585-2801 or visit <[www.ticonderogagolfcourse.com](http://www.ticonderogagolfcourse.com)>.



*NOTE: As she is stepping down as president of the Hague Historical Society, this is the last Looking Back column Pat will write. The staff of The Hague Chronicle thanks Pat for her wonderful columns, which have given us so much enjoyment and insight into the history of our area.*

### Remembrances of a Silver Bay EMP

Bob Fenner has had a long and meaningful relationship with the Silver Bay YMCA. After reading the Hague Historical Society's recent newsletter article on Silver Bay's Louis Spelman, he graciously shared some of his 1950s memories. These recollections were written by Bob in 1992 and are excerpted here.

"After an eight hour ride beginning at the Dixie bus terminal at 42d Street in New York City, the non-air-conditioned Adirondack Trailways bus arrived at The Inn in June 1949. Never did I imagine that my \$20 per month job (plus room, board, rough-dry laundry and a share of the Appreciation Fund) would be the beginning of a lifelong bonding to Silver Bay.

"During the first season I was assigned to the Service Department which included bell hopping. On night duty at the Front Desk we were frequently called upon to take the designated tennis racket to the female staff quarters on the fourth floor of the Inn (the attic) and appropriately subdue a bat that had all the residents in a state of horror.

"We served in many ways. On July 7, 1949 a group of us were ferried across the lake. We climbed up the east shore for several hours arriving at the designated site long after dark. We were "volunteered" to help extinguish a forest fire. We met up with the forest rangers and other volunteers that had climbed from the east side of the mountain. We worked through the night until it was well contained and relief arrived. Upon our return to Silver Bay we headed to the Store for thick shakes and then went off to bed since we were able to negotiate the day off. The State paid us handsomely for our efforts. \$4.20. Not per hour, in total!

"The EMPS did not have access to automobiles. In fact, a family was considered well off if they even had one vehicle. The three Sanborn brothers worked as EMPS and they shared ownership of a Jeep. Following distribution of the Appreciation Fund they very generously loaded as many as thirteen of us into that vehicle for a ride to Grimes' (ed. The By-Water) in Hague for a milkshake and hamburger. No reflection on the food at the EMPS cafeteria, but we were just looking for a change and that ride was great fun.

"The quality of the food was important, but not as important as some of the events that surrounded its preparation. It was a big job to unload the trailer truck of staples into the Stock Room. Many hands had to be pressed into service for this task. Potatoes were peeled in the kitchen yard each day after breakfast to much singing and many water hose battles. How that peeling machine survived is a mystery. Occasionally, when spirits were high, one could observe a body passing through the dishwashing machine. Ice was still being cut from the lake each winter. It was stored in the ice pit next to the Service Building. The garbage truck crew began their day by hauling

the huge cakes out of the protective sawdust, hosing them off and then delivering them to the kitchen yard cooler (mostly for iced tea), some cottages, the drinking fountain at the tennis court, the Store, the icebox in the infirmary.



*The new and improved Hemlock which Bob tells us looks like the Waldorf compared to the early 1950s*

"The EMPS boys' quarters were in a variety of locations. The majority stayed at Hemlock, a long rough hewn wood covered building just below the state road, up on the hill behind the Service Building. The corrugated tin roof exaggerated every raindrop and every falling acorn. The double deck bunks allowed two to sleep in a room, but its size was not conducive to the two staying in the room at the same time. The small sink in the corner (cold water only), one chair, a place to hang clothes, a dresser each and plenty of hooks and nails challenged one to develop simple comforts – much like camping out. A big goal was to try to relocate. With luck, politics, or a promotion one could graduate to a room in the Shack – over the kitchen. Not that the accommodations were grander. Being there meant you had 'arrived'.

"There were many opportunities to learn different skills and jobs if one was willing. For instance, under the supervision of a marvelous mentor, Uncle Louis Spelman, I put in cottagers docks in the spring and hauled them out in the fall. I substituted for the Night Watchman. Walking all over the campus and punching that clock through the lonely, chilly night made one appreciate that bunkbed at Hemlock. I joined the Hague Volunteer Fire Department. At that time they had only one piece of equipment . . . a Jeep with a pump. It was good to attend the meetings and be able to respond to calls in the area."

To this day, Bob believes his experiences at Silver Bay were priceless and that the unique spirit there endures.  
~ Pat McDonough



Well, it's official: summer has begun! You don't really need a calendar though; just look around you. Made in Hague is open; the Hague Market is open and bustling; Jennifer and Mary Ann are busy as can be at the Post Office; traffic has increased; the lilacs have come and gone; and the college kids are home. Not to mention, of course, that it's time for the annual meeting of the Hague Historical Society on Tuesday, June 28, 2016, at 7 pm at the Community Center. We hope you'll come out and cast your ballot for our new officers and then sit back and enjoy a truly interesting program by artist Anne Diggory.

Here's another date for your calendar: Tuesday, August 23, at 7 pm at the Community Center. We have invited Steven Engelhardt of Adirondack Architectural Heritage (AARCH) to return to Hague to share with us AARCH's program on the Adirondack Great Camps. This will be one not to miss!

~ Pat McDonough

## ~SOUNDINGS~

## HVFD/EMS CONTROVERSY



**CONGRATULATIONS:** To Hayley J. Best on her graduation from Albany College of Pharmacy with a Doctor of Pharmacy Degree on May 14, 2016. She also received an Experiential Honors Award. Hayley has accepted a position with Rite-Aid in Ticonderoga.

Hayley is the daughter of William Best of Hague and Holly and Mark Munson of Ticonderoga. Proud grandparents are Claire and Don Best of Hague and Jeanne and William Wright of Chilson.

### TREKONDEROGA IS COMING!

Northern New York's Premier Pop Culture Event, TREKONDEROGA, will be held in Ticonderoga from noon on Friday, August 12, 2016 through 4 pm on Sunday, August 14, 2016.

It is a special and unique convention in the heart of the Adirondack Mountains. Attendees can dress up as their favorite characters and vie for prizes in the costume contest. There will be an Elvis & Blues Brothers tribute concert, a special retrospective on Star Trek's 50th anniversary, a presentation on "2001: A Space Odyssey" with Gary Lockwood and Keir Dullea, a Trivia Contest and an ice cream social.

Those who come will also have a chance to view celebrity presentations, mingle with those celebrities at a Dinner with the Stars, have their photos taken with them and get their autographs.

There will be fascinating workshops on special effects, costuming and makeup, run by industry professionals.

There will also be iconic pop culture vehicles on display, including the 1966 Batmobile, the Doctor Who Tardis, the Zhang Heng shuttlecraft, the Blues Brothers car and a special edition James Bond tribute car.



It will be held in downtown Ticonderoga at The Studio at 112 Montcalm Street, North Country Community College, Ticonderoga Community Center, Ticonderoga High School, The Park and other adjacent venues.

### BAPTIST LADIES' TEA

The Hague Baptist Ladies' Tea will be held on Saturday, July 16, 2016 from noon to 2 pm at the Hague Baptist Church Hall. It is a free event for young ladies to grandmas and all are encouraged to wear their Sunday best. There will be door prizes and they are collecting toiletries (soap, deodorant etc.) to donate to a ladies' shelter. RSVP to Nicola at 543-8899 and leave a message.

The Hague Volunteer Fire Department is experiencing some unrest at this time. This began in 2011 when several members left, necessitating the hiring of E5 Support Services to fill needed positions. E5 is still providing paid EMS personnel for the HVFD, three of whom also serve as HVFD volunteers. Many HVFD volunteers have recently resigned or been asked to leave.

Donna Trudeau, a certified EMT and former Fire Captain said she recently resigned because she felt she was being forced to choose between serving as an EMT or serving with the Fire Division and she considered this harassment.

At the Town Board meeting on June 14, 2016, Renee Swinton, a long-time EMT, spoke to clarify that she had not actually resigned as people had been saying, but instead, she had been terminated. She said she disagreed with the reasons for her termination and felt there was inconsistent application of procedures.

HVFD President Linda Mury explained to *The Hague Chronicle* that many of those who have left are older volunteers who have retired. She also noted that sometimes terminations are made for violations of Department bylaws and Standard Operating Procedures. These terminations are reviewed by their Board of Directors. She also noted that a fire department has to operate on a militaristic type of chain of command, which must be respected by all volunteers.

There is a constant need for volunteers for the HVFD. When asked what measures were in place to keep volunteers, Mury cited team-building and training sessions.

The current officers of the Hague Volunteer Fire Department are:

Fire Chief - Ray Mury, First Assistant Chief - James Belden, Second Assistant Chief - Bill Wells, Captain - Jon Hanna and Lieutenant - Bill Gourley.

EMS Captain - Meg Haskell, EMS Assistant Captain- Mara Haskell and EMS Lieutenant - Joanne Trudeau.

President - Linda Mury, Vice-President - Mike Cherubini, Treasurer - Janet Hanna, Secretary - Joanne Trudeau and Recording Secretary - Tom Haskell.

Chairman of the Board of Directors - Martin Fitzgerald, II, Vice-Chairman - Richard Frasier and Secretary - Diane Trudeau.  
~ Judy Stock

### TI'COUSTICS SHOWCASES MUSICIANS

The Ti'Coustics music show in Ticonderoga continues to showcase local musicians on the first and third Wednesdays of each month from 7 - 9 pm at the Burleigh House in downtown Ticonderoga. July 6, 2016, will be Patriotic Night and among the musicians will be Dan Rabideau, Jadon Buckner, Lance Dolbeck and Roberta Whitely. July 20, 2016, will feature the Blues, including performances by Terrina Cook, Jim Hoak and Doug Cossy and Marianne Major. All donations made by the audience will go to local charities, currently the Ticonderoga Montcalm Street Partnership.

## MEMORIAL DAY PARADE WINNERS

### BEST IN PARADE



*Hague Fish and Game Club*

### MOST CREATIVE



*Silver Bay YMCA*

### MOST HUMOROUS



*Battenkill Joey's*

### MOST PATRIOTIC



*Hague Seniors Float*

### HONORABLE MENTION ADULT



*Statue Of Liberty*

### HONORABLE MENTION YOUTH



*Peru Marching Band*

### BEST ADIRONDACK

*Adirondack Escapes*

### BEST YOUTH

*American Flag And  
Boy Scouts*

*photos by Seddon Beaty  
except Statue of Liberty*

## NURSING HOME CHANGES OWNERS

The Inter-Lakes Health Board of Directors has approved the sale of both its nursing home and its adult home, Heritage Commons Residential Health Care and Moses Ludington Adult Home, to Post Acute Partners, Inc., a New York based healthcare services company operating a number of nursing homes, adult long-term care facilities and post-hospital pediatric care centers throughout the Northeast under the Elderwood brand of services.

Inter-Lakes Health will continue to operate the nursing home and adult facility until the sale becomes final. Staff members who work at the nursing home or adult home will continue in their roles. Once the sale is final, the name of the nursing home will be changed to "Elderwood at Ticonderoga."

In addition to providing long-term care at its Ticonderoga location, Post Acute Partners will also be working with Hospice to provide that important service within the nursing home facility.

The ILH Board of Directors was resolute in its collective decision to only accept a nursing home buyer that had the residents' and local communities' interests at heart. Post Acute Partners has a reputation for providing high-quality care, which is reflected in its quality reporting measures and patient satisfaction scores.

According to Board Chair Rolly Allen, "Post Acute Partners has an excellent reputation and I am very pleased that the care of our nursing home residents will be managed by this outstanding organization. We look forward to having Post Acute Partners become a part of our medical service community and part of the medical village that we are creating."

John Remillard, CEO of University of Vermont Health Network - Elizabethtown Community Hospital, Inter-Lakes Health, Moses Ludington, Heritage Commons Nursing Home and Lord Howe Estates, is excited about the future of health care in Ticonderoga. "The changes that will be taking place over the next few months, beginning with the partnership forged with Post Acute Partners, will provide a solid foundation for many important and exciting changes to the way that healthcare is delivered in this region," he said.

## FORT TICONDEROGA SPECIALTY TOURS

Immerse yourself in the epic history and incredible natural beauty at Fort Ticonderoga with richly informative and entertaining guided specialty tours this summer. Thrill at the power of artillery during the Guns by Night Tour; join the Soldier for an Evening Program to enlist with your family and friends in the Continental Army; discover the history within the walls of the historic Pavilion (built circa 1826) during the Pavilion Promenade Tour and enjoy a sunset cruise aboard Fort Ticonderoga's vessel Carillon to discover why Lake Champlain is one of America's most historic waterways. All prices are in addition to Fort Ticonderoga admission and advanced purchase is required. Space is limited. To learn more about our specialty tours, visit <[www.fortticonderoga.org](http://www.fortticonderoga.org)> or call 518-585-2821.

"Our special programs allow guests to enrich their Fort Ticonderoga experience through tours and demonstrations, focusing on unique parts of history, led by our staff of engaging historians," said Beth Hill, Fort Ticonderoga President and CEO. "These tours and events are perfect for a family outing, activity with friends, or an evening out alone!"

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**Sunday July 3, 2016 about 9 pm**  
**ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS WE PRINT**

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**HAGUE CALENDAR**

**JUNE**

- 23 7 pm Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting
- 25 TOWN BEACH OPENS!
- 25 10 - 2, 1 - 3 Silver Bay E-Waste Disposal Day
- 25 3 - 5 pm Honoring Rudy Meola event
- 28 noon Senior Club Appreciation Luncheon
- 28 6:30 pm Regatta Exhibit open before HHS Meeting
- 28 7 pm Historical Society Annual Meeting
- 29 7 pm HVFD Community CPR Training

**JULY**

- 3 9 pm Fireworks
- 4 Independence Day-TOWN OFFICES CLOSED
- 12 6 pm Town Board meets
- 13 News deadline for the June issue
- 14 7 pm Planning Board Meeting
- 16 Noon-2 pm Hague Baptist Ladies' Tea
- 20 *The Hague Chronicle* is mailed and online
- 28 7 pm Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting

**IMPORTANT!**

Save the Date!  
LA Group Public Workshop  
Planning for the Future of Hague  
August 18, 2016, 6:30 pm  
Hague Community Center

**TRANSFER STATION HOURS**

**September 2 thru June 30**

Wednesday: 10 am to 4 pm  
Saturday: 10 am to 4 pm  
Sunday: CLOSED

**TRANSFER STATION HOURS**

**July 1 thru September 1**

Wednesday: 9 am to 5 pm  
Saturday: 9 am to 5 pm  
Sunday: 12 noon to 3 pm