



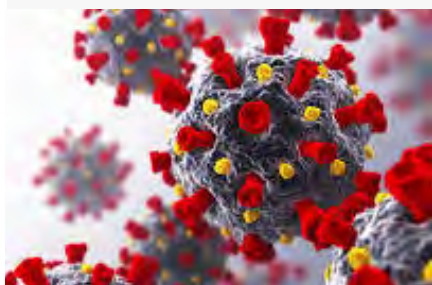
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COVID-19 UPDATE

As of April 15, 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	139,228,108	2,989,104
US	31,497,006	565,298
NYS	1,980,337	51,418
Warren County	3,337	56
Essex County	1,489	26

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

HAGUE MEMORIAL DAY 2021

by Maureen Cherubini

Hague will celebrate Memorial Day on Saturday, May 29, 2021. Due to COVID-19, we will not be having our usual parade. But, we will be celebrating!

Come on out to the beach and enjoy the White Elephant Sale and vendors from 9 am to 4 pm. Anyone who wishes to be a vendor should contact me at 518-543-6463 or e-mail me at mmcherubini@aol.com.

Phil Singer, a caricature artist, will be at the beach from 9 am to 1 pm, so bring your children out so he can sketch them!

We will honor all who served at a memorial service at 2 pm at Veterans' Park.

The Hague Volunteer Fire Department will be having a chicken barbeque from 4 – 6 pm at the firehouse. The boat launch will be closed until 5 o'clock on that day. ■



UPDATED COVID POLICIES

EVENT, ARTS, AND ENTERTAINMENT

Beginning April 2, 2021, event, arts, and entertainment venues were allowed to reopen at 33 percent capacity with up to 100 people indoors and up to 200 people outdoors. If all attendees present proof of negative test prior to entry, capacity may increase to 150 people indoors and to 500 people outdoors. Social distancing and face coverings are still required by all attendees, as well as strict adherence to all applicable Department of Health (DOH) guidelines.

VACCINATED DOMESTIC TRAVELERS

Domestic travelers to New York State (NYS) who have been vaccinated no longer have to quarantine or test out within 90 days of their full vaccination. The NYS DOH still recommends quarantine after domestic travel as a precaution. Mandatory quarantine remains in effect for international travelers. All travelers must continue to fill out the [Traveler Health Form](#).

RESIDENTIAL GATHERINGS

Beginning March 22nd, residential gatherings of up to 25 people were allowed outdoors. Indoor residential gatherings remained capped at ten people.

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SENIOR CLUB NEWS

by Pat Hintze

We installed our officers for 2021 at our first meeting.



Gladie Graser has retired from her position as treasurer after 17 years and she has done a wonderful job. She was recognized at our meeting with a plaque, flowers, and a cake. Many people spoke about her and all she has done for the club. She was always there on the parade committee to help, whether to paint backdrops for floats, to be on our float, to make banners for us to carry, or to decorate the judges' stand. She also worked at Americade and the White Elephant Sale. Gladie is one of a kind!

So, Gladie, God Bless You in your retirement! We hope you sit back and enjoy the club events from now on.

We'll be having a meeting on the 27th of April at 12 noon when we will be discussing the Memorial Day festivities. We are now collecting for the White Elephant Sale, so please contact me at 518-543-6502 or Maureen at 518-543-6463. ■

HVFD

by Meg Haskell

For the month of March, we had 11 fire calls and drills and six EMS calls using 142 volunteer hours.

We are planning on having our annual Chicken Roast on May 29, 2021. There will be more details in the May issue of *The Hague Chronicle*.

The fire/rescue boat is in the water and ready for summer, although as I write this, there are two inches of snow on the ground in Hague! Happy Spring! ■



BLACK WATCH MEMORIAL LIBRARY OPEN



The following regular library hours resumed on Saturday, April 10, 2021:

- Saturday:
10 am – 3 pm
- Sunday/Monday: closed
- Tuesday:
10 am – 7 pm
- Wednesday to Friday:
10 am – 5 pm

For more information call 518-585-7380. ■

DEVELOPING A FRAMEWORK FOR LAKE-WIDE SEPTIC INSPECTIONS

by Ginger Henry Kuenzel

As we reported in our March 2021 issue, a group of citizens concerned about Lake George water quality is asking the boards of the eight towns around Lake George to adopt a resolution requesting that the Lake George Park Commission (LGPC) develop a framework for a lake-wide septic inspection program.

At its April 13, 2021 meeting, the Hague Town Board voted 3-2 to adopt this resolution. The non-binding resolution simply demonstrates to the LGPC that local governments want them to take on this responsibility.

The need for a lake-wide septic inspection program has been identified by multiple task forces, watershed

coalitions, surveys and initiatives since the 1980s. And the LGPC is the right authority to act on this. The NY State Environmental Conservation Law empowers the LGPC to adopt rules and regulations for the collection, treatment, and discharge of wastewater within the Lake George Park.

In January 2019, the Town of Queensbury established a local septic inspection program upon property transfer for waterfront residential areas.

Since then, Queensbury has found that about 60% of the septic systems inspected did not pass. Many required relatively minor repairs. However, without the repairs, the systems could be endangering the lake. The state and federal government have invested millions of dollars into sewer systems in several towns on Lake George. This is definitely a step in right direction.

But now, we also need to ensure that properties that are not on a sewer

system also have properly functioning septic systems.

How old is your septic system? Are you performing proper maintenance? When was the last time you had it pumped? These are all important questions not only to help keep Lake George clean, but also to extend the life of your septic system. To learn more about proper septic system maintenance, click [HERE](#). ■

THE HERMIT OF HAGUE

by A Friend of the Hermit

*The Hermit of Hague, an old geezer,
Just wanted to be a crowd pleaser.
He began as a singer
But was not a humdinger
And ended up being a wheezer.*

BESTE SCHOLARSHIP FUND DONORS

by Kathy Santaniello

The following people made donations to the Beste Scholarship Fund between April 2020 and April 2021. We sincerely appreciate their continued support of the scholarship program, now enabling us to expand the awards to include up to four years of higher education.

Sally and Stuart Cartwright

Cathy Clark

Estate of Thomas M. James

David and Bobbi Taylor in memory of

Bob and Shirley Bryant

Donations in Memory of Sal Santaniello

Anonymous

Belden Property Services –

Peter and Tory Belden

Maureen Cherubini

Michael and Ramona DiMarco

Tony and Lisa Hall

Bruce Scott and Anna Kunzler

Lu and Linda Megow

Gail and Mark Rutkowski

Kathy Santaniello


Beverly Hudak, Bruce, and

Kathi Torrey

And it's never too late to give! Send your donations to "The Beste Scholarship Fund," Hague Community Center, PO Box 509, Hague, NY 12836.



TOWN'S PUBLIC DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE ONLINE

The Town of Hague's public documents such as agendas, minutes, resolutions, annual town budgets, and the Comprehensive Plan are now available online, along with the Town Code through the Town of Hague's E-Code. To access the Town of Hague's E-Code, visit townofhague.org and click on the "Town Code" link in the left-hand column under "Popular Links" or go directly to <https://ecode360.com/HA1590>. 

UPDATED COVID POLICIES

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NON-RESIDENTIAL GATHERINGS

Beginning March 22nd, non-residential social gatherings of up to 100 people were allowed indoors and up to 200 people were allowed to occur outdoors.

WEDDING RECEPTIONS AND CATERED EVENTS

These are now allowed statewide. All venues must follow the state's health and safety protocols, including:

- Venues are restricted to 50% capacity, with no more than 150 attendees per event.
- All attendees must have proof of recent negative test result or proof of immunization prior to the event.
- Sign-in with contact information is required to assist with potential contact tracing.
- Venues must notify local health departments of large events, above the social gathering limit in advance.
- Masks will be required at all times except when seated and eating or drinking.
- Ceremonial and socially-distanced dancing allowed in designated areas.

Detailed guidance for in-person and catered events is available [HERE](#). 

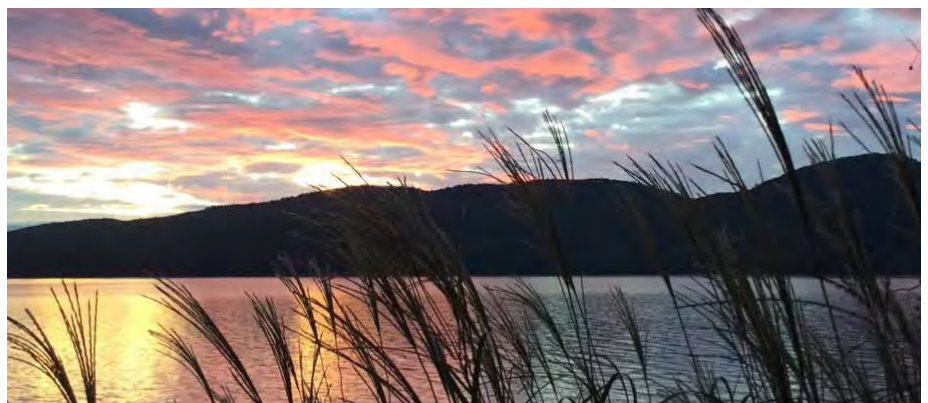
LGPC REPORT OF THE 2020 REGULATORY PERMIT PROGRAM

The Lake George Park Commission (LGPC) is charged by NYS to protect the natural resources of Lake George to the best of its ability, within its granted authorities. These authorities include oversight and permitting of all marinas, docks, moorings and tour boats on the lake, public safety through its Marine Patrol Division, stormwater management from land development activities, invasive species prevention and management, and other activities.

Deputy Permit Administrator Joe Thouin, PH, CPESC, who is the director of water quality and an environmental analyst, prepared the 2020 report of the Regulatory Permit Program. The report includes information on:

- 2020 Initiatives
- 2020 Program Statistics
- Permit Activity Trends
- Overview: LGPC Regulatory Framework

To view the entire report, click [HERE](#). 



Sunset on Lake George. Photo courtesy of Susan Darrin.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - 3/25/2021

Chairman Robert Goetsch and Board Members Maureen Cherubini, Jon Hanna, Ray Snyder, and alternate Cathy Clark were present. Linda Mury was absent. For the first time, new ZEO Michael Auerbach was in attendance.

ENGLER (43.5-1-26) 9077 Lake Shore Drive (HP)

The applicant is seeking to replace an existing legal non-conforming commercial structure (currently occupied by Made in Hague) with a two-story, mixed-use commercial/residential structure. A variance for sq. ft. increase of more than 25% is requested for a lawful non-conforming structure (proposed 69% expansion). Prior to the meeting, the owner requested that the matter be tabled. The scheduled public hearing was held. No one spoke in favor. Numerous people raised concerns about the negative impact on traffic and pedestrian safety both at Rt. 9N and at the blind driveway on Overbrook. Also mentioned was the perception that the proposed plan would be an undesirable change to the neighborhood behind the building and that the increase in size was too great for a lot size that under current code would not allow a structure. The public hearing will remain open until the ZBA meeting on April 22nd. The board requested that the new ZEO re-review the application.

MILLER (26.14-1-8) 11 Birch Point Lane (TRIR)

The APA had reversed the previously-granted variance due to insufficient information, requiring a resubmission. The board reheard the variance application for constructing a retaining wall, patio, and a four-foot walkway along the lakefront. See *The Hague Chronicle* (October 2020 and March 2021) for details. The board reviewed the details and determined, "The size of the project would be close to an even exchange when completed, but a vast improvement of the environmental conditions of the area with a positive impact." The board also said the variance would provide safer access for the elderly to the lakefront and would improve the appearance of the lot from the lake and neighborhood properties. The board unanimously approved the application with specific conditions.

BOSI (93.12-1-4) 7955 Lakeshore Drive (TR 1)

At the September 24, 2020 Zoning Board Meeting, the board unanimously approved the applicant's variance to construct a retaining wall along their lakefront ten feet back from the MHW. See *The Hague Chronicle* (October 2020) for details. The APA reversed the previously-granted variance due to insufficient information, requiring a resubmission. The applicants requested that the board entertain a motion to rehear a variance application. The board unanimously approved a rehearing and put it on the April 22nd ZBA agenda. ■

PLANNING BOARD - 4/1/2021

Chairman Dick Frasier, Board Members Dan Belden, Judy Gourley, Meg Haskell, and Pam Peterson were present.

PARLIN (59.-1-11) 3 Dot and Jack Lane

(RC/OCII/TR-1/TR-1R) The applicant is seeking to subdivide an 80.89-acre parcel into two lots. The parcel comprises four zoning districts. The proposed division line follows the contour of Route 9N. A public hearing was held with no one speaking for or against. Discussion was tabled until next meeting.

ENGLISH (60.13-1-11) Red Fox Lane (TR-1) The applicant is seeking to construct a principal dwelling on a vacant lakefront lot. The applicant is obtaining approval from Arcady Bay Association, which has not acted on the application. A public hearing was held with no one speaking for or against. The planning board will hold off discussion until after Arcady has acted on the application and additional information is available. This will be added to the May 6th planning board meeting agenda.

LEWKE (76.20-1-26) 8127 Lake Shore Drive (TR-1R/OCII)

The applicant is seeking to convert its existing three-bedroom cabin into an accessory structure (detached home office) by removing the kitchen and shower. The proposed plan leaves a half-bath in place. The applicant has plans to construct a new four-season home on their 3.4-acre lot. Town Code prevents two residences on one lot. The reclassification of the existing structure is an attempt to salvage the building. A public hearing was held. Three neighbors expressed concern based on events they observed last summer related to a deeded waterfront access tied to a nearby property also owned by the Lewkes. This separate property has a narrow-deeded access to water frontage. Renters appeared to use the waterfront access despite the access not being deeded to the property they rented. Neighbors are concerned that allowing a new larger home to be built while leaving the existing cottage as an accessory structure would put additional strain on the shared water access. Two separate properties owned by others also have deeded rights to this same waterfront. A fourth neighbor was unable to review the lot layout prior to the meeting and expressed concern about the location of the new home and setbacks. The public hearing will remain open until May 6th meeting. An on-site wastewater treatment system needed for the proposed new home is in the process of being re-designed and will need to get approval from the town board. The planning board tabled the reclassification of the existing structure until the May 6th meeting.

BRENNAN (60.5-1-1) 15 Sentinel Pines (TR1)

The applicant is seeking to subdivide a 4.05-acre lakefront parcel into two lots measuring 1.2 and 2.8-acres. The requested survey has been received. The sub-division was unanimously approved.

McLOUGHLIN (76.8-1-6.2) 252 Silver Bay Road (HS-R)

The applicant is seeking to expand the square footage of an existing legal non-conforming structure in excess of 25%. The local Board of Health is reviewing an application for an upgraded on-site wastewater treatment system. A site visit was scheduled. A public hearing will be held at the next planning board meeting on May 6th.

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PLANNING BOARD

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ENGLER (43.5-1-26) 9077 Lake Shore Drive (HP)

The applicant is seeking to replace an existing legal non-conforming commercial structure (currently occupied by Made in Hague) with a two-story mixed-use commercial/residential structure requiring a site plan review. This has been tabled until the next planning board meeting on May 6th. ▣

TOWN BOARD - 4/13/2021

The meeting was available to our community on Zoom, however the audio was not understandable. They are working to improve the quality of the sound for future meetings. *The Hague Chronicle* does not have the information at publication time to publish a report on this meeting. The draft minutes will be posted HERE on the "Minutes" link in couple of weeks. ▣

AMERICAN BALLET THEATRE REHEARSES AT SILVER BAY

After nearly a year of isolation and ZOOM rehearsals, some of the world's best ballet dancers, who are with the The American Ballet Theatre, came to Hague last fall to rehearse at Silver Bay YMCA.

The company sent seven dancers, two choreographers, and one staff member to Silver Bay, where they lived in the cottages. They rehearsed in a conference room that had been converted to a dance space with the installation of a special floor.

At first, the dancers practiced and rehearsed separately, wearing masks, and staying apart. By the second week and after numerous negative COVID-19 tests, they formed a COVID-19 "bubble" so

they could practice together in person.

Their choreographer, Alexei Ratmansky, is one of the best known and busiest choreographers in all of ballet. The troupe rehearsed Ratmansky's new ballet, "Bernstein in a Bubble," which is set to Leonard Bernstein's "Divertimento."

They found Silver Bay YMCA to be an idyllic spot in that it is on a lake, surrounded by forests, and was then blanketed in snow. Ratmansky stated, "It's like a dream come true." Of course, those of us who live in Hague all know that!

In mid-February, the dancers and choreographers left our little bit of heaven and returned to quarantining in New York City. The American Ballet Theatre hopes to be back on stage this fall, touring the country and the world, thanks, in part, to their time rehearsing and relaxing here in Hague at Silver Bay YMCA.

For more on this story, click [HERE](#) or [HERE](#). ▣



Alexei Ratmansky,
choreographer

COMMUNITY POSITIVE ABOUT MERGER

Community response to the proposed merger of the Lake George Association (LGA) and The FUND for Lake George (FUND) has been extremely positive. From LGA members and FUND donors to elected officials and business leaders, the messages of congratulations, well wishes, and thanks have been inspiring and energizing. The new LGA will be a single, more powerful lake protector, guided by science, supported by education, and united for action! ▣

FORD-JOHNSON TO CONTINUE SERVING AS SUPERINTENDENT

For several weeks, the Ticonderoga Central School District conducted an active superintendent search. Several highly-qualified candidates were identified during the search. Each candidate would have brought a variety of strengths, skills, and knowledge to the position. The district decided it wanted to bring consistency during this challenging time of fiscal stress and COVID-19.



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of the Press
Republican

After considerable assessment, thought, and discussion, the Board of Education asked Interim Superintendent Cynthia Ford-Johnston to continue serving for the next two years and she agreed to

do so. The official appointment was made on Tuesday, March 30, 2021. ▣

SOUNDINGS

DIED: Constance (Connie) Parker Sinkway, 90, of Glen Rock, NJ and Silver Bay, on February 12, 2021, peacefully at home.

Connie began her association with Silver Bay YMCA as an employee in the 1950s. After marrying, she and her husband, Bob, continued to summer at "The Bay" with their family and, in 1967, finally realized their dream of owning a cottage near campus, purchasing the old Tuck Shop on Silver Bay Road. An integral part of the Silver Bay community, Connie served as Director of Tennis in the 1980s and Council President from 1991-93. Her competitive tennis game and polished teaching skills made her an inspiring presence on the courts.

Later in life, Connie and Bob enjoyed expanding their circle of friends to include many from Hague and Ticonderoga, when they started playing golf at the Ticonderoga Country Club.

Connie was a faithful contributor to all the communities to which she belonged — as a volunteer, leader, bridge game coordinator, choir member, caring neighbor and friend, and gracious party host.

She was pre-deceased by her husband, Bob, brother-in-law, Jack, sister, Barbara Parker, niece, Carol Nelson, and son-in-law, Gary Emery. Connie will be deeply missed by her children: David (Gabrielle Sellei), Robin, Jody, and Diane (Don); her two nieces; six grandchildren; and two great-granddaughters.

Connie's life will be celebrated this summer at Silver Bay, on a date to be announced in the Silver Bay newsletters. Donations to Silver Bay

YMCA (click [HERE](#)) in her memory would be greatly appreciated.

DIED. Donald D. Hilliker, 90, of Graphite Mountain Road, Hague, on April 3, 2021. Born in Pine Hill, NY on March 1, 1931, he was the son of the late Emil and Fannie (Finch) Hilliker. He is survived by his wife, Marie A. Hilliker.

There will be no services. Donations in Donald's memory can be made to the Horicon Baptist Church, 6616 NY-8, Brant Lake, NY 12815, the Pilgrim Camp, 1542 Palisades Road, Brant Lake, NY 12815, or to an A.S.P.C.A. of one's choice. ▣

The Hague Chronicle is happy to publish announcements of births, marriages, graduations, anniversaries of 50/55/60/65+, awards, or deaths. Please send to editor@thehaguechronicle.org.

LGA MEMBERS APPROVE MERGER WITH THE FUND

The members of the Lake George Association (LGA) approved the merger of the LGA with The FUND for Lake George (The FUND) to create a new, preeminent lake protection organization. Ninety-eight percent of LGA voters (745 of 760) said yes to the union. The approved merger plan will now go to the Office of the New York State Attorney General for final review and approval. The newly-created organization will retain the LGA name.

The LGA is the longest-serving lake protection organization in the country, having been founded in 1885. "The future of Lake George protection is brighter than ever," said Pete Menzies, current president of the LGA board of directors. "We are thrilled and thankful to the LGA membership for their tremendous vote of confidence in what these two outstanding organizations will be able to accomplish together."

Jeff Killeen, current chairman of The FUND and the chairman elect of the new organization, said, "We are incredibly grateful for the opportunity and responsibility that has been granted to us. With so many water

quality threats looming, Lake George has never needed us more — and I can say without hesitation that our combined staff, board of directors, members, and many community partners are up for the challenge. The new LGA will bring our lake's already-unrivaled level of protection to new and essential heights."

The new LGA will be focused on action, working collaboratively with public and private sector partners, to achieve breakthrough performance in water quality protection programs that are guided by world-class science and supported by community education, awareness, and advocacy.

Protection programs will focus on the lake's most pressing threats: harmful algal blooms; nutrient loading from wastewater and stormwater runoff; invasive species, both aquatic and terrestrial species like hemlock wooly adelgid; and road salt contamination — all of which are compounded by the effects of a changing climate.

Mounting pressure on the lake's water quality was a driving factor in bringing



the two organizations together.

The new LGA will be led by Eric Siy, currently executive director of The FUND, who will become president of the new LGA, and Walt Lender, currently executive director of the LGA, who will serve as senior vice president.

The following officers and directors have been elected to the new LGA board from among members of the existing LGA and The FUND boards: Chairman Jeffrey M. Killeen; Vice-Chairman Peter Menzies; Treasurer William Creighton; Secretary Roy Davis; Executive Committee Members Dr. Mary Caravella, Keith Ferguson, Thomas West, and I. Robert Wolgin; and Directors Bob Bailey; Lucinda Bhavsar; James Casaccio; Geoff Cook; Charles Crew, William Dutcher; Dr. Linda Schadler Feist; George R. Hearst III; Victor Hershaft; Blair Keller; Dr. John E. Kelly III; Ginger Henry Kuenzel (from Hague); George Morris, Dennis O'Connor; and Ken Parlin (from Hague). ▣

SILVER BAY IS HIRING

Silver Bay is hiring for several full-time, part-time, and summer seasonal positions. For detailed descriptions of open positions and information on how to apply, click [HERE](#) to go to the Silver Bay YMCA's Employment Page.

Full-Time Positions

Human Resources Director, Development Assistant, Lead Cook, Shift Lead Front Desk, Front Desk Reservations, Hospitality Route Supervisor, and Conference Set-Up Supervisor

Part-Time, Year-Round, or Seasonal Positions

1. Dining Hall Positions: Cook, Dining Hall Supervisor, Dining Room Server, Prep Cook, and Utility Staff
2. Hospitality Services Positions: Conference Set-Up, Housekeeper, Laundry Attendant, Lobby Porter, and Security Utility
3. Front Desk Positions: Front Desk Customer Service Associate and Overnight Front Desk Associate
4. Other Positions: Groundskeeper and Waterfront Lifeguard

EMPS

Emps (short for "employees") are additional staff members who are hired to work during the summer and live on campus. There are positions in the dining hall, housekeeping, and program areas such as the boathouse, archery range, and more. ■

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR NEEDED

The Substance Abuse Prevention Team of Essex County, Inc. in Ticonderoga is looking for a full-time executive director.

The candidate should possess leadership and grant-writing skills, business astuteness, and abilities in strategic planning and networking. The applicant should welcome diversity and change, promote learning, and encourage the use of initiative, responsibility, and open communication.

A bachelor's degree in a relevant field is required; a graduate degree or equivalent work experience is preferred. At least five years of management experience is also preferred.

The position will pay a regionally-competitive salary commensurate with experience and a generous benefit package. The Substance Abuse Prevention Team of Essex County, Inc. is an equal opportunity employer.

The full position description is [HERE](https://preventionteam.org/communities) at <https://preventionteam.org/communities>.

Applicants should forward a cover letter and a resumé by April 30, 2021 to transition@preventionteam.org or send it to The Prevention Team, 173 Lord Howe St., Ticonderoga, NY 12883. ■



SILVER BAY SUMMER 2021

by Steve Tamm

Planning for summer 2021 continues to be challenging. While Governor Cuomo has announced a variety of changes to COVID-19 regulations, many are still in place with no specific plan or clarity on when they will change. A great example is that while he announced weeks ago that overnight and day camps for children can open this summer, the guidelines on what that looks like are yet to come out.



We understand this is a huge undertaking. We feel for those at the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) who are diligently working to figure this out after each announcement from the governor. With the ever-increasing vaccination rate locally and throughout the state, it would be really helpful if NY would adopt a similar plan as California, where they have set a target date when all restrictions will be lifted. The current piecemeal approach, often contradicting CDC guidelines or even other NYS regulations, makes operating any business or organization challenging at best.

Silver Bay will be open this summer. It will be better than summer 2020, but not quite as "open" as summer 2019. ■



NATURALLY SPEAKING

by Connie Smith



It is no surprise that the Northern Cardinal is instantly recognizable by most people. The male cardinal is completely red in color and the female has tan feathers with a red wash across the chest, although the intensity of the wash may vary. Cardinals mate for life and will spend much time together. The female lays three or four eggs, which are incubated for 12 to 13 days.

A cardinal couple likes to sing together and duets are not uncommon, but usually the male and female sing for different reasons. The male sings to attract a mate or ward off intruders. The female typically sings to signal the male to bring food to the nestlings.

Cardinals do not migrate, so you can see them all year. They prefer to live

within a mile of where they were born. Cardinal pairs aggressively defend their territory in the warmer months, but in winter cardinal pairs may temporarily band together to form flocks to more easily find food. A flock of cardinals is called a college, radiance, conclave, or Vatican.

The Northern Cardinal's name dates back to the time of the United States' founding colonists, stemming from the similarity of the males' vibrant red plumage to the red biretta and vestments of Catholic cardinals.

Native Americans believe these graceful birds have strong ties to their ancestors, so they believe cardinals to be messengers of the spirits. There are also beliefs about cardinals in Christianity. Some see the bird as representing the blood of Christ while others believe cardinals to be a sign sent from our departed loved ones.

Superstitions abound as well. Usually, the cardinal is a sign of positivity and



good news, but not always. Some people consider a cardinal hitting your window as a bad omen and this hitting relates to the death of someone in the house.

Enjoy the physical beauty and melodious songs of the cardinals and may all your sightings be positive in nature! ▣

TACC 2021 "SAVE-THE-DATE"

The Ticonderoga Area Chamber of Commerce (TACC) has released its 2021 "Save-the-Date" document, which includes TACC events, TACC partner events, and a brief highlight of visitor-focused area events. It is used to promote the year ahead for TACC and the greater Ticonderoga area and is given to visitors and TACC members as a planning tool.

Upcoming events are:

CHAMBER EVENTS

Chamber Day: Tuesday, April 20th
National Small Business Week: Sunday, May 2nd – Saturday, May 8th

ACC PARTNER EVENTS

Summer of Beautification: Dates, projects, and clean-up days - TBA

MONTHLY AND DAILY SERVICES AVAILABLE AT THE CHAMBER OFFICE

Small Business Development Center Services, Health Insurance Services, SCORE, Center for Businesses in Transition, Workshops, Business Seminars, Business Support and Services, Chamber Chats, and more.



AFTER-BUSINESS MIXERS/NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES

(Specific safety rules will apply for 2021.)

Knights of Columbus: Thursday, April 22nd from 5:30 - 7 pm

A full calendar of events with details, as well as a printable 2021 Save-the-Date flyer can be found online at www.ticonderogany.com. Printed versions are available at the TACC Office. All events and information are subject to change.

Contact the TACC for a Fishing Tournament Schedule, Complete Calendar of Events, Event Details, Area INFO, a Ticonderoga Area Business Directory, and more! ▣



HAGUE CHRONICLE NEWS:

Please send all news items to Editor Bobbi Bryant Taylor at: editor@thehaguechronicle.org.

LOOKING BACK

by Christie Derrico and various NLGYC historians

NLGYC's long history grew from several roots, the oldest of which was the Lake George Yacht Club (LGYC), organized in 1888. In the 1920s and 1930s, there was competitive sailing at the northern end of the lake at Glenburnie and Rogers Rock. The Rogers Rock Yacht Club, organized in 1932, conducted regular weekend races until 1939, when it was found to be impractical to continue and it was believed that no single community could maintain a continuous program of racing.

Around that time, a sailor of the Star Class laid out racing courses in Hague Bay. The idea that the communities at the northern end of the lake should band together to create one yacht club began to develop. In 1940, representatives from Rogers Rock, Glenburnie, Huletts, and the Adirondack Camp met and merged their existing yacht clubs, forming the NLGYC.

The location of NLGYC was the subject of much study and discussion. Properties in Heart Bay, Glenburnie, and Hague were considered. For seven years, the activities of NLGYC



were conducted from the Friends Point property of Monsignor Keegan, who officiated most of the races. But, the conclusion of WWII brought an increase in membership and activity, and because of the monsignor's failing health, it became clear that the club needed to have its own quarters. The sum of \$14,000 was raised by subscription and it was decided to use the Cook Estate, the property on which the NLGYC now stands.

In 1948, the clubhouse was built with funds donated by the members. Later, additions were constructed with hundreds of volunteer hours, which continue to this day. Tennis courts, built on land leased from the Friends Point Association, were added to club facilities in 1968 and the Junior Staff House was built in 1971.

The simple, but charming, clubhouse has been host to numerous weddings and social events, offering waterfront Adirondack camp charm.

Have you ever wondered what a burgee is? It's a triangular flag that represents a sailing club. The NLGYC's burgee is one of the oldest burgee designs in the country and was created for the LGYC in 1888. In 1941, after the LGYC's dissolution, the flag was transferred to the NLGYC by Miss Helen Simpson, the LGYC's Commodore's daughter. It has flown proudly at the NLGYC to this day. ■

THE NLGYC HAS MUCH TO OFFER HAGUE

Have you ever looked out at the lake just off the Waltonian Islands on a summer weekend morning, noticed groups of sailboats, heard cannons firing, and wondered what was going on? A bit of investigation reveals it's a hidden gem, the Northern Lake George Yacht Club (NLGYC), an intergenerational club of over two-hundred families, nestled in a quiet cove on Friends Point. Each summer, members return to this special place, whether they live just down the road or across the country.

Chat with any of the club's lifelong sailors and they will give you a history of the club's different sailboats from 14-foot Akroids to Comets and Thistles, to the Ferrari-quality Stars, to Lasers, and, of course, a burgeoning sailor's first boat, the bathtub-like N-10. On any given day, small sailors in training can be seen floating in the bay in easily-maneuvered Opti's, honing their skills.

Regular weekend races provide an early-morning routine for sailors, young and old, novice, or experienced. Even during the oppressive days of the COVID-19 summer of 2020, families and friends took to the water and fresh air.



The tennis courts are filled with players, offering another arena for community and playful competition. The recent addition of pickleball lines on the tennis courts has added another fun and exciting activity for ball and racquet enthusiasts.

The annual Commodore's Dinner, where members gather to award club trophies and sailing honors, including the somewhat dubious "Bottoms Up" award, is held in August and features an annual slide show put together by club member Seddon Beaty.

JUNIOR SUMMER PROGRAM

Potential future club members make lifelong friendships in the NLGYC Junior Program. Campers fill their days with screen-free events, often mingling with friends of various ages, something akin to a rural, one-room classroom. Where one friend can teach you how to tie a sailor's knot, another will be your partner in an FJ, offering bodyweight to "hike out" in a strong wind. The Junior Program's objectives are to:

- Develop life-long skills in sailing, swimming, and tennis
- Foster sportsmanship, seamanship, and racing skill
- Continue the heritage of the NLGYC community
- Nurture an appreciation and respect for Lake George

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NLGYC HAS MUCH TO OFFER HAGUE

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The Junior Program provides sailing, swimming, and tennis instruction to children ages 3 – 15. This year, it will run from June 28 to August 13, 2021, Monday - Thursday from 8 am – 1:30 pm. After the Junior Program concludes its morning program, these optional afternoon programs are offered: Advanced Sailing, Opti Race Team, Opti Skills Class, and an Adventure Club.

Interclub regattas such as the “Cheeseburger Regatta” with the Lake George Club, are held regularly for the juniors, providing fun and memories. Some NLGYC-trained sailors have relied upon the skills learned at the club when sailing for their college teams.

The skills of independence, self-sufficiency, community, and friendship are achieved each summer in this special place. Junior social events, such as Game Night, Movie Night, Square Dancing, and excursions such as hiking, provide safe, entertaining

activities for children and their extended families.

Non-members are welcome to participate when space permits.

For information about summer job opportunities in the Junior Program, please contact nlgycjp@gmail.com or visit www.nlgyc.com for a job application.

New members are welcome to join in the fun and share in the NLGYC's deep heritage at the lake. To find out more, go to www.nlgyc.com. ▣

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE FORT

Fort Ticonderoga opens for the daily visitation season beginning on May 1, 2021. The fort and Mount Defiance will be open for visitation Tuesday - Sunday from 9:30 am until 5 pm (last ticket sold at 4:30 pm). Guests are encouraged to purchase tickets online in advance by visiting www.fortticonderoga.org.

“Fort Ticonderoga is a must-see destination, a center of learning, and an interactive, multi-faceted experience,” said Beth Hill, Fort Ticonderoga president and CEO. “It’s exploring the beautiful gardens, finding adventure in our signature events, touring Lake Champlain aboard the Carillon boat, marching with the Fifes and Drums, and learning about a historic trade. It’s a visit through the reconstructed fort, a stroll on Carillon Battlefield hiking trail, and an unforgettable view from the top of Mount Defiance with a sweeping vista of Lake Champlain and Vermont’s Green Mountains.”

2021 highlights include:

1774: Guests will see daily weapons demonstrations and explore programs, new exhibits, gardens, historic trades, and other family adventures.

Carillon Boat Cruise: This 75-minute narrated boat tour is on Lake Champlain. Regional beer and wine are available for purchase on board.

New exhibit: A Well-Regulated Militia: Citizen, Soldier, and State explores the



critical institution of the militia in early American history, from colonization through nationhood, providing a unique examination of the system of defense that developed in the US. The exhibit includes over 100 artifacts, such as rare original militia uniforms, headwear, weaponry, musical instruments, manuscripts, printed books, fine art, and accoutrements, many on display for the first time in decades.

Historic Gardens and Friendly

Animals: Guests can immerse themselves in the colors and scents of a unique American country estate and explore Ticonderoga's story after the Revolution. One can visit the King's Garden or see a new garden designed especially for children. Visitors can also see heritage breed

animals including oxen duo, Mick and Mack.

Breathtaking Views: Sightseers can get a birds-eye view of the fort's historic landscape from the top of Mount Defiance. Visitors can hike up the mountain in the footsteps of General Burgoyne's troops or drive their cars to the top. Participants can discover how this summit shaped America's history during the “Mount Defiance: Witness to History,” offered Tuesday - Sunday at 4 pm.

Family Program Adventure: This will be in July and August. Guests will help soldiers with their daily duties.

For information on COVID-19 safety, site-wide capacity, and protocols, please visit www.fortticonderoga.org. ▣

FORT TICONDEROGA DIGITAL CAMPAIGN CONTINUES

Fort Ticonderoga continues its Digital Campaign - a virtual experience featuring interactive programming, a lecture series, and at-home educational activities and resources.

Upcoming Digital Campaign Event Calendar:

Wednesday, April 21- Virtual Fort Fever Series: Keep Calm and Carillon: New Initiatives for the Carillon Battlefield, ZOOM, 7 pm



Fort Ticonderoga Registrar and Site Archaeologist Margaret Staudter and Associate Professor and Director of the University of Vermont's Consulting Archaeology Program John Crock will present information about the recent historical analysis and survey of the Carillon Battlefield. It was part of a Preservation and Planning Assessment funded by the American Battlefield Protection Program, National Parks Service. This is a paid program that requires pre-registration [HERE](#).

Friday, April 23 - Living History Program: Building a Better Battery, Facebook, 3 pm



Fort Ticonderoga staff will set six-foot tall gabions and rebuild and extend the battery wall that is used for daily cannon demonstrations. Participants will see the careful fitting and brute force of driving the pointed posts of each gabion into place.

Wednesday, April 28 - Museum Exhibition Program: An Exhibit in the Making, Facebook, 1 pm



This presentation will show what it takes to develop an exhibit. From design, to building, to working with historic objects, to installation, this video will show behind-the-scenes glimpses of the work that went into creating Fort Ticonderoga's new exhibit *A Well Regulated Militia: Citizen, Soldier, and State*.

Friday, April 30 - Living History Program: A Real Barn [addition] Raising!, Facebook, 3 pm



Join Fort Ticonderoga staff as they raise the frame of their new barn addition into place.

Visit fortticonderoga.org and the fort's social media accounts for more live videos, on-site special events, lectures series, and educational at-home activities that bring history to life.

Fort Ticonderoga and Mount Defiance will be open for daily visitation Tuesday, May 1, 2021-Sunday, October 31st from 9:30 am until 5 pm (last ticket sold at 4:30 pm). Visitors are encouraged to purchase tickets online in advance by visiting www.fortticonderoga.org. ■

MASON/STAR PUBLIC DINNER

A public roast pork loin 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 on Friday, April 23, 2021, from 4:30 pm until all is gone at the Ticonderoga Masonic Temple, 10 Montcalm Street. Tickets remain \$10 for adults and \$6 for children 12 years old and under, and will be sold at the door. Parking for pickup will be available along Montcalm Street and at the Hancock House. ■

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CALENDAR

April 2021

APRIL

20		TACC Chamber Day
21	7 pm	Ft. Ti Digital Campaign: Keep Calm and Carillon
22		Earth Day
	5:30 - 7 pm	TACC After-Business Mixer
	7 pm	Zoning Board of Appeals
23	3 pm	Ft. Ti Digital Campaign: Building a Better Battery
	4:30 pm	Mason/Star Dinner
27	12 Noon	Senior Meeting
28	1 pm	Ft. Ti Digital: Making Exhibits
30		Arbor Day
	3 pm	Ft. Ti Digital Campaign: Barn Raising

MAY

1		May Day
	9:30 am	Ft. Ti Opens for the Season
2 - 8		National Small Business Week
6	7 pm	Planning Board
9		Mother's Day
10		DEADLINE for the May issue of <i>The Hague Chronicle</i>
11	6 pm	Town Board
19		Latest the May issue of <i>The Hague Chronicle</i> published
29		Memorial Day Celebration in Hague

TRANSFER STATION HOURS:

September 2 through June 30

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