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NEW DEADLINES AND PUBLISHING DATES

The Hague Chronicle has moved its deadlines and publishing dates to two weeks later, so we can be sure to include all town board meeting reports. The deadline for public submissions for December will be November 18th. The issues will publish on the first of each month. ■

COVID-19 UPDATE

As of October 25, 2022:

LOCATION	CASES	DEATHS
Worldwide	629M	6.58M
US	97M	1.06M
NYS	62M	71,937
Warren County	17,689	140
Essex County	7,204	69

Sources:

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 FISH & GAME CLUB NEWS

by Bobbie-Jean Fish

The Hague Fish & Game Club has had a very busy last few months.

We have successfully gotten our skeet program up and running and will restart it in the spring on Sundays.

During the months of August and September, we did a raffle for a shotgun, which earned the club a clear \$2,500. Thank you to all who donated toward this raffle! We're happy to say that our member, Todd Fish, sold the winning ticket to his co-worker, Sue Pocket-Tucker.

We have reached and, in fact, exceeded our goal for the children's playground. We have pushed back the delivery until spring to ensure we don't rush the process. We thank the community for all the donated canned goods and all those who bought dinner from us this summer at the Hague Firehouse Restaurant. We couldn't have done it without you!

Last, but not least, we had our member family night on Monday October 24th! Kids did pumpkin carving, played Halloween games, and enjoyed some amazing donuts and cider from Gunnisons! ■

Top: Sue Pocket-Tucker, winner of the gun raffle, with Todd Fish, seller of the winning ticket. Middle: (L to R) Blake May, Devin and Olivia May, Anniyah May, and their father, Brad May. Bottom: Cerina Swinton with her pumpkin, carved with her soon-to-be nephew's name, "Tucker."



SENIOR CLUB NEWS

by Pat Hintze

We had our first Game Night and many laughs on the sixth of October 2022.

On Saturday October 16th, we had a beautiful day for our boat trip on the Hudson. It was very interesting and we had lunch at Druthers, which was very good.

We'll have our meeting on November third and Game Night at Maureen's. Our regular meeting will be on November 15th, when we will close the nominations for 2023 and play Bingo, so please bring a small gift to share.



On November 17th, we'll be heading to the Christmas Tree Shop, lunch, and maybe some unexpected stops - you never know! On December 1st, we are considering a trip to the Middlebury area and Rosie's for lunch.

Our big event, the Senior Christmas Party, is tentatively set for December 6th at Frederick's in Bolton Landing.

Please follow the Hague Senior Club page for updates. Another officer or I will reach out to those who don't go online.

May you all have a very happy, healthy, and blessed Thanksgiving with family and friends. God be with you all as you enjoy your time together and safe travels. ▣

VETERANS DAY IN HAGUE

There will be a Veterans Day ceremony at 11 am on November 11, 2022 at Veterans Park in Hague.



In the United States, Veterans Day honors American veterans, both living and deceased. The celebration began at the end of World War I when the armistice ending the war was signed at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day in the eleventh month.

HAGUE IS A LEADER IN REDUCING ROAD SALT

Road salt is the acid rain of our time. That's why reducing its usage in the Lake George basin is and has been a top priority for the Lake George Association (LGA), the Town of Hague, and many other municipalities who are partnering to protect our groundwater, streams, and the lake.

On October 13th, the LGA hosted its Seventh Annual Adirondack Champlain Regional Salt Summit, bringing together local, regional, and national experts and vendors for a day-long educational program, designed to inspire and empower municipalities, businesses, and individuals to utilize the latest strategies and science to reduce salt on our roads.

Matt Coffin and Tim Fiallo represented Hague's Highway Department at the event. When Hague first got involved in the salt reduction program, after initial skepticism, Matt and Tim received training, including from their peer, Rob Vopleus, a plow driver in Lake George, who had started the program a few years earlier. Since then, Matt and Tim have been continuously expanding their knowledge by scouring the Internet, reading manuals, talking to experts, and learning by doing. For them, it's all about continuous improvement in how they do their job.

And it's also about sharing their knowledge with crews from Highway Departments in other parts of the state who are interested in getting started with salt reduction efforts. For instance, the Highway Superintendent from Peru, located near Plattsburgh, has visited Tim and Matt multiple times to learn how Hague is keeping its roads clear with less salt.



Around the time of World War II, the name was changed to Veterans Day in the United States.

This year, the ceremony will begin with the Pledge of Allegiance and the National Anthem.

Bruce Tamlyn, formerly of the Silver Bay YMCA, will do the Invocation. Then, Hague Town Supervisor Edna Frasier and Ret. Army Brigadier General Jim O'Toole will speak.

Jim will recognize all the veterans in the group who attend and he will place the wreath.

Scott Tyler from the Methodist Church in Ticonderoga will offer the benediction.

The celebration should last about 30-45 minutes. In case of rain, it will be at the Hague Community Center. ▣

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BE A CITIZEN SCIENTIST: LGA'S NEW ALGAEWATCH MONITORING PROGRAM

The Lake George Association (LGA) is seeking volunteers to monitor their favorite areas of the lake for excessive algae growth – especially harmful algal blooms (HABs). It's part of the LGA's new citizen science program called AlgaeWatch.

AlgaeWatch volunteers will monitor shoreline or near-shore areas, document the growth of various types of algae, and report their findings to the LGA. If a HAB is discovered, they will also report this to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. The information gathered will help the LGA science and technical team, their partners in The Jefferson Project environmental monitoring program, and DEC identify problem areas and help guide implementation of appropriate mitigation measures.

Volunteers will also receive email alerts from the LGA when water and weather conditions are especially conducive to HABs, as well as updates on any ongoing blooms. HABs are most apt to occur when water and wind conditions are calm and the weather is warmer than usual.

Excessive algae growth poses a serious and growing threat to Lake George water quality. In the fall of 2020, the lake experienced the first of three confirmed HABs. Fortunately, none were toxic, but the concern is real, and the need for intensive monitoring is vital to lake protection.

"It takes a community of people to properly monitor a lake the size of Lake George," said LGA Manager of Water Quality Research Brea Arvidson, which is why the LGA is asking anyone who lives, works, or regularly spends time on or around the lake to be an AlgaeWatcher. Learn more about the program and view a video on the dangers posed by HABs and what can be done to prevent them by clicking [HERE](#). ▣

ALGAEWATCH VOLUNTEER SEES SOMETHING, SAYS SOMETHING

The Lake George Association's (LGA) new [AlgaeWatch](#) program is working! At the end of October, volunteer AlgaeWatcher Matt Finley saw a suspicious concentration of cyanobacteria (harmful algal bloom, or HAB) along the shore of Basin Bay in Bolton. He immediately notified the LGA and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC). A sample is now being studied by scientists with The Jefferson Project, the environmental research collaboration between the LGA, RPI, and IBM Research.

Our recent weather conditions – calm, sunny, and unseasonably warm – are prime for the formation of cyanobacteria. Click [HERE](#) to see what a HAB looks like. ▣



This dense collection of filamentous algae spotted on Lake George this summer could be a sign of excess nutrient loading from stormwater runoff and/or failing septic systems. Participants in the LGA's new AlgaeWatch program are being asked to monitor for this type of growth and alert the LGA when found. Please note: the algae shown in this photo is not cyanobacteria, the type of algae that leads to harmful algal blooms.

IT'S HAGUE MEMORY TREE TIME

by Diane Trudeau

It's that time of year again when Bertha and I start thinking about our annual Memory Tree. The tradition was started 34 years ago by my mom, Imogene Frasier, in memory of my brother, Dale, and has grown over the years. It gives each of us a chance to remember those we have lost but also to honor those who are still with us. For \$1 per "bulb" you can add as many names as you'd like to our 2022 Memory Tree, which will be set up in the main room of the Hague Community Center. The names of all contributors will be published here in *The Hague Chronicle*.

The money raised supports the Hague Volunteer Fire Department. You can make your check out to the Hague Volunteer Fire Department for \$1 per name you submit (plus any additional sum you desire to send) and mail it to: Town of Hague Memory Tree, PO Box 509, Hague, NY 12836.

Or, stop by the community center and see Bertha or me to make your contribution in person by cash or check. We'd love to see you or hear from you!

Donations should be received by December 20th to ensure that the names are placed on the tree in time. Thank you in advance for your generosity. ▣

WARREN COUNTY HISTORY ON A THUMB DRIVE

The Warren County Historical Society has digitized more than 90 history publications and is offering them for sale on a thumb drive. If you're running out of space on your bookshelves, this is a great way to add to your collection without needing to build more shelves. To order a thumb drive, contact the Warren County Historical Society [HERE](#). The cost is \$20 plus tax and shipping. ▣

HAGUE CHRONICLE NEWS:

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

SPECIAL TOWN BOARD - 10/4/2022

Present: Supervisor Edna Frasier, Deputy Supervisor Steve Ramant, and Councilpersons Joshua Patchett and Maureen Cherubini. Councilperson Jack Bast was absent. Also present: Deputy Highway Superintendent Matt Coffin.

NEW BUSINESS:

Town Clerk Kim Coffin provided copies of the 2023 Tentative Budget to each of the board members to review. Budget workshops were scheduled for October 6, 2022 from 4 - 6 pm, October 13th from 4 - 6 pm and, tentatively, for October 18th from 4 - 6 pm.

The 2023 Budget Public Hearing was scheduled for November 2nd at 6 pm.

The board approved the following:

1. Allowing Eric Kramer to attend class for E/One Grinder Pump Service and Repair Training.
2. Hiring Thomas Haskell to work as an alternate at the landfill at \$15.45 per hour.
3. Transferring \$3,600 from "General Fund Records Management Code Book" to "Town Clerk Equipment" to purchase a fireproof file cabinet.
4. Transferring \$29,275 from "General Fund Unexpended Balance Records Management" to "Building and Grounds - Community Center" to pave the community center parking lot.
5. Transferring \$28,882.50 from "General Fund Unexpended Balance Records Management" to "Improvement Parks" to pave the Hague Town Park and Beach parking lot.
6. Entering into a contract with Warren County on behalf of the Warren County Youth Bureau. The county agrees to pay, and the town agrees to accept from the county, the sum of \$2,491 as reimbursement for providing youth recreation programs during 2022. ■

PLANNING BOARD - 10/6 & 10/12/2022

Deputy Chairperson Pam Peterson, Judy Gourley, and Meg Haskell were present, along with acting ZEO Cathy Clark. Chairperson Dick Frasier and ZEO Matthew McGee were absent.

MORAN (60.5-1-15) 35 Pine Cove Road (TR1)

The applicants would like to add a 528 sq. ft. addition, a 36% increase, to their legal nonconforming house on a 0.3-acre lot. The proposed addition is greater than a 25% increase. The addition would be within 15 feet of the side lot line and be more than the minimum ten-foot required setback. The lot coverage will be reduced from 33% to 31% due to removing a second existing driveway. The house is within the sewer district. The three variances being requested are for more than a 25% increase to a non-conforming structure, greater than 30% lot coverage, and new construction within 100 feet of the lake. The board raised concerns about

parking. A site visit was scheduled and a public hearing was deemed unnecessary. The meeting was left open to allow decisions on recommendations for the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) to be made after the site visit on October 12th. After the site visit, the board made a unanimous positive recommendation to the ZBA with the suggestion that the second parking area remain, but that the macadam be replaced with permeable pavers and it be noted that the lot has a stormwater trench and a waterline right-of-way for properties across the street and the addition may have a negative impact on the neighbors' views from across the street.

DOLLAR (60.13-1-23) 22 Pudding Island Lane (TRIR)

The applicant would like to construct a 13'8" x 12' deck addition with stairs to an existing house. A site visit has been completed. No issues were identified. The deck and house are not visible from the lake. The application was unanimously approved with no conditions.

MICHELS (60.5-1-24) 73 Pine Cove Road (TR1)

The applicants own two adjoining lots, each with a single-family, non-conforming dwelling. The owners have merged the two lots into one. The applicants propose removing both existing structures and constructing a conforming new single-family six-bedroom house within 100 feet of the MHWM, along with a two-story, three-car garage with a second-floor artist's studio and half bath. See *The Hague Chronicle* issues in May 2022 and March 2022 for previous details. The proposed house footprint has been shifted to the north to allow planting a landscape buffer zone along the property line. A detailed revegetation plan was presented with heavy planting in some key areas and other well-established areas remaining untouched. The new plantings will have irrigation. The Hague Highway Superintendent has reviewed the revegetation plans along the roadway and found them acceptable. Stormwater plan has been developed and permits have been applied for. Installation of a well will be required for the new construction. The maximum height of the building is 39'8", just under the code maximum of 40 feet. Trucks used during construction should be able to turn around at the property, avoiding going to the end of Pine Cove Road. The application was deemed complete and was unanimously approved with the conditions that a surveyor must verify and submit to the Town of Hague the finished height of the building and a Lake George Park Commission (LGPC) storm water permit must be obtained.

DROPPO (26.18-1-19) 9221 Lakeshore Drive

The applicant would like to request relief for his July, 2021 Site Plan approval. See *The Hague Chronicle*, July 2021 issue for details. The Planning Board approved his request for a two-story garage with an office and half bath. Currently the applicant is requesting approval to add a shower to the proposed bathroom. The second-floor space will be for his personal use. Precedence has generally been to not allow showers in

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an accessory structure. The board will review precedence and said it would decide on a recommendation after the Moran site visit. On October 12th, the application was unanimously approved and was allowed due to the main house plumbing being disconnected during a planned historic restoration of the main house. ■

TOWN BOARD - 10/11/2022

The following members were present: Supervisor Edna Frasier, Deputy Supervisor Steve Ramant, and Councilpersons Jack Bast, Joshua Patchett, and Maureen Cherubini.

Also present were: Highway Clerk/Audio Visual Technician Tim Fiallo, Zoom Host Ginger Henry Kuenzel, Deputy Highway Superintendent Matt Coffin, Pat Hintze, Sandy Rust, Mike and Peggy Kowalsky, Leo and Karen Lucas, and Luanne Fritzky.

A moment of silence was held for Sylvia Greenberg, Heidi Spencer, and Florence Fitzgerald.

REGULAR COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Administrative/Assessor/Justice: Frasier reviewed the Assessor's Report and said that Assessor David Martucci and Clerk Amanda Peterson have attended several classes and will implement some new policies from what they have learned. They plan to create a welcome packet for new home owners, a consent form for Dave to do his yearly assessment inspections (which will be sent to anyone with a certificate of occupancy or current building permit), and there was talk about adding a consent section on building permits for the town clerk's office.

Buildings & Grounds: Patchett said the retaining wall behind the downtown pump station should be checked over. Frasier asked him to do so.

Highway: Deputy Highway Superintendent Coffin reported that the Highway Department would be attending the Salt Summit on Thursday, October 13th. He is still narrowing down a date to complete the planned paving in town.

Personnel: Bast reported that the committee would begin conducting interviews starting Wednesday, October 12th for the positions of Planning and Zoning Clerk/Part-Time Recording Secretary and a maintenance worker.

Town Park/Beautification: Ramant has started to prepare the visitor center, town beach, and boat launch for winterization.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: The compactor at the transfer station is now operating more efficiently. Ramant is still getting bids for disposal of construction and demolition waste.

NEW BUSINESS: By a unanimous vote, Sandy Powell was approved as a member of the Hague Planning Board.

The Town Budget process for 2023 is currently underway; the public is welcome to attend the scheduled Town of Hague

Budget Workshop meetings. (A schedule of the workshops is provided on page four of this issue.)

Ginger Henry Kuenzel said the transfer station employees are running a very well-organized operation and they should be commended for that.

Sandy Rust is concerned with the dead trees around Veterans Park. Deputy Highway Superintendent Coffin stated he will send a crew to look at them. Frasier stated that the town is watching several deteriorating trees around town that will need to be addressed. ■

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - 10/27/2022

Chairman Robert Goetsch and Board Members Jon Hanna, Chris Navitsky, Ray Snyder, Linda Mury, and Acting ZEO Cathy Clark were present. ZEO Matthew Magee was absent.

MORAN (60.5-1-15) 35 Pine Cove Road (TR1)

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GLADING/DILORENZO (12.18-1-5) 9606 Lakeshore Drive (TRI) VAR 05-21

In June 2021, the applicants received a variance approval for more than 25% increase of sq. ft. to a nonconforming house and new construction within 100' of the lake. The approved plans allowed for foundation work and additions to the existing house. (See July 2021 *The Hague Chronicle*). Due to extensive damage to existing structural components and the foundation, they found that the

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proposed addition could not be adequately supported. The owners are requesting a modification of their June 24, 2021 ZBA approval. The board unanimously approved amending

the June 2021 approval to include the total replacement of the house and most of its foundation. All conditions of the previous approval apply. ▣

ROAD SALT, CONTINUED

One town after another is discovering the advantages of salt reduction and tapping into the expertise of drivers who have been doing it for years. A real sense of community has developed among these plow drivers. They are the best ambassadors because they have the first-hand experience, and they have seen that this program works. "Hague has become a real destination for salt reduction strategy and implementation," said Lake George Waterkeeper Chris Navitsky, a Hague resident.

It's not only the right thing to do for the environment; the town also saves Hague money. In recent years, salt reduction efforts have saved the town well over \$100,000. Hague reinvests this money to make the program even more robust.

For instance, aided by a grant from the legacy FUND for Lake George (now the Lake George Association), the town bought equipment to make its own brine, which costs eight cents per gallon compared to 36 cents if they buy it. The brine is sprayed on roads before a storm, which helps prevent the snow from bonding with the pavement and makes it easier for plows to scrape the roads clean.

Hague has also invested in cutting-edge technology to help reduce salt usage. Plow trucks are equipped with

sophisticated GPS-linked technologies that record the temperature on the surface of the roads and also calibrate and track each truck's road salt application patterns. Video cameras in the cabs and along roads provide a real-time look at conditions and how effectively the ice-prevention strategy is working, informing the plow drivers when they should hit the road, and thus helping to reduce labor costs for the town.

In addition, before, during and after each storm, the crew patrols roads to evaluate conditions and determine where more or less attention is needed.

Soon the first snowflakes will fly and Hague's Highway crew will be out clearing the roads for us, day and night. As you drive the roads, think about the time and effort our drivers have invested in learning how to protect the environment, while keeping our roads safe, and in getting other towns to do the same. We are lucky to have this excellent crew, and we applaud their hard work and commitment.

Click [HERE](#) to learn more about the Seventh Annual Salt Summit.

Click [HERE](#) to learn what the LGA is doing to help reduce road salt. ▣

UPDATE ON PROCELLACOR LAWSUIT

The LGA announced in late October that it is preparing for oral arguments in its lawsuit alleging, among other things, that the Adirondack Park Agency used a rushed process to approve the use of the herbicide ProcellaCOR in Lake George at two pilot sites, despite an outpouring of technical and scientific opposition. New York State Supreme Court Justice Robert Muller issued a temporary injunction in June to halt the use of the herbicide in Lake George until arguments could be heard.

The Town of Hague is a co-complainant in the lawsuit, along with the Lake George Waterkeeper, and a resident of Hulett's Landing, whose property is near one of the pilot sites. The



A member of Adirondack Explorer, Commercial Diving Services, harvests milfoil in 2019 on Lake George. Photo by Mike Lynch

Town of Hague's boundaries extend to the eastern shore of Lake George. Both pilot sites are within those boundaries. The Lake George Park Commission (LGPC) wants to use ProcellaCOR to combat Eurasian milfoil, but the LGA and

the other parties to the suit feel that more research specific to Lake George is needed.

LGA-sponsored teams are applying world-leading freshwater science to study the herbicide's potential impacts on Lake George.

To date, more than 4,500 individuals have signed a petition asking the LGPC to "hold off on putting this toxic chemical in Lake George until the scientists have done the necessary Lake-George-specific research to determine long-term effects." To sign the petition and keep updated, click [HERE](#). ▣

LGLC RECEIVES \$350,000 GRANT FOR WIAWAKA UPLANDS

The Lake George Land Conservancy (LGLC) has been awarded a \$350,000 grant to help fund the acquisition of a conservation easement on Wiawaka's upland property. The acquisition will ensure that these uplands remain undeveloped. Wiawaka will use the funds it receives for the easement to build and maintain trails in the uplands and to create a public parking area with interpretive signage. The funds will also enable Wiawaka to protect its lakefront from further development, according to Doreen Kelly, the executive director of Wiawaka.

The LGLC is one of just four land trusts that received funds in 2022 from the Forest Conservation

Easements for Land Trusts Program (FCELT), a competitive grant program that was launched in March of this year and funded through New York State's Environmental Protection Fund to protect the forests.

Wiawaka is a women's retreat center located on the southeast shores of Lake George. ▣



JEFF BROZYNA NAMED PRESIDENT OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF LGLC

The Lake George Land Conservancy (LGLC) named Jeff Brozyna as its new President of the Board of Directors, succeeding Michael O'Reilly. Brozyna joined the LGLC Board in 2011 and has served ten years as Vice President of Development. He also led the LGLC as Interim Executive Director from October through December 2022, while a search for a permanent executive director was underway.

Other changes and additions to the LGLC Board of Directors include the election of Bernice McPhillips, Nancy Flacke Reuss, and Kealy Salomon to the board; appointment of David Darrin and Mike O'Reilly as Directors Emeritus; and the appointment of Scott Arenholz, Tracey Clothier, and Mike O'Reilly to the Advisory Board. Paul Cummings completed a three-year term of service on the board of directors. ▣

LGA URGES A 'YES' VOTE ON BALLOT PROPOSAL # ONE

On November 8, 2022, New York State voters will vote on a \$4.2 billion bond proposal for projects to safeguard the environment, natural resources, and water infrastructure, and to help mitigate climate change. At least \$650 million are earmarked for projects to prevent harmful algal blooms; improve wastewater, sewage, and septic infrastructure; reduce stormwater runoff; and other water projects.

The Lake George Association recommends a "yes" vote, saying, "A significant portion could benefit area wastewater treatment plants, as well as property owners who need to upgrade their septic systems." Read more about the Ballot Proposal [HERE](#). ▣

FUNDS FOR SEPTIC SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

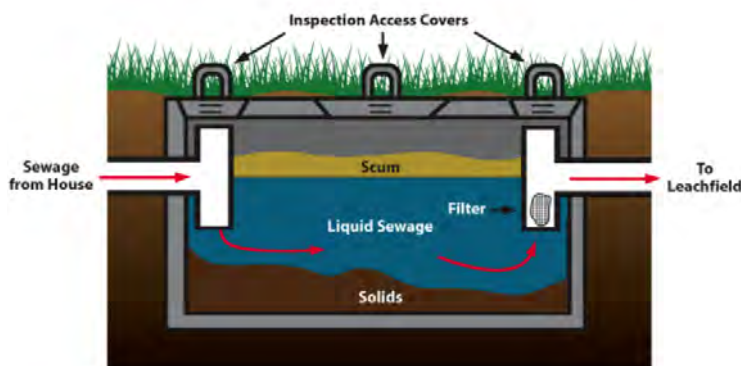
Warren County has been awarded an additional \$635,000 to aid property owners on Lake George who need to replace or improve their septic system. Click [HERE](#) to learn how to apply for funding. ▣

DRAFT SEPTIC INSPECTION REGS – PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD EXTENDED; NEW DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARING

As we reported last month, the Lake George Park Commission (LGPC) is accepting public comments on its draft septic inspection regulations. The comment period has been extended to November 30, 2022. The date of the public hearing has also been changed to November 22nd at 4 pm at Fort William Henry. Mail your comments by November 30th to Info@lgpc.state.ny.us.

In a nutshell, the proposed regulations for the inspection and maintenance of septic systems will identify systems that need to be repaired, upgraded, or replaced, and are thus endangering

the water quality of Lake George. You can read our full article about the draft regs on page six of the [October issue](#) of *The Hague Chronicle*. You will also find an excellent [FAQ document](#) about the septic inspection program on the Lake George Park Commission's website [HERE](#). In addition, the Lake George Association (LGA) website provides a wealth of general information about Septic Systems and Lake George [HERE](#). ▣



TIDY TIME WEEKEND AT SILVER BAY

The Silver Bay Council joined the Silver Bay YMCA staff October 7 - 9, 2022, to help prepare the campus for the fall and winter months.

The Silver Bay YMCA Council is an auxiliary organization of Silver Bay YMCA. Its members are dedicated to restoring, enhancing, and preserving the Silver Bay campus.

The Tidy Time work weekends are a tradition that started in the late '60s. Every spring and fall, members of the council and the staff get together to help "tidy up" and make improvements around campus. Volunteer work can include raking leaves, making beds, or serving in the dining room.

Tidy Time is also open to families and individuals who are not on the council. Individuals can enjoy the fun, as well as the special weekend rate offered by Silver Bay YMCA. To take part, a minimum of four hours of work per day is required.

If you're interested in joining the Silver Bay Council, you can fill out a membership application [HERE](#).

If you're interested in volunteer opportunities with Silver Bay YMCA throughout the year, email VP of Human Capital and Community Relations Carolyn Close at cclose@silverbay.org. ▣



SILVER BAY DINNER AND A MOVIE

On November 17, 2022 Silver Bay YMCA will present *Cruella* at its Community Dinner and a Movie. The movie was made in 2021, is rated PG-13, and lasts two hours and 14 minutes.

In this live-action origin story based on the Disney classic *101 Dalmatians*, young Cruella de Vil is working as a fashion designer in 1970s London until an unusual obsession leads her astray. See the trailer [HERE](#).



The event will be held at the William Boyd Center Dining Hall, beginning at 5:30 pm.

Guests will enjoy a hot buffet with entree, salad bar, drink fountain, coffee, tea, hot cocoa, etc. Guests are asked to note any dietary restrictions on their registration.

The movie will start at 6:15 pm and popcorn and snacks will be available for purchase.

The cost is \$15 per person and reservations must be made by clicking [HERE](#) by November 12th. ▣

FREE COMMUNITY WELLNESS MEMBERSHIPS AT SILVER BAY

"Silver Bay is giving local residents a place to come with their families whether it's to workout, play a game of disc golf, or to hike our trails," said VP of Sales and Marketing Lindsey Butler. She added, "We are defining 'local' as Bolton Landing, Silver Bay, Hague, Ticonderoga, Crown Point, and Putnam."

Beginning November 1, 2022, residents can receive their free local membership by filling out the form [HERE](#) or by visiting the front desk located in the inn Monday - Friday 9 am - 4 pm. Applicants must provide a government-issued ID proving residency.

This membership is limited to wellness only, is free annually, and includes access to Fisher Gymnasium, nine- and 18-hole disc golf, and hiking trails. It also entitles residents to participate in the YUSA National Reciprocity Program.

"I want to make sure Silver Bay is accessible to our community no matter if it's winter or summer," said Silver Bay YMCA CEO Peter R. Doliber. He added, "Silver Bay is a mission-based organization and part of our mission is community. We will continue to lean into our mission moving forward and hope to see many of our community members enjoying our amazing location." ▣



YOGA CLASSES AT SILVER BAY YMCA

There will be yoga classes occurring in Fisher Gym at Silver Bay YMCA on the following dates:

November

Saturday, November 5, 2022 at 10 am
Thursday, the 10th at 4 pm
Saturday, the 19th at 10 am

December

Saturday, the 3rd at 10 am
Thursday, the 8th at 4 pm
Saturday, the 17th at 10 am ▣

NATURALLY SPEAKING

by Connie Smith



'Tis the season for pumpkins. Halloween has just passed and grinning jack 'o lanterns were lit for all to admire. Now the pumpkins turn into pies for all to enjoy at the end of a Thanksgiving feast. Slice up the pie and pass the whipped cream!

Before you get out your baking utensils, please remember that carving pumpkins have thin skins that are made for easier carving. Their inside guts are grainier and stringier than pie pumpkins which are generally smaller and rounder. Pie pumpkins can vary from the size of a softball to the size of a watermelon.

The biggest difference is inside. The flesh of a pie pumpkin is a dark orange color and is quite thick. A pie pumpkin should feel heavy for its size when you pick it up. Also known as a sugar pumpkin, these pumpkins are a little sweeter than carving pumpkins. The flesh of a carving pumpkin may be used in pies, but its flavor is somewhat bland and a little bitter so probably no one will be asking for second helpings.

Surprisingly, the word “pumpkin” originates from “peopon” which means “large melon” in Greek. The word then

evolved to “pompon” in French and “pumpion” in Britain. We Americans changed it to “pumpkin.”

Every year the United States produces 1.5 billion pounds of pumpkin. Eighty percent of the crop, about 800 million pounds, is ripe for picking in

October. Over 40 varieties of pumpkins exist. They range in color from orange, red, yellow, green, and white. Technically a fruit, the pumpkin is in the same family as cucumbers and melons.

Another interesting fact is every part of a pumpkin is edible: the skin, leaves, stems, flowers, pulp, and seeds. Pumpkins are 92 percent water.

Scientists believe that pumpkins originated in North America about 9,000 years ago. Pumpkins and other forms of squash were an important food staple among Native Americans.



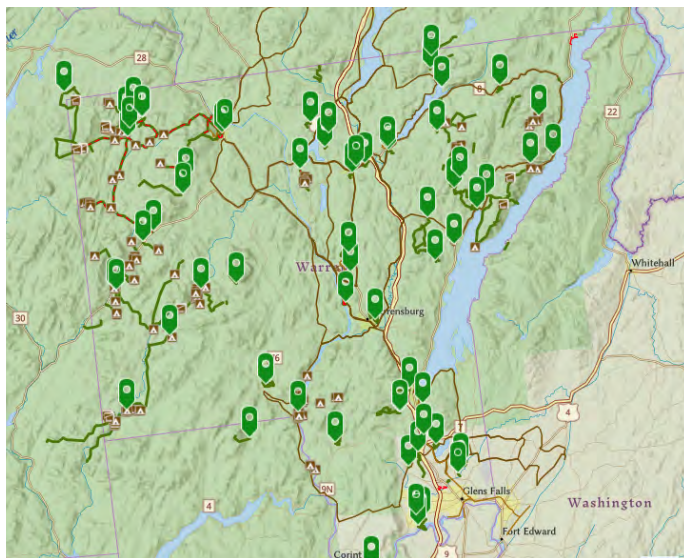
They grew the squash next to maize and beans. This “Three Sisters Method” allows the three to sustain each other. Corn serves as the trellis upon which the beans climb. The beans are nourished by the sunlight and keep the corn stalks stable on windy days. The pumpkins shelter the corn’s shallow roots and prevent weeds from taking hold.

Enjoy a pumpkin pie or two this Thanksgiving and circle October 26th on next year’s calendar. Surely you will want to celebrate National Pumpkin Day! ▣

INTERACTIVE RECREATION MAP FOR WARREN COUNTY

Warren County recently launched its new [recreation mapper](#), an interactive map of recreational options in the county. The map has tabs for hiking, winter trails and sites, parks, cycling, and water activities. You can zoom in on specific areas of the county to find more information about each of these categories. Click on a specific hiking trail, for instance, and you’ll discover the mileage, elevation, degree of difficulty, and directions to the trailhead. For bike trails, you’ll find the distance, type of surface, and difficulty. Other categories list the amenities you’ll find in places, for

instance in a park. You can connect directly to Google Maps to help you find your way to the location or trailhead. You can even download detailed trail maps before you leave home since, as we all know, you probably won’t have cell service on most of the trails! Get out there and have some fun! ▣



FESTIVAL OF TREES AT HANCOCK HOUSE IN TICONDEROGA

The Ticonderoga Historical Society will hold its annual Festival of Trees at the Hancock House Museum November 25 - December 31, 2022. Organizations and individuals are invited to submit entries, which must be in place no later than November 23rd. These will be judged by an anonymous panel of three individuals, and prizes will be awarded for: best theme (\$100); most creative (\$100); best youth submission (\$50); and best non-tree holiday display (\$50). Winners will be announced at the free Champagne Reception on Sunday, December 5th from 1 - 3 pm. This year's theme is "Christmas Around the World," although entries do not have to follow the suggested theme. Trees can be any size but, due to fire regulations, must be artificial, lighting must comply with UL codes, and trees must be removed the week of January 2nd.



The ever-popular holiday train layout, made possible by grants from Stewart's Shops and the Ticonderoga Cultural Arts Alliance and courtesy of the Upstate Model Railroaders, will be back again this year. Group tours for schools and other organizations are also available by reservation. To secure a space, or for additional questions, contact the Hancock House at 518-585-7868 or via e-mail at: tihistory@bridgepoint1.com. ▣

ROAST PORK LOIN DINNER IN TICONDEROGA

A roast pork loin dinner, open to the public, will be served Friday, November 18, 2022, at the Ticonderoga Masonic Temple, 10 Montcalm Street, Ticonderoga (across from the Stone House) from 4:30 pm until the food runs out.

Take-outs will also be available. Tickets can be purchased at the door at a cost of \$12 for adults and \$8 for children 12 and under.

Parking will be available along Montcalm Street and at the Hancock House parking lot.

The dinner is 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.

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LIVING HISTORY AT FORT TICONDEROGA

"Day Longer in the Field" is the title of the Living History event scheduled for November 12, 2022 at Fort Ticonderoga. Meet American provincial soldiers who were eager to go home at the end of the 1759 Campaign. With Ticonderoga and Crown Point captured, these American soldiers worked alongside British Regulars to prepare Fort Ticonderoga for winter and the following season's advance into the heart of New France. Witness how the soldiers in 1759 dealt with the harsh realities of winter on the northern frontier. Learn more [HERE](#). ▣

WILLIAM SHATNER RETURNS TO TICONDEROGA

William Shatner (a.k.a. "Captain Kirk"), will make his second visit to the Star Trek Original Series Set Tour on Montcalm Street in Ticonderoga on November 18 and 19, 2022. A variety of packages are available for purchase.

Click [HERE](#) for tickets and prices. ▣

VETERANS DAY PROGRAM ON NAVAL HERO DIXIE KIEFER

The Ticonderoga Historical Society will mark Veterans Day with a free program on Navy legend Dixie Kiefer. David Rocco will speak about Kiefer (1896-1945), who was one of the Navy's best-known figures during World War II, executive officer of the USS Yorktown, and commanding officer of the USS Ticonderoga. He sustained serious injuries in 1945 when Japanese kamikaze planes attacked the USS Ticonderoga.



Rocco co-authored "The Indestructible Man," a book about Kiefer. The program will be held Friday, November 11, 2022 at 7 pm at the Hancock House, 6 Moses Circle, Ticonderoga. It is free, but reservations are recommended as seating is limited. Additional information is available by calling 518-585-7868 or via e-mail to tihistory@bridgepoint.com. ▣



It's been quite a colorful Fall in Hague! Photos courtesy of Sandy Powell.

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CALENDAR

November 2022

NOVEMBER

2	6 pm	Hague Town Board Budget Meeting
3		Senior Club Meeting and Game Night
5	10 am	YOGA at Fisher Gym Silver Bay
8		ELECTION DAY
8	6 pm	Town Board Meeting
10	4 pm	YOGA at Fisher Gym Silver Bay
10	7 pm	Planning Board Meeting
11	11 am	Veteran's Day Veterans Park in Hague
11	7:30 pm	Veteran's Day program Hancock House
12	10 am - 4 pm	Living History Event "Day Longer in the Field" at Fort Ticonderoga
15		Senior Club Regular Meeting
17		Senior Christmas Tree shop and lunch
17	5:30 pm	Silver Bay Dinner and a Movie "Cruella," rated PG
18	4:30 pm	Masonic Temple roast pork loin dinner

18-19		William Shatner visits Star Trek Museum
19	10 am	YOGA at Fisher Gym Silver Bay
24		THANKSGIVING DAY
24	7 pm	Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting

DECEMBER

1		Senior Club tentative trip to Middlebury and Rosie's for lunch
1	7 pm	Planning Board Meeting
3	10 am	YOGA at Fisher Gym Silver Bay
6		Senior Club Christmas Party at Frederick's in Bolton Landing
8	4 pm	YOGA at Fisher Gym Silver Bay
13	6 pm	Town Board Meeting
17	10 am	YOGA at Fisher Gym Silver Bay
22	7 pm	Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting

TRANSFER STATION HOURS: Wednesdays 10 am to 2 pm, Saturdays 10 am to 2 pm