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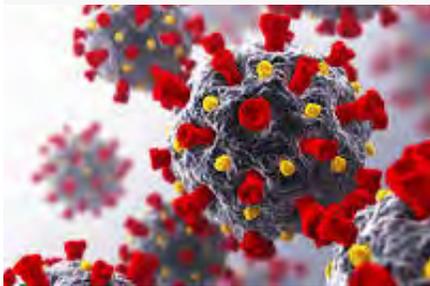
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COVID-19 UPDATE

As of May 12, 2021:



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

LOCATION	CASES	DEATHS
Worldwide	159,732,329	3,319,170
US	32,779,414	582,848
NYS	2,075,539	52,770
Warren County	3,552	57
Essex County	1,568	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. 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 barbecue from 4 – 6 pm at the firehouse.

FOURTH OF JULY FIREWORKS PLANNED FOR HAGUE



According to Town Supervisor Edna Frasier, fireworks in the Town of Hague are scheduled for July 3, 2021.

MOST CAPACITY RESTRICTIONS IN NEW YORK STATE WILL BE LIFTED MAY 19, 2021

With the COVID-19 situation improving statewide, Governor Cuomo said that New York State, along with a coalition of neighboring northeast states, will take “major” steps toward reopening.

Beginning Wednesday May 19th, most capacity restrictions will end. This includes businesses such as: retail, food services, gyms and fitness centers, amusement and family entertainment, hair salons, barber shops, offices, museums, theaters, and more.

The governor said NY would continue to implement the CDC-recommended six feet of social distancing, adding that the distancing could still restrict some capacity for certain businesses. He also said that businesses could implement their own capacity restrictions if they felt compelled to do so.

The governor also announced:

- The outdoor food and beverage curfew will be lifted on May 17th.
- The indoor catered gathering limit increases to 500 with testing or vaccines on May 19th.
- The residential gathering limits increases to 50 on May 19th.
- The indoor catered gathering limit increases to 250 on May 19th.
- The indoor food and beverage curfew will be lifted on May 31st.

SENIOR CLUB NEWS

by Pat Hintze



We are glad to announce that the Hague Seniors have some tentative dates for hitting the road again.

On May 20, 2021, we're heading to Quechee Gorge in Vermont to see the gorge, have some lunch, and do some shopping.

We'll have our regular meeting on May 25th at 1:30 pm at the HVFD.

On the 29th, we'll be putting up the tents at the Hague Town Beach for our famous Memorial Day White Elephant Sale. We'll gladly accept help from anyone who is free to lend a hand at 9:30 am. Thanks in advance! When we're done, the club will provide lunch.

On June 16th, we're heading south to play some Mini Golf at Around the World in Lake George then getting some lunch at Cooper's Cave in Glens Falls.

Looking forward to seeing everyone again! ☑

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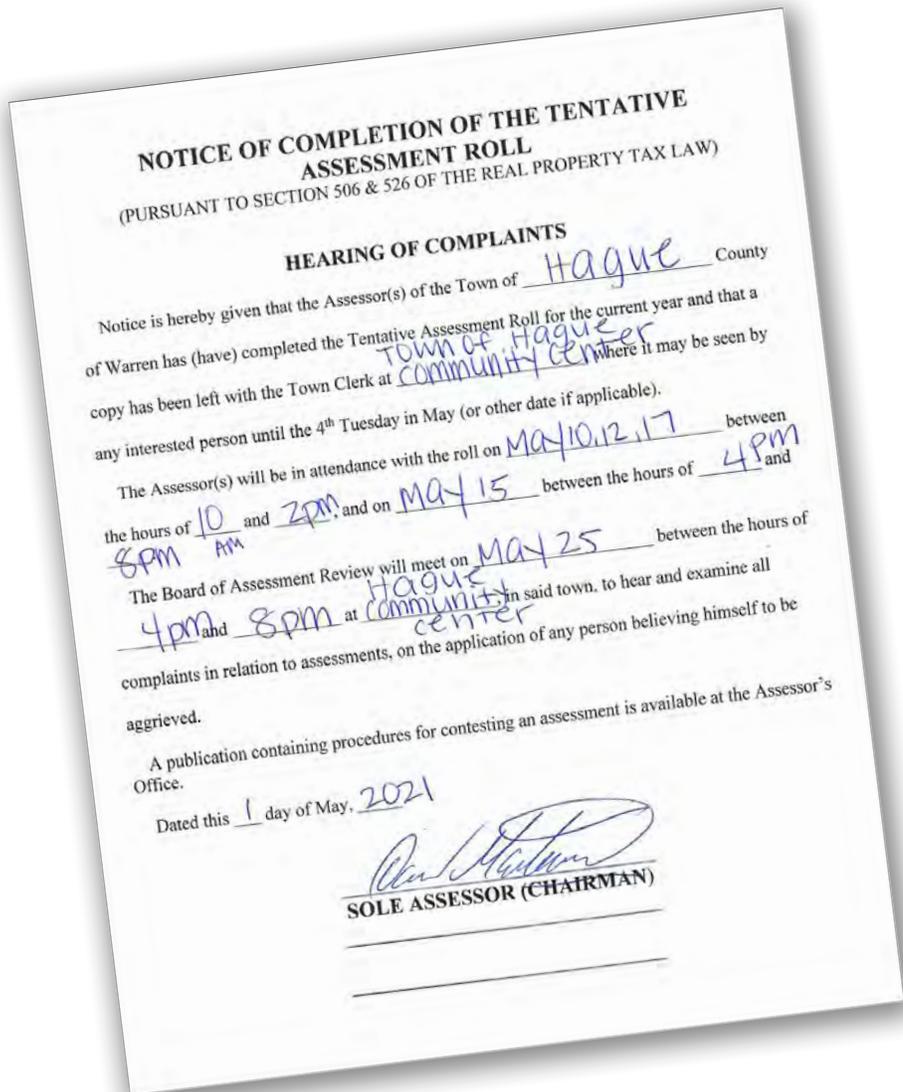
by Meg Haskell



For the month of April, we had 13 fire calls and drills and four EMS calls, using 125 volunteer hours.

We will be holding a drive-through Chicken Barbecue on Saturday, May 29th beginning at 4 pm until we run out. We will be serving 1/2 chicken, baked potato, coleslaw, rolls, and dessert. The cost is \$10.

I want to wish all our EMS providers a Happy EMS Week from May 16 - 22! Thank you for all you do for our community! ☑



3RD HONOR ROLL

These are the elementary students from Hague who were on the third quarter honor roll:

Grade 2 - High Honors:

Noah Mydlarz, Maddison Smith, and Cerina Swinton

Grade 3 - Honors: Maleena Savage and Markenna Winter

Grade 5 - High Honors: Wyatt Barnes

Grade 5 - Honors: Blake May

Grade 6 - High Honors: Zebulon Denno, Brady Mydlarz, Miya Savage and Kaiden Smith

Grade 6 - Honors: Emma Lastowski
Congratulations!

THE HERMIT OF HAGUE

by A Friend of the Hermit

*The Hermit of Hague had no humor
He'd talk 'til you had to say "no more."
His puns were not punny.
His jokes were not funny.
He lived by himself was the rumor.*

2021 HAGUE MUSIC IN THE PARK

July 7th – August 11th: Shows at 7 pm
August 18th and 25th: Shows at 6:30 pm



Bring your chairs, dancing shoes, and enjoy the North Country's best summer concert lineup!

SATURDAY, JULY 3rd:

BARKEATER – Tom Denno and Friends (Starts at 6 pm)
FIREWORKS (Start at 9:30 pm)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 7th:

RICK BOLTON AND FRIENDS – Hague's hometown favorites!

WEDNESDAY, JULY 14th:

WILLIE PLAYMORE BAND – Playing ZZ Top, Bon Jovi, The Allman Brothers, and more

WEDNESDAY, JULY 21st:

RUNNING THE RIVER – Classic Rock, country, folk, and Irish tunes

WEDNESDAY, JULY 28th:

BEN ROUNDS BAND – Ben, Scotty, and Fred

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4th:

MARTY WENDELL AND DAN RABIDEAU – Marty is a Rockabilly Hall of Fame Member

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11th:

RICH ORTIZ – One-man band with guitar, harmonica, and foot pedal bass

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18th:

THE SWITCH BAND – John Saris with classic rock, blues, and jazz

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25th:

AMERICAN ROOTS SHOW – Bob Stump on guitar and Doug Moody on fiddle

The inclement weather site will be the Hague Community Center. ❏

RESTORATION WORK PLANNED FOR PEGGY'S POINT

Peggy's Point, the Lake George Land Conservancy's two-acre park in Hague, is about to undergo a major restoration of its shoreline and stream bank. These areas have experienced serious erosion over time, and especially recently due to heavy storms. As a result, trees have fallen over, sediment is eroding into the stream and the lake, and the shoreline is slowly washing away.

The LGLC consulted with the Warren County Soil and Water Conservation District to design a plan to stabilize the shoreline and stream with rock and native vegetation.



The plantings, which will be installed by DeFranco Landscaping, will not only stabilize the soil through their root structures, but will also provide important flowers for pollinators.

"This shoreline work," said Mary Lou Doulin, the volunteer caretaker of Peggy's Point, "and the addition of strong native plants that naturally hold soil in place will reduce erosion and storm water runoff, and will protect the cleanliness of our beautiful lake."

The LGLC anticipates the work will be completed this spring or summer. The park will be closed to visitors during this time due to safety concerns. Thank you in advance for your patience. ❏

TOWN BOARD - 4/13/2021

Supervisor Frasier and Board Members Ramant, Fitzgerald, and Patchett were present. Bast attended via Zoom.

A moment of silence was held for Larry Bartlett, Donald Hilliker, and Sheila McCarville.

There were no committee reports in the draft minutes.

A resolution was passed 3 – 2 (aye: Bast, Patchett, Ramant; nay: Fitzgerald, Frasier) that the Hague Town Board request that the Lake George Park Commission take the necessary steps to develop the framework for a lake-wide septic inspection program.

A donation of \$500 was made to the Hike-A-Thon sponsored by the Lake George Land Conservancy. Other resolutions were passed concerning EDUs and wastewater variances. ▣

SPECIAL TOWN BOARD - 4/30/2021

Present were: Supervisor Edna Frasier and Board Members Jack Bast, Martin Fitzgerald II, Joshua Patchett, and Steve Ramant.

Town Clerk Melissa Patchett's resignation was unanimously accepted and the board expressed its appreciation for all she has done. Melissa is willing to continue to do the necessary tasks until a replacement can be found and to help with training her replacement.

Landscaping quotes from North Country Landscapes, DeFranco Landscaping, and Adirondack Landscaping were unanimously accepted.

Committee Report on the Hague Transfer Station

Supervisor Edna Frasier and Councilman Steve Ramant have been reviewing data associated with the transfer station's financial losses and are now looking for town board input for what direction to take.

The transfer station has been losing money for many years despite efforts to break even. Last year, the transfer station was in the hole by approximately \$34,000. Year-to-date, the landfill operation costs have lost \$14,634 and it is estimated that if no changes are made, the annual loss will be \$50,000 (not including employee benefits, which are estimated at an additional 10% cost.) Casella has agreed to reduce the haul rate from \$585 to \$500. Based on the 2020 volume, this reduced haul rate would save Hague \$7,000 annually.

A drive-on scale is not feasible due to it costing \$70,000. Going to a small scale (\$5,000) would require adding staff. If implemented, local curbside waste collection businesses would likely take waste to the Fort Ann Waste Collection Facility, which is run by Ace Carting, rather than weighing bags individually and sorting recyclables. Ace charges \$90 per ton (\$0.045/pound) at their transfer station in Fort Ann, which can make it financially worth the drive for curbside pickup services. The Horicon Transfer Station charges \$0.17 per pound and can potentially cost significantly less than the Hague Transfer Station per bag costs.

Ramant estimated that 366 of Hague households use one of the numerous curbside pickup services. Assuming there are about 500 households in Hague, that would leave about 134 households that might possibly bring their waste/recyclables directly to the Hague Transfer Station. In the first week of March 2021, a total of 64 people used the Hague Transfer Station.

Ace Carting (which runs five transfer stations in the area) and Casella are not interested in running the Hague Transfer Station. Planet Recycling has not returned the town's calls after the initial inquiry.

The goal is for the transfer station to break even. Board members discussed possible options including closing the transfer station. Other towns have used a town tax to cover costs of waste transfer. Currently households have the option to use local curbside pickup businesses costing roughly \$22 to \$28 per month for twice a month pickup or going to the Ticonderoga or Horicon Transfer Stations. Another option would be to create a town-wide curbside waste pickup service paid by a special district fee and close the Hague Transfer Station.

The board agreed to pursue putting the issue on the ballot in the November election. The deadline for finalizing the ballot needs to be determined. Cost would need to be estimated by the ballot deadline. The board would need to determine whether to keep the landfill open if the curbside pickup district is voted down. ▣

PLANNING BOARD - 5/6/2021

Chairman Dick Frasier, Board Members Judy Gourley, Meg Haskell, Pam Peterson and alternate Martin Fitzgerald, Sr. were present. Dan Belden was absent.

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

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. The sub-division was unanimously approved.

JACKSON (43.5-2-21) 24 Holman Hill Road

Just prior to the meeting, the Jacksons requested clarification and a review of their two-lot subdivision of a 1.29-acre parcel related to driveway access between the two lots. One lot abuts Holman Hill Road and the other abuts 9N. The board will research the application request and add it to the June 3rd planning board meeting agenda.

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

The applicant is seeking to renovate and expand the square footage of an existing legal non-conforming structure in excess of 25%. The project includes an upgraded on-site wastewater treatment system and the demolition and re-construction of an accessory structure. The project is subject to site plan review due to its proximity to the mean high water (MHW) line of Lake George. A public hearing was held with no one speaking for or against. The public hearing will remain open as the wastewater system has not been approved yet.

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PLANNING BOARD

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

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 June 3rd.

ENGLISH (60.13-1-11) Red Fox Lane

The applicant is seeking to construct a principal dwelling on a vacant lakefront lot. The applicant has obtained approval from Arcady Bay Association. A public hearing was held with no one speaking for or against. The application was unanimously approved.

LEWKE (76.20-1-26) 8127 Lake Shore Drive

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 1,400 square foot four-season home on their 3.4-acre lot. The reclassification of the existing structure is an attempt to salvage the building.

A public hearing was held. A written statement from the owners was read expressing that wastewater and stormwater approvals have been obtained and previous public objections related to the waterfront do not directly bear on the request for a half bath in the accessory structure.

A lawyer representing a neighbor said, as defined in the agenda, an accessory structure cannot have living accommodations or associated plumbing. The lawyer also stated that the board does not have the authority to allow an accessory structure with plumbing.

The public hearing will remain open until the June 3rd planning board meeting. The board asked for more details on the use of the structure and scheduled another site visit.

DROPO (26.18-1-9) 9221 Lakeshore Drive (formerly Ruah)

The applicant is seeking to build a one-car garage with an office and half bath on the second floor. Construction would require minimal blasting. The application was accepted. A site visit was scheduled. A public hearing will be held at the June 3rd planning board meeting.

LEUDEKE (10-2-25.1) 164 New Hague Road

The applicant is seeking to subdivide a 60.98-acre parcel into two lots of 52.98 acres and 8 acres. A site visit was scheduled. A public hearing will be held at the next planning board meeting on June 3rd. ▣

A moment of silence was held for Charles Jones and Gilbert Cox.

The board heard a presentation on a sewer variance for McLoughlin. A public hearing will be held next month. Cedarwood Engineering, the town's engineer, is reviewing the proposal and will make recommendations to the town board.

Town Clerk Melissa Patchett has resigned to stay at home with her new daughter. She is willing to help out until the town can find a replacement.

Ramant reported that the boat launch will open on May 21st. The board approved the hiring of several people who will be working as launch and park attendants this summer.

There was a discussion on the new recommendations for regulation of short-term rentals of private property and a public hearing was set for May 26. The proposal being considered by the town is (or will be) available on the town website. Patchett stated he was not in favor of the rule that would allow only one rental per parcel regardless of the number of units on that property. (Note: The regulations being considered by the town do not apply to commercial property.)

The board appointed Jack Bast, Ginger Kuenzel, and Phil Smith as a committee to review appeals from property owners in the sewer districts who want to dispute the number of bedrooms on their property.

Tim Fiallo of the Highway Department reported that the town is working with Warren County Sewer and Water to find a way to curtail the growth and spread of Japanese Knotweed, an invasive plant. They are looking at ways to do this that would be more environmentally friendly. This entails putting chicken wire over the young shoots, thus preventing their growth. This is one more example of Hague's commitment to environmental protection of the lake and the basin.

A lengthy discussion was held on the future of the transfer station, which is losing considerable money - \$14,000 so far this year. The town is open to suggestions on how to curtail the losses. Options that have been suggested include closing the landfill (the town board generally does not support this solution at this time), increasing the charges that users pay, making all town residents pay a fee for trash collection, whether they utilize the service or not, as well as other options.

Note: These are suggestions from residents and not an indication of the direction the board will take. The board agreed to continue to monitor the situation until the fall and look at the financial and usage data again at that point. For now, the operation will continue as it has in the past.

Members of the community can attend the town board meetings in person at the Hague Community Center with social distancing or attend via Zoom, although the audio can sometimes be a problem. Information on the Zoom meetings are on the town website, www.townofhague.org. ▣

TOWN BOARD - 5/11/2021

Supervisor Frasier and Board Members Ramant and Patchett were present. Bast attended via Zoom and Fitzgerald was absent. Several members of the community were present in the room and several via Zoom.

SOUNDINGS

CONGRATULATIONS to Sean Lawrie, 2nd Lieutenant, US Air Force, who graduated from pilot training at Columbus Air Force Base in Mississippi on March 26, 2021.

He will be flying a C-17 Globemaster III at McGuire AFB in NJ. Sean is the son of Lara Smith-Ryder of Hague.

CONGRATULATIONS to Emily Rose Taylor, who is graduating Magna Cum Laude from East Stroudsburg University.

She has been awarded membership to the National Physics Honor Society, Sigma Pi Sigma. She has also been awarded a scholarship to Tufts University for a Master of Science degree in Physics.

Her focus will be in physical cosmology and gravitational theory.

Emily is the granddaughter of Chris Ianson of Hague.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Connie Sinkway's obituary was in the April issue of *The Hague Chronicle*.

Please join the family to share memories and celebrate her life on Saturday, July 31st at 4 pm in the Silver Bay YMCA auditorium. 🗓️

The Hague Chronicle is happy to publish important happenings in the lives of our readers.

Please send announcements of births, marriages, graduations, anniversaries of 50/55/60/65+, awards, or deaths to editor@thehaguechronicle.org and we'll publish them as space permits. Thank you.

LAKE GEORGE RADIO LAUNCHED MAY 1ST

Lake George Radio, which officially launched on May 1, 2021, can be heard across Lake George, Glens Falls, Warrensburg, Queensbury, and the surrounding region on 93.5 FM. It can also be streamed at LakeGeorgeRadio.com or heard via a mobile app and smart speakers. The new station will present a variety of hits as well as local news, local weather, and information relevant to the Lake George area.

Award-winning announcer Walt Adams, familiar to the community as the host of Saratoga's Star Radio Sunday Jazz Brunch and many top radio stations of the Capital Region, will take on the roles of Operations Manager and Morning Show Host. Tracy Villaume, former co-host of The River Morning Show on WRVE in Latham, will do afternoon drive from 3 – 7 pm.



Weather on Lake George is always of interest. News Channel 13 WNYT Meteorologist Neal Estano will be keeping listeners informed of weather conditions around Lake George throughout each day. An avid Lake George enthusiast, Neal said, "I'm very excited to be part of this new venture by Loud Media to supply the Lake George region with quality programming. It's a region of New York that has been underserved for a long time by local radio, and I hope to supply quality weather forecasts for people who are out enjoying this beautiful region. I will bring my passion and knowledge of the region into my weather forecasts so that listeners can plan their day and enjoy all of what this area has to offer."

Lake George Mayor Bill Blais, the longest-serving US mayor currently in office, will be joining the programming every Saturday morning in a segment called, "Ask the Mayor." Mayor Blais said, "Having a radio station in Lake George is going to keep local residents, as well as visitors to the region, up to date and informed about a lot of things they need to know, and that's going to be extremely important as we move forward. Congratulations! We look forward to this being a great journey together on the radio."

For more information, please contact Fran Dingeman at 518-365-3459 or fran@loudmedia.com. 📧

LGA SAYS SEPTIC SYSTEM INSPECTIONS IMPORTANT FOR WATER QUALITY

In a guest essay in the *Albany Times Union*, Queensbury Supervisor John Strough recently called on New York State to fulfill its responsibility to protect the water quality of Lake George and institute mandatory near-shore septic system inspections. The Lake George Association (LGA) agrees that this important protection measure is long overdue.

Aging and failing septic systems are a major source of nutrient loading in the lake and nutrient loading is known to be a major contributor to the formation of harmful algal blooms like the one that surfaced on Lake George last fall. An inspection program was identified as a priority item in the state's 2018 Harmful Algal Bloom Action Plan for the Lake, and should be instituted as soon as possible.

Studies by Lake George Waterkeeper Chris Navitsky indicate that two-thirds of residential septic systems around the lake have reached or exceeded their life expectancy, are designed improperly, or suffer from lack of maintenance.

But, there's good news for property owners who want to do their part to protect our lake by replacing or upgrading their aging or failing systems.

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LGLC SPRING EVENTS

The Lake George Land Conservancy (LGLC) is partnering with Up Yonda Farm Environmental Education Center to offer guided explorations of some of LGLC's favorite preserves.



Up Yonda Farm Environmental Education Center

The free programs will be offered on:

- Saturday, May 29 from 9 - 11 am at the Godwin Preserve
- Saturday, June 19 from 9:30 - 11:30 am at the Gull Bay Preserve

Godwin and Gull Bay are both great places to explore in the spring, with vernal pools, streams, forests, and an active great blue heron rookery at Gull Bay. These hikes are about two miles round-trip and moderate, for both locations. Appropriate for ages six and up. Questions? Contact 518-644-9673.



On Saturday, June 5th, there will be National Trails Day Guided Hikes to Pilot Knob and The Pinnacle and both are FREE!

- The Pinnacle, 9 am – a one-mile hike to the summit, Bolton Landing
- Pilot Knob Preserve, 9 am – a .7-mile hike to the summit, Queensbury/Fort Ann

LGA SEPTIC INSPECTIONS (Continued from p. 6)

New York State has created a new grant program that can fund up to 50% of the cost of replacements or upgrades (\$10,000 max). Eligible projects include: replacement of a cesspool with a septic system; installation, replacement or upgrade of a septic system or septic system components; and installation of enhanced treatment technologies, including an advanced nitrogen removal system. All grants are administered by local counties. To learn more about the New York State Septic System Replacement Fund, [CLICK HERE](#).

Adirondack Trust Company is offering zero interest loans for qualifying property owners in certain areas of the Southern Basin. Glens Falls National Bank is offering several low-interest loan options for qualifying property owners throughout the entire basin. To learn more, [CLICK HERE](#).

To help you determine whether your system is in need of replacement, [CLICK HERE](#) to check out this easy-to-follow guide.

ORTMYER IS NEW PRESIDENT AT ELIZABETHTOWN COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

Bob Ortmeyer will be the new president of the University of Vermont Health Network - Elizabethtown Community Hospital beginning July 12, 2021.

Ortmeyer has been with WellSpan Health System in York, PA for 30 years, serving in a number of leadership positions. In his current role as Vice President and Chief Operating Officer at WellSpan Ephrata Community Hospital, he is responsible for a 141-bed acute care hospital within an eight-hospital system.

“Bob has the right mix of experience and skills to lead ECH as it continues to thrive and grow,” said John Brumsted, MD, president and chief executive officer of the UVM Health Network. “Equally as important, he shares the UVM Health Network’s commitment to ensuring outstanding health care is accessible and affordable for years to come in this region.”



As ECH President, Ortmeyer will lead more than 350 employees, two hospital campuses, and six community-based primary care health centers in Essex County. “It’s clear that patients and the community are at the center of the care ECH provides,” said Ortmeyer, “and I couldn’t be more honored to join their team.” He added that he is excited for the opportunity to serve the community and enjoy all that the region has to offer.

Ortmeyer succeeds John Remillard, who has served in the role for more than five years and announced his retirement in 2020. Current ECH Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Matt Nolan, will serve as interim president from June 1 to July 11, 2021.

Steve Cacchio, chair of the search committee, said the committee’s recommendation was guided by input from hospital staff. “We knew the right fit for ECH would be someone who puts patients first and knows how to lead a talented team. That was foremost in our minds as we conducted the nationwide search.”

Other members of the search committee included: Al Gobeille, executive vice president for operations at UVM Health Network; Jerald Novak, chief people officer at UVM Health Network; and ECH board members Dominic Eisinger, Rolly Allen (of Hague), Susan Allot, Megan Murphy, and David Shelmidine.

WATER QUALITY MATTERS

by Mike Strutz

ANOTHER MILESTONE FOR THE PROTECTION OF LAKE GEORGE WATER QUALITY!

Shout it from the mountaintops!

Effective April 1, 2021, the use of lawn fertilizers within 50 feet of the lake became prohibited. The actual quote from the new regulations (found in 6 NYCRR 646-4.5) reads:

“(g) No person shall apply or authorize the application of lawn fertilizers within fifty (50) feet of any water body, except for newly-established lawns during their first growing season or situations in which a reliable soil test indicates a need for the addition of fertilizer.” And, from Section 646-4.4 (b.70), “water body” means any lake, pond, river, stream, intermittent stream, or wetland. So, not just Lake George, but any water body within Lake George Park is covered by this regulation.

“Dedicated to Protecting the Water Quality of Lake George”



In implementing these changes to its Stormwater Management and Stream Corridor Protection Regulations, the Lake George Park Commission (LGPC) is taking a big step toward stopping the decline in the lake’s water quality by managing stormwater runoff. “One of the largest threats to Lake George’s pristine water quality is pollution from stormwater runoff. When it rains, runoff flowing across the ground picks up sand, silt, metals, phosphorus, nitrogen, and other nutrients that can degrade water quality and clarity when it reaches Lake George. Generally, the more developed an area is, the more stormwater runoff is generated if it is not managed properly.”

The new regulations are changes to the original rules that were published in 1990, and were made after two years of public meetings and consultations with their municipal partners around the lake. The changes

also include timber harvesting notification requirement, conservation/erosion control plans, and existing property stormwater retrofit requirements for all new development projects that require LGPC stormwater permits. Please visit the LGPC website for more information on these changes.



Like when you are driving down the road and are approaching a curve marked 30 mph, you know that exceeding that speed limit will endanger your life and that of your fellow motorists. Using lawn fertilizers endangers the life of the lake. Obey the signs; help save a life.

For more information on how you can help, please visit the Hague Water Quality Awareness Committee on Facebook or contact one of our Steering Committee members: Al Rider (Chairman), Jim Beaty, Lance Clark, Ginger Kuenzel, Steve Ramant, or me.

BEST 4TH IN THE NORTH ACCEPTING GRAND MARSHAL NOMINATIONS

The Best 4th in the North Celebration will take place July 1 - 4, 2021 in Ticonderoga. Nominations are now being accepted for the Grand Marshal for the parade; the deadline is June 4th, 2021 at 4 pm.

Nominations can be submitted on the Best 4th in the North Facebook page, via Messenger, or by emailing tmstp@timainstreet.org.

Community members, organizations, and businesses are encouraged to submit nominations. For a Grand Marshal, think of people who are dedicated to the community, serve the Ticonderoga area throughout the

year, and who have been an inspiration to the community. The Best 4th in the North Celebration committee is in need of more volunteers to help with the planning, fundraising, and during the celebration. The committee typically meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 4 pm at the Ticonderoga Area Chamber of Commerce (TACC) office.



E-mail tmstp@timainstreet.org for more information or to join the committee.

SILVER BAY GOINGS-ON

by Steve Tamm

Silver Bay, like many other organizations in the Lake George region, continues to be faced with two main challenges: a tight labor market and numerous COVID restrictions.

In some ways, many of us find that it is more challenging in 2021 than it was in 2020 in that this year we collectively can see and expect the end of the COVID impacts and a return to normalcy, while in real terms, many of the restrictions that affect our operating model remain in force.

Our team is working diligently to balance these two factors in an attempt to create a positive and impactful

summer for all those who visit Silver Bay.

Silver Bay will be offering Silver Camp to Hague residents as we did in 2019, though we won't be offering a bus pick-up/drop-off due to COVID restrictions.

It is free to year-round resident kids, with Silver Bay and the Town of Hague splitting the cost. Despite the fact that NYS is requiring lower numbers of participants, we are allocating a large



number of slots for local kids.

Hague residents should contact the Town of Hague to learn how to make use of this benefit.

For everyone else, there is an online registration process that makes signing children up for Silver Camp a breeze. It can be accessed via silverbay.org.

For questions about Silver Camp, please call 518-543-8833 ext. 231 or email us at silvercamp@silverbay.org.

TACC'S 2021 "SAVE THE DATE"

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

Here are the events that are coming up this month:

- **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 OPPORTUNITY:** The Hague Market/The Juniper Shoppe: Thursday, May 20th 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. ❑

WE ARE INSTRUMENTAL PROGRAM

The Ticonderoga Festival Guild's *We Are Instrumental Program* will host a musical instrument drive from Memorial Day Weekend to Labor Day Weekend 2021 to benefit elementary school students in the North Country. The big pushes to get instruments will be from May 28th through June 1st and from August 27th through the 29th.

Drop-offs can be made at Silver Bay YMCA and at the First United Methodist Church in Ticonderoga. The Clinton, Essex, and Franklin library branches in Rouses Point, Mooers, Malone, Dannemora, St. Regis Falls, Keesville, Willsboro, Upper Jay, Essex, and Ticonderoga are also drop-off locations.



BACKGROUND: When Evan Mack's son came home from band practice and told him most of his classmates were playing on instruments that were bruised, battered, and bonded together with duct tape, the senior teaching professor of music at Skidmore College was stunned. He also learned that many students could not afford to rent musical instruments. *We Are Instrumental* was born. Mack held an instrument drive at Skidmore College in early 2020 and collected 70 instruments, now fully restored and in the hands of school-age children.

Realizing the problem affects the entire North Country, Mack teamed up with the Ti Festival Guild to assess the needs of each school district, amass instruments, and to help band directors learn how to repair instruments and to become certified to do so.

"Learning to play on a quality, working instrument is so important. When you give children a functional instrument, what you're really giving them is the opportunity to explore what they're capable of and to fall in love with music," says Mack.

For more information, contact Evan Mack at WeAreInstrumentalNY@gmail.com or www.evanmack.com/weareinstrumental. ❑

LOOKING BACK

by Chris Ianson

Ethel Andrus (1921 – 2012), known by many as the longtime postmaster of Silver Bay Post Office, was very active in our community.

She was a charter member of Hague Historical Society and served as historian for the Town of Hague. She was president of the Hamilton-Warren County Council of Senior Citizens and was a member of the Hague Senior Club.

I interviewed her for the 2007 cookbook *What's Cooking in Hague*. What follows is an excerpt from that cookbook.

"I was born and raised in Silver Bay on Watts Hill, the lovely knoll my father bought and cleared to build our homestead. My parents were a very independent couple. They had to be – it was subsistence living. What we couldn't grow, preserve, or make, we ordered from Montgomery Ward – parcel post. Every August my mother would order me two new school dresses. By that time, I would have outgrown last year's.

"When I was a little girl, there was only a narrow dirt road from Hague to Ticonderoga. There was no 9N over Tongue Mountain. I can remember when they began building 9N around 1928. What a mess! Boulders and mud everywhere. My brother Henry worked on the State Road when it was going through.

"The original school bus route from Silver Bay on The Hague Road dipped down steeply along the narrow dirt path down to the steamship dock. (Dock Road.) It scared me to death and I wouldn't sit in a seat facing the lake. Have you ever looked down from there? Back then, there was no chain-linked fence. In those days it was all dirt and mud.

"Rube Haskins owned the Silver Bay and Graphite bus. It was a top-heavy Graham, and just the color of a Graham cracker. The bus went all the way from Hague to Sabbath Day Point. Just before my stop, it was difficult for the bus to get up the steep grade in the mud. (at today's Pudding Island Road, south access.)

"This wouldn't be allowed today: the kids used to get out behind the bus and push. It would take a long time. My brother Edward and I didn't want to wait and would walk home across the triangle to Watts Hill." ■



TICONDEROGA SCHOOL BUDGET

The school budget for the Ticonderoga Schools for 2021 – 2022 is \$12,420,922, which is down 0.39% from last year, in part due to retirement of some debt service. The public vote on the budget will be held from noon to 8 pm on Tuesday, May 18, 2021. Copies of the budget are available at the Hague Community Center. ■

THE DOWNTOWN GALLERY

SUMMER EXHIBITS:

April 22 - May 22:
HARVEST TO TABLE
Art benefit for the Ti Food Pantry

May 27 - June 19:
VISUAL ART SHOW
Ticonderoga High School

June 24 - July 10:
THE MAGIC HOURS
Melissa Barry

July 15 - 31: 10 X 10 SHOW
Go to the website for information on how to enter.

August 5 - 21:
DRIVEN TO ABSTRACTION
*Diane Penfield (from Silver Bay),
Victoria Stewart (from Hague),
Michelle Vara*

August 26 - September 25:
STILL HERE?
Elissa Gore

September 9 - 11:
PETALS AND PAINTINGS
Go to the website for information on how to enter.

September 26 - October 30:
ADIRONDACK HARVEST PLEIN AIR
Go to the website for information on how to enter.

CLASSES:

There will be a series of classes this summer. Go to the website for information and to sign up.

GALLERY HOURS:

Thursday – Saturday,
(Wednesdays June, July and August), 10 am - 4 pm

Facebook.com/ticonderogadowntowngallery, ticonderogaarts.org, and ticonderogaarts@gmail.com. ■

HAGUE CHRONICLE NEWS:

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

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE FORT

Fort Ticonderoga opened its gates to visitors on May 1st to begin the 2021 daily campaign season, which extends from May through October. Daily programs bring to life epic chapters of history and signature stories through new interactive programs and world-class museum exhibits, boat tours aboard the *Carillon*, living history events, special programs, lush gardens, Mount Defiance tours, hands-on family activities, hiking trails, and more.

Fort Ticonderoga's virtual programs will continue in May with the *Digital Campaign* - a virtual experience featuring interactive programming, a lecture series, and at-home educational activities and resources. Virtual programs will complement Fort Ticonderoga's on-site experience.

The virtual opportunity brings the layers of history and natural beauty into homes across the globe. Fort Ticonderoga staff continue to press forward with their commitment to provide in-person and virtual resources and entertaining programs to engage, inspire, and give context to the world around us.

FEATURED ON THE UPCOMING DIGITAL CAMPAIGN EVENT CALENDAR:

Thursday, May 27, 2021 - From the Ground Up: Locks, Facebook, 1 pm

What did soldiers and officers use to lock away military stores and their own personal possessions? Learn about the archaeological locks uncovered at Fort Ticonderoga during the early 20th century.

Monday, May 31, 2021 - Memorial Day Salute to the Soldiers, Facebook, 11 am

Join Fort Ticonderoga live as they remember the service of the armed forces of the United States on the very grounds where so many American soldiers fought and sacrificed.

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 - Sunday May 1 - October 31, 2021 from 9:30 am until 5 pm (last ticket sold at 4:30 pm). Visitors are encouraged to purchase tickets online in advance at www.fortticonderoga.org.



TACC FIVE HUNDRED DOLLAR FRIDAYS

The Ticonderoga Area Chamber of Commerce (TACC) will give away \$500 every Friday in June 2021 during its "Five Hundred Dollar Fridays" spring fundraiser. Tickets will be hand drawn at random on June 4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th.

For a \$20 donation, participants will receive a ticket for a chance to win. Tickets will be available at the TACC office at 94 Montcalm Street, Suite 1 throughout May, as well as from TACC board members, ambassadors, and volunteers. Only 300 tickets will be sold.

All proceeds benefit TACC programs, services, and events that serve and promote the greater Ticonderoga area. For additional information, call 518-585-6619 or email chamberinfo@ticonderogany.com.

ELKS LODGE CHICKEN BBQ

The Elks Lodge annual drive-thru BBQ Chicken Dinner will be May 29th, 2021 beginning at 11:30 am until all is gone.

For more information, contact the Ticonderoga Elks at 518-585-2277 or go to <http://www.elks.org>.

MASON/STAR PUBLIC DINNER

A public roast turkey breast dinner, sponsored jointly by the members of Mount Defiance Lodge No. 794, F. & A.M. and Fort Ticonderoga Chapter No. 263, Order of the Eastern Star, will be served, ON A TAKE-OUT BASIS ONLY, on Friday, May 28, 2021, starting at 4:30 pm until all is gone at the Ticonderoga Masonic Temple, 10 Montcalm Street, Ticonderoga.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$6 for children 12 years old and under, and will be sold at the door. Parking for pick-up will be available along Montcalm Street and at the Hancock House.

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CALENDAR

May 2021

MAY

20	5:30 - 7 pm	After-Business Mixer at The Hague Market/The Juniper Shoppe
	1:30 pm	Seniors meeting
27	1 pm	Ft. Ticonderoga Digital - Locks
	7 pm	Zoning Board of Appeals
27 - June 19		Ticonderoga H.S. Visual Art Show at The Downtown Gallery
28	4:30 pm	Mason Star roast turkey breast dinner
29	9 - 11 am	LGLC - Godwin Preserve hike
	9 am	Hague Memorial Day Celebration
	2 pm	Memorial service at Veterans Park in Hague
	11:30 am	Elks drive-through chicken BBQ
	6 pm	HVFD chicken dinner
31		MEMORIAL DAY
	11 am	Ft. Ticonderoga Digital - Memorial Day Salute to the Soldiers

JUNE

3	7 pm	Planning Board
5	9 am	National Trails Day hikes to the Pinnacle and Pilot Knob Preserve
7		Deadline for the June issue of <i>The Hague Chronicle</i>
8	6 pm	Town Board meeting
14		FLAG DAY
16		Latest the June issue of <i>The Hague Chronicle</i> will be published
19	9:30 - 11:30 am	LGLC Gull Bay Preserve hike
20		SUMMER SOLSTICE - START OF SUMMER!
21		FATHER'S DAY

TRANSFER STATION HOURS: September 2 through June 30

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