

DANBY AREA NEWS

PLANT EXCHANGE SUNDAY, MAY 16 • NOON-4 DANBY FIRE STATION

The annual Plant Exchange is an opportunity to trade and try out house plants, perennials, annual seedlings, or anything else garden related. It is not necessary to bring a plant in order to get a plant. No money changes hands at the Plant Exchange. For more information contact Dan Klein at 272-7582, or <danbydan@hotmail.com>.

2ND ANNUAL DANBY FUN DAYS PARADE

We need volunteers to help organize this year's parade, to be held during Fun Days in June. Last year was a trial run. Let's make it bigger and better this year. If you are interested in helping out in any way, or would like further information, contact Nancy Moore at 272-1233 or Amy Cusimano at 272-4634. Our first meeting will be held the 1st week of May, place and time to be announced.

YARD SALES

Having a Garage/Yard Sale this spring? Let's co-ordinate date and advertising to bring in more people (similar to Deer Run's annual event on King Rd.) The more the better. If interested contact Amy Cusimano at 272-4634.



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

On May 3 at 7:00 p.m. the Town Board will hold a public hearing to hear residents' opinions on and consider a Planned development Zone by Local Law for the proposed dog boarding facility on West Miller Road. The kennel would hold a maximum of 22 dogs and measures would be taken to mitigate sound.

COMMUNITY LIBRARY NOTES

April is the month we honor our volunteers, both at Tompkins County Public Library and at the Danby Community Library. We want to thank Joanne, Marcia, Judy, Bill, Kathy, Chris, Esther, Krissy, Linda, Bea, Ginny, Alexa, Patti, Harriet, Paul Cindy, Lydia and Pat for making our community library what it is today. These are our current volunteers--there are many who have preceded them to build up a place in our community where people can have access to reading materials and the Internet. Thanks also to the community and the Town Board for all of your support through the years.

The book group hosted a local author in April and look forward to more interesting discussions in the future. New materials at the Danby Community Library: *Battle Ready* by Tom Clancy, *Hondo* by Louis L'Amour, *Why Courage Matters* by John McCain, *Eventide* by Kent Haruf, and a new collection of adult fiction. Stop in and say hello!

Submitted by Patti Meyers

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Deadline is the 15th of the month. Materials may be accepted later if time allows. Submissions should generally not exceed one page. We cannot print political material or letters of opinion.

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DANBY RABIES CLINIC

THURSDAY, MAY 6,
7:00–9:00 P.M.
DANBY FIRE STATION

FIREFIGHTER GRANT SOUGHT

The Danby Fire District recently applied for a grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Office of Domestic Preparedness, through their Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program. The District applied for \$79,000 to purchase equipment that will benefit the Danby and West Danby Fire Companies. If awarded, the government will provide 90% (\$71,100) of these funds to the District. In turn, the District is required to provide 10% (\$7,900). Being able to purchase \$79,000 worth of equipment for only \$7,900 is an opportunity the District couldn't let pass.

There are two types of equipment that grant funds will cover if the grant is awarded. One is self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) which are what firefighters wear to breathe air while working within toxic environments. The SCBA used by both companies is 15 to 21 years old. It is still functional, but the District seeks to replace this obsolete equipment with newer SCBA equipped with operational and safety components to protect the wearer, as required by current government standards.

The second requested item is a thermal imaging camera. This camera is not hampered by smoke or dark conditions and can be operated from a safe distance. It uses heat sensing to help firefighters pinpoint the locations of injured or trapped building occupants, eliminating the need for potentially dangerous room-by-room searches routinely performed by firefighters. It can also determine if heat conditions exist behind walls, eliminating the need to damage walls in order to check for fire. The camera can also aid in locating ejected victims of car accidents, especially those that occur at night.

The two fire companies respond to emergency medical and fire incidents within West Danby and Danby, and provide mutual aid assistance as needed to surrounding communities such as Brooktondale, Spencer and Newfield. Not only will this grant help our own community but our neighboring communities as well. Please keep your fingers crossed that we are picked to receive an Assistance to Firefighters grant award. We

should be notified of a decision between May and December and will place an announcement in the Danby Area News when we hear.

Submitted by the Danby Fire District

TASK FORCE REPORT

The Comprehensive Plan Implementation Task Force has met twice, with members of the community and the Town's three boards (Town, Planning, Board of Zoning Appeals) in attendance. At the first meeting, we agreed to focus first on the largest and most pressing land use issues. The thrust of this effort can be summarized in two questions: "How do we encourage development where we want it?" and "How do we discourage development where we do not want it?" Identifying, exploring, and weighing the options for each of these questions will bring to the forefront the balancing of interests that is key to determining how willing we are as a town to plan and direct the future use of land in Danby.

The Task Force is currently weighing what might be done in the short term to limit development while it explores a range of options. There is agreement that the current regulations offer very little protection. Ideas proposed by residents attending the meetings included: a moratorium on subdivisions of land and housing developments; repeal of the subdivision regulations and creation of Planned Development Districts in their stead; leaving the regulations as they are but reducing the density of building lots in the low density zone; eliminating the exemption from review for lots 5 acres and larger; as well as several suggestions to increase the level of scrutiny for smaller subdivisions so more of them would be subject to Planning Board review and site plan approval. Pros and cons of these and other options will be explored with the objective of agreeing on what short-term action to recommend to the Town Board. There is a sense of urgency based on the group's belief that Danby is undergoing increasing development pressure that threatens the rural character strongly supported by most town residents (as indicated by polls taken in conjunction with creation of the Comprehensive Plan).

The Task Force identified a need for legal advice
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and expert planning assistance to help explore the various options. Richard Stumbar, the Town Attorney, has been approached concerning legal expertise, and the Tompkins County Planning Department is interested in working with the Task Force. A subset of the group is exploring how that relationship would work. The County is completing its own Comprehensive Plan, which shares many of the same values as Danby's Plan.

The next meeting of the Task Force is at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 12, at the Town Hall. Anyone interested in the work of the group is welcome to join.

Submitted by Joel Gagnon, Chair

PERIODIC REPORT FROM FRANK PROTO TOMPKINS COUNTY LEGISLATURE

As we continue the County's budget review for 2005, a retreat has been scheduled for this month to get the process moving as well as integrate the suggestions from the Special Review Committee. After this review, please keep me abreast of any suggestions you may have. Coupled with this the Assessment Reviews for each town should begin shortly. "Grievance Day" meetings are another opportunity to share your property assessment concerns—watch for the finalized dates!!

The Department of Agriculture and Markets is continuing discussions with the Town of Ithaca regarding the impacts its comprehensive plan is having, or may have, on agriculture. Danby and Caroline officials need to hear your reactions—so do I!

The County Planning Department is shopping its draft County Comprehensive Plan around to the towns now. Danby had its presentation earlier this month; Caroline in May. Please let me hear from you with suggestions, reactions, etc. In the same vein a proposal for establishing a County Executive is being discussed. I'd appreciate your thoughts on this item soon.

Although the Town of Caroline has not received a formal reply to their aquifer study application at this

writing, from the appropriate department, the County is proceeding with its piece as originally promised.

Our intermunicipal group dealing with highways has had several productive meetings. Each participant is bringing ideas which may help all save some money by working together.

Please mark your calendars—our coffee sessions in Danby are generally the Tuesday following the Town Board's regular monthly meeting at the Danby Market, 9:30–11 am (time approximate). Good opportunity to meet and chat! Thanks again to both establishments.

Should there be a matter you wish to discuss, please call me at my office (277-4875); the County Legislature (274-5434); or drop me a note at Cannonbrook Farms, Slaterville Springs, New York—or join me for coffee!

THE BOX IS BACK!

The Danby Area News drop box is back in the front of the Danby Market. Unfortunately, due to a communications glitch, it returned before we knew it was there. We know it's there now, so feel free to drop materials off in the box by the 15th of each month.

WEST DANBY FIRE MEET CHANGES

The monthly meeting of the West Danby Fire Company has been changed. It has moved from the first Monday to the second Monday of the month. The meeting is at 7pm.

MEET YOUR REPRESENTATIVES

County representative Frank Proto and Town Supervisor Ric Dietrich will be at the Danby Market on Tuesday, May 11 from about 9:30 to 11am. Come share your thoughts and ask them questions!

MAY CALENDAR

PUBLIC HEARING— Monday, May 3, 7pm, Town Hall. To consider a proposed dog boarding facility.

TOWN BOARD AGENDA MEETING— Monday, May 3, following public hearing. Town Hall.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS— Wednesday, May 5, 7pm, Town Hall

DANBY RABIES CLINIC—Thursday, May 6, 7–9pm, Danby Fire Station

DANBY SENIOR CITIZENS—Dish-to-pass supper and meeting, Thursday, May 6, 6pm, Danby Federated Church

TOWN BOARD MEETING—Monday, May 10, 7pm, Town Hall

MEET YOUR REPRESENTATIVES—Tuesday, May 11, 9:30–11am, Danby Market. County Rep Frank Proto & Town Super Ric Dietrich.

ASSESSMENT BOARD OF REVIEW—Wednesday, May 12, 3–6pm, Town Hall

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TASK FORCE— Wednesday, May 12, 7:30pm, Town Hall

ANNUAL PLANT EXCHANGE—Sunday, May 16, Noon–4pm, Danby Fire Station

DANBY COMMUNITY COUNCIL—Monday, May 17, 7pm, Danby Town Hall

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS—Tuesday, May 18, Noon–9pm, Town Hall

PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARINGS— Wednesday, May 19, 7pm, Danby Town Hall

ONGOING

SENIORS STRENGTH TRAINING GROUP— Mondays, 9am, Danby Federated Church

WEST DANBY VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY— Second Monday, 7pm, West Danby Fire Hall

DANBY FIRE COMPANY—Mondays, 7pm, monthly meeting the second Monday at 7:30pm

DANBY FOOD PANTRY—Third Friday, 4–6pm, 1859 Danby Road

COMPUTER & INTERNET ACCESS—During regular hours of the TCPL Danby Community Library

UPCOMING

CHICKEN BARBEQUE—June 12, 11am–till, West Danby Fire Station

DANBY FUN DAYS—Watch for more info



INTERNET ACCESS

Road Runner® high-speed Internet access is available during regular hours of the TCPL Danby Community Library, located in the Town Hall (see page 6 for hours). This service is available to all Danby residents. Stop by and take advantage of it!

TOWN HOURS

TOWN CLERK

Tuesday–Friday 9am–4pm, Sat 9am–noon
Ph: 607-277-4788 • Fax: 607-277-0559

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

93 Hornbrook Road, Ithaca, NY 14850
Monday–Thursday 6am–4:30pm • Ph: 272-9169

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICE

Wednesday–Friday 10am–5pm or by appointment
Ph: 607-277-0799 • Fax: 607-277-0559

TOWN COURT:

Tuesday eve, 7pm
Ph: 607-277-4788 • Fax: 607-277-0559

DANBY COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Tues & Thurs 3:30–5:30pm, Sat 9:30am–2:30pm

All offices at the Danby Town Hall, 1830 Danby Road, Ithaca, NY 14850, except where noted.

Danby Youth Flyer

Danby Youth Programs Spring Session 2

Here are educational and exciting youth development programs for your children to enjoy this spring. Please look for Program Brochures at the Danby Town Hall and the Danby Library, these will have more details and registration forms. To have a brochure mailed to you or faxed please contact Kate Gross at 272-2292 Ext. 224. Preregistration is required for all programs.

Gardening 102—Grades 4–10. Tuesdays, May 4 & June 15, 4–5:30pm, Town Hall.

Learn how to start a garden from scratch. Come find out how to start seeds, how to plan what to grow and where to grow it.

Youth Business—Grades 4–11. Tuesdays, May 11, 25 & June 8, 22, 4 to 6pm, Town Hall.

Youth will learn how to start a business and create the products that they want to market.

Find a Summer Job—Grades 9–12. Thursdays, May 27 & June 3, 3:30 to 6pm, Town Hall.

Come learn how to write a great resume, cover letter and fill out a job application. This program will teach you all you need to know about finding that first job or a summer job. Get dropped off by the Ithaca High School bus in front of the Town Hall. Contact Kate for more information.

CPR and First Aid—Grades 7–12. Thursdays, May 13, 3:30 to 7:30 and May 20, 3:30 to 6:30, Town Hall.

American Red Cross will be in to teach Standard First Aid and Community CPR. Space is limited to 10 youth.

There is a \$10 fee. Get dropped off by the Ithaca High School bus in front of the Town Hall. Contact Kate for more information. Dinner will be provided both nights.

Primitive Pursuits—Grades 6–9. Mondays, May 10, 17, 24 & June 7 from 3:30 to 6pm & Saturday, June 12 from 9 to 2, Danby Federated Church.

Come learn to build survival shelters, tracking, knife safety, primitive navigation, wilderness safety and learn much more about survival in the wilderness. Immerse yourself in the natural world, explore the use of native materials, and begin to learn to live in harmony within our community and within yourself.

Summer Preview

The programs for Summer 2004 will be educational, fun and exciting new experiences for youth in the Danby community.

June 28—July 1, from 8:30am to 4:30pm: A week long program held at the Danby Town Hall for ages 9 to 14. This program will be a hands on week of fishing, improvisational troupe demonstrations and interactions, building bird houses, games, and much more.

August 3—5 (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday), from 9am to 2pm: A Primitive Pursuits program for ages 11 to 14. Youth will have the opportunity to learn to build survival shelters, tracking, knife safety, primitive navigation, wilderness safety and learn much more about survival in the wilderness.

August 10—12 (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday), from 9am to 12pm: Drawing, painting and drama programs for ages 9 to 14.

August 24—26 (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday), from 9am to 12pm: Craft Week with quilting, knitting, sewing, cross stitch and basketweaving for ages 9 to 14.

There will be a Youth Gardening class throughout the summer on Thursdays from 1pm to 2:30pm at the Town Hall for ages 9 to 14.

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The Farmer's Market will be on Thursday evenings beginning in early July and running through late September.

For youth looking for a first time job in Danby, there are several job openings at the Danby Farmer's Market--please contact Kate Gross at kgross1@twcny.rr.com or 272-2292 ext. 224 for more information and an application.

Any transportation or other concerns, please contact Kate Gross. Final information packets and registration forms will be available May 1, in the Danby Town Hall and the Danby Library. To have a packet mailed to you please contact Kate Gross at kgross1@twcny.rr.com or 272-2292 ext. 224. (Program topics are subject to change depending on the availability of program presenters.)



Youth Committee

The Youth Program Committee of the Danby Community Council will be meeting on Tuesday May 4, 6:00 PM, at the Danby Federated Church. This meeting will feature a discussion of youth programming needs based on demographic information about young people in Danby. The next general meeting of Danby Community Council will be Monday, May 17 at 7:00 p.m. in the Danby Town Hall. All Community Council meetings are open to the public. For more information, contact Dan Klein at 272-7582, <danbydan@hotmail.com>.

Scholarships Available

The Danby Community Council is once again offering scholarships to youth in Danby for summer camps and programs. If you would like to apply for a scholarship for any summer camp or summer program, submit an application to Danby Community Council, 908 Steam Mill Rd, Ithaca, NY 14850.

Applications are available at the Danby Town Hall and the Danby Market. Applications will be dealt with on a first-come, first-served basis. The money for these scholarships comes from a United Way of Tompkins County allocation.

Danby Community Council Scholarship Application

The Danby Community Council provides scholarships for special camps/programs (sports, computer, art, dance, music, etc.) for youth who are residents of Danby and need financial support to attend. Funds are limited so please apply quickly.

Youth's Name _____

Date of Birth _____ Telephone # _____

Address _____

Parent/Guardian's Name _____

Name of camp/program _____

Address of camp/program _____

Is the youth currently eligible for a free or reduced lunch program? _____

I verify that the information provided on this application is accurate:

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

Please send the application with proof of enrollment and (if applicable) payment of deposit to:

Danby Community Council
908 Steam Mill Road
Ithaca, NY 14850

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