



DANBY AREA NEWS

CELO CONCERT SUNDAY, JUNE 27, 3:00 P.M. DANBY TOWN HALL

The next event in the Danby Concert Series will be a recital of solo Bach suites for cello by Elizabeth Simkin.

Simkin is one of the leading cellists in the Ithaca area. She has been on the performing faculty at Ithaca College for 10 years, and has served as principal cellist for the Cayuga Chamber orchestra. She is a member of several chamber groups, including Ensemble X, the Ariadne Quartet, and the Taliesen Trio. She has performed extensively in the US and abroad. One of her teachers was the world-famous cellist Janos Starker.

She is currently working on a recording project of the complete Bach cello suites, and will be performing 3 of them at this concert. These are incredibly rich and challenging works for the cello, and Elizabeth Simkin is a compelling performer who can bring them alive for her audience. (Another recent project is her first son, Cole, born last fall.)

The concert is free, and receives support from public funds through the NYSCA Decentralization program and the Community Arts Partnership of Tompkins County. *Submitted by Bob Strichartz for the Danby Community Council*

CHICKEN BARBEQUE SAT. JUNE 12 • 11:00 TILL WEST DANBY FIRE STATION

FUN DAY DATE SET

At its monthly meeting held May 10th, the Danby Volunteer Fire Company has set aside Saturday, July 24th, for our annual Danby Fun Day, organized in cooperation with the Danby Community Council. The event is in the planning stages so there will be more information in the next issue of Danby Area News.

Submitted by Beatrice Hogben, Trustee, Danby Volunteer Fire Company

Please contact Danby Community Council member Andrea Hazard at 272-8791 if you would like to help out with the Fun Day.

LIBRARY NOTES

Congratulations to Joanne Church and Beatrice Hogben who have logged over 100 hours, volunteering through the Tompkins County Public Library.

Hey, kids! Sign up in June for the Summer Reading program with prizes for reading books. See us in the parade and after, also, at the Danby Fun Days for free stuff and a chance to be the first to sign up. You can also sign up at the desk at the Danby Community Library.

Did you know that we have many best sellers right on our shelves that you would have to wait for a reserve at the downtown library? We are currently circulating *The DaVinci Code* by Dan Brown and other new titles by your favorite authors.

Our book discussion group meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. In May, we discussed *The Secret Life of Bees*. Finishing the book is never a requirement and we have interesting and lively discussion around the book, what we've been reading and other related subjects. Come and join us!

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 AREA NEWS SUMMER VACATION

The Danby Area News will not be publishing an August issue. Submissions for the July issue will be due by the end of the day on Wednesday, June 23, and events happening through Labor Day weekend will need to be listed in this issue. We apologize for any inconvenience.

BOARD CONSIDERS REZONING MORATORIUM

As was mentioned in last month's task force report, current regulations in Danby offer limited protection of Danby's rural character. Protection of Danby's rural resources is called for in the recently-adopted Comprehensive Plan. How do we do that? Are we losing them while we consider the question? Should we "stop the action" temporarily while we examine our options and make changes to our regulations to bring them into line with the comprehensive plan?

The town board is considering such a move. A 6-month moratorium on land divisions and rezoning applications would temporarily stop the creation of new building lots (those already created could still be built upon, and there is a provision for appeal in the event of hardship). The board is very interested in knowing whether or not you think this measure is needed to prevent a rush of applications while we do the work of revising our laws and to solicit the broadest possible input from the public regarding those revisions. The moratorium proposal, itself a local law, will be the subject of a public hearing at 7 p.m. on June 14 at the Town Hall. Come if you can, but comment even if you cannot. To become part of the official hearing record, comments by those not in attendance must be in writing and signed, but other comments, either by phone or email, are welcome. The town clerk will collect emails at danbytownclerk@aol.com. You can phone me (Joel Gagnon) at 564-7647 or any other town board member.

This proposal will not pass without broad public support. The town board voted to hold the public hearing on a possible moratorium due to a sense of urgency concerning development pressures in Danby. Unless this sense of urgency is widely shared and finds expression as support for this "time out," we will proceed with the work of the task force without it.

*Joel Gagnon, Chair, Comprehensive Plan
Implementation Task Force*

PUBLIC HEARINGS

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2, 7 PM

Public hearing to consider a request for variance of the minimum 200-foot frontage requirement of the Danby Zoning Ordinance in order to construct a dwelling on a property approximately 850 feet west of the town-maintained portion of Hilltop Road.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS WED., JUNE 2, 7:30 PM

Public hearing to consider a variance of the Zoning Ordinance in order to construct a 1,200 s.f. addition with a minimum rear yard depth of ± 28 feet. The proposed addition would replace a preexisting building wing that had a minimum rear yard depth of ± 40 feet. A further request is included to rebuild a preexisting front porch and a portion of the existing dwelling with a minimum front yard depth of ± 35 feet. The property is located at 399 South Danby Road.

TOWN BOARD MONDAY, JUNE 14, 7 PM

Public hearing to consider enacting a Local Law entitled "A Local Law Providing for a Moratorium on Rural Land Divisions, Applications for and Approvals of Subdivisions, and Applications for Rezoning." Copies of the draft local law may be obtained from the Town Clerk during regular office hours. See story at right.

PLANNING BOARD WEDNESDAY JUNE 16, 7 PM

Public hearing to consider a request for a modified Special Permit for the Ithaca Zen Center, with the proposed modifications including proposed use of the dwellings located at 62 Lieb Road and 104 Bald Hill Road for retreat lodgings.

Submitted by Carol Szczepanski

TASK FORCE UPDATE

The May 12 meeting of the Comprehensive Plan Implementation Task Force was dominated by a discussion of the proposed moratorium (see the article about that elsewhere in this issue of the Danby Area News). Those proposing a 23-lot development on 96B opposite Nelson Road stated that they felt specifically targeted by the moratorium (since their application is not yet complete, they would be included). A reprise of the history of the task force and the origins of the moratorium idea emphasized that there was at least as much concern about the lot-by-lot development we have been seeing in town, which equals in magnitude their proposal. Most lot-by-lot development is not subject to any planning board review under the current regulations. A meeting with the town board was agreed to explore possibilities for compromise (which meeting is not yet scheduled, as of this writing).

We briefly touched upon a work plan for the task force. Proposed is a two-pronged approach to implementing the comprehensive plan. First up, and with a short time frame, is to look at the options for protecting open space. We would then decide which, if any, to recommend to the town board for immediate implementation. Secondly, simultaneously, but with a longer time frame, it is proposed that we create a specific vision for Danby's future that is rooted in the comprehensive plan and put in place a package of codes, ordinances, guidelines, procedures, and support structures to help make it happen. We hope to begin that process at the next meeting, which is at 7:30 p.m. on June 9, at the Town Hall.

The town board has approved a contract with the Tompkins County Planning Department to provide support for the work of the task force. The scope of their involvement is being negotiated and will also come up at the next meeting. All are welcome to join the task force and get involved in planning Danby's future.

Submitted by Joel Gagnon, Task Force Chair



COMMUNITY SUPPORTED AGRICULTURE SHARES AVAILABLE

With the first harvest almost here, we invite you to participate in supporting a local Danby start-up farm by purchasing a harvest share of fresh, local, seasonal produce for \$350 (less than \$15/week).

Weekly Pickup is at the farm on Saturdays from 10–2, from mid June thru November. For more information please call Treesha or Nathaniel at 277-0806 or 227-4650. *Submitted by Treesha Lizotte*

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:

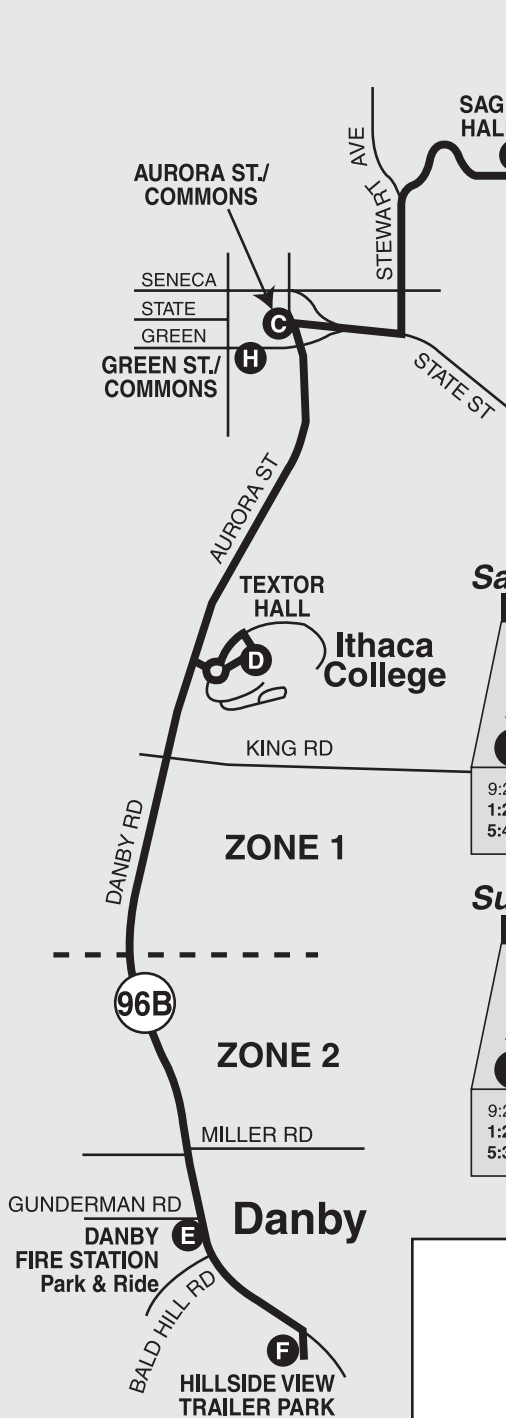
Tuesday eve, 7pm
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TCAT BUS SCHEDULE FOR DANBY ROUTE



Monday-Friday

INBOUND					
F	E	D	C	G	A
Hillside View Trailer Park	Danby Fire Station	Ithaca College Textor Hall	Aurora St./Commons	Statler Hall	Ver College
6:55am 7:55am 12:20pm 3:45pm 5:35pm	7:07am 8:05am 12:30pm 3:50pm 5:40pm	7:16am 8:13am 12:36pm 3:56pm 5:46pm	7:20am 8:20am 12:42pm 4:02pm 5:52pm	7:25am 8:25am • • •	• 8:30am • • •

OUTBOUND					
A	B	C	D	E	F
Ver College	Sage Hall	Aurora St./Commons	Ithaca College Textor Hall	Danby Fire Station	Hillside View Trailer Park
• • 11:45am 3:10pm 4:55pm	• • 11:50am 3:15pm 5:00pm	6:40am 7:40am 12:00pm 3:25pm 5:10pm	• • 12:06pm 3:31pm 5:16pm	6:50am 7:50am 12:13pm 3:38pm 5:27pm	6:55am 7:55am 12:18pm 3:43pm 5:33pm

Saturday

INBOUND				
F	E	D	C	H
Hillside View Trailer Park	Danby Fire Station	Ithaca College Textor Hall	Aurora St./Commons	Green St./Commons
9:20am 1:20pm 5:48pm	9:25am 1:25pm 5:53pm	9:31am 1:31pm 5:59pm	9:37am 1:37pm 6:08pm	9:42am 1:42pm 6:12pm

OUTBOUND				
B	C	D	E	F
Sage Hall	Aurora St./Commons	Ithaca College Textor Hall	Danby Fire Station	Hillside View Trailer Park
8:44am 12:44pm •	9:00am 1:00pm 5:30pm	9:06am 1:06pm 5:36pm	9:12am 1:12pm 5:42pm	9:18am 1:18pm 5:48pm

Sunday

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**DANBY RURAL CEMETERY
 ANNUAL MEETING
 SATURDAY, JUNE 12 · 12 NOON
 DANBY FEDERATED CHURCH
 1859 DANBY ROAD**
 All members* are invited to attend
 (*members are anyone with family buried in the cemetery)

Danby Youth Flyer

Danby Summer Youth Program Schedule

The programs for Summer 2004 will offer educational, fun and exciting new experiences for Danby youth in their own community. Preregistration is required for every program.

Hands On Week — Ages 9 to 14. June 28–July 1, (M, T, W, Th), 8:30am to 4:30pm, Danby Town Hall.

The week long program will be a hands on week during which youth can enjoy Fly fishing, Fly Tying, Improvisational Troupe demonstrations and interactions, building wooden creations, games, and much more. Youth must bring a bag lunch and drink each day. Snack will be provided. Detailed schedules will be mailed to registered participants in mid June. If you have transportation or other concerns, please contact Kate Gross.

Primitive Pursuits — Ages 9 to 14. August 3–5, (T, W, Th), 9am to 1pm, Danby Federated Church.

Youth will have the opportunity to connect to their native environment through learning to build survival shelters, tracking, knife safety, primitive navigation, wilderness safety and much more about survival in the wilderness.

Creativity Week — Ages 9 to 14. August 10–12, (T, W, Th), 9am to 12pm, Danby Town Hall

Youth will have the opportunity to learn or enhance their creative skills in pottery, jewelry making and clay creatures. The pottery class will be a "Wild Animal" learning extravaganza with animals from all over the jungle. Bring animal or jungle books that youth have read to share with the group.

Craft Week — Ages 9 to 14. August 24–26, (T, W, Th), 9am to 12pm, Danby Town Hall.

Youth will spend the week learning one of the following crafts: quilting, knitting, sewing, or cross-stitch. Please select two crafts on the registration form (First and second choice).

Youth Gardening Class — Ages 9 to 14. Danby Town Hall. Throughout the summer on Thursdays, 1pm to 2pm, starting July 8.

Youth can come help work on the garden at the Town Hall. Plant, care for and harvest our own Danby crops! Vegetable produce that is picked will go to the Danby Farmer's Market and to the Danby Food Pantry.

If you have transportation or other concerns or questions, please contact Kate Gross at kgross1@twcnj.mr.com or 272-2292 ext. 224. (Program topics are subject to change depending on the availability of program presenters.)

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. (See oposite page.)

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.

Internet Access

Road Runner® high-speed Internet access is available during regular hours of the TCPL Danby Community Library, located in the Town Hall. Stop by and take advantage of it!

JUNE CALENDAR

BZA PUBLIC HEARINGS— Wednesday, June 2, 7pm, Town Hall. 2 requests for variance. See page 3.

DANBY SENIOR CITIZENS—Dish-to-pass supper and meeting, Thursday, June 3, 6pm, Danby Federated Church.

TOWN BOARD AGENDA MEETING— Monday, June 7, following public hearing. Town Hall.

WEST DANBY CHICKEN BARBEQUE— Saturday, June 12, 11am till, West Danby Fire Station.

DANBY RURAL CEMETERY ANNUAL MEETING— Saturday, June 12, 12 noon, Danby Federated Church. See page 5.

TOWN BOARD PUBLIC HEARING—Monday, June 14, 7pm, Town Hall, concerning proposed division moratorium. See page 3. Regular meeting of the Town Board to follow.

MEET YOUR REPRESENTATIVES—Tuesday, June 15, 9:30–11am, Danby Market. County Rep Frank Proto & Town Super Ric Dietrich.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TASK FORCE— Wednesday, June 9, 7:30pm, Town Hall.

PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING— Wednesday, June 16, 7pm, Danby Town Hall. See page 3. Meeting of the Planning Board to follow.

DANBY COMMUNITY COUNCIL—Monday, June 21, 7pm, Danby Town Hall.

CELLO CONCERT—Elizabeth Simkin, Sunday, June 27, 3pm, Danby Town Hall. See page 1.

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.

DANBY COMMUNITY LIBRARY READING GROUP—Fourth Tuesdays, 7pm, TCPL Danby Community Library.

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
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MANY PUBLIC HEARINGS

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