



# DANBY AREA NEWS

## HALLOWEEN HARVEST SUPPER OCTOBER 30

The West Danby Community Association is sponsoring a harvest supper at 5:00 p.m. on the evening of October 30, to be held at the West Danby Fire Hall. The steering committee will provide ham, turkey, and beverages. You bring a dish-to-pass to round out the meal, inspired (we hope) by the harvest supper theme. Given the proximity of Halloween, we encourage those who so desire to come in costume, and treats will be provided for the children among them. All are welcome. Bring a friend!

## COMMUNITY HALLOWEEN PARTY OCTOBER 30

Come celebrate Halloween at the Danby Fire Hall on Saturday, October 30 from 5:00 to 7:00. Come in your costume and enjoy pizza, games, and Halloween treats! This event is free and open to all.

## BENEFIT DINNER FOR TONI MCBRIDE MONDAY, OCTOBER 18 COMMON GROUND

On Monday, October 18 there will be a buffet dinner to benefit Toni at the Common Ground between 5 and 9 pm. The cost is \$15 per person with half price for children under 12. It will be delicious so please come. For advance ticket sale information please call Gay Huddle at 273-6530. You can also contact Amy Cusimano at 272-4634 or <amymc@twcny.rr.com>.

Along with the dinner at the Common Ground there is going to be a **benefit pancake breakfast at the Fire Hall on October 24**. Details on the latter are still being worked out; watch for advertising for both events.



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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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## SNOW PLOWING PROPOSALS SOUGHT

The Danby Fire District is soliciting proposals for snow plowing at the Danby and West Danby Fire Stations for the 2004-2005 season. Anyone interested in submitting a proposal should contact Ralph Bowles, 592 Troy Road, Ithaca, NY 14850, or call 273-2820, for a list of requirements. Proposals will be considered at the October 19<sup>th</sup> District Meeting at the West Danby Fire Station at 7:30 pm.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT GETS GRANT

Good News! The Danby Fire District was awarded a grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the Office for Domestic Preparedness through their Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program. We applied for and will receive \$71,100 to purchase new self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) and a thermal imaging camera. The District will provide a cost-share amount of 10%, or \$7,900, for this purchase. Our existing SCBA is 15+ years old and an upgrade to more reliable equipment with better safety features is welcomed. The thermal imaging camera has multiple uses, including aiding in the location of hidden, hot spots during fires as well as to locate victims by detecting body heat. The Danby and West Danby Fire Companies and the communities they serve will benefit greatly from this federal grant and we are very appreciative to be selected.

## DANBY FIRE COMPANY MONTHLY REPORT

1 fire call in August = 31 for year  
6 rescue calls in August = 54 for year

*Submitted by Beatrice Hogben, Trustee*

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Apologies for the lateness of this issue. The editor (that's me) was in the middle of moving. It shouldn't happen again...for one thing, I'm swearing off moving.

**Please note: this means the address and phone number for submissions has changed (see the indicia on page 2). The e-mail is still the same.**

As of now, I am no longer a Danby resident, having moved back into Caroline, which is where I grew up (though I can walk back into Danby in about two minutes from here). I can continue to do the News at least through 2005, unless a Danby resident wants to take over. If someone is interested, give me a call or drop me an e-mail.

*Jim Houghton*

## COMMUNITY LIBRARY NOTES

We're bigger and better than ever- thanks to some new shelving and the rearrangement of collections. Speaking of which, we have all four of Dan Brown's novels: *The daVinci Code*, *Angels* and *Demons*, *Deception Point*, and *Digital Fortress*—real page turners. New collections from TCPL this month include adult fiction, family videos, feature videos, and audio books. We are looking into increasing our video collection as these seem to be popular. We will be taking a formal survey of community needs for the future library but stop in any time and give us your feedback in terms of computer use, areas for reading, collections, etc. Our Book Discussion Group met on Tuesday, September 28 at 7 p.m. to discuss the books we had read over the summer. Please join us for future meetings. Last but not least, we are requesting all volunteers who have a couple hours a month to come sign up to work at your Danby Community Library. Training is fast and easy and you get the benefits of being surrounded by books and media and seeing your friends and neighbors. Please call Patti Meyers at 273-3878 for more information.

## HOW CLOSE CAN EMERGENCY VEHICLES GET TO YOU?

Last month, the Danby Fire District requested that you evaluate your house numbers to ensure that emergency responders can find your address quickly in the event of an emergency. But, consider this: Can we bring our emergency vehicles up your driveway to get to your home? Many residences within the Danby Fire District are set back far from the road, sometimes hundreds of feet and even over 1,000 feet. Can an ambulance or a fire truck use your driveway to get to your home? If not, the delay in personnel having to walk medical supplies or firefighting equipment to your home from the main road could make a crucial difference in saving life or property.

Please take time to evaluate your driveway condition and consider whether emergency vehicles can access your home. Is the driveway surface in good shape? Are tree limbs cut back from the sides and from overhead? Are there any obstructions that might prevent a vehicle from passing by? Ambulances from Bangs Ambulance Service are approximately 8' wide and 8 1/2' tall. The larger Danby Fire District fire trucks are approximately 8 1/2' wide and 10 1/2' tall.

If utility wires are too low to permit safe passage by emergency vehicles, please contact the utility company. In most cases, the utility company is responsible for the wires outside your home.

At your request, a member of your fire company can help you to evaluate your driveway. To schedule an appointment, leave a brief phone message with your name, address and phone number, and one of us will return your call as soon as possible. Please call 272-8114 if the Danby Fire Company is your primary company or 564-7303 if the West Danby Fire Company is your primary company. As you know, both stations are unmanned, volunteer fire companies, so please allow us some time to return your call.

Thank you very much for your attention to this safety issue.

## TASK FORCE UPDATE

The next meeting of the Comprehensive Plan Implementation Task Force is at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, October 13. We are now at a stage of integrating the strategies for open space protection into a comprehensive and complementary package. Last month, the four subcommittees reported back on the strategies they had investigated and shared their ideas on how to apply them in Danby. We began to evaluate both their effectiveness and feasibility, and how to integrate them, a process that continued at a meeting on September 23. Once we have a framework of strategies we are comfortable with, the task force, probably via subcommittees, will work with Crystal Buck, our county planning department professional assistant, to draft the legislative package that is needed to enact the regulatory portion of the strategies.

To expedite the process, proposals in draft language will be shared by email with those who have given me their email address and will be posted on the Danby web page <<http://www.town.danby.ny.us/>> as they are crafted. This is so they can be reviewed prior to the task force meeting. For those without email or a web connection, the town clerk will also have copies available. The game plan is to enact the changes into law prior to the March expiration of the moratorium on subdivisions and rezoning. In order to allow adequate time for public feedback and adjustment prior to passage, that means we have to be ready with our proposals in 2-3 months time. It is not too late to help, especially if you have a talent for crafting precise language. Anyone is welcome to join in at any stage of the process.

*Joel Gagnon, Task Force Chair*

## MORATORIUM PASSED

The town board passed the 6-month moratorium on subdivisions and rezonings at its September 13 meeting. This legislation is essentially a "time out," a pause in the process of lot creation while we decide what changes to make in our laws specifically to address open space protection. With only a 6-month period in



which to act, it is the plan of the Comprehensive Plan Implementation Task Force and the firm intention of the town board to limit the scope of the legislative changes to open space protection.

The board agreed at the September meeting that it does not want to extend the moratorium beyond 6 months. The additional legislative changes needed to position our laws to better support the Comprehensive Plan will take place later and be based on a participatory process in which we get specific about what we want where in our future Danby population centers. It will be lot easier to revise our laws and ordinances to make them consistent with the Comprehensive Plan once we go through this process and clarify what it is we are trying to bring about. Danby is applying for a technical assistance grant under the Community Development Block Grant Program with the Governor's Office for Small Cities to help with this strategic planning. We stand a good chance of being funded since what we want and need to do is exactly what the program initiative wants to fund. Sue Beeners (Danby Code Enforcement Officer), Crystal Buck (County Planning staff support to the Task Force), and I (Task Force Chair) are principally involved in putting the application together. If you can give us a hand, give me a call (564-7647). Applications are due October 18, so do it today!

*Joel Gagnon*

## DANBY AREA NEWS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Looking for an opportunity to volunteer in Danby? The Danby Area News needs people to help with mailing the 1300 newsletters out each month. We are hoping to get a small group of people who will be trained to do the mailing and will share the work. It's not difficult, and if a few people sign up, no one will be burdened with too much work. You could expect to put in an hour or two each month, and you wouldn't necessarily be committing to doing it every month. If you want to sign up, or need more info, contact Dan Klein at 272-7582 or <danbydan@hotmail.com>.

## ADVISORY BOARDS SEEK MEMBERS

Residents of Tompkins County are invited to apply for membership on two advisory boards. The Environmental Management Council (EMC) and the Water Resources Council (WRC) have vacancies for terms beginning January 1, 2005.

The EMC has six at-large seats that are open to county residents. The EMC has been Tompkins County government's official citizen advisory board on local environmental matters since 1971.

The WRC has vacancies for members of the general public, economic development interests, municipal governments, recreational interests, and water purveyors. Activities include assessing groundwater resources, assisting with new federal stormwater regulations; and developing partnerships with local, region, and state agencies and organizations.

For information or application, contact the Tompkins County Planning Department at 274-5560, or pick up an application at 121 East Court Street, Ithaca, NY. Applications available online at: <<http://www.tompkins-co.org/bor/advisory/application.html>>. Deadline for receipt of applications is October 29, 2004.

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Danby Youth Program Manager, 20 hours/week. Program Manager will coordinate year-round youth development activities after-school, evenings and some weekends for pre teen and teen audiences. Program Manager creates and supervises community programs in life skill development, community service, youth employment, outdoor education (including gardening) and other areas of youth interest. BS or BA and experience in youth development programming are required. This is a benefits eligible position. Submit cover letter, resume and application to HR Manager, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Tompkins County, 615 Willow Ave., Ithaca, NY. 14850. Application deadline October 4 or until suitable candidates are found.

## DANBY HISTORY NOTES BY JOAN GRANT, DANBY TOWN HISTORIAN

### “DANBY’S TIES TO ITHACA COLLEGE”

W. Grant Egbert was born in Danby, N. Y. on a farm (not so very far from the present site of Ithaca College) on December 28, 1867. Young Master Egbert was a child protegee on the violin and at the age of seven he gave his first concert. “When W. Grant Egbert was a small boy facing the problem of having to go away from home to avail himself of a satisfactory instruction in music, he confided to his mother that some day he should establish a conservatory of music in Ithaca, so that small boys never have to go far away from home to study music.” At fourteen he enrolled in Syracuse University where he was both student and instructor for the seven years that he was there.

In 1890, at the age of 23, the brilliant young Egbert, eager for further education enrolled in competition with 50 other violinists for a seat at the Koenig Hochschule fur Musik in Berlin. He was one of five selected. After two years in Germany, with funds dwindling, Egbert set out for home.

Upon his return Egbert decided that he would establish a school of music. “Ithaca’s beauty, refinement, and culture appealed to him.” “He wrote several persons in the city, seeking help. Max Gutstadt, a violinist of ability, alone responded, and in 1892 the Ithaca Conservatory of Music began operations under management of Gutstadt.”

Instruction began in September of 1892 in four rooms in the Day House at 403 East Seneca Street. “One hundred twenty five students were enrolled there was a staff of eight, including Mr. Egbert (who also studied at the Berlin Conservatory). Instruction was offered in voice, violin, and piano, as well as in several other instruments, foreign languages, elocution, and fencing.”

The conservatory moved several times within the city of Ithaca. Between 1894 and 1911 it was located in the Wilgus Block on the second and third floors with the “Rothschild Department Store occupying the first floor beginning in 1889.” Recitals and plays were held in the Block’s Music Hall. In 1909 the Wilgus Block was sold to Jacob Rothschild who decided to expand his store to the second and third floors and the Ithaca Conservatory of Music had to once again move.

In 1910 “after purchasing Judge Douglass Boardman’s house at 120 East Buffalo Street (it became the administration building) the school settled in the DeWitt Park area in 1911, adding a theater building (Little Theater), an administration annex, a library, and a classroom-office building, thus making a campus there.” The school continued to expand by establishing affiliated schools, later to be incorporated. In 1931 with the New York Board of Regents approval the Ithaca Conservatory of Music became Ithaca College.

The college, still with limited resources, “adapted downtown buildings and houses—two old movie theaters as gymnasium facilities for example.” In 1949 the college purchased land on the Danby Road, just outside the city limits. A group called the Friends of Ithaca College was formed in the early 1950’s and their fundraising efforts raised over \$1 million. “The cornerstone for the new college union, named for W. Grant Egbert, was laid in 1960, and the building was opened in the fall of 1961 along with five dormitories.” “The 1960’s saw an active and rapid building program, which created with amazing speed a complete modern campus, affording one of the country’s most stunning vistas. Ithaca College today offers both graduate and undergraduate degrees, with specialties in applied music, television and communication studies, physical education and therapy. Its concerts and theater productions are an important part of Ithaca’s cultural scene”.

W. Grant Egbert’s ties to Danby remain to this day. He is buried in the Danby Rural Cemetery on Curtis Road. The monument can be reached by following these directions:  
Take the first road on the left for 63 feet. At the Meaker monument turn right across the lawn for 45 feet to the Egbert Family monuments.

W. Grant Egbert's monuments are modest, one for himself and one for his wife, Mabelle C. Greene, 1884-1918. His parents monument is small but impressive. In 1992, Ithaca College placed a low brass memorial with medallion on the site. It reads:

*To the memory of William Grant Egbert 1867-1928*

*A citizen of Danby*

*who founded the Ithaca Conservatory of Music in 1892,  
this plaque is placed by Ithaca College  
in commemoration of the centennial of its founding.*

The medallion at the top of the plaque reads along the outside surface:

*Ithaca College Celebration of a Century 1892-1992*

*Ithaca*

As a note of interest: There are two homesteads on the 1853 map of Danby with the names Grant and Egbert noted. They are on what looks to be an abandon extension of Marsh Road just above its intersection with Durfee Hill Road. School House #16 would have been located between the two.

*Resources: The Ithaca College Story, John B. Harcourt; The Peopling of Tompkins County, Carol Kammen; A Short History of Tompkins County, Jane Marsh Dieckmann.*

## TOWN HOURS

### TOWN CLERK

Tues-Fri 9am-4pm, Sat 9am-noon  
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93 Hornbrook Road, Ithaca, NY 14850  
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Wednesday-Friday 10am-5pm or by appointment  
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### TOWN COURT:

Tuesday eve, 7pm  
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### DANBY COMMUNITY LIBRARY

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

All offices at Danby Town Hall except where noted.

# Danby Youth Flyer

## Danby Youth Programs Fall Session

Here are educational and exciting youth development programs for your children to enjoy this fall. Please look for Program Brochures at the Danby Town Hall and the Danby Community 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.

### Cooking Danby Style

Monday, October 4, 11, 18, & 25, 4 to 5:30pm Danby Federated Church. Grades 4-10.

Learn new and fun meals with fresh fruits and vegetables. Come learn to cook for beginners or learn more recipes for the experienced youth cook.

### Family Open House

Thursday, October 21 & 28, 6:30 to 8pm, Danby Town Hall. All ages.

Come have a fun relaxing evening as a family. Learn new activities, play games, and enjoy crafting as a family.

### Youth Business

Thursday, October 21 & 28, 4 to 6pm, Danby Town Hall. Grades 4-11.

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

### Pottery/Stamping Class:

Monday, October 4, 11, 18 & 25, 7 to 8pm, Danby Federated Church. Grades 4-9.

Come learn to make jewelry, beads, greeting cards and more.

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**TOWN BOARD AGENDA MEETING**— Monday, October 4, 7pm, Town Hall.

**VOTER REGISTRATION**— Monday, October 4, 4–8pm & Saturday, October 9, 2–9pm. Town Hall.

**DANBY SENIOR CITIZENS**—Thursday, October 7, 6pm, Danby Federated Church. All Danby seniors invited to attend.

**FALL FAIR**— Saturday, October 9, 10–3pm, Danby Federated Church. See page 1.

**TOWN BOARD MEETING**—Monday, October 11, 7pm, Town Hall.

**MEET YOUR REPS**—Tuesday, Oct. 12, 9:30–11:30 am, Danby Market. Frank Proto and Ric Dietrich.

**COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TASK FORCE**—Wednesday, October 13, 7:00pm, Town Hall.

**TOWN BOARD BUDGET WORKSHOP**—Monday, October 18, 7pm, Town Hall. Also Oct. 25.

**COMMUNITY COUNCIL**—Monday, October 18, 7pm, Danby Town Hall.

**TONI MCBRIDE BENEFIT**—Monday, October 18, 5–9pm, Common Ground. See page 1.

**PLANNING BOARD**—Thursday, October 21, 7pm, Danby Town Hall.

**BENEFIT PANCAKE BREAKFAST**—Sunday, October 24, Danby Fire Hall. Watch for times.

**TOWN BOARD BUDGET WORKSHOP**—Monday, October 25, 7pm, Danby Town Hall.

**HALLOWEEN HARVEST SUPPER**—Saturday, October 30, 5pm, West Danby Fire Hall. See pg. 1.

**COMMUNITY HALLOWEEN PARTY**—Saturday, October 30, 5–7pm, Danby Fire 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.

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