



COMMUNITY COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING MONDAY, JANUARY 24

The Danby Community Council Annual Meeting will be on Monday, January 24, at 7:00 p.m. at the Danby Town Hall. We will be presenting the annual report of our accomplishments for the past year and voting on new Community Council members. We are still seeking people interested in being on the board. No particular experience or skill is needed, just a desire to work for our community. All Danby residents 18 years and older are eligible to be Board members and to vote at the annual meeting. Interested potential board members should contact Dan Klein, 272-7582, <danbydan@hotmail.com>, by January 14.

Submitted by Dan Klein for the Community Council

WDCA ANNUAL MEETING AND DISH-TO-PASS SATURDAY, JANUARY 22

The West Danby Community Association presents a dish-to-pass supper Saturday, January 22, at 5:00 p.m. at the West Danby Fire Hall. The focus of discussion to digest over is the future of development in West Danby. Folks are invited to discuss and brainstorm what the Town of Danby's comprehensive plan might mean for West Danby in the near and not-so-near future. Obviously, there will be growth. But do we aim for a bigger center, with more homes clustered

together? Encourage businesses of some kinds? What about tract housing? What about services such as a sewer system? And what about affordability and property taxes? We'll have one or two people involved in the Town's comprehensive planning on hand to answer questions, but the idea is to get a feel for what is possible and what residents would like to see. We will also keep it friendly!

A short(!) business meeting will follow to summarize WDCA's 2004 activities and elect the slate of officers for 2005, which all are welcome to stay for. For more info, call Peter at 564-0030 (eves).

DANBY VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY ELECTIONS

At a December 2nd special meeting, the following persons were elected for 2005:

Chief: John Gaden
Deputy Chief: Neal Franklin
Assistant Chiefs: JoAnne Oliver, Peter Goodman, Ross Borden
President: Ralph Bowles
Vice President: Wayne Holden
Secretary: Bernard N. Hogben
Treasurer: Jessica Remais-Sager
Trustees: Richard Oltz, Beatrice Hogben, Sharon Gaden

We welcome new member, Andrew Hilker, into the Danby Fire Company.

There were 2 fire calls in November = 38 year to date; 8 rescue calls in November = 76 year to date

Submitted by Beatrice Hogben, Trustee

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NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF TAX ROLL & WARRANT

Please take notice, that I, Carol W. Szczepanski, the undersigned Collector of Taxes for the Town of Danby, County of Tompkins, and State of New York, have duly received the tax roll and warrant for the collection of taxes within the Town of Danby for the year 2005, and that I will attend at my office at the Town of Danby Town Clerk's Office, 1830 Danby Road in said Town, Tuesday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Saturday's 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, and January 31 from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. starting January 2, 2005 through the entire collection period exclusive of holidays for the purpose of receiving the taxes listed on said roll.

Take further notice, that full payment of taxes may be paid on or before January 31, 2005, without charge or interest. On all taxes received after such date, there shall be added interest of one (1) percentum for the first month and an additional one (1) percentum for each additional month or fraction thereof, thereafter until such taxes are paid or until the collector returns unpaid taxes to the County Administrator, pursuant to law, after which a fee of five (5) percentum is added plus interest from February 1.

Take further notice, that installment payments will be accepted on or before January 31, 2005 with service charge. ***This option is not available after January 31***, and

Take further notice, that property owners who do not receive their tax notice in January should notify their tax collector as they will still be responsible.

*Carol W. Szczepanski, Tax Collector,
Town of Danby*

ATTENTION ALL DOG OWNERS

A dog enumeration in the Town of Danby is now in progress. The enumerator's name is Carrie and she will be visiting every household in Danby to count the dogs and to ensure that your dogs are registered. Please make her welcome.

New York State laws have added an additional \$5.00 surcharge for dogs identified as unlicensed during a dog enumeration. If the renewal of a license is overdue it is considered unlicensed. If your dog is not licensed you must apply for a license or contact the Town Clerk's Office to make other arrangements within two weeks. If you have not done so within the two week time period a ticket may be issued for harboring an unlicensed dog.

The required forms to register your dog are:

- A valid rabies certificate
- If spayed or neutered, a veterinarian's certificate

New York State requires that every dog over the age of four months owned or harbored in New York State for longer than 30 days must be licensed. To ensure the accuracy of license records, it is essential that any change to the information on a license be provided to the local licensing agent (Town Clerk) who in turn will notify the Department of Agriculture and Markets so that records can be updated. The owner must provide in writing any of the following changes:

- Dog ownership
- Dog owner's address
- Loss or theft of the dog (and if the dog is found, its return) and death of a dog

If you have questions please contact the Town Clerk at 277-4788.



CONCERT GRANT AWARDED

The Danby Community Council has been notified by the Community Arts Partnership of Tompkins County that it is being awarded a grant of \$1800 from the N.Y. State Council on the Arts Decentralization Program to support the 2005 Concert Series. Individual concerts in the series will be announced in future issues of DAN. The concerts are free, and usually held at the Danby Town Hall on weekend afternoons. Please come and enjoy the music.

COMMUNITY LIBRARY NOTES

Happy New Year! We are so thankful for all our volunteers and the support of the Danby Town Board, the Danby community and TCPL. Any New Year's resolutions? We still need volunteers and patrons. New collections arriving this month: videos and audiobooks; young adult fiction, biographies and juvenile fiction. The Book Discussion Group meets the 4th Tuesday of January to discuss holiday books at 7p.m. Have a wonderful and peaceful New Year!

Submitted by Patti Meyers

TASK FORCE UPDATE

The Comprehensive Plan Implementation Task Force met 3 times in December (1,8,15) in an effort to work through the issues involved in revising the Zoning Ordinance to incorporate open space protection strategies for the Rural Conservation Zone. January task force meetings are scheduled for the 5th and the 12th so far (7pm at the Town Hall). In addition, I am convening a subcommittee to help organize the decision-making process for the larger group. That subcommittee will help define the scope of what we hope to accomplish during the moratorium on subdivisions and rezonings, which expires at the end of March. It will also organize the work of the task force by identifying and prioritizing the issues to be dealt with. The subcommittee is open to anyone interested, as is the task force. E-mail is used to keep most Task Force

members up-to-date, however, not everyone has access to it. If you do and would like to be included in the task force postings, send me an email (joelpgagnon@Hotmail.com) and I will add you to the list. If you do not have access to email or the Town's website, where the most recent drafts are posted, the town clerk can provide paper copies of documents and meeting information.

The task force has an ambitious agenda for this new year. In addition to the proposals aimed at enhancing protection of open space, we will begin to look to the future of our population centers. Can we imagine a future for them that is both bigger and better? What might it look like, and where? If we can agree on what we want, what do we need to do to help bring it about? The more of us apply our talents and energy to these questions, the better the outcome is likely to be for us all. If you are not already a part of it, shouldn't you be?

Joel Gagnon, Task Force Chair

SNOW TIME LIKE THE PRESENT!

It's that time of year again. Please keep these safety tips in mind this winter.

- Local law No. 1 of 1990 prohibits parking on roadways. Please park your vehicles in your driveway. This will allow safer and quicker snow removal from our roadways.
- Please do not place garbage cans or recycling bins in the way of removal equipment. The snowplow can miss hitting these items if they are kept far enough back from the shoulder of the road. We do not want to hit them or place snow in them. However, we will not cross the centerline of the road to avoid hitting these items and possibly endanger other motorists or our road crew.
- Lastly, do not tailgate snow removal vehicles. Snow and ice covered roads can present unknown hazards.

These reminders are for everyone's safety. Please do your part to have an accident-free winter.

William Hall, Superintendent, Danby Highway Dept.

DANBY HISTORY NOTES

BY JOAN GRANT, DANBY TOWN HISTORIAN

BUTTER MAKING

In the 1800's and 1900's Danby was rich with farms. Going into Ithaca to buy butter was unheard of. Nearly every farm that had milk cows made its own. Those that didn't would buy butter or trade other products for it within the neighborhood. The process of making butter is long and tiring but the product is delicious. This would have been the process.

Step 1: Collecting the cream. Begin by collecting the milk and letting it sit for several hours. The cream will naturally float to the top. Using a cream ladle, which is a large metal spoon with tiny holes; skim the cream off the top of the milk. Milk will flow through the spoon but the cream won't. The cream that is collected is stored in the root cellar at approximately 60 degrees for about a week.

Step 2: Souring the cream. When the cream is stored in the root cellar for a week it will naturally sour. If it hasn't soured the butter will not easily separate from the cream. In cold weather letting it sit out in the kitchen for 24 hours will help it begin to sour.

Step 3: Getting the cream temperature correct. The ideal temperature for processing the cream is 50–68 degrees.

Step 4: Churning the cream. Pour the cream into the butter churn, not to exceed one-half full. There are two common butter churns: a vertical plunger churn and a rotating paddle churn. With the crock style churn, the plunger is raised all the way up and all the way down in one second cycles. The crock should also be turned at intervals. The paddle churn is turned one revolution per second. A different feel in the churning, such as sluggishness, is an indicator that the process is getting done.

Step 5: Separating the butter from the buttermilk. Using a cream ladle or butter paddle, the floating butter is removed from the top of the buttermilk. The

butter is then placed in a bowl.

Step 6: Removing the remaining butter from the buttermilk. Using the butter paddle the butter is worked back and forth on the sides of the bowl. The buttermilk will come to the surface and should be poured off.

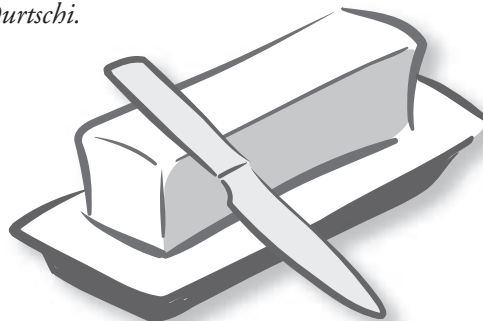
Step 7: Washing the butter. A small amount of very cold water is poured into the bowl with the butter. The butter is worked with the butter paddle. The water will become discolored and should be poured off. Fresh cold water should be added and the process repeated until the water is clear. At this point the buttermilk is all worked out. If it isn't worked out the butter will go rancid.

Step 8: Adding salt. Salt is sprinkled over the butter at a ratio of 1 teaspoon per pound of butter and worked through thoroughly.

Step 9: Putting the butter in molds. Two common molds are wood and metal. "The metal butter molds have false bottoms for pushing the molded butter out of the mold." The wood molds have designs on the bottom that are imprinted onto the butter. The butter is packed into the mold to rid it of air bubbles. It is next set in a pan of cold water and covered with a cloth to cool and set. The butter is then removed from the molds and wrapped in butter paper. "The milk in the churn was good buttermilk. It was poured into buckets or jard (the act of pouring into jars) to cool and be ready to drink and used in cooking."

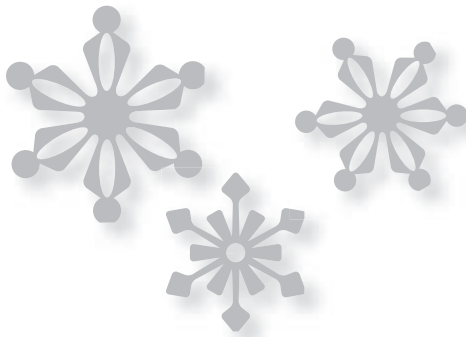
The process of butter making generally takes about 3 hours and is tiring. It was often done on a rotation system so that the same person or persons didn't have to do it every time.

Resources: "Walton Fund," Rose Adamson and Al Durtschi.



ADOPTION/FOSTER PARENT INFO

For anyone who may be considering becoming a foster parent or adoptive parent and wants more information, the Tompkins County Department of Social Services will hold an informational meeting at the Human Services Building, Room 142, 320 W. State St., Ithaca, NY on Thursday, January 13, 2005 from 12:00–1:00. Tompkins County Youth Services is also looking for Host Homes for teenagers for short-term respite. Call 274-5266 for more information.



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TOWN CLERK

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HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

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

TOWN COURT:

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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 Danby Town Hall except where noted.

CALENDAR

TOWN BOARD ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING— Monday, January 3, 7:30pm, Town Hall.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TASK FORCE— Wednesdays, January 5 & 12, 7:00pm, Town Hall.

DANBY SENIOR CITIZENS LUNCHEON— Thursday, January 6, 12 noon, Danby Federated Church. All Danby seniors invited to attend.

TOWN BOARD PUBLIC HEARINGS—Monday, January 10, Town Hall. Appeals of moratorium: 6:30pm: Kevin and Rebecca Coons Appeal—proposed subdivision.

7:00pm: Dennis Wang Appeal—proposed subdivision. A regular meeting of the Town Board will follow.

MEET YOUR REPRESENTATIVES—Tuesday, January 11, 9:30–11:30 am, Danby Market. Frank Proto and Ric Dietrich.

PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARINGS— Thursday, January 20, Danby Town Hall. Requests for special permit:

7:00pm—Berghorn & Furniss

7:15—Common Ground

A regular meeting of the Planning Board will follow.

WEST DANBY ASSOCIATION DISH-TO-PASS AND MEETING—Saturday, January 22, 5pm, Danby Fire Hall. see page 1.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING— Monday, January 24, 7pm, Danby Town Hall. See p.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.

Danby Youth Flyer

Danby Community Council Youth Programs Winter 2005

Here are the fun and educational youth programs for January–February 2005. Programs are for youth from the town of Danby; the age range is listed for each program. Look for brochures and registration forms in the Danby Store and at the Town Hall—these will have more details and registration forms to be returned. To have a brochure mailed or faxed to you, please contact Ruth Baldwin by phone at 272-2292 ext. 224, or e-mail at <reb53@cornell.edu>, or just download the form off of our website at <<http://www.cce.cornell.edu/tompkins/rys/local.htm>>. Remember, these programs fill up fast, so register early.

Cultural Cooking—Tuesdays, January 11–March 1, 4–6pm, Danby Federated Church. Grades 6–9.

We'll meet once a week to learn recipes from around the world. Expect the unexpected, and be prepared to try new things! You'll decide in our first meeting what countries you most want to explore, so be sure to join us so that your voice will be heard! We will put together a "Cultural Cooking" cookbook of your favorite recipes to sell at the Farmer's Market.

Childcare Workshop—Wednesdays, January 12–February 16, 4–6pm, Danby Town Hall. Grades 5–9.

Join us on Wednesday afternoons and learn to care for babies and young children. We'll put together babysitting survival kits, hear presentations from nurses and other childcare experts, and even visit a daycare center to practice what we've learned. At the end of the program, you will receive a certificate of participation to present to prospective employers.

Animal Helpers—Thursdays, January 13–February 17, 3:30–5:30pm. Meet at the Town Hall. Grades 6–10.

We'll go on field trips and invite presenters from a variety of different animal-related organizations, such as the Cornell Vet School, the SPCA, a dairy farm, the Lab of Ornithology, a reptile expert, and a llama farm.

Funky Garden Furniture—Mondays, February 21–March 14, 4–6pm, Danby Town Hall. Grades 6–10.

Come help design, build, and decorate a comfortable and attractive park bench to grace the community garden next to the Town Hall. Be sure to join us at the first meeting to help choose a design! After we build the bench, we'll collect old furniture and bring things from home (old tables, chairs, bookshelves, etc) to transform into fun, personal, and useable pieces of furniture. Great for your own home, yard, or as a gift.

Family Karaoke—Saturday, February 19, 3–5pm, Danby Town Hall. All Ages.

Come spend quality family time and find your hidden talent as a singer. Perform alone, with family members, with friends in the community, or just sit back and enjoy the vocal stylings of your friends and neighbors.

The Youth Flyer is sponsored in part by United Way of Tompkins County.



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