

# DANBY AREA NEWS



## 2005 FUN DAY: SPECTACULAR!

The Danby Fun Day was fantastic this year. The Fire Department doubled the amount, and sold out of their famous barbecue chicken. Andrea Hazard did a fabulous job coordinating the vendors, children's games and music. And the parade was a wonderful kickoff for the day's events. Thank you to everyone involved with the makings for a fun day. A special thanks to John and Sharon Gaden, C.J. Kilgore, Ted and Chris Jones, Brian Beeners, Ted Merritt, Asher Hockett, Jane McLarty, Rick Dobson, John Smith, Penny Dietrich, and all of the volunteers from the West Danby and Danby Fire Departments. Also, a thank you to the Danby Community for your support.

There are approximately 355 days left until next years events, and planning is already underway. If you would like to help us make next year's Fun Day, Barbecue and Parade even better, please contact A. Hazard for Fun Day; S. Beeners & A. Cusimano for the parade; and John and Sharon Gaden at the Danby Fire Department for the barbecue.

P.S.: Some of you may wonder why John Simon did not perform at Fun Day. He had laryngitis and was unable to sing. He deeply regrets not being able to perform, but we hope to have him come next year.

*Submitted by Amy Cusimano*

## JUDITH KELLOCK SONG RECITAL SATURDAY, AUG. 27, 3:00PM DANBY TOWN HALL

The next concert in the Danby Community Council's Concert Series features soprano Judith Kellock and pianist Blaise Bryski performing songs of Samuel Barber. The program "Everything But The Hermit" includes all the songs written by American composer Samuel Barber (1910–1981) except the Hermit Songs. Like the rest of his music, these songs defy categories and represent a colorful, fascinating journey, with texts ranging from Hopkins to Housman, Rilke and Joyce.

Judith Kellock is an extraordinary musician and an electrifying stage presence. She has been described in the press as "a singer of rare intelligence and vocal splendor, with a voice of indescribable beauty." She has performed all over the world (including Danby) in repertoire ranging from Bach to contemporary classical music, opera to chamber music. She has recorded for several labels and is a founding member of Ensemble X. She is on the performing faculty at Cornell.

This concert is free, and made possible by public funds from New York State Council on the Arts Decentralization Program through the Community Arts Partnership of Tompkins County.

*Submitted by Bob Strichartz for the Community Council*

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## SEPTEMBER NEWS

The September issue is scheduled to arrive just after Labor Day. The deadline  
for this issue is end of the day Tuesday, August 23. Have a great summer!

## KENNEL & STORE OPENS

Highland Farms Boarding Kennel and Store, “The Doggie B & B,” has just opened. The facility includes a kennel and retail space. Products include Hill’s Science Diet pet food, natural pet treats and products, embroidered gifts and apparel. The store is open Monday through Saturday 8:00 am–12 noon and 3:00–6:00 pm, and is located at 168 West Miller Road in Danby.

## TOWN CLERK’S SUMMER HOURS

Through August 13, the Town Clerk’s office hours will be Tuesday–Friday, 9:00am–3:00pm. There will be **NO SATURDAY HOURS**.

Regular hours will resume the following week. The clerk’s office will be open specially on **Monday, August 15 from 9–4**, as hunting licenses for the 2005–2006 season go on sale that day.

## DANBY SENIORS

There is no Danby Seniors meeting in August.

Parade photos courtesy Amy Cusimano



## ADOPTION INFO

To anyone who may be considering becoming a foster parent or adoptive parent and wants more information, Tompkins County Department of Social Services will hold an informational meeting at the Human Services Building, Room 142, 320 W. State Street, Ithaca on Thursday August 11 from 12:00 to 1:00. Tompkins County Youth Services is also looking for Host Homes for teenagers for short-term respite. Please call 274-5266 for more information.

## TASK FORCE UPDATE

The Comprehensive Plan Implementation Task Force noted with sadness the death of Carl Steele, a regular participant in our work, and passed a resolution of appreciation to send to his mother.

### OPEN SPACE PROTECTION LEGISLATION:

The task force looked at a map of the best soils in Danby. We found that there is a little bit of class I, a little more of class II, and quite a lot of class III. Class III received the most attention, since its suitability for agriculture is heavily dependent on management. When well cared for using cultural practices that minimize erosion, improve drainage, and maintain and enhance organic matter content, soils in this class can be quite productive. Sue Beeners suggested, and the task force embraced, that we provide an incentive to avoid building on class III (or even IV or V) soils that have benefited from good management and consequently are being actively farmed. We will thus propose to the Town Board and Planning Board, once we draft the language, that landowners willing to set aside and protect Class I and II soils, or soils in other classes actively used for agriculture, be given a density bonus. For every 5 acres of such soils protected, they would be given an extra lot. Besides encouraging farmland protection, this provision would encourage clustering of the residential lots created.

We next began to look at alternatives to the 60% conservation area provision in the legislative package passed in May by the Town Board. There was considerable discussion of whether to exclude unbuildable area (very steep slopes, wetlands, and flood plains) when

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calculating the lot entitlement for a parcel. The Planning Board suggested that these unbuildable areas be included, but that the Planning Board be able to reduce the allowed density when warranted. But when might that be? Excluding such areas is the most common practice. We decided to ask our county planning department support person to explore for us what others are doing before discussing further what to propose.

On the question of whether to abandon the delineated conservation area approach altogether, the group briefly considered a suggestion that the approach be made optional so those attracted to its benefits could use it and those who don't like it wouldn't have to. Sue Beeners (who has to administer whatever gets adopted) objected that the complexity involved in doing that would be burdensome for her office to handle. Others added that too many options would be confusing. While flexibility has generally been seen as a good thing by the group, its sibling, complexity, has not. We agreed to ponder this for another month and will return to it next time. My sense of the group is that we are leaning away from retaining this as an option. The alternative we will likely include in any event will probably be called "Flexible Subdivision Rules," or something like that. More on that next month.

The next task force meeting is at 7pm on August 11, at the Town Hall. How to broaden participation in that group (including the possibility of moving the task to the Town Board level or assigning it to the Planning Board) is a topic of discussion among many of us involved. I will report how this gets resolved as soon as we come to agreement on it and I will post it to the list of people who have asked to be kept abreast of task force activities (as well as report it in the Danby News). If you are not yet on that list but would like to be, send me an email and I'll put you on.

If you would like to join the planning effort but don't have email or don't want to be on the recipient list, give me a call (564-7647).

*Joel Gagnon, Task Force Chair*

## TOWN HOURS

### TOWN CLERK

Tues–Fri 9am–3pm. 8/15 on: Tues–Fri 9–4, Sat 9–12  
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 Danby Town Hall except where noted.

# Danby Youth Flyer

## Family Evening Series at Jennings Pond Tuesday evenings, July–August

### Jennings Pond Swim Season

Jennings Pond is up and running for the season. The temperatures are soaring, the water is cool and refreshing.

Life guards are on duty 7 days a week, **Sunday–Thursday 12:00pm to 7:00pm, Friday and Saturday 12:00pm to 8:00pm.** Jennings Pond is free to the public. Barbecue pits and picnic tables are available. Have a fun and safe summer.

—Amy Cusimano, Jennings Pond Co-coordinator

**August 2**—Ice cream making with Arne. We'll make some hand cranked goodness so bring your extra energy, 'cause it takes a lot of hand power to make it. We'll also try out some alternative ice cream makers and see how they hold up.

**August 9**—Scavenger hunt/adventure challenge with Arne. We'll divide you up into teams and send you off. You'll learn a little bit about the pond, our local history, and practice your survival skills. It'll be part search, part study, and part who knows? Prizes for everyone who succeeds.

All programs start at 7:00 and are free. Think about bringing a picnic and eating at Jennings Pond before the program. Swimming takes place until 7:00. This series is sponsored by the Danby Community Council. For more info contact Dan Klein at 272-7582.



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## AUGUST CALENDAR

### NO DANBY SENIOR CITIZENS MEETING.

**TOWN BOARD AGENDA MEETING**—Monday, August 1, 7pm, Town Hall.

**COMMUNITY COUNCIL**—Thursday, August 4, 7pm, Danby Town Hall.

**TOWN BOARD MEETING**—Monday, August 8, 7pm, Town Hall.

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

**COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TASK FORCE**—Thursday, August 11, 7pm, Town Hall.

**PLANNING BOARD**—Thursday, August 18, 7pm, Danby Town Hall.

**JUDITH KELLOCK SONG RECITAL**—Saturday, August 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 Thursday, 6–8pm, third Friday, 4–6pm, 1859 Danby Road.

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

**DANBY QUILTERS GROUP**—Mondays, 6:30pm, Fridays, 9–11am. Call 273-2950 for info.

**DANBY FARMERS' MARKET**—Thursdays, 4–7pm, Danby Fire Station pavilion. See page 5.