



DANBY AREA NEWS

PLANT EXCHANGE

Submitted by Dan Klein

The annual Plant Exchange happens Noon-4pm on Saturday, May 12, at the Danby Fire Hall on NYS Rt.96B.

This free event is an opportunity to swap, donate, and try new perennials, houseplants, seeds, and anything else garden related. It is not necessary to bring a plant in order to get a plant, nor is it necessary to stay the whole time. For more information contact Dan Klein at 607.272.7582, or [danbydan@hotmail.com]. ❁

REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE

Submitted by Naomi Strichartz

The Danby Revitalization Committee will again offer free plantings to Danby residents living along NYS Rt.96B. We are distributing daylilies this spring using the grant monies from the County Beautification Program.

We planted trees and daffodils in 2006, so watch for them when winter finally turns into spring.

Residents receiving the daylilies must promise to plant and maintain them and the daylilies must be visible from the road. Please contact David Mastroberti, 607.273.4805 or Naomi Strichartz, 607.277.3058 to be included in the daylily giveaway.

We are also planning a window box competition open to residents along 96B. The boxes will be judged on artistic presentation, maintenance, and for visibility from the road. Small monetary prizes, thanks to a stipend from the Danby Community Council. More details about this competition in the June *Danby Area News*. ❁

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and Rebuy: to find out how, visit the Tompkins County Solid Waste Division's new web site: [www.recycletompkins.org]. Want to buy safe office, cleaning and gardening supplies? Check the directory at [fingerlakesbuygreen.org]. ❁

BRETON MUSIC—ANONYME!

Submitted by Pamela Goddard

On Sunday May 20th, at 3pm, Danby residents (and others) will take a musical trip to the Celtic regions of France. *Anonyme* (pronounced ano-NEEM) is an Ithaca-based trio whose focus is the traditional music of Brittany and Central France. Anonyme plays driving dance tunes and sweet Breton airs, with poignant or humorous songs in French.

Laurie Hart, Gordon Bonnet, and Julia Lapp bring eclectic backgrounds to the group. Their combined interests include classical music training, Irish session music, contra and cajun dance music, and the fiddle music of Scandinavian, Balkan, Celtic, and Quebecois cultures. On meeting in Ithaca, they were thrilled to find musical soul-mates in each other.

“We’ll be playing some Breton dance tunes, including *an dros* (a Breton circle dance), *hanter dros* (a line dance in $\frac{3}{4}$ time), *gavottes* (a quick couples’ dance), and several other dance forms,” Bonnet says. “Breton music is often ‘tiled’—the melody instruments take turns with the melody, trading back and forth, but each one overlaps a little with the next one like the tiles on a roof. Our repertoire from central France includes *bourrees a deux temps* ($\frac{4}{4}$) and *bourrees a trois temps* ($\frac{3}{4}$), and a couple of very old songs, dating back to the 1600s.”

The Anonyme concert is appropriate for the entire family, and the concert is free and open to everyone. This and other concerts are made possible through the efforts of the Danby Community Council concert series, and is supported by a grant from the New York State Council on the Arts/Community Arts Partnership of Tompkins County Decentralization Program.

Meanwhile, in the department of rescheduled events... last month's Fortepiano concert (Frederic Lacroix) has been delayed until 3pm, Sunday, May 13. Apparently, it takes a while to tune a fortepiano! So you can enjoy live music at the Town Hall *two Sundays in a row!* ❁

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DANBY TOWN HISTORY

Submitted by Joan Grant, Town Historian

Do YOU Remember 1954?

In 1954, Dr. Jonas Salk fought the polio epidemic by inoculating children with the vaccine he created. On May 13, 2,600 Tompkins County children were inoculated with Polio Vaccine or a control substance during field trials of Salk's vaccine. Senator Joseph McCarthy was censured by the Senate for continuing to exploit the public's fear of communism. Bikini Atoll in the Marshall Islands became the detonation site of a U.S. thermonuclear device. Dr. Sam Sheppard was convicted of the 2nd degree murder of his wife. The jet age began with the first flight of a Boeing 707 prototype. The world's first nuclear-powered submarine, the USS Nautilus, was launched and General Motors announced a \$1 billion plant expansion.

The newest consumer items were pocket-sized transistor radios, peanut M&Ms, colored appliances, Reddi-Whip, Trix, and the Butterball turkey.

Among the most popular books of the year were *No Time for Sergeants* by Mac Hyman, *Sweet Thursday* by John Steinbeck, *The Power of Positive Thinking* by Norman Vincent Peale, *I'll Cry Tomorrow* by Lillian Roth, Gerold Frank, and Mike Connally, and *But We Were Born Free* by Elmer Davis.

Names in the news included Joe DiMaggio's, Yankee's All-Star player, for his marriage (if ever so short) to

starlet Marilyn Monroe and Linus Pauling for his Nobel Prize in Chemistry. Elvis Presley started his phenomenal career with *That's All Right (Mama)* and disc jockey, Alan Freed, thru his radio and television shows and concerts, helped change the world of rock-and-roll forever.

Television, still in its infancy, was presenting shows such as *Dragnet*, *I Love Lucy*, *Disneyland*, *Father Knows Best*, *I Remember Mama*, *The Jimmy Durante Show* (Mrs. Mac Gillacuddy wherever you are!), and the popular daytime serial *The Secret Storm*. Theatrical productions included *Witness for the Prosecution*, *The Caine Mutiny*, *The Pajama Game* and *Peter Pan*. In movie theaters Alfred Hitchcock's *Rear Window* with Jimmy Stewart and *Dial 'M' for Murder* with Ray Milland thrilled patrons. Stars like Humphrey Bogart, Audrey Hepburn, Ava Gardner, Marlon Brando, Judy Garland, Frank Sinatra and Donna Reed were attracting long lines at the box office.

The average annual income was \$3,950, the average home sold for \$22,000, and an Oldsmobile 88 sold for \$2,362. Butter was 59 cents a pound and potatoes were 57 cents for 10 pounds. Bread was 17 cents a loaf, chuck roast was 47 cents a pound and Post Grape-Nuts cereal was 19 cents for a 10 ounce box. Not to be neglected, a first-class stamp was 3 cents and gasoline was 29 cents a gallon.

Resources: *Reminiscence*, The Magazine That Brings Back the Good Times, and *The Amazing Ithaca History Calendar*, Paul Glover, 1976. ❀

DANBY TOWN, CURRENTLY

Submitted by Joel Gagnon

At its April meeting, the Town Board followed up on the Comprehensive Plan Implementation Task Force meeting in January at which most of the Town Board was present. A resolution was passed unanimously which recognized that regulatory revisions applicable to areas outside the hamlets are incomplete, and that the Task Force is positioned to review draft changes to the Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Regulations for consistency and completeness prior to their formal consideration by the Planning Board, the Town Board, and the public.

The resolution requested the Task Force to reconvene at some time in the future, after draft legislation has been prepared, to review and approve the concept of

that draft prior to Planning Board and Town Board consideration.

Additional roles for the Task Force, if any, are subject to the direction of the Town Board upon completion by the Planning Board of its review and recommendation on the overall planning initiative directed at implementing the Comprehensive Plan.

Another vote took place at the April Town Board meeting without much notice in the press. Following public hearing on the matter, the Town Board passed a local law creating a new Planned Development Zone to accommodate the White Hawk Ecovillage. This major hurdle for the project has now been surmounted. After the final site plan approval by the Planning Board, they are good to go. The project could get underway by early summer. ❀

PUBLIC NOTICES

Submitted by Carol Szczepanski, Town Clerk

Proposed Subdivision Regulations Public Hearing

A public hearing will be held at 6:30pm on Monday, May 14, 2007 for the Proposed Subdivision Regulations. The complete Draft of the subdivisions may be viewed at the Town Clerk's office or online at the Town's web site, [town.danby.ny.us].

Local Law #3 Of 2007 Adopted

The Town Board of the Town of Danby adopted a Local Law No. 3 of 2007 entitled A Local Law Amending the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Danby to Establish Planned Development Zone 19, for White Hawk Ecovillage. The Development Zone is to be located on the west side of Danby Road between Gunderman and West Miller Roads.

Assessment Board of Review

The Town of Danby will have an Assessment Board of Review here at the Town Hall, 3-6pm, Wednesday, May, 9, 2007. Residents who wish to contest the assessments on their properties may pick up forms at the Town Clerk's office or at the review. If you have questions please direct them to the Tompkins County Division of Assessment at 607.274.5517 or the Town Clerk at 607.277.4788.

DOGS AT JENNINGS POND

Submitted by Amy Cusimano, Pond Coordinator

Jennings Pond is a hot spot to take our dogs for a nice walk, even in the winter. Now that the snow has melted, we have found a huge amount of, well, the droppings left behind by our 4-legged friends.

This problem means that it will take more manpower to get the park up and running for the summer. We all need to remember that this is a State Park. Jennings Pond offers swimming during the summer. Doggy poo runs into the waterways...do you know anyone who wants to swim in fecal run off?

Dogs are required to be on a leash twelve months out of the year. And you, the owner/walker, are responsible to pick up and bag any droppings and dispose of it properly. Please respect our Park and clean up after your 4-legged friends. If necessary, we can supply a special trash can for these deposits. Signage will be posted.

I encourage all dog walkers to participate in clean up day! You can contact me with any suggestions.

FREE RABIES CLINIC

Cats, Dogs, And Ferrets

The Tompkins County Health Department Environmental Health Division will hold a free rabies clinic at the Danby Fire Station, 7-9pm, Thursday, May 3. Vaccination certificates will be issued, good for either one or three years depending on the previous vaccination status. Call 607.274.6688 for more info.

THANK YOU!

Submitted by Beatrice Hogben, Trustee DVFC

Yes, *thank you* for supporting the Danby Volunteer Fire Company's three breakfasts held in January, February, and March. You partook of 605 breakfasts during those three months, making it a very successful fundraiser for us. We hope you enjoyed the good meals.

Dick and Judy Oltz, coordinators, said they could not have done it without the cooperation of the members of the Danby Fire Company and the help of ten community persons who are not members of the Danby Fire Company: All of whom gave untiringly of their time and expertise.

A special *Thank You* also to the Danby Federated Church for rescheduling their Lenten breakfasts and encouraging their membership to come to ours.

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DANBY COMMUNITY LIBRARY

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All offices at Danby Town Hall except where noted.

DANBY COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Submitted by Patti Meyers

Have you been in to sample our coffee on Saturdays at the Danby Community Library?

No.13 Hercules Buildings, Lambeth, 1792. Poet, artist, and printer William Blake works anonymously amidst the raucous din of a teeming, jittery London. Burning Bright evokes the full pageantry of Georgian London: its circus spectacles, mustard factories, pubs and bawdy songs, the grandeur of Westminster Abbey and the secrets of Cut-Throat Lane.—from the book jacket of *Burning Bright* by Tracy Chevalier, author of *Girl With a Pearl Earring*.

New collections this month: Juvenile Nonfiction, Adult Nonfiction, Young Adult Fiction, Biographies, and Instructional Videos. Look for *The South Beach Taste of Summer Cookbook*, *Once Around the Track* by Sharyn McCrumb, and *Lean Mean Thirteen* by Janet Evanovich. We are also looking into ordering DVDs from TCPL to have available for circulation.

SUPERVISOR'S UPDATE

Submitted by Ric Dietrich, Danby Supervisor

High Speed Internet

There are several options to be explored:

- Extend existing cable lines. This is probably the best option even though it will only reach a limited number of households.
- Radio would reach a lot more households, especially if the Town pushed this technology by investing in its own towers. This option is interesting because it could be accomplished in a couple of years. It is both faster than cable and cheaper.
- Households not covered by cable or radio could establish satellite connections.

I am exploring grants that are available for the purchase of radio towers; they cost about \$25,000 per tower.

Internet infrastructure could be financed by tax households who already have high-speed Internet via an increase in the franchise fee from one to four percent, or by a combination of grants, franchise fees, and costs shared by households. Feel free to let me know your thoughts on these options.

Town Board

The Town Board revised its laws to add two additional, alternate members to the planning board. This was done to assure a quorum at Planning Board meetings.

As we look toward summer (as soon as Spring weather officially arrives!), stop in to sign up for the Summer reading Program in June and look for our Summer Reading List for suggested summer reading. ❁

THE CAKE WHEEL ROLLS

Submitted by Gay Huddle

We all know how fast time creeps up on us, even when we plan ahead! So far, in anticipation of the cake wheel at the 2007 Danby Fun Day, I have list of names, a volunteer to spin the wheel, and I will borrow the Catholic Rectory's wheel.

Past donors will hear from me soon, and I'm very interested to hear from new contributors! Call me at 607.273.6530. Teens, seniors, families, newcomers, Moms, Dads, grandmothers, grandfathers, and so on are encouraged to join us in making this year's wheel the best ever. All proceeds from the cake wheel are donated to the Danby Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department. This community is so very grateful for all they do for us. Thank you, Danby! ❁

Please a letter of intent to our Town Clerk if you are interested in one of these positions.

Flags, Funding, and Surveys

It was brought to my attention at a recent Town Board meeting that some residents may be displaying the American flag in an inapposite way. There is a national flag protocol for flying the flag and conditions in which the flag should be maintained.

Jim Seward has designated \$25,000 of NY State funding to the Town of Danby to help pay for its aquifer study. The Town recently honored Seward with a plaque for his help with our Park, our roads, and the aquifer study.

The Town of Danby has begun distributing surveys with the intent of educating Danby citizens about how they can effectively prepare their households for the impact of natural or man-made events, before they occur. We hope to identify individuals who may need assistance before or after any emergency event, and to coordinate Danby government, responders, and organizations to create an effective disaster mitigation plan. Please help us by filling out the Disaster Response survey when it comes your way.

One of the most important things each of us can do is to know our neighbors. The first line of support needs to be someone who can walk to your house and check in with you! ❁

DANBY FUN DAY UPDATE

Submitted by Sue Beeners

Save the date: July 14, 10am-4pm (snow date pending)
Things are shaping up for another great community Fun Day to support our all-volunteer Danby Fire Department. Look forward to:

- The Parade
- The Famous Chicken BBQ and other food
- Music
- Chinese Auction
- Cake Wheel
- Fencing and Archery
- Games for Kids of all ages
- Book Sale
- Exhibits of all kinds

For more information, contact Sue Beeners [sbeeners@aol.com] or 607.272.4634, Sharon Gaden [danby071302@yahoo.com] or 607.659.3116, or Amy Cusimano [amymc@twcny.rr.com] or 607.272.4634.

Chinese Auction At Fun Day

Anyone wishing to donate a product or service to this year's Chinese Auction, please contact John or Sharon Gaden. All donations are greatly appreciated. Thank you for your support.

Books For Fun Day

Book donations are needed for the Fun Day Book Booth. Remember that our book sales benefit the Danby Fire Department. To donate or to help, contact Leslie Connors, 607.277.1717 or Naomi Strichartz, 607.277.3058.

Fun Day Vendors

Do you have crafts or other items you'd like to sell at Danby Fun Day? Contact Mary Oltz, 607.273.2950.

The Stupendously Big Danby Fun Day Parade

This year's theme for our annual parade is **Holidays!**

There are twelve months *full* of them. New Years to Kwanzaa, Earth Day to Veteran's Day. Use your imagination to decorate your bikes, horses, car or a float. Celebrate your favorite holiday *twice* this year!

An application to join the parade is available at Danby Town Hall and at the *Danby Area News* web site. If you would like an application mailed to you, have questions or would like to volunteer, contact Sue Beeners or Amy Cusimano. Please return completed applications to the Danby Town Hall. ❁

Danby Community Council Scholarship Application

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

Youth's Name _____

Date of Birth _____ Telephone & Email _____

Address _____

Parent/Guardian's Name _____

Name of camp/program _____

Address of camp/program _____

Is the youth currently eligible for a free or reduced cost 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 in program and (if applicable) payment of deposit, to:

Danby Community Council
c/o Carol Bushberg
908 Steam Mill Road
Ithaca, NY 14850

Questions? Call 273.3400!

Community Council Youth Programs May 2007

Programs are for youth who live in or near Danby; the age range is listed for each program. All programs are free. Look for brochures and registration forms in the Danby Store, at the Town Hall, and on the web.

For Tom's programs, to have a brochure mailed or faxed to you, please contact Tom Archibald, 607.272.2292 x222, [tga4@cornell.edu], or visit [http://www.cce.cornell.edu/tompkins/rys/local.htm].

For Julie's programs, contact Julie Kulik, 607.277.0062 box #2, or [flicker_dharma@yahoo.com].

Primitive Pursuits—Grades 4-8-w/ Tom

Danby Federated Church

Mondays, ongoing (3:30–6:30pm)

(Special bus drop-off is available from Boynton)

New participants are very welcome to this ongoing program!

Youth learn ancestral outdoor survival skills including shelter building, knife safety, fire building, cord making, orienteering, outdoor cooking and much more. This popular program is an extremely valuable occasion for youth to get away from the fast-paced lives they often lead and relearn how to look at the world (natural and man-made) through a different lens. The future benefits are multiple and diverse, for both the environment and the youth. This time around, we will focus on working towards an overnight in the woods!

MORE SHORT NOTICES!

Bereaved Parents Meeting Notice

The next meeting of the bereaved parents support group will be on Tuesday, May 8, 5:30–7pm at Hospicare on East King Road in Ithaca. This is a peer-run group serving parents or grandparents who have lost a child or grandchild. For more information about the group, please contact Carlo Troise at 607.255.9470. ✿

Pet Loss Grief Support Group

The monthly pet loss support group for all humans who grieve the loss of a pet or other animal companion due to death, disappearance, or other circumstance will

Food, Glorious Food—Grades 4-8-w/ Tom

Danby Federated Church

Wednesdays, May 2–Mat 23 (3:30–5:30pm)

New day, same great program! New participants welcome!

Do you like to eat?!?! Do you ever wonder where your food comes from?! Join us

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for this great program to cook and enjoy delicious and nutritious food, and to learn about how it gets from the field to your table.

We'll even go on field trips to see first hand where some of our favorite foods come from. Danby is a great place to enjoy local, sustainable food. Even though it's still cold out, we'll start thinking about the Danby Farmers' Market, so if you want a job this summer, you won't want to miss Food, Glorious Food.

Science Explorers—Grades 4-8-w/ Tom

meet at Boynton Middle School

Fridays, May 11–June 8 (3:30–5:30pm)

Come explore the exciting world of science with us. We'll visit the Sciencenter, check out the new exhibits at the Museum of the Earth, and

tour some amazing and bizarre spots at Cornell. Maybe you dream of becoming a scientist one day, or maybe you just want to discover some of the fun and interesting scientific hot spots around Tompkins County—either way, sign up now and get ready to explore.

Tom adds, *"The more the merrier, so please don't hesitate to try these wonderful free programs. Homeschoolers are more than welcome. Youth who don't go to Boynton are also more than welcome to come to the program that meets there. Wherever you are, in or near Danby, just come! See you soon!"* ✿

Movie-Makers, friends, and family: Stay tuned for info on the movie premier celebration!

meet 7-9pm, Tuesday, May 15 in the in the Centennial Room at the Cornell University Hospital for Animals.

A joint project of the Colonial Veterinary Hospital and Cornell College of Veterinary Medicine, the group provides education about coping with loss, and the emotional support from discussing common feelings. Participants are asked to bring a photograph or other memento of the companion animal they wish to honor. All humans are welcome to attend. For additional details, contact Colonial Veterinary Hospital at 607.257.3650 or [petloss@colonialvet.com]. ✿

DANBY AREA NEWS: EVENT CALENDAR

May 3 • Thu

6pm 🏠 Danby Federated Church
Danby Senior Citizens Dinner
7–9pm 🏠 Fire Hall
Rabies Clinic: Dogs, Cats, and Ferrets...Free!
7pm 🏠 Town Hall
Danby Community Council Meeting

May 7 • Mon

6:30pm 🏠 Town Hall
Town Board Agenda meeting

May 9 • Wed

3–6pm 🏠 Town Hall
Assessment Board of Review

May 12 • Sat

6:30pm 🏠 Fire Hall
Plant Exchange

May 13 • Sun

3pm 🏠 Town Hall
Fortepiano Concert w/ Frederic Lacroix

May 14 • Mon

6:30pm 🏠 Town Hall
**Public Hearing (Proposed Subdivision Regulations)
and Town Board Meeting**

May 15 • Tue

10:30–11:30am 🏠 Town Hall
Meet Your Representatives—County Rep Frank Proto
and Town Supervisor Ric Dietrich
Noon–9pm 🏠 Town Hall
Ithaca School Board Elections

May 17 • Thu

7pm 🏠 Town Hall
Planning Board

May 20 • Sun

3pm 🏠 Town Hall
Music of Brittany w/ Anonyme

Jul 14 • Sat

Danby Fun Day and Parade

ONGOING EVENTS

Seniors Strength Training Group 🏠 Federated Church
Mondays, 9am.

West Danby Volunteer Fire Company 🏠 WD Fire Hall
2nd Monday, 7pm.

Danby Fire Commissioners 🏠 Fire Hall or WD Fire Hall
3rd Tuesday, 7:30pm.

Danby Fire Company 🏠 Fire Hall
Mondays, 7pm; monthly mtg 2nd Monday, 7:30pm.

Danby Food Pantry 🏠 Federated Church
3rd Friday, 4–6pm, Thursday the-day-before, 6–8pm

Danby Community Library Reading Group 🏠 Town Hall
4th Tuesdays, 7pm.

Danby Quilters Group ☎ 273.2950
Fridays, 9–11am.

WHERE THINGS HAPPEN

🏠 Danby Town Hall • 1830 Danby Road

🏠 Danby Community Library • 1830 Danby Road

🏠 Danby Market • 1774 Danby Road

🏠 Danby Fire Hall • 1780 Danby Road

🏠 West Danby Fire Hall • Sylvan Lane, off Rt.34/96

🏠 Danby Federated Church • 1859 Danby Road

🏠 American Legion Hall • 1231 Danby Road

The Danby Volunteer Fire Company now has a web-site! [<http://www.danbyfiredept.com>] 🏠

Did you know you can find the Danby News on the web? [<http://danbynews.tedcrane.com/>] 🏠