



# DANBY AREA NEWS

## TAX COLLECTION

Submitted by Carol Szczepanski, Town Clerk

Town of Danby tax collection begins on January 2, 2008; the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's hours are Tuesday–Friday, 9am–4pm, and Saturdays, 9am–Noon. Checks should be payable to, “Town Of Danby Tax Collector.”

**Option A - Full Payment:** *Total Taxes may be paid on or before January 31*, without additional charges. Interest equal to 1% of the unpaid balance will be added to your total on the first day of each month through March 31. Upon the return of unpaid taxes made by the tax collector to Tompkins County on April 1, a penalty of five 5% will be added, plus interest at the rate of 1% per month calculated from February 1.

**Option B - Installment:** *Your first installment payment to the tax collector must be postmarked on or before January 31.* Payment of the service charge for this option must be included at this time. This option is not available after January 31. To avoid penalty and interest, the second installment must be paid on or before July 3. If paying the second installment by mail, make the check payable to, “Tompkins County.” Unpaid installments after July 3 will be charged a penalty of 5% plus interest from July 3 at 1% per month. ❁

## FIRE COMMISSIONER ELECTION

Submitted by Deanna Bowles

Congratulations to L. Patrick (Pat) Caveney, who was recently re-elected for a 5-year term, 2008–2012, as Fire Commissioner for the Danby Fire District. Pat was uncontested and received all 39 votes, 19 from Danby and 20 from West Danby.

The other Fire Commissioners and their terms are:

Richard H. Oltz	2004–2008	
Ralph Bowles	2005–2009	
Wayne Holden	2006–2010	
Matt Cooper	2007–2011	❁

## COMM COUNCIL MEETING

Submitted by Bob Strichartz for Danby Comm. Council

The annual meeting of the Danby Community Council will be held at 7pm on Thursday, January 24 in the Danby Town Hall. Refreshments will be served.

New members of the board of directors will be elected at this meeting. Any resident of Danby, eighteen years or older, is eligible to run for director and to vote. All candidates for director must declare their intention by January 14; contact me at [[str@math.cornell.edu](mailto:str@math.cornell.edu)] or 607.277.3058.

The Danby Community Council is a volunteer non-profit organization that coordinates programs for Danby residents. In recent years we have sponsored youth programs, concerts, movies, Halloween parties, and have helped with the Fire Department with Fun Day. We also give scholarships for youth activities.

We're always looking for Danby residents to join our efforts, either as members of the Board of Directors or as volunteers, and we are open to new ideas. At the Annual Meeting we will give a report on last year's activities. ❁

## FIRE STATION BREAKFAST

Submitted by Sharon Gaden

The Danby Volunteer Fire Company is planning to offer breakfasts to the community this winter, beginning with an event on Sunday, January 27, 8–11:30am.

Our breakfasts are eggs (cooked the way you want them), home fries, pancakes, ham, sausage, French toast, coffee, hot chocolate, and orange juice. We offer seating at tables inside the station, plates, silverware, and service by wait staff.

All proceeds benefit the Danby Volunteer Fire Company by helping us purchase fire or medical equipment or station supplies. Watch for the dates of the remaining breakfasts in future issues of the Danby Area News, and on flyers posted around town. Hope to see you there! ❁

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## SHORTER NOTICES!

### Bereaved Parents Meeting Notice

The next meeting of the bereaved parents support group will be on Tuesday, January 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.

### Foster Care/Adoption Informational Meeting

Considering becoming a foster parent or adoptive parent? The Tompkins County Department of Social Services will hold an informational meeting at the Human Services Building, Room 142, 320 West State Street, on Thursday, January 10, Noon–1pm. Tompkins County has a special need for foster families in the Ithaca City School District.

Please call 607.274.5266 for more information.

### Pet Loss 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 meet 7-9pm on January 15 in the in the Centennial Room of the Cornell University Hospital for Animals. The group provides emotional support and education about coping with loss. Participants are asked to bring a photograph or other memento of the companion animal they wish to honor. All humans are welcome to attend. Contact Colonial Veterinary Hospital at 607.257.3650 or [[petloss@colonialvet.com](mailto:petloss@colonialvet.com)]. ❀

## UNITED WAY

Strong People, Families, and Communities

United Way of Tompkins County has 43 member organizations, including the Danby Community Council. Donations support more than 150 year-round health and human service programs in Tompkins County, along with two targeted areas of care:

1. Hunger & Food Security: Assist users of local food pantries by supplementing monthly food supplies.
2. Urgent Rx Prescription Program: Assists uninsured patients with their prescription needs when they receive treatment at Cayuga Medical Center's Emergency Room or Convenient Care Center or at the Ithaca Free Clinic. The uninsured patient receives a voucher for free medicine (up to a two-week supply) that can be redeemed at a Kinney Drug Store in Tompkins County.

## DANBY TOWN HISTORY

Submitted by Joan Grant, Town Historian

### Wanted

Do you have any old photographs of Danby, West Danby, or South Danby that I might be allowed to scan for the Town of Danby Archives?

I'm looking for photos of houses, buildings, barns, businesses, schools (with or without students), individuals, families, indoor or outdoor scenes, and any activities including plowing, parades, picnics, holidays, ice skating, and sledding.

Some of the bigger towns have extensive photo collections. It would be nice to have the Town of Danby documented in pictures that would be kept at the Town Library giving all of the residents a chance to look back at Danby's past.

If you have any photos that I may borrow to scan please call me at 607.272.7335. Thanks! ❀

## DANBY EMAIL REMINDERS

Submitted by Bob Strichartz

I am organizing an email list of people who want to be reminded of Danby events, such as concerts, movies, Halloween Party, Fun Day, and more.

These events are all listed in the Danby News calendar, but sometimes it helps to get a timely reminder. If you wish to be added to this list, contact me at [[str@math.cornell.edu](mailto:str@math.cornell.edu)]. You will receive one or two shorts Emails per month, a day or two before the event, in the form of a blind-cc, so no one will learn your Email address from the list distribution. ❀

In 2006, the Danby Community Council received \$4,937 from the United Way of Tompkins County to fund programs including:

- Summer Evening Family Programs at Jennings Pond
- Teen Employment & Apprenticeships
- Danby Fun Day
- Danby Youth Flyer

If you would like to make a tax-deductible gift to support the \$2,000,000 Community Campaign, please make checks payable to, "United Way of Tompkins County," and send to: UWTC, 313 North Aurora Street, Ithaca, NY 14850. Thank you! ❀

## DEMPC UPDATE

Submitted by Sue Beeners, for the Emer Mgmt Plan Cmte

### Imagine

A snow and ice storm has hit Danby. The power is out. I can't find a flashlight, there's no food in the house, and a tree is blocking my driveway. I don't know any of my neighbors, and did not go to the nearby *Meet the Neighborhood* party. Finally, I find someone passing by to help remove the tree from the driveway. I slip and slide downtown to get supplies. All the stores have signs saying, "Out of batteries, lamp oil, generators, food".

At least I can head back home with some anchovies.

I can't find my house because I never put up those 4-inch address numbers required by the State. I land upside-down in a ditch. I call 9-1-1. Thank goodness my cell phone is charged, because I still haven't bought a cell phone charger to use in the car.

I give 9-1-1 my location, and after a while I see a County Sheriff's car and a Danby Fire Department truck pass me. They can't find me for a while, because none of my neighbors have those 4-inch address numbers either.

Finally, a kindly man on a snowmobile happens by, and helps me out of the ditch and back to my house. Hey, I've met a true neighbor!

Let's hope Danby never has such severe storms as the mid-west. But, as the Danby Emergency Management Planning Committee has recommended in many past articles, please "Be Ready".

- Make sure your household is stocked with emergency supplies.
- Meet your neighbors and make arrangements to help each other in emergencies.
- Get those 4-inch address numbers installed (see separate article).
- Complete the Disaster Response Survey if you have not already; available on the Town website, [town.danby.ny.us], or at the Town Clerk's office at Town Hall. The Survey is confidential, for use only by emergency responders. ❧

## TWELFTH DAY TEA

Submitted by Janet Gray

Danby Federated Church Women's Fellowship invites all women to a 12<sup>th</sup> Day Tea at 4pm on Saturday, January 5 in the church. ❧

## DANBY FOREST NEWS

Submitted by Ronda Roaring

### Forester Contact Info Update

Joan Staples, the DEC forester for the Danby region has a new Email address [jtoldroy@gw.dec.state.ny]. Her phone number is still 607.798.1797.

### Woodlot Owners Seminar

John Graham is a forester with the Cortland office of the DEC. He works exclusively with private woodlot owners to help them protect and improve the quality of their woodlots.

I have volunteered to set up a seminar—free and open to anyone in Danby—with John on a Saturday morning (9am-Noon) during April. John would like to keep the number of registrants to 12 so that everyone can see and hear well. Please contact me by January 15 if you're interested in attending this seminar.

John is hoping to look at 2 woodlots in Danby that are close together but have different characteristics. If you or you and your neighbor would like to offer your woodlot(s) for the seminar, please contact me by January 15 at [rondaroaring@hotmail.com] or 607.589.4031. ❧

Danby Fun Day - July 12, 2008

## TOWN HOURS

### TOWN CLERK

Phone: 277.4788 • Fax: 277.0559  
Tue–Fri, 9am–4pm; Sat, 9am–Noon

### HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

93 Hornbrook Road • Phone: 272.9169  
Mon–Fri, 6am–2:30pm

### CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICE

Phone: 277.0799 • Fax: 277.0559  
Wed–Fri, 10am–5pm or by appointment

### TOWN COURT:

Phone: 277.4788 • Fax: 277.0559  
Tue, 7pm

### DANBY COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Tue & Thu 3:30–5:30pm, Sat 9:30am–2:30pm  
All offices at Danby Town Hall except where noted.



## CAN WE FIND YOU?

Submitted by Beatrice Hogben

If you have an emergency at your home and need to call for police, medical or fire personnel, can these responders easily find your house?

Surprisingly, many residences in the Danby Fire District—addresses in Brooktondale, Danby, Ithaca, Spencer, West Danby, and Willseyville—are difficult to spot because they are poorly marked. If an address is difficult to find in the daylight, how much more difficult it might be to find during night time? This difficulty translates to lost minutes in coming to your aid. Please take time today to make sure your house numbers are clearly visible from the road.

For best visibility, we ask that all numbers be a minimum of 4" tall. This is required by code in the Town of Danby. Numbers on mailboxes should be visible from both directions along the road. This may mean affixing numbers on both sides of your mailbox. Residents of apartments, duplexes, town houses, or other complexes should make sure their house numbers can be distinguished from others. Please replace any deteriorating or faded numbers. If necessary, remove overgrown vegetation.

Numbers are sold in most hardware stores.

The Danby Volunteer Fire Company is sponsoring a sale of address number signs. They are designed to be placed along the road in front of your house, preferably near your driveway entrance. These number signs are becoming more popular and can be seen in surrounding towns. The custom-made signs have 4" tall white numbers on a green metal reflective vinyl background; the standard sign size is 6" x 18". Up to five digits are printed on both sides of the sign. You decide whether you want the numbers to read horizontally or vertically.

Each set of numbers costs \$12. For an additional \$5, they can be mounted on a metal support post, which includes mounting hardware. Without the post, you will need to mount the numbers yourself utilizing the pre-drilled holes in the sign corners. Fire company members will assist anyone who needs help setting up these number signs.

To order for addresses closer to the Danby Fire Company, please call Neal Franklin at 607.273.3831, or you can place an order at one of the upcoming pancake

## SUPERVISOR'S TOWN NEWS

Submitted by Ric Dietrich, Town Supervisor

This month we are looking for residents to fill vital seats on town and county boards representing the Town of Danby.

We will need to fill one position on the Planning Board and one on the Board of Zoning Appeals. In addition, we need a West Danby resident for the Board of Commissioners on the West Danby Water District.

There are also important positions to be filled for county positions that the town board recommends for membership including the EMC (Environmental Management Council), Water Resource Council, County

Youth Board, and the Recreation Partnership Board. These positions are vital for our town and the issues these boards deal with are of extreme importance for our future.

Anyone interested can learn much more by calling me at 607.227.2434, or leave a letter of intent with the Town Clerk at the Town Hall, 1830 Danby Road. These positions will be filled the town's organizational meeting on January 7 so please let us know quickly if you are interested.

In this newsletter you will find a survey asking for your input on the possibility of recreating the Danby Store and running it as a cooperative. A small group has approached the town asking for its support in making the store a reality again for Danbyites. Please take a few minutes to fill out this survey. Your response will make a difference.

I hope the New Year brings you all good things. ❁

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breakfasts. For addresses closer to the West Danby Fire Company, please call Steve or Marrell Cortwright at 607.564.0020.

Purchased number sets will be delivered free of charge to your residence or can be picked up by appointment. We will contact you when your order is completed.

For whichever type of identification you choose, please take care that it identifies your residence clearly. We hope for heightened awareness of this concern. Your Volunteer Fire Company hopes that you won't need us, but if you do we want to be sure to find you as quickly as possible. ❁

## DANBY COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Submitted by Patti Meyers

*A month before Christmas, I saw a ghost.—from Sweet Revenge by Diane Mott Davidson.*

Happy New Year! We look forward to a tear of planning and consolidating our resources at your Community Library. Look for the “Open” flag and our signboard. We will have lots of new materials available after the first of the year.

### Library Volunteer of the Month

**Who?** Married 28 years: mother of two young adults  
**What?** Work as an itinerant special education teacher for infants and toddlers, love to read, hike, listen to music, send funny cards  
**When?** Started volunteering with the “Danby Reading Room” when it was in the old Danby school.  
**Where?** Born in Lindenhurst, NY; lived in Norwich, NY, Tucson, AZ. Have lived in Danby for 21 years  
**Why?** I volunteer at Danby Community Library because of my love of books and my belief in providing a local, community library in Danby.  
Put it all together and you’ve got: Patti Meyers ❄

## DANBY TOWN TALK

Submitted by Gay Huddle, Ithaca Journal Correspondent

Happy New Year to all! Please remember to keep me informed about Danby and West Danby happenings, new babies, marriages, special events, educational news about family members, promotions, etc. Let’s fill the Danby Town Talk column with lots of interesting news about our two little communities!

Thank you, Gay Huddle, 65 Gunderman Road, Ithaca, 607.273.6530, [gayhuddle@hotmail.com]. ❄

1. Are you in favor of a Danby Co-Op Store? Y • N
2. What products would you like to see at the store?  
(circle any/all): staples (milk, bread, eggs, flour) • take out food • deli items • meat/poultry • feed and grain pet foods • can goods • community bulletin board sundries (gift wrap, cards, etc) • cigarettes • beer local handicrafts • other: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Is a sit-down eating space and/or coffee shop in the store important? Y • N
4. How often do you feel you would visit the store?  
Never • Once a week • Twice a week • More than that

## DANBY COOP STORE

The Town of Danby is working on a plan to revitalize Central Danby. A priority is to provide more amenities for Danby citizens, and places of interest to attract visitors traveling along Route 96B.

Recently, a committee of Danby residents formed to determine the feasibility of a Cooperative Store. Our aim is to provide quality products from local producers, prepared foods and healthy alternatives, along with other products that you shop for on a regular basis. Why shop in Ithaca if you can save on gas and buy what you need in Danby?

A Co-op Store can serve as our community’s retail and social anchor. In general, cooperatives are formed by groups of people with common needs for the common good. Cooperatives are based on the values of self-help, responsibility, equity, and solidarity. They have been successful in towns similar to Danby. A plan can be developed, but a store will require a lot of input from the community...and significant financial backing.

A Co-op Store would truly be “your store”. The continued success of this community venture is directly related to how many people get involved. Your input is needed. If you care about:

- The sources and quality of your food
- Supporting your local economy
- Saving money on products you use daily
- The Revitalization of Danby

then please respond to this Survey by February 1st. We would need at least 300 interested Danby households.

Please complete this survey and drop it off the Town Hall. You can also fill out the survey online at [redeau.com]. It’s just for information, not a commitment. *Include your name if you want to be contacted.*

5. Would you work at the store a few hours a month, in exchange for a discounted food or membership? Y • N
6. Do you have a product you would like to sell at the Co-Op? Y • N • Describe it: \_\_\_\_\_
7. Membership fee... per person • per household
8. Do you have a location you would like to suggest for the Co-op? \_\_\_\_\_
9. Would you like to buy organic products? Y • N
10. Is wireless Internet in the store useful? Y • N
11. Want to join the Co-Op Committee? Y • N

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Community Council Youth Programs October 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 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].

## Primitive Pursuits—Grades 4-8

43 Hornbrook Rd. in Danby  
Mondays, January 7–March 31 (3:30-6:30pm)  
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.

## Earth Arts Stories and Crafts—Grades 3-5

Danby Town Hall  
Wednesdays, January 9 - February 13 (2:30-5:pm)  
Julie Kulik and guest artists will lead us through activities like basket making from gathered materials, cordage crafts, knitting and weaving from salvaged wool, working with clay, and other nature arts and crafts. We will also enjoy and share stories from right here in Danby and from around the world. If you like Primitive Pursuits, you'll also want to come to this great program!

## Super Sitters—Grades 4-8

location To Be Announced (call Tom)  
Thursdays January 17–February 14 (3:30-5:30pm)  
Do you like kids? Need extra cash? How about baby-sitting?! Join us to perfect your 'sitting skills and to earn a certificate you can use to impress parents and show them you really know what you're doing while they're out. You will also get a Tool Kit Bag, filled with things like children's books you can read to kids, that will help you even more to become the world's greatest babysitter!



Coming in March: Letterboxing and other new and exciting programs!

Tom adds, "For more information, or to share your ideas about potential youth programs, feel free to call. The more the merrier, so please don't hesitate to come and try these wonderful free programs. Homeschoolers are more than welcome. Wherever you are, in or near Danby, just come! See you soon." ❁

### 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 \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone & Email \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

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!



## DANBY AREA NEWS: EVENT CALENDAR

Dec 27 • Thu

3pm 🏛️ Town Hall  
Town Board Year-End Meeting

Jan 2 • Wed

9am 🏛️ Town Hall  
Tax Collection begins

Jan 3 • Thu

Noon 🏛️ Danby Federated Church  
Danby Senior Citizens Luncheon Mtg

Jan 5 • Sat

4pm 🏛️ Danby Federated Church  
Women's Fellowship presents 12<sup>th</sup> Day Tea

Jan 7 • Mon

6:30pm 🏛️ Town Hall  
Town Board Organizational Meeting—oaths of office

Jan 12 • Sat

5pm 🏛️ West Danby Fire Station  
West Danby Community Assoc., Mtg and Dish-to-pass

Jan 14 • Mon

6:30pm 🏛️ Town Hall  
Town Board Meeting

Jan 17 • Thu

7pm 🏛️ Town Hall  
Planning Board Meeting

Jan 24 • Thu

7pm 🏛️ Town Hall  
Danby Community Council Annual Meeting

Jan 27 • Sun

8-11:30am 🏛️ Danby Fire Station  
Pancake Breakfast

Jan 31 • Thu

4pm 🏛️ Town Hall  
Last moment to decide how to pay Tax!

Jul 12, 2008 • Sat

Danby Fun Day and Parade

The Town of Danby has a web site:  
[<http://town.danby.ny.us>]



### ONGOING EVENTS

Danby Community Library Open 🏛️ Town Hall  
1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays, 11:30am-1:30pm,  
2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays, 1:30-3:30pm,  
and when the Open sign is out!

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

West Danby Volunteer Fire Company 🏛️ WD Fire Hall  
2<sup>nd</sup> Monday, 7pm.

Danby Fire Commissioners 🏛️ Fire Hall or WD Fire Hall  
3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, 7:30pm.

Danby Fire Company 🏛️ Fire Hall  
Mondays, 7pm; monthly mtg 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday, 7:30pm.

Danby Food Pantry 🏛️ Federated Church  
3<sup>rd</sup> Friday, 4–6pm, Thursday the-day-before, 6–8pm

Danby Community Library Volunteer Mtg 🏛️ Town Hall  
1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday, 6:30pm. Public Welcome.

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

### WHERE THINGS HAPPEN

🏛️ Danby Town Hall • 1830 Danby Road

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🏛️ 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 has a web site:  
[<http://www.danbyfiredept.com>]



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