

DANBY AREA NEWS

GAS DRILLING TASK FORCE

Submitted by Katherine Halton

The Gas Drilling Task Force has a lot of work going on this month:

- We are putting together a brochure about gas drilling: Its benefits and its risks.
- We are working on a letter to go to our national legislators about *The Frack Act*, sponsored by Maurice Hinchey, to remove the exemptions from Federal environmental regulations that were granted to gas and oil companies.
- We held a workshop on September 23 at the Danby Town Hall, helping landowners to understand their gas leases.
- A Cornell law student has agreed to work with the Task Force on our response to the upcoming Department of Environmental Conservation regulations (SGEIS) that will regulate gas drilling in New York State.

Our September meeting was attended by members of the Danby Fire and Rescue company. We reviewed the experiences of another small town in the Southern Tier, that had two gas well fires during the first three months of 2009. The Task Force discussed how we could support the Danby Fire and Rescue company in our response to the SGEIS, and how we could advocate for further training and safety equipment.

We also had a discussion about our goals in the future, centered around the Town's need to pass ordinances to protect the Danby's infrastructure and the Town's response to the DEC regulations. There are several groups and individuals in Tompkins County who are working on templates for road and driveway permits and ordinances, and Danby's Code Enforcement Officer is currently working on a stormwater ordinance.

We will meet again on October 14, at 7pm in the Town Hall. If you would like to be notified of the committee's activities, contact me, 607.273.0533 or [thalton@twncy.rr.com].

[Please read the text of Danby's recent *Gas Drilling Resolution*, reproduced on pages 4 and 5!] ❀

CONCERT: SUSAN WATERBURY

Submitted by Bob Strichartz, Danby Community Council

Susan Waterbury, violin, and Jeffrey Meyer, piano, present a free concert of classical music on Sunday, October 25 at 3pm in the Danby Town Hall. As a special treat, in



addition to the sonatas of Ravel, Beethoven, and Lutoslawski, there will be a musical setting of *Ferdinand the Bull* (by Alan Ridout, with words by Munro Leaf).

Susan Waterbury, a graduate of the East-

man School of Music, is a faculty member at Ithaca College and has performed locally with many chamber music groups. Jeff Meyer is Director of Orchestras at Ithaca College, and is Artistic Director of the St. Petersburg Chamber Philharmonic and the Water City Chamber Orchestra.

This concert is part of the Danby Community Council's Concert Series, which receives grant support from the Community Arts Partnership of Tompkins County. ❀

WATER RESOURCES COUNCIL

Submitted by Ric Dietrich

The Town has received notification from Tompkins County of a vacancy on the Tompkins County Water Resources Council (WRC).

The WRC is an appointed, volunteer advisory board to the County legislature. It gives advice on managing local water resources, supporting local governments in the implementation of relevant regulations, and addressing water resources issues of importance or concern to the community.

Danby residents interested in serving on this board are invited to contact the Town Clerk's office, 607.277.4788, to obtain more information and the paperwork to make application for the position. ❀

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SEASONAL FLU CLINICS

Submitted by Sue Beeners

Flu Immunization Clinics are being held by the Tompkins County Health Department at various locations, from late September through October 7. All adults, 19 years or age or older, may receive seasonal flu vaccination at these clinics. Appointments are recommended.

Children, 6 months to 18 years old, may receive a seasonal flu shot, beginning in October; make an appointment with the Tompkins County Health Department.

To make an appointment, call the Health Department at 607.274.6609, Monday-Friday, 9am-4pm. You cannot make an appointment online. Cost of the seasonal flu vaccination is \$35. The Department will bill Medicaid and Medicare Part B. No one will be denied a flu shot if they are unable to pay for one.

For more information, call the Flu Hotline at 607.274.6609 or visit [www.tompkins-co.org/flu].

Please turn to page 8 for the Adult Immunization Clinic schedule.

WEST DANBY CRAFT SHOW

Submitted by Marrell Cortright

The West Danby Fire Department's Annual Fall Craft Show is happening on Saturday October, 17, 10am-3pm, in the Fire Hall on Sylvan Lane.

Chicken BBQ will be served around noon. Coffee, donuts, and cider, are available while you shop. Over twenty local artists will have wares for sale!

Vendors: only a couple of tables left! For info, contact Marrell Cortright, [marrell11@aol.com] or 607.564.0020. ❧

FIRE DISTRICT UPDATE

Submitted by Ralph Bowles, Fire Commissioner

Recently, a complete independent audit of the Fire District finances was done. A few minor improvements were suggested, but basically, everything is OK.

On the Danby Fire House addition/renovation, the contracts are signed and work will start as soon as we can get the asbestos difficulty taken care of. Hope we all see something starting by October 1.

A Public Hearing for the 2010 Budget will be held on October 20 at 7pm in the West Danby Fire House. ❧

CANDIDATES FORUM, 10/25

Submitted by Joel Gagnon, WD Comm. Association

Four out of the five Town government positions on the ballot this fall are contested (the Highway Superintendent is unopposed). As a result, we will have the privilege of choosing who to hire to represent us. Candidates interested in serving will be subjected to a job interview conducted by you, the voters, on Sunday afternoon, October 25 at 2pm in the West Danby Fire Hall.

The gathering is organized by the West Danby Community Association. It will feature a light lunch (sandwiches on homemade bread, fruit, etc.), an informal atmosphere, but a fairly formal set of guidelines for questions and responses to ensure that as many questions as possible can be accommodated and fairness assured.

All of the candidates have been invited; most have indicated that they will attend. There are two candidates for Town Supervisor: Allen Becker and Frederic Dietrich, three candidates for Town Board: Eugene Beavers, Katherine Halton, and Dylan Race, and two candidates for Town Clerk: Pamela Goddard and Carol Szczepanski. The lone candidate for Highway Superintendent is Carl Seamon. ❧

DANBY QUILTERS

Submitted by Christine Decker

The Danby Quilters will hold their annual quilt raffle on October 10 at the close of the Danby Federated Church's Fall Fair. The classic "Barbara Fritchie" pattern is hand sewn and hand quilted. The second prize is a hand-tied quilt made from antique quilt blocks.

One of these beautiful traditional quilts could be yours! Tickets are on sale now from the Quilters, \$1 each, or 6 for \$5, and will also be on sale at the Fall Fair. Proceeds from the annual raffle go to Danby community groups. In the past, the Danby Fire Department, the Danby Church, and the Danby Community Center have been the recipients of the proceeds from the raffle.

Come join us: learn to quilt or share your skill. The Danby Quilters meet on the first and third Fridays of every month. For information, call Mary Oltz, 607.273.2950. ❧

GAS DRILLING RESOLUTION

The Danby Gas Drilling Task Force hopes to inform the Danby Community about issues related to drilling for gas deposits in the Marcellus Shale underlying the Town of Danby. They have requested the Danby News to print the text of a resolution passed by the Town Board during its August meeting.

The resolution is in two sections. Both are quite readable. The first section, the listing of *Whereas* items, explains the background that prompted the resolution. The second section, *Resolved*, describes actions that the Town is hoping to see from State and Federal officials.

While the resolution makes no judgement about whether gas drilling is—or is not—a good thing for Danby, it raises some of the Town’s concerns about the protection of its infrastructure and the health and safety of its residents. The Town seeks to have an adequate level of monitoring and enforcement provided by the State and Federal authorities, and the ability to protect its residents’ rights through control over what is, in the end, a local industrial activity.

This text is taken directly from the official resolution, less some of the surrounding *officialese* and with a few spelling corrections. If you have questions, please attend the next meeting of the Gas Drilling Task Force on October 14, at 7pm in the Town Hall.

Town of Danby Resolution No.30 of 2009

Town of Danby Comment on Issues not addressed in the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation Final Scope for Draft Supplemental Generic Environmental Impact Statement (dSGEIS) on the Oil, Gas and Solution Mining Regulatory Program for the Marcellus Shale.

Whereas, ultimately we need to develop capacity to deliver safer, cleaner, and fully renewable energy sources, and

Whereas, compared to other fossil fuels, natural gas is a relatively clean, relatively low impact source of energy that is being used to replace the use of coal and other fuels that emit more greenhouse gases during a transition to a more sustainable energy future, and

Whereas, full development of the New York State natural gas resources may only meet energy needs for a limited period of time that will be measured in years or decades, yet environmental damage could be permanent, and

Whereas, gas production from the Marcellus Shale is expected to be done using hydraulic fracturing (“fracking”), a technique that requires pressurized injection of millions of gallons of water containing certain proprietary chemicals into the underground shale to release the gas, but the sweeping 2005 Energy Policy Act exempted hydro-fracking from monitoring and regulations under the Safe Drinking Water Act, and

Whereas, during the summer of 2008, Governor Paterson directed the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) to supplement the existing 1992 Generic Environmental Impact Statement governing drilling to specifically address techniques used to tap the natural gas in the Marcellus Shale, and

Whereas, on February 6,2009 the NYSDEC Division of Mineral Resources, Bureau of Oil and Gas Regulation, released the Final Scope for Draft Supplemental Generic Environmental Impact Statement (dSGEIS) on the Oil, Gas, and Solution Mining Regulatory Program: Well Permit Issuance for Horizontal Drilling and High- Volume Hydraulic Fracturing to Develop the Marcellus Shale and Other Low-Permeability Gas Reservoirs, and

Whereas, the Final Scope for the dSGEIS notes inspection and enforcement staffing concerns related to fracking as well as public disclosure of fracking fluids as topics not included in the Final Scope (Section 8.0), and

Whereas, adequate staffing and enforcement are essential to ensure each aspect of fracking regulation is adhered to, and

Whereas, the current State budget crisis may inhibit NYSDEC’s inspection and enforcement ability, and

Whereas, the Town of Danby has a responsibility to preserve and protect our natural resources, water resources, highway infrastructure, and quality of life for our residents, now therefore be it

Resolved, that the Danby Town Board recommends that New York State incorporate the following requests into the dSGEIS process:

That New York State calculate how many inspectors and staff will be needed to adequately oversee all subject operations related to the fracking process,

That permitting for gas drilling be delayed until New York State has in place an adequately funded as well as staffed inspection and enforcement program,

That the comment period following promulgation of the dSGEIS be extended to at least ninety (90) days,

and that all hydraulic fracturing be done using a closed loop system.

That DEC should require baseline measurement of water quality prior to drilling activities,

That, since adequate regulation and oversight by the New York State Department of Conservation will cost significant state and local funds, New York State should enact a severance tax and adequate permit fees on gas drilling companies to pay the costs of such regulation and oversight by the Department of Conservation and local officials, and pay for training of local emergency response personnel,

That New York State require that all substances intended to be introduced into wells be identified and the information be made public, with special notification to local emergency response personnel and health care providers, before use of such chemicals is permitted,

That because local municipalities are responsible for regulating most land use within their jurisdiction, including industrial uses, that the public would be best served by authorizing local municipalities to regulate the construction and placement of gas drilling facilities through the special use permitting process,

That in order to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public, local municipalities be granted the authority to temporarily suspend drilling activities at a site, independent of DEC approval, if violations of storm water runoff or groundwater protection laws are found by local inspection officials,

That persons and firms engaged in drilling should be required to guarantee residents access to potable water in the event of an incident that contaminates private or public wells, by posting a bond or capitalizing a recovery fund with sufficient resources to provide immediate and permanent relief to affected communities including but not limited to paying the legal and infrastructure costs associated with restoring private water supplies or creating and constructing municipal water districts.

Resolved further that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to Governor Paterson, Senators Jim Seward, Assemblywoman Barbara Lifton, Chair of Senate Committee of Environmental Conservation Marcellino, Chair of assembly Committee on Environmental Conservation Sweeney, Attorney General Andrew Cuomo, Representatives DeGette, Salazar, and Hinchey, Senators Schumer and Gillibrand, Congressman Arcuri, New York State Association of Towns and Municipal Officials and Clerks. ❧

TRAILBLAZING THE PARK

Submitted by Vally Kovary

Trailblazing is underway at the Danby Community Park! The first work party will be on Sunday, October 4 at 10am (rain date: October 11). If you're interested in helping, just show up ready to go. If you have any questions, please call Julie Clougherty at 607.277.0354.

The trail has been flagged and now we are ready to call on volunteers and others who want to help with the trail clearing. A work party armed with loppers and chain saws is needed to open up the path for future hikers. Wear boots and heavy work gloves, and bring loppers if you have them. We'll bring water and snacks. Every hour you help out will raise funds for us as it will count toward our matching grant with New York State.

Phase One of our work will be to create a pleasant loop leading from the future ballfields at the south end of the park, through some beautiful deciduous woods, and back to the ballfield area. In the future, this loop will connect with the park-wide main trail around the perimeter of the 90+ acre property.

Most of the loop is through fairly open woods, so it won't require too much bush-whacking to get it cleared out. Whether you're an experienced chain saw operator or have only wielded a pair of scissors, we can use your help on what should be a very fun, productive day. Stay for an hour, or stay all day. ❧

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SMOKE ALARMS

Submitted by Linda Wyatt

Everyone knows they should have smoke alarms but, with all the choices these days, it can be confusing to figure out what kind and how many to install.

The best smoke alarm is the one that is installed and working. In almost half of the house fires nationwide, there was no working smoke alarm. According to the National Fire Protection Association, if all homes had working smoke alarms, an estimated 890 lives could be saved annually, or just under one-third the annual fire death toll.

What kind of alarm should you install? The two most common smoke detection technologies are *ionization* smoke detection and *photoelectric* smoke detection.

Ionization smoke detection is generally more responsive to flaming fires, while photoelectric smoke detection is generally more responsive to fires that begin with a long period of smoldering.

Ionization-type smoke alarms have a little bit of radioactive material that ionizes the air and allows current to flow between two electrically charged plates. When smoke enters the chamber, it disrupts the ion flow, reduces the flow of current, and activates the alarm.

Photoelectric-type alarms aim a light source into a sensing chamber, indirectly illuminating a sensor. When smoke enters the chamber, it reflects more light onto the light sensor and triggers the alarm.

While this might be interesting to know, it is not possible to predict the type of fire that might happen in your house. For the best protection, I recommend that both types of alarms be installed in your home. Combination alarms that include both technologies in a single device are available. It is also best to have some hard-wired alarms and some that use batteries, in case your power goes out. Many hard-wired alarms now have backup batteries as well.

New houses are required to have interconnected alarms that all sound, even if only one detects smoke. This is not currently a requirement in older homes, but is a good idea. Look for alarms that use radio signals to connect with each other.

Where should you install alarms? Install smoke alarms on every level of your home, including the basement, making sure that there is an alarm outside every separate sleeping area. New homes must have an alarm in

every bedroom. You should have an alarm in every room where the door is ever kept closed. It is far better to have too many smoke alarms than not enough.

Remember that smoke rises and you want the alarm to sound as soon as possible. Mount smoke alarms high on walls or ceilings. Ceiling mounted alarms should be installed at least 4 inches away from the nearest wall; wall-mounted alarms should be installed 4 to 12 inches away from the ceiling.

Test your alarms. Check an alarm once a month by pushing its "alarm test" button. Change the batteries every six months. Many people find it convenient to change the batteries when Daylight Savings Time changes in the Spring and Fall.

Be sure everyone in your house recognizes the sound of an alarm. Have an escape plan, and practice it.

What about false alarms? Some people disable their smoke alarms because they are tired of having them go off because of burnt food. There are better ways to deal with this problem. You could move the alarm further from the kitchen, and many alarms now have a / hush/ button to temporarily turn the alarm off while the cooking smoke clears.

Some people disable their alarms because they believe that smoking cigarettes will set off the alarms all the time. Cigarettes do not usually give off enough smoke to be a problem. If they do (perhaps you have several smokers in the house, or frequent parties), you can move your alarm to the wall, a few inches below ceiling. This should allow the cigarette smoke to go above the detector. Please don't just disconnect the alarm, let us help you find a better solution.

Questions and Answers! If you have any questions about smoke alarms or about escape plans, contact me at 607.273.7359 or [linda@danbyfiredept.com] and I can give you more information. I would also be happy to help you install your smoke alarms.

Adoptive/Foster Parenting Meeting Notice

To anyone becoming a foster or adoptive parent who would like more information: Tompkins County Department of Social Services will hold a foster care and adoption informational meeting at the Human Services Building, room 142, 320 West State Street, Ithaca, NY on Thursday, October 08, 2009, Noon-1pm.

Tompkins County has a special need for families in the Ithaca City School District and for families that will foster teenagers. ❁

TOWN OBSERVER

A short extract from Joel Gagnon's Broader View articles

August 2009 Planning Board Meeting

It wasn't on the agenda for the August meeting of the Planning Board, but it came up under *privilege of the floor*. The "it" was a presentation by Betsy Keokosky and Tony Nekut on plans to start up a pellet-making operation, with Danby as a desirable location if a site can be found.

Keokosky and Nekut are with the Danby Land Bank Cooperative, but Nekut is playing the lead role in the pellet plant initiative. He is looking for a site with 3-phase power, 5-10 acres, a building with about 2500-5000 sq.ft., and good access to a main highway. This would house a modest operation, one designed to produce about 5000 tons of pellets a year. Several Danby sites have been looked at, none of them ideal. One more was suggested as a result of discussion at the meeting.

At the direction of the Town Board, Sue Beeners, the Danby Code Enforcement Officer, is working with Town Attorney Guy Krogh to draft a stormwater and erosion control law. She ran her ideas by the Planning Board for feedback.

There was considerable discussion about what amount of soil disturbance should trigger what level of review and planning. There are State triggers in place, but the State DEC, rarely takes the the enforcement initiative. The Town could simply adopt the State guidelines or, like Dryden and Caroline, it could opt for stricter regulations. The Board supported a one-acre trigger for disturbed area, but with a more sensitive trigger in the event there are slopes greater than 15 percent or if the activity is within 50 feet of a stream. Beeners will use the suggestions in drafting the legislation for Town Board consideration.

Chairperson Bob Roe reported that the principals in a recently-approved subdivision on Banks road (that created an L-shaped lot and a rectangular lot out of a U-shaped parcel) have requested that the shapes be swapped (making the rectangular lot L-shaped, and L-shaped lot into a rectangle), relative to what had been approved. Roe stated his belief that he had the discretion to approve the change without Planning Board consideration, and the Board did not object.

The board advanced the hamlet planning initiative toward a final resolution. Both Olivia Vent and Anne Klingensmith had prepared draft language with which the Board

could convey its perspective on the Bergman plan and its recommended actions to the Town Board. Sustainability was strongly emphasized by both drafts. It is hoped that the result may be approved at the next meeting.

September Community Council Meeting

The Tompkins County Administrator has proposing cutting the entire youth municipal jobs program from the youth services budget, which could result in considerable damage to the youth employment programs sponsored by Danby Community Council. In Danby, that money (\$3575 annually) is matched by local money, and unless the Town opts to replace the missing money (which would have the effect shifting the costs and the tax burden from the County to the Town), the associated programming would either have to be scaled back or eliminated. At risk in Danby are the pond swimming program (lifeguards), the summer youth work crew, the farmers' market project, and computer training that happens at the Coddington Road Community Center.

The Council agreed to include candidate statements in the November issue of the Danby News, if the Town Board concurs that doing so is both permissible and desirable. Such statements were included in the past (more than a few years ago!). Despite their value as a community service, they were often problematic. No matter how hard the editor tried to be evenhanded, there were always complaints. Some board members see this as, "A bag of worms," but the, "Valuable Community Service," camp prevailed. ❁



It's Pie Time at the Bald Hill Community Picnic on August 23! Left to right: Jean Rowley, sweet potato/pecan; William Mollenkamp, french silk; Max Mollenkamp, chocolate pecan; Sandra Stromswold, cheesecake; Sam Stromswold, peach; Sally Tanis holding Dave Corson's blueberry; Nora Marcus-Hecht, pumpkin; and Anna Marcus-Hecht, coconut cream. (photo by Ted Crane)

FLU CLINIC SCHEDULE

TCHD Adult Immunization Schedule

Date	Time	Place
Sep 29	9am-Noon	Lifelong 119 West Court Street, Ithaca
Sep 29	2-3:30pm	Groton Center Village Court 100 West South Street, Groton
Sep 30	10am-Noon	Lansing United Methodist Ch. 32 Brickyard Road, Lansing
Sep 30	1-3pm	Varna Community Center 943 Dryden Road, Varna
Sep 30	4-5:30pm	Bethel Grove Family Center 1763 Slaterville Road, Ithaca
Oct 1	2-3:30pm	Danby Federated Church 1859 Danby Road, Danby
Oct 6	9-11am	Trumansburg Methodist Church Main Street, Trumansburg
Oct 6	1-2:30pm	Enfield Fire Hall 172 Enfield Main Road, Enfield
Oct 7	3-5pm	Newfield Fire Hall 77 Main Street, Newfield

For more information about the Tompkins County Health Department seasonal flu immunization clinics, turn to page 3 of the Danby News. ❧

LYME DISEASE SYMPTOMS

Submitted by Becca Harber

Learning the symptoms of lyme disease (LD) helps us notice when someone might have it. The book, *Beating Lyme* by Constance Bean states, "Initial flulike symptoms of fatigue, malaise, and/or neck or headache are often vague and fleeting, and may not occur immediately after the tick bite."

The author says that some people have high fevers—but most don't—and white blood cell counts may not be elevated. Other symptoms may include fast, pounding heart or irregular heartbeat, muscle weakness, swollen lymph nodes, dizziness, painful or swollen joint(s), fuzzy, not-normal thinking, back pain, gastrointestinal problems, light sensitivity, ringing in the ears, anxiety, depression, learning problems in children and/or sleep problems.

According to Bean, the federal guidelines for treatment assert that a week or even one day of antibiotics will cure LD, but she notes that thousands have developed chronic LD even after two to four or so weeks of antibiotics. Bean says that about 10 percent of infected people develop chronic LD, usually through misdiagnosis and ineffective treatment. She encourages people

AN OUNCE OF PREVENTION...

Submitted by Margie Bitzer

This update describes Danby's efforts to prepare for a potential H1N1 epidemic this fall and winter. We are required—by County, State, and Federal governments—to educate our residents about pre-planning and preparations for the impact of this influenza season. The State and County have taken the approach that *an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure*.

Our ongoing efforts have included the first of many dialogues between ourselves and our Fire & Rescue services, discussing the need to prepare for such an event—including ordering necessary personal protective equipment for town responders.

On September 18, Beth Harrington, the County Emergency Medical Services Coordinator, addressed our combined Fire & Rescue volunteers, the Fire Commissioners, the Town Board members, and other Highway and Town Government staff. She described a variety of preventive strategies the Town could adopt to mitigate the potential impact of an H1N1 epidemic on our town and residents.

Town responders are also required to develop alternate strategies for their day-to-day way of doing business, to prevent unnecessary exposure to H1N1 flu.

Danby is asking for residents with either professional Medical or Red Cross training to participate in a Danby H1N1 Pandemic Flu Steering committee. This group will suggest preventive procedures to keep all of us safer during an epidemic event. If you are interested, contact the Town Clerk, 607.277.4788, during office hours.

Further informational updates will follow. ❧

with lyme-type symptoms—especially if you know you were bitten by a tick (but not a dog tick)—to insist on at least a few weeks of the kind of antibiotics used for LD, not just a day or two.

A local friend was bitten this spring and a bulls-eye rash appeared within a couple days. When she went for antibiotics, she was given only a double dose for one day. Two weeks later, she not only had a bulls-eye again, but was feeling ongoing tiredness and weakness. On a second medical visit, she was more assertive...and was given several weeks of antibiotics.

Another book with useful information about treating LD is *Healing Lyme* by herbalist Stephen Buhner. ❧

AT THE DANBY FED CHURCH

Annual Fall Fair

The DFC Women's Fellowship is holding its annual Fall Fair on Saturday, October 10, 2009, 10am-3pm, in the Danby Federated Church, 1859 Danby Road.

Along with the baked goods, handcrafted items, jams, jellies and candy, fresh produce, dried flower arrangements, a snack booth, local craft vendors, and a silent auction to benefit the Danby Food Pantry...look forward to the Chicken BBQ starting at 11:30 am and lasting until it's gone.

Trunk or Treat Halloween Party

Summer has just departed, but it's already Boo! season. Join the Trunk or Treat party in the DFC on Saturday, October 31, 6-8pm.

Give out your trick or treats from inside Fellowship Hall or from your car; it's a lot safer than driving all over the dark roads around town. There will be games, snacks, trick or treating all evening, and door prizes for kids each hour. Contact Bonnie Rathbun, 607.272.1606 for more info. ❀



Beautifying Danby: At the entrance to Jennings Pond, Katherine Halton, Pamela Goddard, Bill Halton, and Ric Dietrich removing weeds and adding fill dirt to the support the new native plants. (photo by Ted Crane)

DANBY SENIORS

Submitted by Marjory VanDeMark

The Danby Senior citizens will meet on Thursday, October 1 at Noon (note the winter-season time change) in the Danby Federated Church. There will also be a TCHD flu clinic at the church, 2-3:30pm (see separate Danby News item).

Our November meeting will be at Noon on Thursday, November 5. Many thanks to Glen and Jeanne Grossman and to Bill and Pat Hiney for hosting our September meeting.

We're planning a luncheon cruise on Cayuga Lake on Tuesday, October 6. Call Margie VanDeMark, 607.273.8046 for details and to sign up. ❀

JENNINGS POND PLANTINGS!

Submitted by Pamela Goddard

Visitors to Jennings Pond Park are now greeted by even more natural beauty. Wood Oats, Bleeding Heart, native ferns, White Aster, and Sedge now circle the signs at the Park entrance. These native perennials should provide a colorful display for years to come.

On Tuesday, September 15, a group of Danby residents put their shoulders to shovels, working together to beautify the entrance to Jennings Pond Park. The work crew was organized by Ronda Roaring, the owner/publisher of [ILovetheFingerLakes.com]. Members of the Danby Beautification Committee, Summer Youth Programs, and Danby Democrats were invited to take part.

Roaring credits John Guilford, manager of Buttermilk Falls State Park, of which Jennings Pond is a part, for being supportive of the Town of Danby's desire to make

Jennings Pond a valuable natural resource. Guilford provided soil for the plantings. The landscaping design was done by Peter Fry, the Senior Landscape Architect, New York State Parks/Finger Lakes Region.

The plants were purchased by the Finger Lakes Regional Office of NYSOPRHP (New York State Office of Parks Recreation and Historic Preservation). The OPRHP has a policy to use native plants in its landscaping. One of the benefits of native plants is that deer do not find them tasty. They'll not get chomped.

"The plants OPRHP got from the Plantsmen were all large and in beautiful condition. It's nice to have a nursery in the area that sells native plants. I wish more people would consider landscaping their homes with native plants," Roaring says.

"Jennings Pond is a great place to come and spend a morning or an afternoon. You can kayak or canoe, watch birds, take a walk, photograph the wildlife and wildflowers. It's a beautiful part of our town," Roaring adds. "There's so much we as residents of the Finger Lakes can do to make our region more appealing to visitors. The best place to start is right in your own town. Make it as nice as you can." ❀

THE LITTER NEWS

Submitted by Ronda Roaring, Adopt-A-Road Coord.

Great news! All of NYS Rt.96B and Rt.34/96 in the Town of Danby has been adopted. Signs are up, to show the sections covered by the West Danby Community Association, the Danby Trails Committee, Mini Storage of Shelter Valley, [ILovetheFingerLakes.com], the Danby Democrats, "In memory of Erie Miller", "In Loving Memory of Gretchen Oltz", and Neil Weinberg Oriental Medicine.

In addition, the Pirates Club and Country Inn and Suites have adopted sections of County Roads. If you are a business, church, social, neighborhood or youth group, family, club, or other entity, and would like to adopt a section or sections of any of the available County or Town roads, please contact me as I have the paperwork. The available County roads are Bald Hill, Comfort, Gunderman, Hillview, Hornbrook, Jersey Hill, Nelson, Station, West Miller. All Town roads are available.

Adopting a section of one of Danby's roads shows your community pride while publicizing your business or group. You will be expected to pick up litter 3-4 times per year, as needed. Supervised children are permitted to participate so long as they are old enough to wear a vest and hard hat.

Our campaign against litter is working.

Many residents complained about the yellow-plastic-wrapped advertisements dropped onto private property when the Ithaca Journal decided that mail delivery was too expensive. The Journal was notified—in writing—that they would either have to pick up the litter or be ticketed. Shortly afterward, all the litter on Comfort Road (from 96B to Gunderman) was gone, as were most of the yellow bags on Rt.96B.

Four other incidents have been dealt with: one person received a letter from Solid Waste, one matter was dealt with by the County Highway Department, another by the County Sheriff's Department, and one more responded to a letter from me.

Clean-Up Day

Saturday, October 17 is scheduled as *Roadside Clean-up Day* in Danby.

We are hoping to get all of the groups that have adopted parts of 34/96 and 96B out to clean up their sections.

If you would like to help pick up litter along these roads, feel free to show up at the Town Hall at 9am. Local newspapers will be invited to come and cover our

PHOTOGRAPHS ON DISPLAY

Submitted by Ted Crane

Long-time Danby resident Ted Crane will be showing a collection of photographs at the Smart Monkey Cafe during the month of October. Art shows at the Cafe, at 335 Elmira Road, near the Hampton Inn on Rt.13, are organized by Alice Muhlback, owner of Spirit and Kitsch Gallery.

Crane began capturing images in high school, and went on to study photography at Cornell University in the 1970s. He laid down his camera to pursue a career in computer graphics and, then, large-scale computer system design and implementation. Decades later, with the advent of the digital camera revolution, his two vocations merged.

He now works exclusively with digital media and is known for his sensitive, sometimes whimsical and often colorful depictions of nature and animals, along with portraits that capture both the appearance and the nature of his subject. His portrait work and event photography frequently appear in local media including the Tompkins Weekly, the Finger Lakes Wine Gazette, various tourism publications, and even the Danby Area News.

[disclaimer: Ted edits the Danby Area News. He apologizes; the opportunity to hang a show doesn't happen every day, and he begs the reader's indulgence for a small bit of self-promotion. He hopes you'll all stop in at the Smart Monkey and enjoy the show. The food's good, too!] ❁



Blakeslee Hill Road

(photo by Ted Crane)

work, and everyone will get together for a group photo before we disperse to the roads.

Hard hats, vests, and plastic bags will be supplied. You may want to wear gloves. This is a rain or shine event. Join us for as long as you can. Come out to show your pride in Danby. See you there. For more info, contact me at [rondaroaring@hotmail.com] or 607.589.403. ❁

Community Council Youth Programs October 2009

After School Programs require pre-registration and are open for youth living in Danby. Contact Laura Smith, Danby Youth Program Manager, with any questions, concerns or requests for a form: 1js257@cornell.edu, or 607.272.2292.x225.

Danby Youth Flyer

Primitive Pursuits

September 21–October 31, Mondays 3:30-5:30pm
at June Pollack's (43 Hornbrook Rd)
Grades 3–8

Learn ancestral living skills such as shelter building, native crafts and nature awareness. Explore the outdoors, go hiking and get moving! Please dress for the weather and wear clothes that can get dirty!

Primitive Pursuits Campout!

Open to Primitive Pursuits participants by invitation
October 3 and 4
meet at Noon on Saturday, return at 10am on Sunday
at June Pollack's (43 Hornbrook Rd)

Cook dinner over a campfire, sleep in the woods in a shelter built from natural materials and wake up with the sun!

Campfire Cooking

October 1–29, Thursdays, 4–6pm
at the Danby Town Hall
Grades 5-8

Simmer a soup in a dutch oven. Roast a grilled cheese sandwich over a flame. Learn how to cook in the outdoors and then eat your own masterpiece!

Lunch Bunch

an in school program at Boynton
September 23–November 18, Wednesdays, during your lunch period
meet in teacher's lounge.

Take a break from the cafeteria! Eat exciting snacks, play games and go outside on nice days. Get to know people you usually don't sit near in the noisy lunch room.

Dungeons and Dragons

November 4–December 16, Thursdays, 4-6pm
at Danby Town Hall
Grades 5-8

Work with a professional Dungeon Master in creating a challenging exciting world. Go on voyages without having to leave town!

Ceramics Club

November 4–December 16, Wednesdays, 3:30-5:30pm
meet at Boynton's main office
Grades 5-8

Travel each week to Cornell University's public ceramics studio. Learn basic clay building techniques, fire and glaze personal pieces. ♻️

DANBY COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Submitted by Patti Meyers

Here's our Fall Reading List. How many of these books can you crack open this season?

Powell, Julia	Julie and Julia
Gudenkauf, Heather	The Weight of Silence
Stein, Garth	The Art of Racing in the Rain
Howe, Katherine	The Physick Book of Deliverance Dane
Jance, J.A.	Fire and Ice
Rice, Luanne	Deep Blue Sea for Beginners
Brown, Sandra	Smash Cut

Callahan, Tess	April and Oliver
Weiner, Jennifer	Best Friends Forever
Russo, Richard	That Old Cape Magic
Conroy, Pat	South of Broad
Stockett, Kathryn	The Help
Patterson, James	Alex Cross' Trial
Buchanan, Cathy Marie	The Day the Falls Stood Still
Brown, Dan	The Lost Symbol
Doctorow, E.L.	Homer and Langley

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DANBY AREA NEWS: EVENT CALENDAR

Oct 1 • Thu

Noon 🏛️ Danby Federated Church
Danby Seniors' Dish-to-Pass Luncheon
2pm 🏛️ Danby Federated Church
TCHD Seasonal Flu Immunization Clinic
7pm 🏛️ Town Hall
Danby Community Council Meeting

Oct 4 • Sun

10am 🏛️ Danby Community Park—**Trailblazing Day**

Oct 5 • Mon

6:30pm 🏛️ Town Hall
Town Board Agenda Meeting

Oct 6 • Tue

Danby Seniors Take a Cruise on Cayuga Lake

Oct 10 • Sat

10am–3pm 🏛️ Danby Federated Church
Fall Fair; Chicken BBQ at 11:30am

Oct 12 • Mon

6:30pm 🏛️ Town Hall
Town Board Regular Meeting
7:30pm 🏛️ Danby Fire Hall
Danby Fire Department Monthly Meeting

Oct 14 • Wed

7pm 🏛️ Town Hall—**Gas Drilling Task Force Meeting**

Oct 15 • Thu

7pm 🏛️ Town Hall—**Planning Board Meeting**

Oct 17 • Sat

9am–3pm 🏛️ West Danby Fire Hall
Fall Craft Show and Chicken BBQ
9am 🏛️ Danby Town Hall—**Roadside Cleanup Day**

Oct 20 • Tue

7:30pm 🏛️ West Danby Fire Hall
Danby Fire Commissioners Monthly Meeting
Public Hearing for the 2010 Budget

Oct 25 • Sun

2pm 🏛️ West Danby Fire Hall
Candidates Forum
3pm 🏛️ Town Hall
DCC Concert: Susan Waterbury, Violin

Oct 31 • Sat

6–8pm 🏛️ Danby Federated Church
Trunk or Treat!

Jul 10, 2010 • Sat

Danby Fun Day and Parade

ONGOING EVENTS

Danby Community Council 🏛️ Town Hall
1st Thursday, 7pm

Danby Community Library Open 🏛️ Town Hall
Saturdays, 10am–Noon, Wednesdays, 1:30–3:30pm,
and when the **Open** sign is out!

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

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

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 Community Park Association 🏛️ Town Hall
2nd and 4th Thursday, 7pm.

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

Military Family Support Group 🏛️ Federated Church
2nd Thursday, 6:30pm.

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

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

WHERE THINGS HAPPEN

🏛️ **Danby Town Hall** • 1830 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