



DANBY AREA NEWS

DCC YOUTH SCHOLARSHIPS

Submitted by June Pollack

The Danby Community Council is fortunate that, in spite of budget cuts, we are able to offer scholarships to Danby youth in 2010. Scholarships can cover a portion of the cost of an activity program.

An application form is included on page 7 in this month's *Danby Area News*, and additional forms are available at the Town Hall. Since money is sent directly to the program, it is important that the applications be completely filled out and submitted in a timely manner. You may also call June Pollack, 607.273.4744, and give the application information over the phone.

Please apply as early as you can, funds are limited. ❁

WILDLIFE TRACKING WORKSHOPS IN DANBY!

Submitted by Julie Kulik

Imagine having the tools and skills you need to find tracks and signs of wildlife in our region. While this training is a wonderful way to improve natural history skills, I have a deeper mission: to use this information to protect "unique natural areas" in the Danby area. Come join Linda Spielman on four Sunday tracking workshops. They're open to older children and adults. Winter is the easiest season to track animals, so let's get started! We will meet on February 14 and 21, from 12-2pm, location TBA.

Linda will return again in early Spring for two more workshops to look for signs in the mud! Please contact Julie Kulik for more information (including the locations!) at [julieofthewoods@mac.com] or 607.379.3390. ❁

RESOURCES & OPINIONS

Submitted by Jennifer Tiffany

Danby's Gas Drilling Task Force has developed two online surveys, and invites all Danby residents to visit and fill them out.

The first survey is similar to what was printed in the December, 2009 Danby News. It collects information about known wells (water, oil, gas) in Danby, and about Unique or Sensitive Natural, Cultural, or Historical area around town.

The second survey is new; it was designed to learn about what people know, think, and feel about the development of gas wells.

Both surveys appear on the Town's web site, [town.danby.ny.us/GasDrill1]. They take only a few minutes to complete. Please share them with your friends and neighbors! ❁

"A lot of us wish there was something we can actually do for the environment," said Linda Spielman, speaking about *Keeping Track*. *Keeping Track* is a national network, headquartered in Burlington, VT, of people who go out in the woods and collect data about wildlife populations.

Spielman, from Dryden, leads informal groups and training sessions so people can keep a reliable eye on wildlife in specific areas. The aim of the group is to collect data about vulnerable wildlife populations, and it keeps strictly to its mission of data collection. There's no particular type of person that gets involved in the group; hunters, hikers, and people unfamiliar with the woods are all welcome. ❁

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Submitted by Ted Crane

After the December Delivery Debacle,
we're glad to note that it looks like all
the January issues were correctly deliv-
ered. Well, most of them, anyway.

One Banks Road resident reported that
both the December and the January
issues never arrived. The Banks Road
area is a little-known corner of Danby,
and it is serviced by the Brooktondale
Post Office.

Danby is full of little corners. About
2/3 of all *Danby News* issues are deliv-
ered to "Postal Patron"; that is, the de-
livery person gets a big stack of *Newses*
and puts one into each box along the
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If you normally receive the *Danby
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the problem.

If you miss an issue, and you're not
sure whether you are usually "stick-
ered", contact me, [danbynews@ted-
crane.com] or 607.273.8678, and I'll
check. Very often, I'll follow up on
such calls by looking for other, nearby
Danby addresses that also need to be
stickered.

Which is why, for some Danby-ites,
this is the first issue you are receiving!

Extra copies, including back issues, of
the *News* are usually available at the
Clerk's office in Town Hall. To make
it easier to choose the correct back is-
sue, starting this month, the *News* will
have a date tab on the back page.

Save A Little Bit of Tree

If you are receiving a "stickered" copy
and would prefer to save a little bit of
tree (and postage!), the *Danby Area
News* is available online at [town.
danby.ny.us/DAN]. Please ask me to
remove you from the sticker list. ♻

DANBY COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Submitted by Patti Meyers

The Danby Community Library thanks Carol Sczepanski for many years of support, both as an avid reader and a helpful gatekeeper for the library, helping patrons when no volunteer was present. We hope you continue to use the library and give us great suggestions for best-sellers to purchase.

We'd also like to thank George Parks, our volunteer behind the scenes. When you come in, look for the wonderful new book return that George built for us! He is also working on updating our outdoor signs. Thank you, George!

We have a new collection of DVDs and Books on CD from the Finger Lakes Library System and will be getting new Adult Fiction collections, hand-picked by our volunteers, for you in the next month.

Look also for our upcoming Reading List. It will feature new novels by Louise Erdrich, Chris Bohjalian, Alexander McCall Smith, Jodi Picoult, and Anne Tyler as they are released.

In the Spring, we will again have our Open House and Book Sale...so save your quarters! ❁

FIRE DISTRICT UPDATE

Submitted by Ralph Bowles, Fire Commissioner

Well, in case anybody still hasn't noticed, construction on the Danby Fire Station is well started. The structure thus far done is quite impressive. We continue to meet with the architect and site bosses to ensure that work progresses nicely. I have the greatest respect for those guys who can and do work outside in the weather that Mother Nature has been handing us.

Breakfasts at the Danby Fire Station have been cancelled for this year due to the construction. Save your appetites for next year.

We are getting into this year's financial affairs and preparing once again for an audit. The state now requires annual audits by professional auditors.

In February we will host—at West Danby Fire Station—the annual Commissioners Training for those of us newly elected around this area of the state. It will be taught by state instructors.

Let's all hope for a long January thaw! ❁

TOWN CLERK'S DESKTOP

Submitted by Pamela Goddard, Town Clerk

Just what does a Town Clerk do? I spent three days, January 13-15, at the "Newly Elected Officials School" in Rochester, listening to masters of the craft. Representatives from the Office of the State Comptroller, the State Archives, and the Association of Towns dubbed Town Clerks the "unsung heroes" and the "backbone" of local town governments. Attendance wasn't limited to new officials: I met several re-elected Town Clerks, attending a second time for a refresher!

Most Danby residents are familiar with the "public face" of a Town Clerk's duties. As defined by law and custom, these include collecting taxes, issuing and renewing dog, hunting, and fishing licenses, along with marriage licenses and handicap parking permits. Behind the scenes, though, Town Clerks are responsible for maintaining the records of all of these transactions and reporting the activities to the State.

In fact, the primary responsibility of a Town Clerk is to be the Records Management Officer for the municipality he or she represents. It is our job to be the keeper and protector of all Town information, all the way from tracking how money is collected and spent to recording the government actions that affect the way residents live and work.

You can find all the information about Town operations in the Town Clerk's office: Zoning Regulations, Town Laws, Board Resolutions, and the minutes of Town meetings. In short, Town Clerks are the guardians of the Town's entire history, and it is our job to assure that the public has access to all the appropriate records.

January is traditionally the busiest time of the year in the Clerk's office. Every property owner is required to pay taxes by February 1, either in person or by mail. Most have taken the opportunity to pay in full, avoiding the interest fees which accrue after February 1. The money received becomes the Town's funding source, paying for all the tasks required to keep our roads clear and our town operational.

We've also been seeing quite a few people coming in to renew Dog Licenses. An enumeration of Danby dogs was begun at the end of 2009 and continues this year. If you have a pup more than four months old, it needs a license. The enumeration is required to keep tabs on the number of dogs in Danby. Do your part. License your dog. ❁

GAS DRILLING TASK FORCE

Submitted by Katherine Halton

After a hectic month of work on Danby's response to the dSGEIS (draft Supplemental Generic Environmental Impact Statement), the Task Force members took some time off for the holidays. But now, there are several discussions going on among members about how we would like to continue.

We continue to support the Town Board in its efforts to pass laws that will protect the infrastructure and common resources of Danby--things like stormwater regulations and road protection laws.

We have prepared a survey for Danby residents to complete; it was included in the December Danby Area News, and is now available online as well. Its purpose is to find out what natural resources are in our town: wells, streams, wetlands, wildlife, and unique natural places. A second survey, also online on the Town web site [town.danby.ny.us/GasDrill] is helping us to understand what people in the town are thinking about future gas drilling in Danby.

Several Task Force members attended "Listening Project" training in Van Etten during January. We hope to be out visiting our fellow Danby residents in the next few months.

There was a large rally in Albany at the end of the month. Several Danby residents met with our legislators to discuss Danby's concerns about the regulations that have come out of the DEC, and to find out their positions regarding gas drilling in our area.

We are also committed to studying the issue of gas drilling in a larger context. This involves learning more about the economics of the industry, the background of prices of gas and the cost of drilling, and the industry's plans for the future. It's a complex situation, and hard for most of us to understand. We welcome new members to come and work on this issue with us. An information folder is available in the main room in Town Hall (near the Community Library). It includes two copies of Danby's dSGEIS response.

As our understanding and experience increase, we hope to have more public forums. Our next meetings will be on Wednesday, February 10 and Thursday, February 25, both at 7pm in the Town Hall. ❁

PUBLIC HEARINGS: STORMWATER LAWS

Submitted by Sue Beeners, Danby Code Officer

Laws to control stormwater will be the subject of a public hearing on Monday, February 8, 2010 at 6:45pm in the Danby Town Hall. Three laws are proposed: the first, the *Town of Danby Stormwater Management, Erosion and Sediment Control Law*, would establish requirements and standards to minimize the adverse effects of erosion, sedimentation, and point- and nonpoint-source pollution that may result from land development activities. The other two laws amend the existing Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Regulations to incorporate and/or reference the requirements of the Stormwater Law.

In general, the proposed Stormwater Law is similar to the NYS DEC law which requires erosion and sediment control plans and, in some instances, stormwater control facilities, for land disturbance activities of one acre or more. It differs from the DEC law by also requiring a simple control plan for activities involving one-half to one acre. Typical control practices include the installation of silt fencing, and seeding and mulching to prevent erosion. The full text of the proposed Local Laws is available in the Town Clerk's Office, and on the Town's website, [town.danby.ny.us] (in the Notices section). The full text contains more details on what activities are subject to the laws, and what activities (such as most agricultural activities) would be exempted.

Reminder to Contractors: The NYS DEC requires that, starting April 30, 2010, the owner/operator of any building project involving a regulated land disturbance must have at least one employee trained in erosion and sediment control. Contact the NYS DEC Division of Water at 315.426.7504 for more information on training. ❁



CPL Nick Boyer (St. Nick, in the middle), Amy Cusimano's son and a 17-year Danby resident, was recently deployed from Okinawa to duty in Afghanistan. He works on aircraft electrical and computer systems. ❁

SUPERVISOR'S UPDATE

Submitted by Ric Dietrich, Town Supervisor

As I was working on my woodpile, a neighbor stopped to watch me split and the conversation came around to gas drilling...and why people don't think of it as taking a portion of their local resources.

"Just like the water, trees, air, peace and quiet, and my nighttime, they will take the stars," he said. The conversation picked up octaves. "Would you let someone just say something is theirs and take it? Where will it stop? Why not topsoil? Sell it for some new agricultural industrial complex?"

"Sell our top soil? If it's their land, they can do with it what they want," I said between whacks.

"There is a survey showing that roughly 40 percent of properties have gas leases. Less than 5 percent of the population owns this land," I hear, as we step back a few yards when as a stray maul hit sends a piece of ash careening. Actually, I think, the numbers are a bit more than 37 percent of the land in the county, with the leases sold by only about 6 percent of the adult, non-student population.

"Either way, the numbers mean that all of us will suffer any negative consequences, but only 4 percent of the people will see any real benefit...and about half of those are absentee owners!" I retort, moving an interesting piece of black locust onto the chopping block.

Gas drilling is a hot topic in Tompkins County, and in our little Town of Danby.

The Gas Drilling task force is working on some aspects of this issue, while the Town moves on others. Storm-water regulations are on our agenda and I will present new highway road regulations to the Board during our February meeting.

Broadband Internet is not dead yet; a conference with new players is scheduled for late January. Southern Tier Regional planning is looking to team up with Tompkins County for a grant that covers several regional counties. We will try to integrate our fiber optic network with theirs.

Ozone has been in the news lately. We will follow up with informational workshops in the near future.

The Town's proposed new health care consortium has had a setback due to some regulatory problems with the insurance companies. We are confident that a proposal will be before the Board by its March meeting.

The SPCA contract is in the process of revisions. Comments from residents have been incorporated into the rewrite. Some of your questions have led to the SPCA column in this month's Danby News, and to the formation of a group to oversee operations, hear complaints, and network between Towns and the Animal Control agency. ❁

DANBY LAND BANK COOP

Submitted by Elizabeth Keokosky

The first meeting for the 2010 Danby Land Bank "new member" season will be in the Danby Town Hall on Saturday, February 13 at 11am.

We will discuss the pros and cons of formally becoming a cooperative, hear what people are interested in accomplishing this year, take suggestions for working more closely with the Town of Danby, and solicit for new steering committee members...and anything else you are interested in.

Peter Moore will be there to talk about land requirements and what our mowing system will be this year. We'll review the status of the pelletizer operation beginning in Caroline. For more info, please contact me at [evk1@cornell.edu]. ❁

TOWN HOURS

TOWN CLERK

Phone: 277.4788 • Fax: 277.0559

Tues-Fri, 10am-5pm; Sat, 10am-1pm, closed Monday.

Note: Monday, February 1, 10am-5pm.

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Tue, 7pm

All offices at Danby Town Hall except where noted.

TOWN OBSERVER

A short extract from Joel Gagnon's Broader View articles

Town and Planning Boards Act in Concert

The Town Board's regular meeting was on December 14. The major item of business was the passage of a resolution requesting Governor Patterson to withdraw the dSGEIS (draft supplemental environmental impact statement) proposed by the NYS DEC. The dSGEIS would create a regulatory framework for horizontal drilling and high-volume hydraulic fracturing to extract shale gas. The only other action of note was the nomination of Eric Banford, of East Miller Road, for a seat on the Tompkins County Environmental Management Council. Banford characterized himself as a life-long environmentalist. He has been active with the Center for Environmental Sustainability, an Ithaca-based group, and has contributed to the work of the Danby gas drilling task force. The position has been empty for some time. All the councilpersons in attendance (Joe Salino was absent) supported the nomination.

At its December meeting, the Danby Planning Board added its voice to the Town Board's. Two resolutions were passed, both addressing the dS-GEIS.

The first supported the Town's official response, prepared by the gas drilling task force and adopted at the Town Board meeting on December 7. The second supported the Town Board resolution requesting Governor Patterson to withdraw the dSGEIS. Comments from the audience urged passage, and both votes were unanimous.

The planning board also passed a resolution supporting White Hawk Ecovillage's application to the Community Housing Trust Fund. White Hawk is requesting up to \$20,000 in grant funding for future houses, in exchange for a guarantee that the houses would remain affordable for at least five years. The resolution noted the desirability of affordable and energy-efficient housing in the Town, described in both its Comprehensive Plan and the Ecovillage's approved plan.

Chairperson Bob Roe reported that the Town Board had clearly indicated its lack of support for Michael Hovanec idea to rezone a 5-acre parcel on Muzzy Road for higher density housing. Roe also reported, along with Sue Beeners, on the County initiative to establish an energy efficiency assistance program. Comments were uniformly positive.

Big Change in the West Danby Water District

Roy Casterline is retiring after 40 years as the West Danby water plant operator. Together with his wife Mary, who left this life last summer, Roy has run the water system in West Danby almost from its inception in 1969. Perry Crance, one of the original water system commissioners and the first plant operator, asked Roy to fill in when he broke his ankle. Several months later, when Roy asked Crance when he was returning to his duties, Crance's responded was that the job was Roy's. Many years of trouble-free operation followed, with Mary doing the bookkeeping and billing and Roy keeping the system in good operating condition.

There were a few glitches, of course. A major break in the water line, at the intersection of Valley View Road and Maple Avenue, necessitated a shut down for a few days while a repair fitting was custom-fabricated to Roy's specifications. "Folks at the end of the system never even noticed", said Roy, since there was enough water in the lines to keep them supplied throughout the outage, and plenty

**Roy
Casterline:
35 years of
wet and muddy
service to...
West
Danby**

of chlorine in the system to ensure that it was useable. His enterprising and cost-effective work has kept the expenditures in an inherently expensive system (the far-flung lines service relatively few users) within bounds.

Carl Seamon, Roy's long-time assistant, took over as the plant operator on January 1. Gene Beavers, a recent Town Board member who has been very active in promoting the welfare of the water system, will be the new assistant operator. A second assistant, Tod Sukontarak, will be added to ensure backup during vacations and other absences. Marge Seamon has taken over the billing. The Board of Water Commissioners proposed adjustments to the operator's salaries that will not increase the overall personnel expense, and the Town Board approved the changes at its January 11 meeting.

On January 4, the Town Board passed a resolution thanking Roy Casterline for, "35 years of wet and muddy service to the West Danby Water District." ❁

HAPPENING AT THE DFC

It's finger-chicken good time! There's another *Chicken and Biscuit Dinner* on Friday, February 12, 5-7pm, at the Danby Federated Church. The menu includes the bird and bread, Squash, Green Beans, Corn, Harvard Beets, Apple Sauce, Pies and Assorted Desserts, and a Beverage. Fee: \$8 for adults, \$4 for children.

The following evening, Saturday, February 13, features the *Valentine's Dinner and Dance* from 6:30-9pm. It'll be a sweetheart of a meal! \$5 for the meal and dancing. For reservations, call Charlene Testut at 607.273.0759 or the church at 607.272.1687.

Both events are open to the community. ❄

Adoptive/Foster Parenting Meeting Notice

Tompkins County Department of Social Services has a need for foster families for all ages of children but especially for families in the Ithaca City School District and for families who will foster teenagers.

You can help! Come to an informational meeting regarding foster care and adoption on Thursday, February 11, Noon-1pm in the Human Services Building, room 142, 320 West State Street, Ithaca, NY.

For more information, please call 607.274.5266. ❄

VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARDS

Submitted by Elizabeth Owens

The Town of Danby is developing a program to give service certificates to our long time volunteers.

We are starting with a "catchup list" of volunteers who have served Danby beyond the call of duty for 25 or more years and have given their time to two or more of our organizations such as the Town, Fire Departments, Legion, Churches, and Clubs. We will also issue posthumous awards.

The list will be presented to the Town Board during its March meeting and there will be a reception, later in the Spring, for everyone involved.

I have acquired a lot of names by calling people and by publicizing the program in the Broader View Weekly. If you know of possible award recipients, please send their names to me by Email. We want to ensure that we don't miss anyone, and then we will set the criteria for future years. Please contact me at [owense@cortland.edu] or 607.273.5898. ❄



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 _____

Parent/Guardian's Name _____ Telephone _____

Address _____ Email _____

Name of camp/program _____ Program Dates: _____

Address of camp/program _____

Camp/Program Contact Info: _____ Total Cost: _____

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 _____

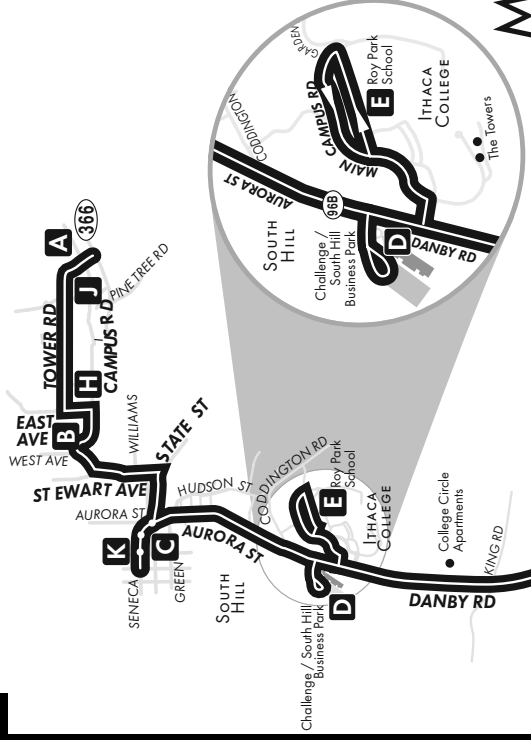
Please send the application, with proof of enrollment in program and (if applicable) payment of deposit, to:

Danby Community Council
c/o June Pollack
43 Hornbrook Road
Ithaca, NY 14850

Questions? Call 273.4744 or
Email [dpollack6@twcny.rr.com]

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Danby
Effective January 17, 2010



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- map not to scale
- A** Timepoint
 - Point of Interest
 - ▲ Park / Recreation
 - Ⓟ Park & Ride
 - I** Saturday Service Only. Please see schedule.

Bold Type indicates PM times.
D indicates drop off only.
Passengers wanting to get off will need to ask the driver to stop.

MONDAY - FRIDAY

Please read schedules from left to right.

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B								
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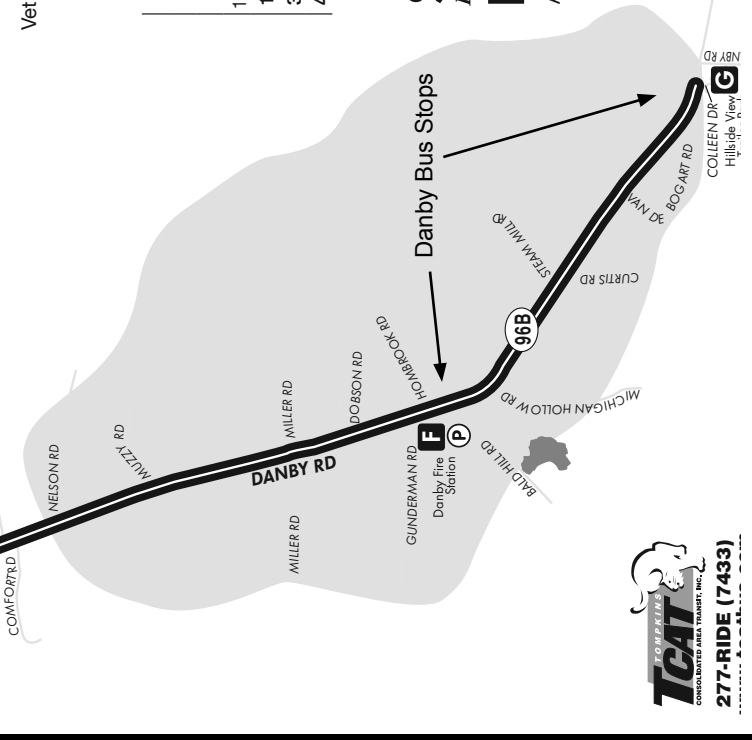
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INBOUND

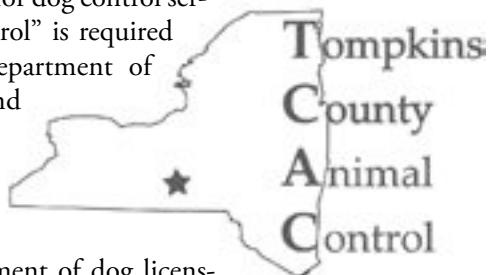
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ANIMAL MATTERS: THE TCAC AND THE SPCA

Submitted by Abigail Smith, SPCA Director

The Town of Danby contracts with Tompkins County Animal Control for dog control services. "Dog control" is required by the NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets, and includes help with stray or dangerous dogs and the enforcement of dog licensing requirements. In addition, TCAC enforces the local Danby ordinances pertaining to dogs at large and nuisance barking.



In the event of a problem, contact an Animal Control Office at TCAC: every day, 9am-5pm, call 607.319.5067. After hours, call 607.592.6773.

If you have lost an animal, be sure to check the SPCA shelter.

The SPCA of Tompkins County is the humane organization serving Danby. The SPCA provides a shelter for lost and unwanted animals, low cost spay/neuter clinics, obedience classes, adoption services, and investigation into complaints of animal neglect and cruelty. The SPCA is always looking for volunteers and contributions; you can help with dog walking, fostering animals, and caring for shelter residents.

During 2009, the SPCA took in 38 stray cats from Danby, and the TCAC collected 19 stray dogs and 2 dangerous dogs from Danby. Danby residents adopted 29 cats and 3 dogs. In addition to the stray animals, the SPCA accepted several dozen "owner surrendered" animals from Danby residents who could no longer care for their pet (the animals enter the SPCA's adoption program). On top of all that, the SPCA provided neutering for 15 Danby cats through its low-cost neutering program. The SPCA facility includes an adoption center for "people-friendly" animals and a barn cat program for cats that aren't suited to be housecats. When animals arrive at the shelter, they are given medical treatment when needed,



NEW BUS TRIPS FOR DANBY

Submitted by Kathy Halton

In addition to the existing schedule, there are two new bus trips on Danby's Route 65!

In the morning, a 9:10am trip has been added to the regular 6:55 and 7:55am trips that depart from the Hillside View trailer park (with a stop at the Fire Station). In the afternoon, a 1:50pm trip has been added to the 12:20, 3:45, and 5:35pm trips.



The extra inbound trips also mean that there are two more outbound trips when you can catch the bus coming home to Danby. All of this is much more convenient for those of us who use the bus during the day for short appointments in town. If you take the bus to Seneca Street, you can easily (and freely!) transfer to the #15 shopper bus that visits the Wegmans and Tops plazas.

I encourage everyone who is able to use the bus routes to use them, so they become permanent or even expand! TCAT schedules are available on buses, can be viewed online at [tcatbus.com/files/all/65_2.pdf], or call 607.277.7433. ❀

neutered, and then made available for adoption. 33 of the 38 stray cats have gone home! Contact the SPCA at 607.257.1822, or visit them online at [spcaonline.com].

The SPCA's low-cost spay/neuter program is for income qualified residents of Tompkins County. Clinics are weekly and serve cats, dogs, and feral cats for Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR). There is no charge for TNR cats, while the cost for other animals varies by species and gender, ranging from \$40-\$90. For information and an application, ask for Pam Stonebraker at extension 233. ❀

DANBY VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY NEWS

Submitted by John Gaden, Chief

Members of the Danby Volunteer Fire Company held elections for company positions for the 2010 calendar year with the following results:

Chief	John Gaden
1st Ass't Chief	JoAnne Oliver
2nd Ass't Chief	Peter Goodman
3rd Ass't Chief	Roger Grant
4th Ass't Chief	Andrew Dunnick
President	Wayne Holden
Vice President	Ralph Bowles
Treasurer	Jessica Remais-Sager
Secretary	Sharon Gaden
Trustees	Dick Oltz, Beatrice Hogben, Barbara Robinson

If you need to contact the fire company our number is 607.272.8114. The station isn't staffed around the clock but we have an answering machine.

The flag pole was recently removed and will be repositioned in a location where the flag won't get tangled in tree branches.

Due to the current renovation of the Danby Fire Station, we are sorry not to be able to offer our popular and tasty series of pancake breakfasts during this winter. The station's kitchen is completely gone to make room for reconfiguration of space, the restrooms are gone (unless you consider the very cold outside porta-potty as a restroom), and there's no water or gas service on the north side of the building.

The good news is that we look forward to offering breakfasts during the winter of 2010-11, possibly starting earlier in the season, and there will be more space for the cooks and diners. Overall, the project is progressing very well. There have been some issues but these have been resolved within the guidelines of the budget. Thanks for everyone's support and patience.

The fire company welcomes new members Sarah Wyatt and Sean Jacobs. The fire company would benefit by having more members. If you are at least 16 years old, please consider joining us.

DANBY SENIORS UPDATE

Submitted by Margie VanDeMark

The Danby Senior Citizens will meet on Thursday, February 4 at Noon in the Danby Church. Everyone 55 and older is invited and encouraged to join us for good food and fellowship.

Thank you to the VanDeMarks and Merritts for hosting our January meeting. We had a great turnout and enjoyed a wonderful dish-to-pass meal. Our early December luncheon at the Oasis Club in Danby was also well attended and the Oasis did a wonderful job with the buffet. It served as a festive start to the holiday season. ❁

There are several focuses of volunteer work with our station. If you want to help with emergency response, we provide in-house training and sponsorship to take additional training provided by the county. When a complex emergency of longer durations occur, our responders need quick meals and hot and cold beverages to stay fueled; arranging for or delivering such items to the scene is another way you can help. We need help with routine cleaning and station and grounds maintenance, especially once the station reconstruction project has completed. Please consider helping us help our community. Contact any fire company member or stop by the fire station when we meet on Monday evenings.

The Fire District added a vehicle to its fleet of emergency apparatus: a used Chevrolet Tahoe purchased from a neighboring fire department. This vehicle carries most of our medical supplies and company members have been undergoing driver training in recent months to become permitted to drive it. It has already served us well at medical calls and at several automobile rollover accidents that happened during recent snow storms.

NASCAR season starts again in February with the Daytona 500. Don't forget to take a chance to win a helmet worn in an actual race, signed by all the drivers of all the Roush Fenway racing teams and the owner, Jack Roush, himself. The 2nd and 3rd prizes are cash and the total number of tickets sold is limited to 550. Leave a message at the station to arrange to purchase tickets or contact Sharon Gaden [danby071302@yahoo.com]. ❁




 The logo for Danby Youth Flyer features the words "Danby Youth Flyer" in a stylized, handwritten font. "Danby" is written in a cursive script, while "Youth Flyer" is in a more blocky, outlined font. The text is set against a light gray circular background.

Community Council Youth Programs February 2010

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: 607.272.2292.x225 or [ljs257@cornell.edu].

FOCUS with United Way—grades 5-8

Thursdays, February and March, 4-6pm
at Danby Town Hall

Partner with United Way in a community building and service project. Youth will accept grant proposals for community projects and allocate around \$3000 to selected groups. This program is geared toward youth who are ready to work together as a team to solve real issues in Danby through discussions, community service-learning, and event planning. Youth take on leadership roles within community, so a high level of maturity and motivation are required.

Lunch Bunch

Thursdays, February and March
at Boynton

This in-school program at Boynton is a fun way to try new foods, create crafts, and go outside during the school day.

Dungeons and Dragons—grades 4-8

Mondays, February and March, 3-6pm
at Danby Town Hall

Join the campaign that began this fall. Journey to ancient Rome without leaving Danby! Learn the rules of this role-playing game, and see where the adventure leads you.

Stop Action Photography—grades 5-8

Tuesdays, February and March, 3:30-5:30pm
at Boynton

Design and implement your own stop action film. Learn basic techniques and practice writing, directing, and filming.

Dance on Fridays—grades 5-8

Fridays, February and March, 3:30-5:30pm
at Boynton

Practice a variety of dance styles with professional instructors. Ballet, hip-hop, contra dancing, and even Jazzercise! No experience necessary--this is a great opportunity to try a new hobby and a great way to work out!

Primitive Pursuits

Mondays, April-May-June, 3-5:30pm
at June Pollack's in Danby

The adventure continues at June's house once the weather warms. Explore the world of tracking and awareness while playing games and gaining understanding of the wilderness around you.

Funky Furniture—grades 5-8

Tuesdays, in April and June, 3:30-5:30pm
at Boynton

Create a bulletin board, paint a step stool, add your own artistic flair to furniture pieces, both large and small.

Animal Explorations—grades 3-8

Thursdays, April-May-June, 3-5:30pm
at Danby Town Hall

Visit the SPCA, bake your own dog treats, and learn about a variety of animal careers and hobbies with hands-on experience and field trips!



Postal Patron

DANBY AREA NEWS: EVENT CALENDAR

- Jan 28 • Thu
7pm 🏛️ Town Hall
Danby Community Council Annual Meeting
- Feb 1 • Mon
10am-5pm 🏛️ Town Hall • Last day to pay taxes !
7pm 🏛️ Town Hall
Town Board Agenda Meeting
- Feb 4 • Thu
Noon 🏛️ Danby Federated Church
Danby Seniors' Meeting
7pm 🏛️ Town Hall
Danby Community Council Meeting
- Feb 8 • Mon
7pm 🏛️ Town Hall
Town Board Regular Meeting
Public Hearing: Stormwater Regulations at 6:45pm
7:30pm 🏛️ Danby Fire Hall
Danby Fire Department Monthly Meeting
- Feb 10 • Wed
7pm 🏛️ Town Hall—**Gas Drilling Task Force Meeting**
- Feb 12 • Fri
5-7pm 🏛️ Danby Federated Church
Chicken and Biscuit Dinner
- Feb 13 • Sat
6:30-9pm 🏛️ Danby Federated Church
Valentine's Dinner and Dance
- Feb 14 • Sun
8-11am 🏛️ West Danby Fire Hall
Sweetheart's Breakfast
- Feb 16 • Tue
7pm 🏛️ West Danby Fire Hall
Danby Fire Commissioners Monthly Meeting
- Feb 18 • Thu
7pm 🏛️ Town Hall
Planning Board Meeting
- Feb 22 • Mon
7pm 🏛️ Town Hall
Town Board Special Meeting: "Planning Ahead"
- Feb 25 • Thu
7pm 🏛️ Town Hall—**Gas Drilling Task Force Meeting**

- Mar 1 • Mon
7pm 🏛️ Town Hall
Town Board Agenda Meeting
- 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

The Town of Danby has a web site with lots more info. Check it out: [<http://town.danby.ny.us>] 🌐