



DANBY AREA NEWS

FUN DAY COMING JULY 14

Submitted by Christel Trutmann

Danby Fun Day 2012 is set for July 14. For those of you new to town, Fun Day is a summer carnival complete with a parade, BBQ, music, and games, and it raises funds for the Danby and West Danby all-volunteer Fire Companies.

It also gives Danby folk a yearly opportunity to get together with our families and neighbors to celebrate living in Danby. Fun Day is a great time to learn about Danby's history and to chat with the many different groups hard at work on Danby's future, since many of them have booths at Fun Day and walk in the parade.

If you're interested in a vendor booth or marching in the parade, now's the time apply. (See contact info on page 10 or check out the Danby Town web site, [town.danby.ny.us/FunDay]). Consider helping out with Fun Day by:

- Running a game for an hour.
- Helping serve the BBQ chicken, or to make popcorn and cotton candy.
- Helping with set-up or clean-up.
- Baking cakes or other goodies for the Wheel o' Treats.
- Donating books to the book sale. (Pickup available).
- Donating theme baskets, goods or services to the Chinese Auction.

Mark your calendars now and stay tuned for more Fun Day news in the next issue of the Danby News.

PS: Jim Reagan's Fun Day Fantasy series is pure fiction but, hey, "You never know!" ❀

YARD SALE DAY IN DANBY: JUNE 9 *RECYCLING MADE FUN!*

Submitted by Peter Fraissinet and Janet Gray

West Danby Yard Sale

Get ready to browse treasures, or have a sale, or both! Once again, West Danby is teaming up with Spencer and Van Etten for a Tri-County, Route 34 Yard Sale Day on Saturday, June 9.

The West Danby Community Association will purchase an ad in the Ithaca Journal and submit notices to other weekly papers and online bulletin boards. We will also place large signs at the intersection of NYS Rt.13 and Rt.34/96 to direct people south toward West Danby and Spencer.

There is no cost to participate with your own sale, unless you decide to place your own ad somewhere.

Maps will be available listing the local sales that we have found out about: online at [town.danby.ny.us] (in the "Notices" section) and at the "Four Corners" of West Danby. If you want to get your sale on this map, please contact me, [pf13@cornell.edu] or 607.255.0443, giving the address and a few items of interest. The deadline for getting your sale on the map is Tuesday, June 5 (a firm deadline).

Annual Community Yard Sale at DFC

Like to browse yard sales without driving around, visit the lawn of the Danby Federated Church, 9am-2pm!

Refreshments will be available, including donuts, coffee, hot dogs, chips, and soda.

Sellers, it's \$15 to reserve a table and reservations should be in by June 6; setup starts at 8am. Please contact the church for information, 607.272.1687 or [office@danbyfederatedchurch.org]

Individuals and Organizations are welcome; however, no food vendors. ❀

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DANBY NEWS NOTES

Submitted by Ted Crane

Submission Guidelines: Visit the Town of Danby web page, and have a look at the "Danby News" section, [town.danby.ny.us/DAN]. If you're thinking of sending something for publication in the Danby News, there's two documents to read: the *Guidelines* and the *Submission Guidelines*.

The first document describes what is, and isn't acceptable material for publication. If it's acceptable, we'll make an effort to include it; *generally, we print everything we receive!*

The second document gives some hints about how to prepare a submission. Following these guidelines makes the editing and layout easier.

A very terse version of these guidelines is presented in the column on the left side of this page.

**TWO PUBLIC ACCESS
COMPUTERS IN TOWN HALL**

A second computer *for use by the public* has been installed in Town Hall. You can cruise the web with it and check your web-based Email. It has a DVD drive, so you can use it to view presentations and other DVD media.

If you're new to computers, one-on-one introduction/how-to is available. Contact me at 607.273.8678.

Thanks to Scott Stratton and Tom Loreda for the eMacs and to Dan Hevett for the iMac. Also, Barbara Skoblick for the wireless "g", available both inside and outside Town Hall.

DANBY WEB SITE

Have you visited [town.danby.ny.us]?

Meeting agendas, minutes, and relevant documents. Happenings in Danby. Everything in a nutshell. ☘

TOWN CLERK'S DESKTOP

Submitted by Pamela Goddard, Town Clerk

This morning, I was thinking that it's lucky that a cat isn't the Town Clerk. To be sure, cats are warm and fuzzy but, being cats, they don't have my love for dogs. Not only might a cat raise the license fee for dogs, it'd likely advocate for more fences! A cat would have other pet projects, like a community milk and catnip station and mandatory cat doors in all new construction. It might want to turn the tables on us, and have the *humans* be licensed rather than the dogs.



Meanwhile, during the past few months we've been trying to keep up with the dogs. Springtime is no time to let sleeping dogs lie. Dogs want to run free, but we who love them want to make sure that they stay close to their humans and remain safe.

In all seriousness, dogs do need to be licensed. Legally, this is seen as a public health concern. It's partly for the protection of the dogs

themselves, in case they wander off or get lost or stolen, but also so the *owner* can be traced in the event of a problem. Licensing is also a part of the effort to encourage proper animal care: vaccinations against rabies and spay/neuter to prevent unwanted increases in the animal population.

Last year, the State shifted the dog licensing system from the State to the Local level. While this has meant more work and higher postage costs—sending out renewals and keeping up to date with dog owners—the change has its benefits. Local license ID tags make it much easier to return a lost dog to its owner.

I'm happy to say that 90 percent of the dogs in Danby have been relicensed with new numbers but there are still some outstanding, unexpired licenses. If, after several renewal notices, the dog owner doesn't respond, the Animal Control officer get involved. Kate Walker—or her representative—tries to visit to the property to see whether a dog is still in residence. If there is, the owner is given a opportunity to bring the license up to date. If that doesn't happen, a ticket to appear at the Danby Town Court is issued.

We've found a few duplicate licenses and even some dogs who had passed away or moved with their owner to a new location. Thanks to our proximity to Ithaca, Cornell University, and Ithaca College, people frequently move in and out of Danby—especially in the rental properties at the north end of town. As people come and go, so do their dogs. If you get a renewal notice for someone no longer living at your address, please help us keep our database up to date. Let us know that the dog and its human companion have moved on.

The Tompkins County Health Department offers free rabies clinics for cats and dogs (they visited Danby on May 3). If you take advantage of those clinics, the Town Clerk's office automatically gets a copy of the vaccination certificate. We update information for current licenses and, if a matching license is not found in our database, we send a licensing form to the owner. Another pup joins the club of happily licensed Danby dogs!

Summer hours went into effect at the Town Clerk's office during the Memorial Day Weekend. The office will be open 10am-5pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday through the end of August. And yes, it's still possible to dip into the bowl of chocolate kisses.

Questions? Call 607.277.4788 or send Email to [townclerk@town.danby.ny.us].

Town Hours

Town Clerk

Phone: 277.4788 • Fax: 277.0559
Mon-Tue-Wed-Fri, 10am-5pm.

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: 277.0095 • Fax: 277.0031
Tue, 7pm

All offices at Danby Town Hall except where noted.

PIERCE LOSES HIS HEAD OVER MARIE ANTOINETTE A DANBY FUN DAY FANTASY

Submitted by Jim Reagan

[Part 1 of this fictional fantasy appeared in the May issue of the Danby News. Note: this is a fictional fantasy.]

Released from the hospital with renewed energy and dedication to his dream, Pierce believed that he was not about to buckle under to pressure of any kind; he had come too far for that. Our hero had 'lawyered up' and readied himself for anything; with the proverbial cat out of the bag, there was no going back. His social life dwindled as word got around about the contractor's more secretive proclivities. Things were not as easy as he imagined and rejection was taking its toll.

Pierce's shyster lawyer, Donovan Rood, explained to the town hierarchy that his client had already purchased—for a considerable sum—a golden coach, a mock guillotine, four white horses, costuming appropriate to the era, and an enormous pompadour wig. In short, it would be considered cruel, insensitive, and intolerant if the town were to try and prevent Pierce from living out one of his greatest fantasies. After all, this was America, wasn't it?

It fell upon poor Kelly to explain the compromise that the town offered to the adamant Pierce. The town thought that it would be more fitting and effective, if Pierce simply had to be a French aristocrat, that he opt for impersonating the misunderstood and unlucky Louis XVI in order to avoid any gender issues. The town opined that the king was 'glamorous' in his own right and that the guillotine was as much an essential historic prop to that character.

Pierce, however, was not to be dissuaded. The eccentric contractor explained—to anyone who would listen—that the 'gender issue' was the very thing that he sought to exhibit and exploit. The restive curmudgeon's intent, according to what he told Kelly, was, "To decapitate intolerance and elitism, metaphorically speaking." This unlikely and unexpected information left Kelly with a splitting headache, an unpleasantness which she medicated with a gin martini as soon as she arrived home that evening.

Many conservative types believed that the Danby's Annual Fun Day should be cancelled so as to prevent the community from undue immorality, embarrassment and ridicule, but a cancellation was already out of the

question. Two acts—Omar Kink, local psychic, and The Little Debbies Women's Barbershop Quartet—had already been paid and locked into their commitment for the date.

The Reverend Maximus Ticks, much loved and respected by the Danby faithful, attempted to reason with the man whom many believed could do irreparable harm to the highly anticipated and wholesome annual family event.

Pierce could not be convinced to change his plans. The community worried and fretted. The locals employed tried and true techniques—throwing garbage on his lawn and shouting obscenities in passing—but these didn't have the desired effect on the old man. He was not one to be intimidated or beaten down. *Quelle dommage!*

Although they would never have the honesty to admit such a thing, even the town liberals secretly hoped that the 'bully boys' and their vigilante tactics would put Pierce in his place, but it was all for naught. History's most extravagant 'grand dame', in true royal fashion, was unflappable and serene even in the face of universal opposition.

After all, Pierce had been practicing this role for years on the sly. How many more chances were left to him?

They say that a person learns who his real friends are when trouble comes around, and Pierce's case was no exception to that rule. The same guys who used to drink with him now avoided his society, and jobs weren't coming in as frequently as they used to. For the first time in his life, he had to really stand on his own two feet and take whatever came his way.

Pierce had never realized that he had enjoyed a certain ease and comfort all these years complete with the illusion of acceptance, friendship, and welcome...all of which, he now knew, was conditional.

He contemplated giving up on the Fun Day project and even contacted a realtor about selling his business and home, and moving to the west coast. It would be easier, wouldn't it?

He had moments of being unsure and afraid; of wanting to leave everything behind. But, if he did cut and run, who would he be? Down deep, would he still be Pierce? Or would he be somebody he didn't even know? What would you do?

[Stay tuned for the final episode in Pierce's adventure, next month in the Danby News. Remember, it's fiction. Any resemblance to actual persons, whether alive or dead, or to events, past or future, is purely coincidence.] ❀

SUPERVISOR'S UPDATE

Submitted by Ric Dietrich, Town Supervisor

Do you recall the mindset you had when you were working on the early stages of your garden? Like your garden, the Town always seems to have lots of projects in various stages of expectation...and all are displaying different stages of completion.

The list of work on our aging Town Hall was presented at a recent Town Board meeting. It shows everything from sidewalks, to roof, to bathrooms, to siding and painting. The Board moved to proceed on some of the areas outlined in our list. The rest are like lettuce, planted, just not up yet.

The wood boiler that will heat our Highway Barns is in place. It received some damage in transit, but those problems are being addressed. We should have it up and running by June, just in time for...summer.

I have heard back from some people, commenting about the trails project I mentioned in last month's Danby News. They were not supportive of this idea. I will pass on their concerns during upcoming meetings on this project.

Do you know how many cemeteries are cared for by the Town of Danby? Several of them were hit by considerable damage during our late spring snow. Our Town Highway Department has graciously helped out by cleaning up these areas so we can have them in good condition by Memorial Day.

We have been exploring the idea of leasing solar panels to provide electricity for the Town Hall. That project is proceeding, but we're not yet sure where it will end up. Like any leasing project, we want to make sure we understand the fine print. I believe it will reduce, not add to, the Town's utility costs, but we are proceeding with caution.

During its first meeting in May, the Town Board approved Recreation Partnership agreement and updated the budgeting for its contract with the Community Council. The future, and format of, Youth Services programming is being discussed at several levels by the County, Town, and our Community Council; last months' meeting was informative and productive and I'm looking forward to the next meeting.

Most all of the seventeen Tompkins County municipalities have agreed to form a consortium for the purpose of negotiating a new franchise agreement with Time-Warner. We feel this will be more effective than

reaching separate agreements, as has been done in the past. Our first step, authorized by the Town Board, is to have an audit of Time-Warner's history of payments to the Town. In many cases, this uncovers fees which have been collected by T-W from subscribers but not forwarded to the Town.

As a side-effect of the public sessions about Broadband Internet, presented around the County, I have heard from many people with questions of one form or another about Time-Warner. Please contact me with your concerns.

Yes, Broadband Internet is still alive and kicking—in fits and starts. While a business plan is being discussed, along with gathering material needed for grant applications, Cornell has been contracted (via a grant from the Park Foundation) to do a telephone survey for us. The survey will gather material needed to demonstrate the need for Broadband. There is still very strong support for this project, county-wide, and I am appreciative of all the help we are receiving.

The majority of the work is done, now it's the watching and waiting. Like my garden, maybe next month there will be something I can see and taste.

As always, if there is an issue the Town should address, please contact me, [supervisor@town.danby.ny.us]. ☘



The feed mechanism of the new wood boiler was carefully lowered into place at the Highway Barn.

Photo: Ted Crane

PLANNING BOARD UNDERTAKES COMPREHENSIVE PLAN REVISION

Submitted by Joel Gagnon

Ten years have passed already since Danby's Comprehensive Plan was created. Has anything changed that might have planning implications and require revision? Can we foresee changes now that were not apparent when we were last crystal ball gazing in 2002?

These central questions are the topic of discussion and action by the Planning Board as it sets about deciding what needs to be changed in the current plan, adopted in 2003. You are invited to help the Board in this task. There are several ways to do this, depending on your time and interest.

Some of the sections lend themselves to outreach and feedback. The Board is especially interested in doing this for agriculture. Kathy Halton (of the Town Board), Naomi Strichartz, and Bob Roe have already done several interviews of residents engaged in agricultural activities. Based on their feedback, an expanded survey is a possibility. How best to conduct it is being talked about. Contact them to see how you could get involved.

Anne Klingensmith is looking at the natural resources section. Gas development has the potential for a major impact. In fact, gas development, which wasn't even on the radar screen ten years ago, could significantly impact just about all the sections of the comprehensive plan, from land use to community services. If you would like to help plan for how to deal with it, contact any of the Planning Board members and we'll figure out how to channel your energies.

Ten years ago, we did not have any real information on our aquifers—their location or capacity. Now we do. How do we respond to that information? It has importance for our economy (Strichartz and Roe are updating the Economy section) and for housing. Should we plan for significant growth in the hamlets? What about water and sewer? Is there any realistic way for Danby to plan for public utilities like that, and if there is, is it something we want to do or not? Steve Selin is handling the Utilities and Communications section and Joel Gagnon the Housing and Transportation section.

Speaking of transportation, what happens to transit as the cost of oil rises? Can we afford to pave our roads with oil in the future? If not, what's the plan? Contact Joel to get involved in dealing with those issues.

Historic and Cultural Resources is the topic area to be updated by Ted Melchen, with the assistance of the Danby History Group. Frank Kruppa is tackling Community Services.

There will, of course, be opportunities for formal public comment and participation as we go along in the revision process, and we will try to keep you updated. It has often been said—with good reason—that by the time the formal public hearing stage arrives, the course is pretty well set and comments result in only relatively minor changes. The best time to influence the planning process is early. Now is that time.

Contact information for the members of the Planning Board is on the Town's website [town.danby.ny.us/PlanBoard] or, if you are not web-enabled, contact the Town Clerk, 607.277.4788. ❀



Carolyn Klass was among the dozens of plant lovers at the Danby Plant Exchange on Sunday, May 20. Photo: Ted Crane

PICNIC IN THE PARK DCPA ANNUAL MEETING

Submitted by Julie Clougherty

You're invited to a picnic in the park on June 23!

Mark your calendars for The Danby Community Park Association's Annual Meeting, 4pm, Saturday, June 23 and come prepared for more than just a meeting.

After we conduct business, including electing new officers and reviewing the past year's activities, we'll have a picnic supper and try to get an old-fashioned baseball game going. We'll provide hot dogs and lemonade, but you'll need to bring your own baseball gear, and if you want, a dish to pass.

We need new Board members, so if you're interested in serving please Email us for more information: [dotsonpark@gmail.com]. The DCPA needs more input from its members, and that includes you if you're a Danby resident. Hope to see you on the 23rd. ❀

WHAT MOTHS TELL US ABOUT DANBY

Submitted by Joel Gagnon,
Conservation Advisory Council

The Town Hall meeting room was filled nearly to capacity on Sunday May 13 for the moth::er's day presentation by Seabrooke Leckie, co-author of the new Peterson's Field Guide to the Moths of Northeastern North America. Who knew there were so many people interested in moths in Danby?

Leckie didn't focus on how to identify moths (that's what the book is for) but she passed along a number of interesting facts that illustrated the place of moths in our ecosystem and how species rely on each other.

For example, populations of the Evening Grosbeak are tightly linked to the abundance of the spruce budworm, a destructive insect that attacks spruce trees. The adult spruce budworm is a moth. The effort to control the spruce budworms preying of millions of acres of forest has resulted in a large decline in the bird species dependent on them as a primary food source. Other bird species have also declined, possibly due to "collateral damage" to non-target insects from the non-specific pesticide applications.

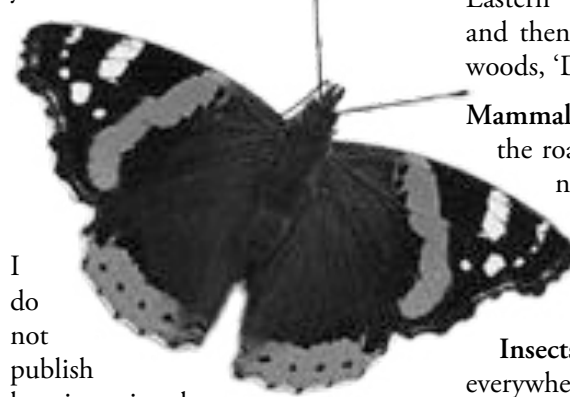
Leckie noted anecdotally that bug splatter on windshields in these sprayed areas is much reduced from what it had been before the spruce budworm was targeted.

What does this have to do with Danby? Apart from explaining the reduction of visits by the Evening Grosbeak to area bird feeders, it underscores how lucky we are not to live in an area regularly doused with large-scale insecticide use.

LIFE IN DANBY

This month's observations from Danbyites
Submitted by Julie Nichols Kulik

Here are some sightings and stories from the beautiful place we call home. Thanks everyone, and keep the stories coming to [jnk54@cornell.edu] or 607.272.2292.x222. What have you seen and heard out there?



I do not publish locations in the article, to protect the innocent, but am recording locations in a Danby sightings database. Many of these observations came from the Danby children that I work with, when wearing my Danby Youth Programmer hat (see the Youth Page for details).

Birds: Barn owl, Hawk eating a squirrel, Blue Heron with a squirrel?

"Our barn swallows that live in our various buildings returned early, the

first two being sighted on April 15. That is at least a week early, they had pretty regular arrivals and departures over the last 18 years since I have been here." (In another location in Danby, the barn swallows did not return until the beginning of May....)

"Eastern Towhee answering my Eastern Towhee cell phone ring and then following me around the woods, 'Drink your tee eee eeee.'"

Mammals: Red fox on the side of the road eating something, pregnant deer.

"Baby red squirrels falling repeatedly from our bird feeders."

Insects: Red Admiral Butterflies everywhere (an unusual eruption of them this year!).

Amphibians/Reptiles: peepers, a group of young Garter snakes winding all around our feet, Anyone seen many eggs this Spring yet? Please let me know.

Plants/Trees: A patch of rare Balsam Fir trees, and a rare Peat Moss.

Weather: A hail storm on the night of Thursday, May 3, left broken house windows, fallen trees, dented cars, and broken greenhouses in its trail. ❄️

Around 1,000 of the 1,500 species of moths in the field guide can be found in Danby. The richness of our environment supports an incredibly diverse array of species, all interdependent. Valuing and protecting that diversity is a collective responsibility—a responsibility not likely to be taken seriously unless we know

about and sense the importance of our role in its stewardship.

The Danby Conservation Advisory Council seeks to protect Danby land for the future using voluntary means such as conservation easements. For information about how to do that for your land, contact one of its members via [town.danby.ny.us/CAC]. ❄️

DANBY SENIORS UPDATE

Submitted by Margie VanDeMark

The next meeting of the Danby Seniors will be on Thursday, June 7, 6pm at the Danby Church, for a dish-to-share supper.

Big thanks to our May hosts: Mary Maynard, Dawn & George Parks, Mary Oltz, and Joan Barber! We enjoyed great music and much laughter with Rich Wilson as we did in December!

All seniors 55 and over are invited and encouraged to join us.

We have a bus trip to Skaneateles Lake for a boat tour followed by lunch after at the Sherwood Inn set for August 2 (our usual meeting date: no August meeting). Contact Ted & Connie Merritt if you'd like more information, or Margie, 607.273.8046, to sign up. ❀



Kristin Bartholomew designed the "Tiny Home", one of the fifteen Danby homes that hosted visitors during the Green Home Tour on April 21. By the time you read this, Kristin and her family will have moved into it! Photo: Ted Crane

DANBY TOWN TALK

Submitted by Gay Huddle

Batting 300 and More

The Danby Town Talk column, which appears each Thursday in the Ithaca Journal, hit the 300 mark on May 17, 2012. I would like to thank all those generous folks who have shared their stories and pictures in the column. The Danby, West Danby, Newfield and South Hill neighborhoods have been very busy with fundraisers, craft fairs, barbecues, concerts, library events, church activities, fun for kids, and so much more. It all helps to fill the column with fun and exciting stories!

I've talked with IC coaches, artists, teachers, students, professors, historians, actors, musicians, authors, and even the mayor of Ithaca, Svante Myrick, to get their stories, as well as the foundation of the column, the good citizens of the areas I write about. Those folks share with readers good family news such as anniversaries, weddings, births and graduations, and sad news such as the loss of loved ones and pets or devastating home fires.

Those stories, happy and sad, help us to connect to each other, to offer a "congratulations" or a shoulder to lean on. The Ithaca Journal's original purpose in making room for the Town Talk columns was to show readers what life is like in the smaller, rural towns around the city of Ithaca proper, for what we have is unique. We have a sense of place and a sense of kinship. We are special!

Please help me fill the next 300 columns with more neighborhood news by contacting me at either [gayhuddle@hotmail.com] or at 607.273.6530 with your stories, with information about your events, with recipes, gardening tips, holiday ideas with anything that you would like to share with Journal readers in the Danby Town Talk column. Thank you!

Giving

The Danby community stepped up in a big way to raise money for those in need over the past year. I'm not at all surprised, I'm just proud. I hope you are, too!

A Healthy Court

I was pretty worried about Court Clerk Jim Heron while he was so ill recently. I'm happy to say Jim is back and feeling much improved. The court judges missed him! ❀

COMPUTER USE AT TOWN HALL

The Danby Town Hall is *the* place in town to bring the distant past and near future together. The historic structure dates back to the mid-18th century and has always been a public center in Danby. The building started its “life” as a house of worship and was used as a Grange meeting hall before being transformed into the Town Hall. Danby received accolades in the late 1990s for its adaptive re-use and historic preservation, when the building was expanded with new offices while maintaining the style and integrity of the older building.

For the past year, the historic Town Hall has also been home to public access computer technology. It’s available to everyone! Did you know that there are public access computers and *Wi-Fi* in the Town Hall? In an effort to provide information access to Danby residents and visitors, the

meeting room is set up to connect to the wide world of the internet. You can bring your own laptop, iPad, or smart phone and connect. You don’t even have to come inside! If you don’t have a computer of your own, use one of the stations whenever the building is open.

If your smartphone can use *Wi-Fi* to avoid bandwidth limitations or to make phone calls, this may be the place for you!

Thanks to the donations from several Danby residents, three computers are ready for use. You can surf the web, use *webmail*—Gmail and others—to send and receive Email, examine Town documents on its web site, and much more. If you crave entertainment, you might borrow a DVD from the library (right across the room!) and watch it on the spot (please wear headphones to avoid disturbing other users). The computers are available for use, without charge, when the Town Hall is open to the public.

These computers have already been used in several ways. Residents may keep track of what’s being discussed at Town Board meetings through documents posted on the Town of Danby web site (in fact, the web has been used during meetings to answer all sorts of questions!). Students of all ages have used the computers to help them in their studies. Several individuals get tutored in Town Hall. Residents who don’t have computer access at home use these computers to stay connected to distant family and friends through Email and social media.

If you have your own electronic device, access is not limited to business hours. The *Wi-Fi* reaches the parking lot. It’s not uncommon to see people sitting in their cars near the building, checking messages on laptops or smart phones. Travelers are beginning to know that they can stop by for quick access to driving directions, Ithaca tourist information, or an emergency check of the weather.



Beth Clark used a slide show to tutor visitors about geothermal heating and cooling systems during the Green Home Tour.

Photo: Ted Crane

Many of the people who use the computer access at the Town Hall are savvy about technology...but not all are so immediately comfortable with searching the internet or using Email. If you fall in that category, help is available.

The same team that set up the computers is available to tutor you on how to use them. They’ve already set up several “newbies” with Email accounts! There are even some second-hand computers (left over from the late, lamented *Babbage’s Basement*) available for those in need. If you would like more information about computer training and setup, contact the Town Clerk at 607.277.4788. She will put you in touch with someone who can help.

And, of course, if you have an extra computer or other useful equipment that you’d like to share with your neighbors, this is a great way to do it! ❁

DANBY COMMUNITY LIBRARY!

Submitted by Patti Meyers

Happy Summer! Look for our Summer Reading Suggestions coming soon.

Remember: As the seasons change, so do our book and media collections—on a regular basis! Come in to check out what's new.

Thank you to our patrons who stop by to borrow materials during meetings or concerts! Please, please remember to follow the self-check out directions completely (writing your name legibly on the card and putting the due date on the card and on the due date slip). You can't imagine how difficult it is for our volunteers to search for missing items with no clues!

Also, update your registration card with current contact information. We are trying to reach Alison Young who has a book and DVD awaiting her, but have no phone, address or Email.

Visit the library in person on Wednesdays, 1:30-3:30pm or Saturdays, 10am-Noon. You can Email us at [danbycommunitylibrary@twcny.rr.com] or [library@town.danby.ny.us] and you can call us at 607.277.4200. ❁

DANBY LAND BANK COOP UPDATE

Submitted by Betsy Keokosky

Danby Land Bank Cooperative is supporting the following summer events, all related to biomass boilers, equipment, and techniques, and to biodiesel. If you are interested in carpooling or driving to the following events (one day will be chosen for Seneca Falls) let me know.

Danby Fun Day Contacts

Vendors	Marrell Cortright	marrell11@aol.com
Parade	Sue Beeners	607.277.0799 sbeeners@aol.com
Music	George Jakubson	george.jakubson@cornell.edu
Kids Games	Julie Kulik	julieofthewoods@mac.com
Chinese Auction	Paula Carlisle	paulaw1977@yahoo.com
Book Sale	Leslie Connors	607.277.1717
Volunteers and Questions	Christel Trutmann	607.342.1062 ctrutmann@gmail.com

July 11, 10am-2pm. **Local On-Farm Energy Production.** Scheffler Dairy, 643 Cobb Street, Groton.

August 7,8,9, 9am-5pm. **Empire Farm Days.** Rodman Lott & Son Farms, 2973 Route 414, Seneca Falls.

August 10. **Open House and Biofeedstock Tour.** USDA/NRCS Cornell field research and other equipment. Big Flats Plant Materials Center, Corning.

In the area of Bioenergy Education, TC3 organized a bioenergy conference this past April, in the interest of establishing a future curriculum. Cornell's Boyce Thompson Institute for Plant Research is hosting a Bioenergy and Bioproducts Education Teacher Training Program in July, and SUNY/Cobleskill has a new Center for Environmental Science and Technology. ❁



Danby's hills and hidden hollows are full of breathtaking natural beauty. This pond and pergola were outside one of the Green Homes Tour dwellings.

Photo: Ted Crane

AT THE DFC...

All of these events are happening at the Danby Federated Church, 1859 Danby Road. For more info, 607.272.1687 or [office@danbyfederatedchurch.org].

Upcoming Events

June 9: *Community Yard Sale* (see front page)

July 25 to August 29: *Sundaes on Wednesdays*, ice cream and music.

September 7: *Steak Dinner.* ❁

Community Council Youth Programs Summer 2012

These programs are sponsored by the Danby Community Council, and are free to Danby residents. Registration is required.

For more info, contact: Julie Kulik, 607.272.2292.x222 or [jnk54@cornell.edu]. You can find a program registration form in Town Hall, or download one from [ccetompkins.org/4h/rural-youth-services/danby].

Please send your child with lunch and a water bottle each day. Spaces are limited and fill up quickly, so register early!

Crafts at the Pond (Ages 8-12)
June 28-29, Thursday-Friday, 9am-3pm
Jennings Pond

Come work on crafts and play by the pond and on the trails around Jennings Pond. We will explore the area, find natural materials for our craft projects.

Danby Days (Ages 9 and up)
July 3-5, Tuesday-Thursday, 9am-3pm
and Saturday, July 14

Location varies: Danby Town Park, Youth Farm on Nelson Road, at the Fire Station on Danby Fun Day

During the week of July 3-5, we will prepare for the Danby Fun Day by making new games, and perfecting our balloon animals and face painting, do some trail work at the Danby Town Park, and help out at the Youth Farm on Nelson Road. Each day, we will also eat fun snacks, play games, and explore.



Exploring Here and There (Ages 10 and up)
(a joint program with Town of Ithaca youth)
July 17-19, Tuesday-Thursday, 9am-3pm

Danby Town Park, transportation provided to field trip. We will go on the Floating Classroom, a research boat on Cayuga Lake on Tuesday. Then, the rest of the week, explore the Forests of Danby Town Park, working together to build shelters, make crafts, cook with solar ovens, work with GPS devices/Geocaching and play games.

Danby Girls (ages 10 and up)
Aug 28-30, Tuesday-Thursday, 9am-3pm
Location varies: Finger lakes Trail head, Danby Town Hall

Come spend time with other Danby girls, have a spa and yoga day, hike on a Finger Lakes Trail to a Lean To, and of course teach each other fun games and cook foods to share!



Danby Fun Day is sailing/steaming/driving ... coming our way on July 14!

Postal Patron

DANBY AREA NEWS: EVENT CALENDAR

- May 26 • Sat
10am-2pm 🏠 Danby Community Park • Work Day
- May 28 • Mon
1pm 🏠 Town Hall Monument • Memorial Day Service
1-2pm 🏠 Danby Federated Church • Mobile Food Truck
7:30pm 🏠 Town Hall • Conservation Adv Council Mtg
- Jun 6 • Wed
6:30pm 🏠 Town Hall • Library Volunteers Meeting
- Jun 7 • Thu
Noon 🏠 Danby Federated Church • Seniors Dinner
7pm 🏠 Town Hall • Community Council Meeting
- Jun 9 • Sat
9-3am 🏠 Danby Federated Church
Community Yard Sale
🏠 West Danby and NYS Rt.34
Rt.34 Yard Sale
- Jun 11 • Mon
7pm 🏠 Town Hall • Town Board Meeting
7:30pm 🏠 Danby Fire Hall • Fire Department Meeting
- Jun 12 • Tue
7pm 🏠 West Danby Fire Hall • Fire District Meeting
- Jun 13 • Wed
7pm 🏠 Town Hall • Gas Drilling Task Force Meeting
- Jun 14 • Thu
6:30pm 🏠 Town Hall • Energy Group
- Jun 18 • Mon
7pm 🏠 Town Hall • Town Board Meeting
- Jun 19 • Tue
7pm 🏠 West Danby Fire Hall • Fire District Meeting
- Jun 21 • Thu
3-7pm 🏠 Danby Federated Church • Food Pantry
- Jun 23 • Sat
4pm 🏠 Danby Community Park
Picnic in the Park and Annual Meeting
- June 25 • Mon
1-2pm 🏠 Danby Federated Church • Mobile Food Truck
7:30pm 🏠 Town Hall • Conservation Adv Council Mtg
- Jun 28 • Thu
7pm 🏠 Town Hall • Planning Board Meeting

- Jun 30 • Sat
10am-2pm 🏠 Danby Community Park • Work Day
- Jul 5 • Thu
6pm 🏠 Danby Federated Church • Seniors Dinner
7pm 🏠 Town Hall • Community Council Meeting
- Jul 9 • Mon
7pm 🏠 Town Hall • Town Board Meeting
7:30pm 🏠 Danby Fire Hall • Fire Department Meeting
- Jul 14, 2012 • Sat • Danby Fun Day and Parade

ONGOING EVENTS

- Danby Community Library Open 🏠 Town Hall
Saturdays, 10am–Noon, Wednesdays, 1:30–3:30pm,
and when the Open sign is out!
- West Danby Volunteer Fire Company 🏠 WD Fire Hall
2nd Monday, 7pm.
- Danby Fire Commissioners 🏠 Fire Hall or WD Fire Hall
3rd Tuesday, 7:30pm.
- Seniors Strength Training Group 🏠 Federated Church
Mondays, 9am.
- AA Meeting 🏠 Federated Church
Wednesdays, 7pm.
- 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 Post 221 • 1231 Danby Road
- Danby Community Council 🏠 Town Hall
1st Thursday, 7pm
- Danby Community Park Association 🏠 Town Hall
3rd Thursday, 7pm.
- Danby Fire Company 🏠 Fire Hall
Mondays, 7pm; monthly mtg 2nd Monday, 7:30pm.
- Danby Food Pantry 🏠 Federated Church
3rd Thursday, 3–7pm.