



DANBY AREA NEWS

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING: VETERAN'S TAX EXEMPTION

Submitted by Pamela Goddard, Town Clerk

As was reported in the November Danby Area News, the Town of Danby is considering a local law to extend the Alternative Veteran's Exemption on Property Tax to Veterans living in Danby. Made available in 1984, the NYS Alternative Exemption Law provides a property tax exemption of 15% of assessed value to veterans who served during wartime and an additional 10% to those who serviced in a combat zone. The law also provides an exemption to disabled veterans equal to one-half of their service-connected disability ratings.

The Danby Town Board has been reviewing this with an eye to determining which implementation option would be best for Danby. The Town Board wants to know what you think about it. A Public Information Meeting will be held during the regular Town Board meeting on December 17. At that time, a representative from the Tompkins County Assessment Office will be available to provide detailed information about the impact that this change would have on taxpayers throughout the Town. Representatives from the American Legion Post 221 will also be available to speak about the value of this exemption for Danby Veterans.

The Town must pass a local law enabling the Alternative Veteran's Property Tax Exemption to take effect. It is anticipated that the law will be drafted in December and considered during the January 2013 Town Board meetings. After a law is passed, Veterans must apply for an exemption by March 1, 2013...and the exemption would be effective the following year.

Until then, residents are encouraged to contact the Town Supervisor or Town Clerk to share their thoughts or concerns and to have questions answered. Prelimi-

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DCC CHAMBER MUSIC CONCERT

Submitted by Bob Strichartz

The final concert in the Danby Community Council's 2012 concert series is a recital by Ariana Kim, violin and Miri Yampolsky, piano on Sunday December 9 at 3pm in the Danby Town Hall.

The program will include works by Bach, Kodaly, Augusta Read Thomas, and Witold Lutoslawski.

Both musicians are faculty members at Cornell. Kim, the recipient of a prestigious Artists International Award, made her New York debut at Carnegie's Weill Hall in March 2008. She studied violin with Robert Mann (founding member of the Julliard String Quartet) and received a PhD from Julliard. She performs with several chamber music groups: Cahmber Music Society of Min-



nesota, Ne(x)tworks, and The Knights.

Yampolsky made her orchestral debut at age 16 with the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra and maestro Zubin Mehta. She was a first prize winner of the Valencia international piano Competition Iturbi in Valencia, and the ARD International Music Competition in Munich. She is an active chamber musician, performing at many festivals including Tanglewood and Salzberg's "Mozarteum".

This extraordinary musical event is free, thanks to grant support from the Community Arts Partnership of Tompkins County. ❁

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Deadline is the 15th of the month. Materials may be accepted later if time allows. Submissions should generally not exceed one page. We cannot print political material or letters of opinion.

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DANBY NEWS NOTES

Submitted by Ted Crane

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You'll learn 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!* You'll find hints about how to prepare a submission. Following these guidelines makes the editing and layout easier.

A terse version of these guidelines is in the left-hand column of this page.

TOWN HALL: COMPUTERS FOR PUBLIC ACCESS

Three computers *for use by the public* have been installed in Town Hall. You can cruise the web with them and check your web-based Email. There are DVD drives 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.

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 month, I'm writing my "Clerk's Desk" article just prior to Thanksgiving. Naturally, I'm thinking about some of reasons I have for gratitude regarding this year's accomplishments. Here's a little "snap shot" since last December.

I'm grateful for so many improvements in Town Hall and in the infrastructure of Danby. A major job, reinsulating and repairing the historic section of the Town Hall, should make this a more comfortable place to work. Planned improvements in the archives vault will protect and preserve all of the documents we've worked so hard to create and organize over the years. Improvements in our computer system, especially the replacement of old computers in the Town Clerk's office, will bring our operations into the modern age and make us much more efficient.



Looking out beyond my window, I've been impressed by the way Town departments have worked together on grant proposals for improvements to the West Danby Water District and a potential build-out of internet infrastructure. We are putting the final aspects of the Highway Barn Biomass Boiler together and by next summer the Town Hall will be hooked up to solar electric panels. I feel gratitude for a community which supports progressive efforts to reduce energy costs, promote local and renewable resources, and improve efficiency.

There's a saying that all politics is local, and this is certainly true when it comes to issues which have an immediate impact on the quality of neighborhood life. As Secretary for the Planning Board and BZA, 2012 has been a somewhat quiet year. There were only two hearings before the Board of Zoning Appeals in 2012 and the Planning Board has been primarily busy with reviewing the Town of Danby Comprehensive Plan. I have gratitude for Boards that carefully consider our quality of life in Danby, finding ways to protect sensitive rural areas while providing for sensible development. I've enjoyed observing fair and rational deliberations and doing my part to document those decisions for the historic record.

On a day-to-day basis, I'm primarily kept occupied with compiling and providing information. We make sure dog license renewals get to owners in a timely manner...and reminding them when those renewals

are overdue. It's a pleasure to assure that all documents are properly filed for marriage licenses and certificates. Working with the bookkeeping team, we keep track of finances and make sure that funds received in this office are available for the on-going work of the Town.

After three years as Town Clerk, many of the aspects of this job are now part of my regular routine. Thanks to the support of my Deputy, Susan McLellan, and our Records Management Assistant, Mary Ann Barr, there's very little stress. We work well with staff in the Highway Department, the Code Enforcement office, Court office, and with the Library volunteers. But my greatest joy is working with the residents of Danby. You make this job fun, and I'm grateful for all you do to make Danby a wonderful place to live.

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

NEW FIRE VOLUNTEERS

Submitted by Deanna Bowles, DFD Secretary/Treasurer

The Danby Fire District welcomes Mike McLellan to the Danby Fire Company and Jeffrey England to the West Danby Fire Company.

We look forward to working with them and appreciate their dedication to serving the community of Danby through the fire service. ❧



Town Hours

Town Clerk

Phone: 277.4788 • Fax: 277.0559
Mon-Tue-Wed-Fri, 10am-5pm (Sat, 10am-Noon)

Highway Department

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

Code Enforcement Office

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

Town Court

Phone: 277.0095 • Fax: 277.0031
Tue, 7pm

All offices at Danby Town Hall except where noted.

DOTSON PARK UPDATE

Submitted by Julie Clougherty

How many of you noticed the BBQ vendor at the park entrance in September? Even though it was short-lived, this trial project (which started out as a, “what-if?” idea) was so successful that we’re going to do it again next year.

Do any of you read the new sign as you drive past the park entrance on 96B or, better yet, as you drive into the park to play disc golf or take a walk? We’re getting plenty of positive feedback about it, which proves that we need to keep reaching out in new ways to let people know that the park is really a place to go do fun stuff!

Our new sign and our foray into food were the more obvious examples of this year’s accomplishments by the Danby Community Park Association. Farther in is where the real action has been taking place.

Believe it or not, we’ve had literally hundreds of people playing disc golf on our 9-hole course and walking the ever-expanding trails. The creation and maintenance of both the trails and the golf course are done completely by volunteers. The disc golf course draws locals and out-of-towners alike, and is garnering lots of praise for its uniqueness—the annual *Spooker Tournament* was recently held there and was very well-attended. As there is no hunting allowed in the park, the trails are enjoyed particularly at this time of year by people (and dogs) wishing to avoid hunting zones.

On the business side of things: we held our DCPA Annual Meeting in the park for the first time ever this past June, followed by a yummy picnic. We expanded our communication efforts by starting a Facebook group to share news, interest items, and photos of park happenings. We also now accept secure donations to the park via PayPal!

Invisible but extremely important was our decision to mortgage the property, with repayment (of principal only) due only in the event the land is sold. We had been struggling to raise enough money to make even the quarterly interest payments on a loan—nearly \$40,000—leftover from our road construction, and now we’re free of that struggle.

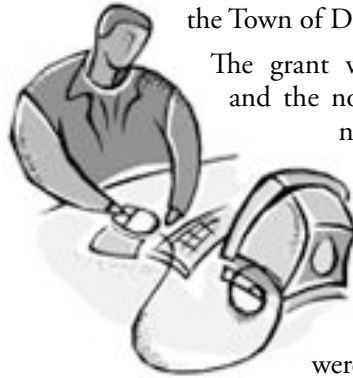
Our focus this winter will be on recruiting volunteers, raising money for our modest expenses (insurance) and for implementing projects outlined in the nearly half-million dollar state matching grant that was awarded to us in 2009, but that we have not yet been able to

BROADBAND UPDATE

Submitted by Ted Crane

No news is good news, I hope.

As described in previous issues of the Danby News, one of our local Internet service providers, Clarity Connect, has submitted an application for a grant from New York State. If awarded, the grant would fund a buildout of infrastructure to provide Broadband (high-speed) Internet service to many unserved residents of the Town of Danby.



The grant was submitted in October, and the nominal deadline for the announcement of awards is the end of November. Inclement weather, however, may delay that announcement; apparently, the homes of several key people in the grant process were damaged during Hurricane Sandy.

If you’re interested in the grant results, or would like other followup information, drop me a note at [danbynews@tedcrane.com] or call 607.273.8678. I’ll keep you up-to-date. ❁

utilize. We receive no funding from the Town, so everything we do is funded by individual donors and grants. Donations are tax-deductible, as the DCPA is a non-profit organization whose members are the residents of Danby. Please consider donating even \$5 or \$10 to help us keep the park open! Every little bit truly does help.

We will be discussing plans for next year’s activities at our Board meeting on December 20 in Town Hall, and we’d really love to have some input from the folks who are using the park, or would like to have some say in what happens to it (like who the next food vendor will be!) It’s been amazing to see what a few volunteers can accomplish, and we invite you to come brainstorm with us and enjoy some cookies and eggnog at our December 20 meeting.

Don’t forget to check out our Facebook page for updates and photos, and as always, you can contact us via Email at [dotsonpark@gmail.com]. Happy holidays to you all! ❁

SUPERVISOR'S UPDATE

Submitted by Ric Dietrich, Town Supervisor

Waking up each day in November, with the frost covering the landscape and the early morning sun shining through a kaleidoscope of colors and reflecting off the of ice crystals, is an illuminating experience. Soon, this visual entertainment will retreat south along with the geese, but November's frosts make it a visually enjoyable month.

It's always a little strange talking in print, since I know it will be several weeks before you read this...in December.

By then, our new biomass boiler will have been online for two months. It is now supplying the heat for highway barns and, although we still have some operational kinks to work out, it appears to be mostly operating as designed. It is rewarding to think that we are heating our biggest energy drag with locally produced fuel and that we are working to expand with local resource initiatives like the land bank.

How many of us heat our homes with some fuel source, other than fossil fuels?

I was able to see some of what is happening around town when we did our "Green Homes" tour last spring, but I was really interested in how each of you operates your systems, where you get your fuel, and how and where you store the product. I have seen systems that use both steam and gasification (like our town barns), how have you connected to your existing systems, and how each of you set up backup systems, piping, and circulating pumps. I was thinking of perhaps of asking if we could do another walkabout, just to see residents using wood to heat and share adventures. Please let me know if you would also be interested in something like this.

The 2013 Town Budget was passed with no changes to what was reported in last month's Danby News. As of this writing, the Board has approved the agreement with our CSEA employees—and those numbers have been factored into next three years' budget—but we have not received confirmation from the union. I would like to thank all those who helped put this together.

Those of you who are on the edge of your seats on budget issues should be aware that the Town has made some changes in how it approaches the framework that underlies our total operating costs. Traditionally, past budgets have been the driving force in planning for future budgets. We decided that if we changed some historical perceptions and then took the long view, it

would better frame our future budgets to meet long term goals.

We identified and isolated the most volatile of items in the budget, those subject to change without notice, and focused on how to rein those in. This process started a number of years ago, when we took a more active role in unpredictable health care costs by becoming self-insured. Then, we looked at claims to identify preventive measures. Once upon a time, this was something we contracted out for, but now it is a normal part of town business.

Similarly, by changing the way we roll over funds—now, putting them into dedicated accounts—we've built a much more efficient structure of healthy fund balances and purchases of highway equipment, repairs, and maintenance...remaining, all the while, below the State-mandated property tax cap limitations. So far, we have no debt; our policy is, "cash only."

Energy costs were also among the volatile costs we identified. Our goal has been to reduce our total energy overhead: tightening up the Town Hall, adding solar electric array (planned for next spring), and the use of alternative fuel in the Highway Barns.

No, as of this writing I have not heard anything official about the potential grant funding for Broadband, although some folks are seeing favorable signs in their tea leaves.

On the other hand, we still haven't heard anything about potential grant funding for improvements needed by the West Danby Water District.

Thanksgiving will have come and gone by the time you read this, and the holiday season, winter equinox, and New Year will be approaching on the horizon. So, let me take take this opportunity to say, "Thank you," for the privilege of working with you all this year!

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

➤ **Veteran's Tax Exemption,** **continued from front page**

nary information and a record of Board discussions can be found in the Town Board minutes, available in the Town Hall library and online at the Danby web site [town.danby.ny.us/TownBoard]. More information about Veteran's Tax Exemptions is available at the office of the Town Clerk at the Danby Town Hall, 1830 Danby Road, Ithaca NY 14850, via Email to [townclerk@town.danby.ny.us]. ❁

CHUCK'S CHRISTMAS RENAISSANCE

Submitted by Jim Reagan

Chuck's Christmas was nothing like it had been in the old days, when the well preserved 19th century farmhouse on Danby's West Miller Road would have been bustling with family and chaotic holiday activity. It'd hadn't been for a whole decade.

Chuck, now well into his seventies, remembered how exhausting Christmas had been with the planning, preparation, decorating, shopping, and wrapping. The holidays had been fun and, yet, exhausting. As much as he loved the Christmas season, he was always glad when it was over.

He wondered how they, he and his wife Lana, had ever managed to get through it all, especially since money had always been a perennial problem during the holiday. They did, somehow.

There had always been more food than the family and guests could possibly eat; and presents, no one ever left Chuck and Lana's home without a present, if only a decorated jar of currant jelly or canned tomatoes sporting one of those sticky, tacky holiday bows.

Kids, Chuck remembered, how the kids would chase each other around the house screaming, running up and down stairs, falling, crying, laughing, and yelling. The excited kids drove him absolutely crazy, although he loved each and every one of them, both his and those of his siblings, but how he breathed a sigh of relief when they were gone and the house returned to relative peace and quiet.

Peace and quiet were two things that Chuck had plenty of now, along with loneliness; sometimes days would go by before he had the opportunity to speak to another living soul. For several years now, the old farmhouse had been eerily quiet, devoid of any noise save its own creaks and yawns in the blustering winds of winter.

Lana had died suddenly, over a decade ago, from some sort of brain tumor. Chuck couldn't remember what the doctors called it and it didn't really matter because she was gone; that's all that mattered.

With Lana's death, nothing would ever be the same. He wondered if her death had only been some sort of bad dream; that he might wake up one morning and find her in the kitchen in that ugly bathrobe, making coffee like always.

Chuck marveled on how one person could have brought so much spirit and life into an entire family. And, if a family were like some sort of ship, then Lana would

have been a captain or a pilot guiding it to calm waters and safely into harbor.

The old man was no Lana and no captain; only a member of the crew, not a commanding presence on the bridge. He had done his best to do many of the things that his wife would have done but, when it came to his efforts to keep the family together, it was almost impossible for the kids to make favorable comparisons to their mother's quiet efficiency and sensitivity. Chuck had never mastered those skills because, up to now, he had never had to. He was at a loss as to how to begin.

With the economy being the way it is, the kids and their families had moved far away from Danby to where the jobs were; the girl to North Carolina and the boy to California. Chuck's siblings had either died or had moved to all the usual old age pastures: Florida or Arizona.

Danby was the only home that Chuck had ever known; his mark was everywhere around the farmstead: the orchard, the stone fence, the stand of sturdy sugar maples, the perennial beds and the vegetable garden... absolutely everywhere.

It seemed inconceivable for him to pick up and go and live someplace without connections, without roots, without memories of Lana and the kids. No, he would stay in Danby for the rest of his life.

Enormous trailer parks in the sun did not appeal to Chuck in the slightest, nor did hundreds of identical condos with clubhouses and tyrannical renters' associations. He was better to stay put.

Chuck had ignored Christmas over the last years, believing that anything that he did would be a pathetic and pale imitation compared to past celebrations. He hadn't bothered with a Christmas tree in years, preferring an eight-inch artificial one that he purchased in a drug store when stopping by for a prescription.

The decorations had been sold off in a yard sale during one of his manic attacks to get rid of everything he didn't really need. Now, he wondered if he had done the right thing. Lana had bought a lot of that stuff over the many years of their marriage.

Lost in reverie and remembrance, Chuck looked over his coffee and out the dining room window. Something, or someone, seemed to be telling him that this particular Christmas would be different, that he should go out and cut down a tree like he used to, that it was important to try again.

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SUPPORT LOCAL SERVICES RENEW REGISTRATION DOWNTOWN!

Submitted by Ted Crane

Today's mail contained the biennial notice from New York's Department of Motor Vehicles: time to pay up and renew my vehicle registration.

It's a familiar task, a harmless (albeit expensive) annoyance. But, wait, there was something odd about it. The instructions, written in many colors of small print, offered the choice of renewing online (color pictures of credit cards) or by mail. That's a change, I thought, "What about the Motor Vehicle office in downtown Ithaca?"

A quick phone call set things straight. Yes, you can still renew licenses and registrations at 301 Third Street. If you do so, you'll keep some of your money in the local economy. Why? Because the County Clerk's Office earns a small fee from the State for doing the renewal; if you renew by web or mail, the State keeps it all.

When your renewal documents arrive in the mail, you have almost six weeks to renew. So, if you're going to be downtown anyway, sometime in those six weeks... support *and help pay* for our local services. ❧

Maybe it was Lana trying to talk to him. There was always a chance that this would be his last Christmas, was that it? Was she trying to warn him? Chuck hadn't felt any enthusiasm for the holiday in years, but today, a mere week before, he decided to fire up the truck, throw his saw into the back, and head out the rough and rugged road that ran into the woods.

A lone, four foot Scotch pine growing in the ditch caught Chuck's eye. He loved the trees that looked natural, a bit bent and twisted with asymmetrical boughs. He decided to cut it down. Besides, given its location, it was only a matter of time before the road crew would come along and shred it up into mulch, anyway.

It had been years and years since Chuck had smelled the scent of pine in the house, and he decided to savor it. Since all of the old decorations had gone in the yard sale, he fashioned some natural ones out of pine cones, bittersweet, and rose hips. The overall effect was homey and less than brilliant, but Chuck was determined to enjoy everything this Christmas...everything.

Although it had always seemed odd to make a Christmas feast only for himself, Chuck made a point of plan-

DANBY SENIORS UPDATE

Submitted by Margie VanDeMark

The next meeting of the Danby Seniors will be on Thursday, December 6 at Oasis and signups are required.

A big thank you goes out to Linda Howe for cooking the November turkey and trimmings, and to Ted & Connie Merritt for hosting! Speakers from "Get Your Greenback Tompkins" talked about saving money and energy.

A group of 34 of us saw the show *Nunsense* at the Merry-GoRound theater in Auburn on October 15 and enjoyed a good meal afterward at the Springside Inn. Another big thank you goes to the Merritts for completing their 4th year as co-Presidents! They served as Vice Presidents 2 years before that, planning our trips. Thanks, Ted and Connie!

Dues to join Seniors is \$5 per year. We have currently 73 paid members and about 20 active Lifetime members (over 80).

We meet the 1st Thursday of every month except August for a dish to share lunch (or dinner in summer months). All seniors 55 and older are welcome to join in the fellowship! We'll start off the new year by meeting on Thursday, January 3 at Noon. ❧

ning a wonderful meal this year and to invite people in the town whom he knew to be alone.

Every step of the way, Chuck felt as though he were being guided and inspired by an entity that truly cared for and watched over him.

The guests expected, the Christmas meal prepared, Chuck could almost hear the laughter of kids echoing through the house again and the clunk, clunk, clunk of their feet on the stairs. He could almost see Lana putting the last few presents under the tree and then rushing back to the kitchen to make the gravy, always the last thing to do.

Christmas would be different from now on...if there was another one in the cards.

Chuck was inspired and had the courage to forge whole new traditions. Maybe Lana was still directing him, but it really didn't matter. They had always been at their best together rather than apart anyway, and maybe that was the greatest present of all...to remember that important commitment that two make in becoming one.

Could a thought or a feeling be considered a real Christmas gift? Chuck seemed to think so. ❧

ANNUAL ELECTION OF THE DANBY FIRE DISTRICT

Submitted by Deanna Bowles, DFD Secretary/Treasurer

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Election of the Danby Fire District will take place on December 11, 2012 between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. at the Danby Fire Station located at 1780 Danby Road, Town of Danby, Tompkins County, New York and the West Danby Fire Station located at 47 Sylvan Lane, Town of Danby, Tompkins County, New York, for the purpose of electing one Commissioner for a five (5) year term, commencing January 1, 2013 and ending

December 31, 2017. All residents of the Fire District as of November 11, 2012 or before and duly registered with the Tompkins County Board of Elections as of November 18, 2012 shall be eligible to vote.

Candidates for District Office shall have filed their names with the Secretary of the Danby Fire District, 1780 Danby Road, Ithaca, NY 14850 no later than November 21, 2012. Request shall include office sought, candidate's printed name, signature, address, and date.

This notice is given pursuant to Town Law, Section 175(1). ❀

AT THE DFC...

Festival of Wreaths

Come visit us at 1859 Danby Road on November 28, 29, 30, and December 1 for the Festival of Wreaths.

Beautiful wreaths are arranged for viewing and sale from 10am to 8pm during the weekdays, and from Noon to 5pm on Saturday.

All Proceeds to Benefit Hospicare of Ithaca.

Giving Tree

Donate gifts for children and adults of our Food Pantry Families. The Giving Tree in the church has suggested gift ideas. Drop off gifts between December 2 and 18.

Chicken and Biscuit Dinner, December 14, 5-8pm

Christmas Sing-a-long, December 19, 7pm

Christmas Eve Service, December 24, 7pm ❀

SNOW SHOVELERS NEEDED TO ASSIST SENIOR CITIZENS

It's not too early to think about snow! With winter weather coming upon us, the Tompkins County Office for the Aging is updating its listing of snow shovelers.

Deep snow and icy sidewalks are dangerous for everyone but especially for senior citizens. Many seniors are not able to remove the snow from their sidewalks without assistance. If you are interested in assisting seniors by shoveling or plowing, on either a paid or volunteer basis, please call the Tompkins County Office for the Aging at 607.274.5482.



If your name was listed last year, and would like to be listed again, please notify us. ❀

CAROLING IN WEST DANBY

Submitted by Joel Gagnon

We will be caroling again this year in the heart of downtown West Danby. We're meeting at the old West Danby church on Sunday, December 16, at 7pm. Bring your voice and, if you play an instrument, bring it, too.



There is no set play list; we have carol sheets, but we don't limit ourselves to what is on them. Have a song you want to share? Bring extra copies and we'll have a go at it. French, German, Spanish, English, Latin, whatever!

Hot chocolate, fresh-baked bread and peanut butter provided. Bring something to go with them if you wish, but come in any event.

We are grateful to the Iacovelli family for giving us the use of the church. ❀

AMERICAN LEGION UPDATE

Submitted by Marv Eastman

We start December off with a flurry! We will be hosting a Drop-off event on December 1, 2-5pm, for *Cops, Kids, and Toys*, and then the party moves next door at the Oasis...while we host a Steak Dinner, 5:30-7pm.



The dinner will consist of Steak cooked to order, choice of Baked Potato, French Fries, or onion rings, Salad Bar, and dessert, as well as coffee or tea and bread.

On December 21, 5:30-7pm, we will be having a Fish Fry with our regular menu. ❀

Community Council Youth Programs Fall 2012

These programs are sponsored by the Danby Community Council and are free to Danby Residents. Registration is required. Please send child with lunch and water bottle each day. Contact Julie Nichols Kulik, Danby Youth Program manager, at [jnk54@cornell.edu], 607-272-2292 x 222, or pick a registration form up at the Danby Town Hall, or on line at:

[cctompkins.org/4h/rural-youth-services/danby]

Stay tuned for Winter programming starting up in January. Watch your Danby Area News or go to the above website for the most current programs.

The following Fall programs have space available in them:

Boynton Lunch Bunch (grades 6-8)
Wednesdays, September 19-December 19.

An in-school program, during lunch time. Take a break from the cafeteria! Eat exciting snacks, play games and get to know people you usually don't sit near in the noisy lunch room.



Danby Youth Flyer



South Hill Lunch Bunch (grades 4-5)
Fridays, September 21-December 14.

In-school program at South Hill during lunch. Come have lunch with other youth from Danby in your grade, play games, do crafts and go outside on nice days.

Crafts and Games (grades 6-8)

Boynton Middle School

Wednesdays, November 28-December 19, 3:10-5pm

Come create holiday crafts and play games after school. This is a joint program with Town of Ithaca youth. Just in time to make holiday gifts! ❄️

DANBY COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Submitted by Patti Meyers

Lots of holiday books at the Danby Community Library!

New items

Flight Behavior by Barbara Kingsolver

Hemingway's Girl by Erika Robuck

Cloud Atlas by David Mitchel

The Silver Boat by Luanne Rice

The Midwife's Confession by Diane Chamberlain

Coming in January 2013: Twenty Graphic Novels from Tompkins County Public Library.

Please update your Email with us as soon as possible.

As I write this the week before Thanksgiving, I am grateful for family, friends and volunteers. Wishing you a safe and happy holiday season. Looking forward to 2013! ❄️

GRAPHIC NOVELS AND MORE

Submitted by Mrs. Mystery

Nancy Stoehr of the Tompkins County Public Library has graciously offered to loan us graphic novels. Beginning in January 2013, the Danby Community Library will have twenty standalone novels, ones with two complete stories in one volume.

If you, dear reader, have graphic novels that meeting this criterion and would like to donate them to the DCL, you can reach one of its volunteers—or leave a message—at 607.277.4200 or contact us at [library@town.danby.ny.us].

You can also request the DCL to reserve books for you from “interlibrary loan.” These requests are delivered to us by courier.

If you have added a new Email address—or changed your old one—since registering as a DCL patron, please contact us to we can update your card. This address is the quickest way to let you know that your book has arrived! ❄️

Postal Patron

DANBY AREA NEWS: EVENT CALENDAR

- Nov 28 • Wed (thru December 1)
🏛️ Danby Federated Church • **Festival of Wreaths**
- Nov 29 • Thu
7pm 🏛️ Town Hall • **Planning Board Meeting**
- Dec 1 • Sat
2-5pm 🏛️ American Legion • **Cops, Kids, Toys Benefit**
5:30pm 🏛️ American Legion • **Steak Dinner**
- Dec 2 • Sun (thru December 18)
🏛️ Danby Federated Church • **Giving Tree**
- Dec 5 • Wed
6:30pm 🏛️ Town Hall • **Library Volunteers Meeting**
7:30pm 🏛️ Town Hall • **Conservation Adv Council Mtg**
- Dec 6 • Thu
Noon 🏛️ Oasis • **Seniors Meeting, Holiday Luncheon**
7pm 🏛️ Town Hall • **Community Council Meeting**
- Dec 9 • Sun
3-5pm 🏛️ Town Hall
Concert: Chamber Music Recital, Kim and Yampolsky
- Dec 10 • Mon
7pm 🏛️ Town Hall • **Town Board Meeting**
7pm 🏛️ Danby Fire Hall • **Fire Department Meeting**
- Dec 11 • Tue
5-9pm 🏛️ Danby Fire Hall and WD Fire Hall
Fire District Election (Commissioners)
- Dec 12 • Wed
7pm 🏛️ Town Hall • **Gas Drilling Task Force**
- Dec 14 • Fri
5-8pm 🏛️ Danby Federated Church
Chicken and Biscuit Dinner
- Dec 16 • Sun
7pm 🏛️ Old West Danby Church • **Caroling**
- Dec 17 • Mon
7pm 🏛️ Town Hall • **Veteran's Tax Exemption Info Mtg**
7pm 🏛️ Town Hall • **Town Board Meeting**
- Dec 18 • Tue
7pm 🏛️ West Danby Fire Hall • **Fire District Meeting**
- Dec 19 • Wed
5-8pm 🏛️ Danby Federated Church
Christmas Sing-A-Long

- Dec 20 • Thu
3-7pm 🏛️ Danby Federated Church • **Food Pantry**
7pm 🏛️ Town Hall • **Park Association Meeting**
7pm 🏛️ Town Hall • **Planning Board Meeting**
- Dec 21 • Fri
5:30pm 🏛️ American Legion • **Fish Dinner**
- Dec 24 • Mon
1-2pm 🏛️ Danby Federated Church • **Mobile Food Truck**
- Jul 13, 2013 • 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 and Thursdays, 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, 7pm.