



DANBY AREA NEWS

A DARK AND STORMY NIGHT CAN WE FIND YOUR HOUSE?

Submitted by George Jakobson, Danby Fire Department

Imagine...It is the middle of the night, sleet and snow coming down, and suddenly someone in the household has a medical emergency or the smoke alarm goes off. You call 911 for help and then wait. Seconds feel like days.

When seconds count, how quickly can we find your house? If we can't find you then we can't help you.

Most houses have some kind of marker with address numbering to identify them. However, numbering that complies with NYS law and is perfectly suitable for helping the post office to deliver your mail may not be enough in an emergency. We have missed poorly numbered addresses and had to turn around. Please help us find you when seconds count!

- Make sure numbers are at least four inches tall, are reflective, and contrast with their background. Mail arrives during the day; we frequently must find your house at night. Reflective white letters on a dark background are best.
- Make sure numbers can be clearly seen from a distance. Your mail carrier drives slowly and stops at every house; we are traveling quickly and would like to stop at only yours.
- Make sure numbers are not obscured by newspaper boxes or vegetation.
- Make sure numbers can be seen from both directions, not only from the direction the mail comes from.
- Place numbers at the end of your driveway, on the same side of the road as your house. Numbers on the house itself can usually only be seen as we drive past them, and are not suitable. Numbers on a mailbox

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DANBY FOOD PANTRY BENEFIT DINNER

Submitted by Joel Gagnon, West Danby Community Association

By the time you read this, the holiday rush should be winding down, and by January 24, we are hoping you will be ready to venture out once again. Come to a benefit dinner for the Danby Food Pantry, 5pm in the West Danby Fire Hall.

Simple fare, but well prepared. Ham, baked beans, cole slaw, fresh bread, and an assortment of desserts will satisfy your hunger.

We will also collect items for the pantry, so you can help satisfy hunger in two ways. Non-perishable food items and paper goods are most useful.

Suggested donation for the meal is \$7 for adults, \$5 for seniors, and \$4 for kids 12 and under. We're serious about that being a suggestion. Don't let price keep you away, nor let it limit your generosity to the pantry!

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PANCAKE BREAKFAST SEASON!

Submitted by Marrell Cortright and George Jakobson

Wintertime has its ups and down. The snow is so peaceful and clean, but the slush and ice make travel so difficult.

Ahh, but Pancake Breakfasts happen in the winter and they have no downside. You enjoy a good meal with your family and friends, and it benefits our local Fire Fighters!

The West Danby Fire Department presents two breakfasts: its *Sweethearts* and *St. Patty's Day* events. You can take your sweetheart out for an

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DANBY NEWS NOTES

Submitted by Ted Crane

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two documents to read: the *Guidelines* and the *Submission Guidelines*.

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 CLERK'S DESKTOP

Submitted by Pamela Goddard, Town Clerk

Once again, the cruel month of January is upon us. We've survived the indulgences of holiday parties and the staying up late for New Year's Eve, when reality hits us. There is no escape from Cold, Dark, and Taxes, and this year appears to be especially cold, dark, and snowy. There are days when it seems that massive amounts of chocolate is the only thing that will get us through.

Tax bills are sent out at the very end of December and should be in your mailbox by the first week of January. If, for some reason, you do not receive your Town and County property tax bill by January 7, give us a call. Remember, if your taxes are paid by an escrow service, the original bill is sent to the bank or payment service. If there has been a change in your escrow status and the bill should come to you, let us know. We can print out a duplicate copy and get it to you right away.



Remember, Town Clerks are only tax collectors. We don't set your assessment or tax rate. I know that there's little I can

do to make January better than it is, but I can promise that the candy bowl will be filled with chocolate kisses including plenty of dark chocolate. I look forward to seeing many of you during the cold days of January and February. I can renew or issue dog licenses and answer questions about Town government at the same time.

The first day of tax collection is Friday, January 2. The last day to pay Town and County tax without an additional finance charge, or to pay with the installment option, is Monday, February 2.

January is also a good time to look back at the previous year. By most indicators, as of December 15, the waning year of 2014 was a busy one for the Danby town offices. We received permit funds for 70 building permits in 2014, compared to 42 in 2013, and to an average of 55 permits per year in 2010-2012. The increase to 70 may be an indicator of improved economics for our region. Development has kept the Planning Board and Board of Zoning Appeals busy as well, with 8 appeals going to the BZA in 2014, compared to 7 in 2013 and only 2 in 2012, and 12 Planning Board site plan reviews and hearings.

Funds received for hunting and fishing licenses in 2014 were nearly identical with those received in 2013. We

issued 7 marriage licenses in 2014, compared to 10 in 2014...but there is still time for New Year marriages to take place.

Income from dog license renewals has increased in 2014 to \$8,021, and there are more renewals were expected during the last two weeks of the year. More people are renewing their dog licenses on time, in order to avoid late fees being attached to their bill.

To date (December 15), the Town Clerk's office has collected \$35,330 in total receipts, approximately \$10,000 more than the previous several years. Most of that increased revenue is related to building permits. We welcome all of the new residents in Danby.

In order to be as accessible as possible, the Town Clerk's office will be open in January, 10am-5pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday, and 10am-1pm on Saturdays. We are closed for the New Year's holiday on December 31 and January 1. As always, we are closed on Sundays and Thursdays.

Questions? Call 607.277.4788 or send Email to [pgoddard@townofdanbyny.org]. ❁

COMMUNITY COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING

Submitted by Ted Crane, Danby Community Council

A highlight of the Community Council's year is its Annual Meeting, to be held at 7pm on January 22 in Danby's Town Hall. Refreshments will be served!

One of the DCC's goals for 2015 is to foster cooperative efforts with other community organizations. Following the entertaining and informative Annual and Financial Reports and the election of Directors, we hope to spend some time learning and sharing with folks from other groups. ❁

FIRE DISTRICT ELECTION RESULTS

Candidate	District 1 & 3	District 2	Total
No candidates on ballot. Write-In Candidates:			
Joe Freedman	41	26	67
Dick Hautala	1	-	1
District Total	42	26	68

COUNTY LEGISLATURE UPDATE

Submitted by Dan Klein, County Legislator

I have now been in office for one year as your representative to the Tompkins County Legislature. I love this job and remain enthusiastic, humbled, and inspired.

I have been writing all year about various issues and about the different programs that our County government is involved in. This month I want to touch on some of the range of what people in our district (Danby, Caroline, and a small slice of the Town of Ithaca) have contacted me about in the past year. These are just some of the phone calls and emails I have received, and do not include the conversations I have with constituents at the grocery store, at public meetings, at a Halloween party, etc.

Each one of these required me to do research, talk with County and sometimes NYS employees, and often learn about things that are complicated but important to people's quality of life.

- The Assessment Office didn't notify me that I had to renew my application for the STAR exemption.
- Our County is doing business with a company that accepts fracking waste in a different county, and I would like to see us use our contract as leverage to get them to stop accepting fracking waste.
- My neighbor lives in a non-approved temporary structure and I want land use laws enforced.

- My road is a washboard.
- There should be a park and ride in West Danby.
- Everyone should get a living wage.
- The County has limited my Medicaid insurance choices.
- I had a family member in Tompkins County jail and they were sometimes boarded out to other counties. This was very difficult on him and on us.
- The County should ban the spreading of fracking waste on all roads.
- Tompkins Cortland Community College should recognize the adjunct's desire to form a union.
- The County should alter the way solar panels affect the assessment of a house.
- Bus service is in danger of being eliminated in W.Danby.
- Can we have more rumble strips on our roads?
- How do I find out about job openings with the County?
- Don't expand the jail.
- Bus service is too heavily subsidized.

As you can see, the things people contact me about are sometimes specific, sometimes general, sometimes about a particular neighborhood detail and sometimes about the state of the world in general. I think being able to easily contact your elected representatives and actually get answers to your questions is basic to democracy. I'm proud to be involved in this way.

As always, feel free to contact me with questions, comments, and concerns: 607.272.7582, [danbydan@hotmail.com].

WEST DANBY WATER DISTRICT UPDATE

Submitted by Tod Sukontarak, Water Commissioner

Having bids from two companies to repair our leaking pump seal, we will be contracting Moody and Associates from Meadville, Pa to do the repairs. They are scheduled to begin work on January 5, 2015.

There are two constraints they have agreed to work around; one is our need to not exceed a four-day pump downtime to account for our water storage's supply capabilities, and the second is to have completed the project by January 16 in order to allow for the grant that funded our water system infrastructure improvement project to also pay for this repair.

Working through Project Manager Matt Cooper in the Code Enforcement Office, we were able to secure a one month extension on our grant deadline to fund this important emergency repair that otherwise would have come from our coffers. Thanks Matt.



We have had an eventful 2014 with the completion of the majority of our water infrastructure project and I still feel a real sense of gratitude and pride whenever I think of all the people that put in so much time and effort to make it happen. There is one person though that I think deserves special recognition as, if it were not for the work of his individual initiative, the project would have been much more expensive and time consuming. That is Carl Seamon for the time and effort he put into coordinating/making a passable road up to the tank site. Thank you Carl, we were fortunate to have you and your unique skills at such a critical time.

On behalf of the West Danby Water District, I wish you all a Happy Holiday Season.

SUPERVISOR'S UPDATE

Submitted by Ric Dietrich, Town Supervisor

Happy New Year! The time does seem to fly by, and now we find ourselves in a new year.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who find time in your busy lives to give so much to the Town of Danby.

We have all heard by now that, oh happy day, fracking has been banned in New York State.

To all those who spent countless hours, several years ago, working on the zoning laws that prohibited fracking in our Town: Thank You. I believe that our efforts helped the state understand the issue and come to the right position on this complex and emotional situation.

- To those of you working on our water resource and aquifer protection laws...
- To our Water Commissioners for their diligent work on the upgrades for our water district...
- To all of you in our Fire Departments, who give so unselfishly of their time 24-7-365...
- To all of you on our Planning Board who work trying to understand and protect our Town with its, at times, apparently conflicting and puzzling zoning...
- To our BZA who often are called to interpret conflicts in our zoning...
- To our Community Council for its ongoing work with our Danby youth, concerts, and area news...
- To the diligent work of our pond coordinators who staff and run our summer pond program...
- To our Community Park volunteers, for moving our community in a positive direction...
- To the West Danby Community Association for its ongoing work to support and enhance the hamlet of West Danby...

Thank you, one and all, without your involvement and dedication to service, our town could not be what it is. We should all be thankful we have so many who are willing to give so much.

I would invite you all to stop by Town Hall and review the photo album of our Highway Department's efforts to help the people of Buffalo after its horrific snow-storm. I am truly proud we have such dedicated people who are willing to respond to a cry of help of another municipality.

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

POSITION OPENING: ZONING BOARD SECRETARY

Submitted by Joe Schwartz, BZA Chair

The Danby Zoning Board is accepting applications for the position of recording secretary.

Duties include:

- Attendance at all Danby Zoning Board meetings/hearings, usually held once a month on a Tuesday evening, 7-9 pm.
- Taking accurate, complete sound recordings and notes of meetings, preparation of written meeting minutes from recordings and notes that include Zoning Board discussions, motions, and votes, including statements by applicants.
- Minutes will be prepared in timely fashion, no later than two weeks following a meeting, and transmitted to the Town Clerk and Code Officer.
- Following approval by the Zoning Board, minutes, notes, and sound recordings should be filed with the Town Clerk/Records Management Office for proper retention.

Preference will be given to a Danby resident. The Danby Zoning Board Chair is the supervisor of this position. Pay is \$20 per hour which includes actual meeting time and time for preparation of the minutes.

For more information and applications, please contact the Town Clerk, [townclerk@townofdanbynny.org] or 607.277.4788. ❄

Town Hours

Town Clerk

Phone: 277.4788 • Fax: 277.0559

Mon-Tue-Wed-Fri, 10am-5pm; Saturday 10am-1pm

Highway Department

93 Hornbrook Road • Phone: 272.9169

Mon-Thu, 6am-4:30pm

Code Enforcement Office

Phone: 277.0799 • Fax: 277.0559

Mon-Wed, 9am-4pm; Thu-Fri, by appointment

Town Court

Phone: 277.0095 • Fax: 277.0031

Tue, 7pm

All offices at Danby Town Hall except where noted.

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Deputy Clerk	Susan McLellan	277.4788	smclellan
Deputy H'way Sup't	Jack Shawley	272.9169	highway
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Board of Zoning Appeals			
Chair	Joseph Schwartz	351.4221	jschwartz
Conservation Advisory Council			
Chair	Joel Gagnon	564.7647	jgagnon
West Danby Water District			
Superintendent	Tod Sukontarak	280.1823	tsukontarak
Others			
Historian	Joan Grant	272.7335	jgrant
Web/Email Mgr	Jordie VanHam	277.4788	jvanham
Danby Fire District (add "@danbyfiredistrict.org" to Emails)			
Position	Name	Phone	Email
Fire District Chair	Wayne Westmiller	319.4721	wwestmiller
Danby Fire Chief	John Gaden	272.8114	jgaden
West Danby Fire Chief	Scott Wendt	564.7303	swendt

DANBY FUN DAY

Save the date! Danby Fun Day 2015 will be Saturday, July 11, 2015. Use these cold winter days to start planning a float for the parade! ❀

THE TOWN OF DANBY HAS A NEW WEBSITE WWW.TOWNOFDANBY.NY.ORG

Submitted by Jim Holahan and Rebecca Brenner, Town Board members

We are very proud and excited to announce The Town of Danby has a new official website www.townofdanby.ny.org and town email addresses. After several public discussions, including a public information session with the New York State Archives, we chose one of their recommendations for email and website server host. This host, Digital Towpath is an affordable, award-winning e-government content management system formed to specifically support towns in New York State such as Danby. The new website and email has a much more stable and secure system which puts us in compliance with state archiving requirements. With this change we will improve transparency because this system allows town departments, elected officials, and appointed officials direct access to edit their specific webpage. This improved access will provide better and quicker communication with the residents. Early in 2015 there will be a public information session where you can learn more about our system. We thank you for your patience and support as we work hard to undergo this transition. We hope you visit your new town website and enjoy the many additional benefits that make our job serving you more cost-effective, secure and with more direct access to your town government. Please note that email addresses for town officials have changed. The most current contact information is listed on the website - you will know if an email address ends in @townofdanby.ny.org it will be the current address. However, know that if you send an email to an old email addresses, it will be automatically redirected and the user will receive the email. Visit the Town of Danby's only official website www.townofdanby.ny.org for all town information. ❀

DANBY SENIORS UPDATE

Submitted by Margie VanDeMark

The next meeting of the Danby Seniors will be on Thursday, January 8 because our normal "first Thursday" date falls on the New Year's Day holiday. All seniors 55 and over are welcomed to join us at Noon for a dish to share luncheon.

On December 10, over 60 of us braved "winter storm Damon" to get to the Oasis for a delicious holiday buffet. Rich Wilson entertained us with stories and songs and had us all laughing and singing along at times. Ted passed out many raffle prizes—quite the variety, from poinsettias, frozen turkeys to gift cards. ❀

TOWN SEEKING APPLICANTS

Have you ever thought about getting more involved in local government? It's not too soon to think about Board appointments for 2015.

The Danby Town Board will seek applications for several Boards and positions, including (among others):

- Planning Board
- Board of Zoning Appeals
- West Danby Water Commission
- Conservation Advisory Council
- Board of Assessment Review
- BZA Secretary
- Historian
- Webmaster

Persons interested in serving in these capacities should fill out an application (available at the Town Clerk's office) or write a letter of intent listing professional, educational, or other experience that would assist the applicant in serving and answering the following questions: Why you are interested in this position and what you hope to accomplish in this position. Include mailing and Email addresses and telephone contact information. More information about application deadlines will be in the January issue of the Danby Area News.

More information about each and any of these appointments is available at the office of the Town Clerk at the Danby Town Hall, 1830 Danby Road, Ithaca NY 14850 or [townclerk@town.danby.ny.us]. ❁

FIRE DISTRICT SOCIAL GATHERING

Submitted by Bill Halton, Fire Commissioner

Please join the Commissioners of the Danby Fire District for a social gathering at the Danby Fire Hall on Sunday, January 11, 2-4pm.

This will be an informal get-together where we will be able to chat with the commissioners while enjoying coffee and desserts. We will also be recognizing retired commissioners, some of whom served for fifteen, twenty or even thirty years. Let's let them know that we appreciate those many years of unpaid efforts benefiting all of us in our community. ❁

WINTER WONDERS IN DOTSON PARK

Submitted by Michele Lenhart, Danby Community Park Association

It's all about snow in your community backyard this month! Find your favorite winter accessories and head out to Dotson Park to take advantage of these snow-filled activities:

Thursday, January 1: Resolve to spend time in the park every week this year! Sled on the hill, try out chilly disc golf (loaner discs in the Danby Library), cross country ski the perimeter of the park.... There are plenty of activities to keep you entertained.

Sunday, January 11: Trails and Tails Day! Meet in the parking area by the big hill at 9am and join us for a romp around the park with friendly canine companions. If you are not familiar with the trail system, this will be a great way to learn, and the dogs will have fun exploring, too. Bring snowshoes if the snow is deep, and muck boots, if the ground is soggy that day.

Saturday, January 17: Did you know that January is International Creativity Month? To celebrate, the Danby Community Park Association encourages Danby residents to express their creativity by making a snow sculpture some where in the park this weekend. Check out our Facebook page for ideas!

Saturday, January 31: Wrap up the month with a sledding outing in Dotson Park! Bring your own hot cocoa and sleds and enjoy the day on the perfect hill for sledding.

See you in the park! ❁

DANBY FIRE DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Submitted by Deanna Bowles, Fire District Secretary/Treasurer

Notice is hereby given that the Organizational Meeting for the Danby Fire District of the Town of Danby, County of Tompkins, New York, will be held on Tuesday the 13th day of January, 2015, at 7:00 P.M. at the Danby Fire Station, 1780 Danby Road, Town of Danby, County of Tompkins, New York. The regular meeting will be held on Tuesday the 20th day of January, 2015 at 7:30 P.M.

By order of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Danby Fire District. ❁

TOMPKINS TIME TRADERS

Submitted by Eric Banford

The previous Tompkins Time Traders (T3) gatherings in Danby Town Hall have been very successful, so we are planning another one for January 4, 4-7pm.

T3 is a not-for-profit community organization that provides a time exchange network of services and goods for all residents of Tompkins County, empowering individuals to utilize their skills and enhance their lives, neighborhood and community. Each person's time and service are valued equally.

4:30-5:30 Orientation Session

5:30-6:30 Potluck and Trade Connection Session

There's no obligation to join, come out to learn about it and share in a nice potluck with your neighbors! For more information: [tompkinstimetraders.net]. ❀

➤ **Food Pantry Benefit, con't from front page**

At press time we have yet to identify musicians to accompany our eating, but you can expect there will be music. If you have a suggestion on who might provide it for us, give Peter a call at 607.564.0030).

After dinner, we will hold the annual meeting of the West Danby Community Association. If you are interested enough to come, you are interested enough in what happens here in West Danby to qualify as a voting member in the association! We will report on what we have done in the last year, solicit feedback and suggestions for the upcoming year, and elect officers. It won't take long, but it is important.

We hope to see you on the 24th! ❀

➤ **Pancake Breakfasts, con't from front page**

all-you-can-eat breakfast at the West Danby Fire Station, Sylvan Lane, on February 14, 8-11am. While you are there, enter the drawing for a free door prize of a Valentines Gift Basket of gifts and goodies.

Celebrate the green a month later, on March 14, 8-11am, at the St. Patty's Day Breakfast. Same menu, and still all you can eat!

Meanwhile, up on the hilltop, the Danby Fire Department is planning three breakfasts, with the first to be held in the Danby Fire Department on NYS Rt.96B on January 18, 8-11am.

Pancakes, eggs, potatoes, and more will be available, made by the members of your fire department and friends. Dates for February and March are to be announced. ❀

➤ **Find Your House, con't from front page**

across the street are usually okay, but sometimes may appear to belong to the house across the street. The end of the driveway is best.

- In winter, clear snow from number signs as promptly as possible.
- Talk to your neighbors about clearly visible numbering. If your house is number 200 and we see your neighbor's bright, reflective "198" sign, we know we're getting close.

Green, reflective address number signs and posts to mount them on are available through the Fire Company. Under a grant, we may be able to offer these at no cost to Danby residents who are senior citizens or who have disabilities. The order form is available on the Fire Department web site [danbyfiredept.com/house_numbering.php] and from the Town Clerk. Alternately, call the Fire Department and leave a message (Danby: 607.272.8114; West Danby: 607.564.7303). ❀

EVENTS 'ROUND TOWN

This column appears monthly, featuring brief descriptions of events—current and upcoming months—around Danby. If you have a non-profit event that the general public is invited to...send a notice to the Danby News!

Chicken and Biscuit Dinner

Bird with biscuit, mashed potatoes, vegetables, rolls, dessert, and beverage. \$9. January 9, Friday, 5-7pm. In the DFC, 1859 Danby Road.

Lunches & Games For One And All

Homemade Soup and games. At Noon on January 19, February 16, March 16, and April 20. In the DFC.

Red Cross Blood Drive

Friday, January 23, 1-6pm. In the DFC.

6th Annual Chili/ Soup Challenge

Friday, January 30, 6:30-9pm, in the DFC. For the cooks and for the tasters. We've added soup to this challenge! If you would like to compete contact us at 607.272.1687. ❀

THANKS AND WISHES

George and Mary Ann Kozak and their family would like to thank all of their neighbors and everyone else in Danby for all their prayers and gifts and words of comfort and support in dealing with the death of our son, John.

No words can express the gratitude that we feel. We wish all of you a blessed and happy new year. ❀

Community Council Winter Youth Programs

Submitted by Karlita Bleam, Danby Youth Program Manager

Welcome all to another wonderful season of Danby Youth programming. This winter we will be running three programs, Reading Roles, Danby Youth Design, and Sculpting Scenery. Transportation by bus to all the program locations will be provided from South Hill School, Boynton Middle School, and Lehman Alternative Community School.

Danby's Youth Program wants to meet your needs! Please tell us what you want by completing the survey at [surveymonkey.com/s/LVRXWGQ]. Your answers will remain completely anonymous.

Reading Roles

Tuesdays, Danby Federated Church

Grades 6 to 8, January 6-February 10, 4-6pm

Grades 3 to 8, February 24-March 24, 2:30-6pm

Do you like to read, or act, or write? In this program we will be reading about a quest through a fairy-tale world to break a spell, the gift of obedience. *Ella Enchanted* by Gail Carson Levine is a spunky, comedic, heroic journey for freedom. We will be playing with the characters. Writing poems, monologues, and scenes from other perspectives. What would happen if Ella lived in the year 2015? What do the other characters talk about when our narrator is out of ear shot? There is potential for "field trips" to the Ithaca College Theater building. Seeing the "behind the scenes" of a production. The final goal is a show, a showcase of our work. If you have questions about any specifics of this program please contact me.

DANBY COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Submitted by Patti Meyers

Endings and Beginnings: We experience them all the time. We have ended 2014 and are beginning 2015. Books (and movies) can have great beginnings and endings. I am reading Jane Smiley's book, *Some Luck*, that follows the life and times of a remarkable family over three transformative decades. It begins from the perspective of 5-month-old Frank Langdon and ends with...well, I haven't gotten there yet but I am enjoying the journey!

A big thank you to all of the volunteers and workers in Danby who work hard to keep this a great community (and a special thank you to the Danby Community Library volunteers). I resolved not to talk about resolutions. Happy New Year. ❁



Danby Youth Designing - Grades 6 to 8

Wednesdays, Danby Federated Church

January 7-March 25 (except 2/18), 4-6pm

How important are logos? What would your logo look like? What would a Danby Youth Logo look like? Other Towns have logos and we can too! Lets put our heads together to design the Danby Youth Emblem. With opportunities to learn from professionals, we will create a Logo that is as creative and extraordinary as we are.

Sculpting Scenery - Grades 3 to 8

Thursdays, Danby Federated Church

January 8-March 26 (except 2/19), 2:30-6pm

Explore the outdoors, breathe the fresh air, and play in the snow! We will be building structures, everything from traditional snowmen to whatever you can imagine. We will be mostly outside using natural materials like snow and ice as the seasons change. Please dress for the weather of the day (including rain and snow), wear clothes that will keep you warm, and bring a water bottle! ❁

FREE SUNDAYS AT THE SCIENCENTER!

The first of several "Free Sundays" at the Sciencenter is happening on January 4, Noon-5pm. If the admission fee has been keeping you away from this wonderful, fun and educational resource...here's a chance to visit for free.

The free Sundays continue on February 1 and March 1. A new exhibit, *Tree Houses*, opens on January 10.

The Sciencenter is in downtown Ithaca; watch for the sign on NYS Rt.13, near the Third Street light. ❁

Postal Patron

DANBY AREA NEWS: EVENT CALENDAR

- Jan 1 • Thu
Seniors: moved to January 8
Danby Community Council moved to January 8
- Jan 3 • Sat
9am 🏠 Town Hall • Library Volunteers Meeting
- Jan 4 • Sun
4-7pm 🏠 Town Hall • Tompkins Time Traders
- Jan 8 • Thu
Noon 🏠 Danby Federated Church • Seniors
7pm 🏠 Town Hall • Danby Community Council
- Jan 9 • Fri
5-7pm 🏠 Danby Federated Church
Chicken and Biscuit Dinner
- Jan 11 • Sun
9am 🏠 Dotson Park • Trails and Tails Day (bring the dog)
2-4pm 🏠 Danby Fire Hall
Fire District Social Gathering
- Jan 12 • Mon
7pm 🏠 Town Hall • Town Board Meeting
7pm 🏠 Danby Fire Hall • Fire Dep't Meeting
7pm 🏠 West Danby Fire Hall • WD Fire Dep't Meeting
- Jan 13 • Tue
7pm 🏠 Danby Fire Hall • Fire District Meeting
- Jan 15 • Thu
3-6pm 🏠 Danby Federated Church • Food Pantry
7pm 🏠 Town Hall • Planning Board Meeting
7:30pm 🏠 Oasis • Park Association Meeting
- Jan 18 • Sat
8-11am 🏠 Danby Fire Hall
Pancake Breakfast
- Jan 19 • Mon
Noon 🏠 Danby Federated Church • Lunch and Games
7pm 🏠 Town Hall • Town Board Meeting
- Jan 20 • Tue
7:30pm 🏠 Danby Fire Hall • Fire District Meeting
- Jan 22 • Thu
7pm 🏠 Town Hall • DCC Annual Meeting

- Jan 23 • Fri
1-6pm 🏠 Danby Federated Church
Red Cross Blood Drive
- Jan 24 • Sat
5pm 🏠 West Danby Fire Hall
Benefit Dinner for Food Pantry
West Danby Community Association Annual Meeting
- Jan 26 • Mon
1-2pm 🏠 Danby Fire Hall • Mobile Food Truck
7pm 🏠 Town Hall • Conservation Adv Council Mtg
- Jan 30 • Fri
6:30pm 🏠 Danby Federated Church
6th Annual Chili Challenge
- Feb 5 • Thu
Noon 🏠 Danby Federated Church • Seniors
7pm 🏠 Town Hall • Danby Community Council
- Feb 7 • Sat
9am 🏠 Town Hall • Library Volunteers Meeting
- Jul 11, 2015 • 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!
- 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